

Rugby League Ireland - Wheelchair Participation 2026

Players, wheelchair match officials and unique-participant accounting

Measure	Count
Wheelchair players listed	63
Wheelchair referees / officials listed	14
Referee-only people not in player list	3
Unique wheelchair participants / officials	66
Already counted elsewhere in wider RLI participation	4
Additional unique people contributed by wheelchair	62

66 UNIQUE WHEELCHAIR PARTICIPANTS / OFFICIALS

For wider RLI participation accounting, 4 of the 66 are already counted elsewhere: Steve Hogan and Conor Kelly in Masters; Peter/Pete Robson in Masters; and Liam Diskin (supplied here as Liam O Discin) in the domestic match-official count. On the currently confirmed overlaps, wheelchair therefore contributes 62 additional unique people.

Player Profile

Province	Players
Connacht	4
Leinster	31
Munster	13
Ulster	15
Age range	Players
16-25	36
25-35	3
35-45	16
45-55	8

Wheelchair Players

Name	Province	Age range
Joe Calcott	Connacht	16-25
James McCarthy	Munster	45-55
Pete Johnson	Ulster	25-35
Cian Horgan	Munster	16-25
Mel Griffith	Leinster	16-25
Oran Spain	Leinster	16-25
Toby Burton Carter	Leinster	45-55
Tom Martin	Ulster	16-25
Maurice Noonan	Munster	16-25
Jack Managan	Leinster	16-25
Phil Roberts	Connacht	45-55
Colin Mc Cleverty	Munster	35-45
Ellie Sheehy	Munster	16-25
Rebecca Horgan	Munster	16-25
Aoife Horgan	Munster	16-25
Paddy Forbes	Leinster	35-45
Sean McCullagh	Leinster	16-25
Cormac Downey	Munster	16-25
Byron West	Munster	35-45
Jake Hennessy	Leinster	16-25
Darren Dineen	Munster	16-25
Bledar Suxha	Leinster	35-45
Michael Murphy	Munster	35-45
Ross Doran	Munster	16-25
Chris Walker	Leinster	35-45
Patrick Murphy	Connacht	35-45
Ciaran Bradley	Ulster	35-45
Jason Muldoon	Ulster	35-45
Conor Dufficy	Leinster	16-25
Aoife Flynn	Munster	25-35
George Johnston	Ulster	16-25
Harry Johnston	Ulster	16-25
Luke Mc Veigh	Ulster	16-25
Stephen Breen	Ulster	16-25
Joshua Sheenan	Ulster	35-45
Damien Sheenan	Ulster	16-25
Conor Kelly	Ulster	16-25
Kelly Stewart	Ulster	16-25

Name	Province	Age range
Barry McElhatton	Ulster	16-25
Finn Gruber	Leinster	16-25
Finn Crehan	Leinster	16-25
Taylor O'Brien	Leinster	16-25
Christina Gray	Leinster	16-25
Jamie Doyle	Leinster	16-25
George Griffith	Leinster	16-25
Paul Donnelly	Leinster	35-45
Ciaran Pollard	Leinster	35-45
Mikey McCerra	Connacht	35-45
Lester Cassidy	Leinster	35-45
Mark Maguire	Leinster	16-25
Cormac Sheridan	Leinster	16-25
Nathan O'Connor	Leinster	16-25
Barry Cooke	Leinster	45-55
Naomi Quigley	Leinster	16-25
Cass Nugent	Leinster	35-45
Craig Holland	Leinster	16-25
Keith Spain	Leinster	45-55
Mark Barry	Leinster	45-55
Graham Merrigan	Leinster	35-45
Liam Moriarty	Ulster	16-25
Steve Hogan	Ulster	45-55
Brian Smyth	Leinster	45-55
Jack Shannon Cole	Leinster	25-35

Wheelchair Match Officials

Name	Province	Age range	Unique-count status
Liam O Discin	Leinster	45-55	Domestic official – no extra count
Steve Hogan	Ulster	45-55	Player + Masters – no extra count
Adam Rigby	England	35-45	Referee-only – adds 1 wheelchair participant
James McCarthy	Munster	45-55	Also wheelchair player – no extra wheelchair count
Pete Johnston	Ulster	35-45	Also wheelchair player – no extra wheelchair count
Oran Spain	Leinster	16-25	Also wheelchair player – no extra wheelchair count
Mel Griffith	Leinster	16-25	Also wheelchair player – no extra wheelchair count
Keith Spain	Leinster	45-55	Also wheelchair player – no extra wheelchair count
Paddy Forbes	Leinster	45-55	Also wheelchair player – no extra wheelchair count
Phil Roberts	Connacht	45-55	Also wheelchair player – no extra wheelchair count
Bledi Suxha	Leinster	35-45	Also wheelchair player – no extra wheelchair count
Conor Kelly	Ulster	35-45	Player + Masters – no extra count
Cian Horgan	Munster	16-25	Also wheelchair player – no extra wