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Australia Day at Limerick Racecourse	Horse Racing	January 26th	Limerick Racecourse Greenmount, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 61 320 000 or www.limerickraces.ie	To celebrate Australia Day on Wednesday January 26th Limerick Racecourse is offering all Australian passport holders free admission to the races!	Ballyhoura International Walking Festival	Walking	April 30th - May 2nd	Ballyhoura, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 63 913 00 or www.ballyhouracountry.com	The Ballyhoura International Walking Festival takes place over the May bank holiday weekend and features walks to suit all levels.
Limerick Sporting Artifacts Exhibition	Sporting Exhibition	February 1st - December 31st	The Hunt Museum, Rutland Street, Limerick	353 (0) 61 312833 or www.huntmuseum.com	Display from Limerick City Museum's Sports Collections	Limerick Juvenile Track and Field championships.	Athletics	May	University of Limerick Bowl		Limerick's annual juvenile Track and Field Championships
Sports Themed Public Lecture Series	Sporting Lectures	Dates TBC	The Hunt Museum, Rutland Street, Limerick	353 (0) 61 312833 or www.huntmuseum.com	Series of sports related Public Talks throughout the year	The Great Limerick Run	Mass Participation	May 1st	Limerick City	353 (0) 61 609 627 or www.greatlimerickrun.ie	Three great events! Participate in a full marathon, half marathon or 10km run or walk.
All Ireland Youth reach Soccer Finals	Indoor Soccer	February 9th	Delta Soccer Dome, Ballysimon, Limerick	353 (0)61 444455	All Ireland youthreach indoor soccer finals with outreach teams from all parts of Ireland competing.	Riverfest Race Day at Limerick Racecourse	Horse Racing	May 2nd	Limerick Racecourse, Greenmount, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 61 320 000 or www.limerickraces.ie	Limerick City & County will be celebrating our annual Riverfest weekend on the May bank holiday.
Magners League Rugby: Munster V Edinburgh	Rugby	February 18th	Thomond Park Stadium, Limerick	353 (0) 61 421100 or www.thomondpark.ie	Munster will take on Scottish side Edinburgh on the Friday 18th February. The Scottish side will be looking for revenge as Munster have already beaten them in this years Magners League in Scotland	Magners League Rugby: Munster V Connacht	Rugby	May 6th - 8th (TBC)	Thomond Park Stadium, Limerick	353 (0) 61 421100 or www.thomondpark.ie	Munster will take on Irish rivals Connacht in their final home match of the 2010/2011 Magners League Regular Season.
American Superstar Wrestling	Wrestling	February 19th	LIT Millennium Theatre, Moylish, Limerick	353 (0) 61 317522 (Limerick TIO)	For the first time ever American Superstar Wrestling invades the LIT Sports Hall (Limerick). For one night only.	Joey Hannon Memorial Triathlon	Triathlon	May 8th	University Arena, University of Limerick, Castletroy, Limerick	www.limericktriathlon.com	This annual race is being expanded to include a novice and junior race in addition to Sprint and Standard distance.
Biking Blitz	Cycling	February 20th	Ballyhoura, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 83 434 6992 or www.biking.ie	The Biking Blitz spring series kicks off the 2011 bike season with events taking place nationwide. The series is set to offer a real challenge for all bikers with two categories to choose from; Baggy Shorts or Super Pro!	Search and Rescue 10km	Open Walk/run	May 15th	Mungret/St. Paul's GAA Club, Mungret	www.dooneenathletics.com	Open run for beginners up to competitive
European Schools Finals	Multi Sports	Feb 26th -27th	University of Limerick	353 61 202901	Schools teams from eight countries compete across a number of sports in the European Schools multi sport finals.	The Heineken Cup Village	Street Festival/Party	May 21st	The Market Quarter, Limerick City Centre	www.themarketquarter.ie	The Heineken Cup Village comes to Limerick, the home of Irish Rugby,
Castleconnell 10k	Open Walk/run	February 27th	O'Connell Boat Club, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick	www.castleconnell10k.com	Scenic 10k walk/run	GAA Day at Limerick Racecourse	Horse Racing	May 22nd	Limerick Racecourse, Greenmount, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 61 320 000 or www.limerickraces.ie	Come and experience the thrills and excitement of National Hunt Racing at Limerick racecourse.
Mount Everest Charity Challenge	Mountaineering	March			Limerickman Mark Quinn will set out to be the youngest Irishman ever to climb Mount Everest.	Kilfinnane Open Run/Walk- 5miles tbc	Open Walk/run	May 22nd (TBC)	Kilfinnane, Co. Limerick	patosullivan1980@hotmail.com	Open jog/run for beginners up to competitive
Limerick Masters Swimming Club: Grand Prix Open Long Course Gala	Swimming	March 4th, 5th	University Arena, University of Limerick, Castletroy, Limerick	garrettj@indigo.ie	Competitors from Italy, England, Scotland and Wales will be in attendance along with swimmers from all over Ireland.	South of Ireland Tennis Senior Championships	Tennis	June	Limerick Lan Tennis Club	TBA	Annual South of Ireland Tennis Championships
Ladies Gaelic Football Congress	GAA Conference	March 11th - 13th	The Strand Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick	barry@bnet.ie	This is a 3 day event with approx 150 delegates from abroad and the 32 counties in attendance.	Ballyhoura Summer Active Series	Road Racing	June 1st - Aug 31st	Ballyhoura, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 63 913 00 or www.ballyhouracountry.com	The Ballyhoura Summer Active Series is a series of road races throughout the Ballyhoura area ranging from 5km to 10km in length
March Racing at Limerick Racecourse including Family Fun Day	Horse Racing	March 12th, 13th	Limerick Racecourse, Greenmount, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 61 320 000 or www.limerickraces.ie	Come and experience the thrills and excitement of National Hunt Racing at Limerick racecourse in March with a family fun day on March 13.	EPC European Powerlifting & Single-lifts Championships	Power Lifting	June 2nd - 5th	Kilmurry Lodge Hotel, Castletroy, Limerick	353 (0) 61 331133	
Adare 10k- Run & Walk	Open Walk/run	March 13th	Adare, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 87 4149782 or info@westlimerickac.com	Scenic 10k walk/run	Twilight Racing at Limerick Racecourse	Horse Racing	June 11th	Limerick Racecourse, Greenmount, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 61 320 000 or www.limerickraces.ie	The first Twilight race evening at Limerick Racecourse for 2011.
St. Patrick's Day Sporting Festival 2011	Family Festival	March 17th - 20th	Limerick City Centre	353 (0) 61 400200	This year's St. Patrick's Day Parade and International Band Parade and Competition will have a sporting theme.	Twilight Racing at Limerick Racecourse	Horse Racing	June 17th	Limerick Racecourse, Greenmount, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 61 320 000 or www.limerickraces.ie	Twilight racing starting at 5.30pm. Live racing action followed by concert after racing, BBQ, entertainment and concession to Limerick city night club
Joey Hannon Croom 6k	Open Walk/run	March 17th	Croom, Co. Limerick		Community Run- fun family event for St Patricks Day	Bilboa 10k Run & Walk	Open Walk/run	June 17th	Bilboa, Cappamore, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 85-1414499	Open jog/run for beginners up to competitive
Limerick Open 4 Mile Run	Open Run	March 27th	Rathkeale, Co. Limerick	woulfem@irishpride.ie	Open run for beginners up to competitive	International Athletics	Athletics	June 19th	University of Limerick Bowl	TBA	A joint team from USA Universities Harvard and Yale will compete against athletes from the University of Limerick athletic club.
Monaleen Cancer Support Group Family Fun Run	Family FunRun& Walk	March 27th	Monaleen GAA, Monaleen, Limerick	www.monaleencsg.com	Family Fun 10km Run/Walk	Limerick City Bicycle Parade	Cycling	June 19th	Limerick City	http://www.limerick.ie/BikeParade	A family friendly cycle through Limerick City.
FitKidz Walking Challenge - 10k and Half Marathon	Social Inclusion	March - May	Primary Schools throughout Limerick	353 (0) 61468542 or info@limerickcitysports.ie	Primary school classes track kilometres walked to complete the challenge	AISEEP International Conference - Physical Education	Sporting Conference	June 22nd - 25th	University of Limerick, Castletroy, Limerick	353 (0) 61 202700	
South of Ireland - Veterans Championships	Tennis	March	Limerick Lawn Tennis Club	TBA		Athea Road Races 2011	Motor Bike Racing	June 24th - 26th	Athea, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 87 222 1714 or www.athearoadrace.com	Join us in Athea to experience the thrill that is Pure Road Racing
Greyhound Racing Awards	Dog Racing	March 30th	Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick	www.igb.ie		Pig 'n' Porter Tag Rugby Festival	Tag Rugby	July 15th - 17th	Old Crescent RFC, Rosbrien, Limerick	353 (0) 61 400010 or www.pignporter.com	Ireland's largest and best Tag Rugby Festival,
"A Sporting Life – Limerick in its Stride"	Sports Conference	March 31st	To be confirmed	353 (0)61 402205	A conference organised by Tangible Ireland Limited dealing with sports themes related to leadership, innovation and development	The Irish Festival of Speed	Motor Show	July 30th, 31st	Adare Manor, Adare, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 61 437 000 or www.irishfestivalofspeed.com	The Irish Festival of Speed will celebrate the engine in all its facets - racing cars (past and present), rally cars, motorbikes, power boats, etc.
"The Fighting Irishmen – Boxing Exhibition"	Boxing Exhibition	April	UL Arena		A historical exhibition on the fighting Irishmen – famous Irish American boxers from the late 19th and 20th century based in New York area, together with images and memorabilia from modern day Irish great boxers including Limerick's Andy Lee and Willie Casey. On loan from the Irish Arts centre in New York, USA.	The Beast of Ballyhoura	Adventure Race	July 29th - Aug 1st	Ballyhoura, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 63 913 00 or www.ballyhourabeast.com	The Beast of Ballyhoura takes place over the August Bank Holiday Weekend 2011, featuring 2 top class adventure races the Ballyhoura Beast & Blitz.
Magners League Rugby: Munster V Leinster	Rugby	April 1st - 3rd (TBC)	Thomond Park Stadium, Limerick	353 (0) 61 421100 or www.thomondpark.ie	Munster will host rivals Leinster in Thomond Park on the weekend of 1st-3rd April 2011 (Kick Off TBC). Munster will be looking to gain revenge for last years loss to Leinster in Thomond Park.	Limerick Masters Swimming Club: Thomond Swim	Swimming	August (Dates TBC)	Limerick City	garrettj@indigo.ie	The Thomond Swim will run from the slip at St. Michael's Boat Club to Thomond Bridge and back down to Howley's Quay.
Guinness Book of Records World Haka record attempt	Haka	April 1st to 3rd	City Hall Car Park	TBA	An attempt will be made to break the world record for the largest number of participants to undertake the Haka.	Bull 'n' Booze Bruff RFC Tag Rugby Festival	Tag Rugby	August (Dates TBC)	Bruff RFC, Bruff, Co. Limerick	www.bruffrfc.com	Join 40 adult teams from all over Ireland as well as teams from the UK in this social festival of tag rugby with DJ, barbeque, and bucking bronco.
Kilmallock Cycle Hub Tour	Road Racing	April (Dates TBC)	Kilmallock, Co. Limerick	www.kilmallockcyclingclub.com	The Kilmallock Cycle Hub Tour takes place in April 2011, date to be confirmed, with a series of races taking places in and around Kilmallock. The races include the 120km Hub Challenge, the 60km Hub Experience and the 10km Hub Family.	World Single Speeds Championships	Cycling	August 26th - 28th	Ballyhoura, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 63 913 00 or www.ballyhouracountry.com	Single Speed is alternative, wild and huge fun in every way.
Plassey 10k- Jacinta O'Brien Mem	Open Run	April 3rd (TBC)	University of Limerick, Castletroy, Limerick	www.jacintaobrien10k.webs.com	Scenic campus run	Stuart Robbins Memorial Basketball Tournament	Basketball	September	UL Arena	To be advised	An international basketball tournament in memory of former UL Eagles player Stuart Robbins who died in 2009.
Munster Day at Limerick Racecourse	Horse Racing	April 3rd	Limerick Racecourse, Greenmount, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 61 320 000 or www.limerickraces.ie	Come and experience the thrills and excitement of National Hunt Racing at Limerick racecourse.	The Sporting Face of Ireland	Photography Exhibition	Sept 6th - Oct 30th	The Hunt Museum, Rutland Street, Limerick	353 (0) 61 312833 or www.huntmuseum.com	James Fennell and Turtle Bunbury – The Sporting Face of Ireland
Annual Student Day at Limerick Racecourse	Horse Racing	April 5th	Limerick Racecourse, Greenmount, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 61 320 000 or www.limerickraces.ie	Come and experience the thrills and excitement of flat racing at Limerick racecourse on Student Raceday.	ACES European City of Sport	Sporting Conference	Sep (Dates TBC)	Venue TBC Annual Conference	353 (0) 61 410777	The title and theme of this year's conference has yet to be fixed
European Duathlon Championships	Duathlon	April 15th - 17th	Limerick City	www.limericktriathlon.com	The event will feature two categories, namely the Championship and Open race designations. In the most challenging Championship category, athletes will complete a 10-km run before pedalling a 40-km bike around Limerick City, finishing with a 5-km run. The Open race, which is open to relay teams, will encompass a less challenging course with shorter time durations.	Sports History Association of Ireland Annual Conference	Sporting History Conference	September 10th	The Hunt Museum, Rutland Street, Limerick	353 (0) 61 312833 or www.huntmuseum.com	The title of this year's conference has yet to be fixed but will revolve around the history of sport in Munster
South of Ireland Junior Tennis Championships	Tennis	April 22nd to 25th	Limerick Lawn Tennis Club	TBA		National Mountain Bike Championships	Mountain Bike Racing	Sep17th, 18th	Ballyhoura, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 63 913 00 or www.ballyhouracountry.com	Irish National Mountain Bike Championships
The Headless Horsemen Mini Adventure Race	Adventure Race	April 23rd	Lough Gur and surrounding areas	353 (0) 86 1775066 or honeyfitz@loughgur.com	45km approx of local and scenic countryside with some obstacles thrown in. Finishing with a challenging and fun climb up Lough Gur.	Ballyhoura Screamer	Mountain Bike Racing	Sep 29th	Ballyhoura, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 63 913 00 or www.ballyhouracountry.com	Two stage mountain bike race covering a 20km day stage and a 10km night stage through the Ballyhoura Forest.
						Opening of the new 3G All Weather Pitches at UL	New Sports Infrastructure	October	University of Limerick	353 (0) 61202901	Opening of the new 3G AI Weather pitches at the University of Limerick – the largest 3G facility to be developed in Ireland or the UK in 2011
						Limerick Women's Mini Marathon 8k	Mass Participation	October 2nd	Venue TBC	www.limerickminimarathon.com	Women's mass participation event.
						Munster National - Ladies Day at Limerick Racecourse	Horse Racing	October 5th	Limerick Racecourse, Greenmount, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 61 320 000 or www.limerickraces.ie	Ladbrokes Munster National and Annual best dressed Ladies day with great prizes to be won. 7 national hunt races starting at 2.40pm
						Ballyhoura Autumn Rambling Weekend	Walking	October 15th, 16th	Ballyhoura, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 63 913 00 or www.ballyhouracountry.com	Guided walks over two days ranging from countryside rambles for the casual walker to more challenging terrain for the seasoned walker.
						IGTOA Golf Awards	Golf	October 22nd - 24th	Adare Manor, Adare, Co. Limerick	www.igtoa.com	

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GPC World Power Lifting Championships	Power Lifting	November 11th - 19th	Kilmurry Lodge Hotel, Castletroy, Limerick		
November Race Meeting at Limerick Racecourse	Horse Racing	November 13th, 14th	Limerick Racecourse, Greenmount, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 61 320 000 or <a href="http://www.limerickraces.ie">www.limerickraces.ie</a>	Experience the thrills and excitement of National Hunt racing at Limerick racecourse this November
St Gabriels/Children's Ark Turkey Trot 6k	Family FunRun& Walk	November 27th (TBC)	Venue TBC	<a href="mailto:info@limerickcitysports.ie">info@limerickcitysports.ie</a>	Family oriented charity event with Thanksgiving Theme
Daughters of Charity Fun Run/Walk	Family FunRun& Walk	December 18th	University of Limerick, Castletroy, Limerick	353 (0) 61 326329	Charity event- prizes for best dressed
Limerick Masters Swimming	Swimming	December 25th	Limerick City Club: Christmas Swim	<a href="mailto:garrettj@indigo.ie">garrettj@indigo.ie</a>	Christmas day swim from St. Michaels boat club slip
Xmas Morning Run to DOC Lisnagry	Family Fun Run & Walk	December 25th	Meet at the Hunt Museum, Rutland st Limerick	353 (0) 61 326329	Christmas Morning event in aid of charity
Limerick County 10mile run	Open Walk/run	December 26th	Caherdavin Community Centre	<a href="mailto:woulfem@irishpride.ie">woulfem@irishpride.ie</a>	Competitive run and Open run to get out after any overindulgence
Christmas Racing Festival at Limerick Racecourse	Horse Racing	Dec 26th - 29th	Limerick Racecourse, Greenmount, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick	353 (0) 61 320 000 or <a href="http://www.limerickraces.ie">www.limerickraces.ie</a>	A tradition at Christmas, come and enjoy the atmosphere.



On behalf of Shannon Development, Limerick City Council and Limerick County Council, we wish to welcome you to the official launch of Limerick European City of Sport 2011.

Further information and details of the calendar of events will be available on an ongoing basis during the year at [www.limerick.ie](http://www.limerick.ie) and [www.discoverlimerick.ie](http://www.discoverlimerick.ie) and the email address for any queries is [cityofsport@shannondevelopment.ie](mailto:cityofsport@shannondevelopment.ie)

This is a tremendous honour for Limerick and is recognition of Limerick's sporting passion and interest in all sports. ACES Europe, the awarding body which has designated Limerick as the European City of Sport for 2011, promotes the involvement of sport to all groups at all levels and key to Limerick's objectives during the year will be the encouragement of all groups to become involved. This is why we are delighted to welcome you here today, with all of us working together to make this year a success.

Thank you for coming, we very much appreciate your support and involvement and we look forward to working with you during the year.

Yours in sport

**Dr. Vincent Cunnane**  
CEO Shannon Development

**Cllr. Maria Byrne**  
Mayor of Limerick

**Cllr. Richard Butler**  
Cathaoirleach  
Limerick County Council

Despite the fact that it is only January, we have many events lined up amongst all codes and sports, but we want to identify more ideas and options. Overleaf, you will get a taste of some of the initial events that will be happening during the year, but this is very much a preliminary list, and there are more in the offing which will be announced later.



## Limerick European City of Sports 2011 Events Calendar

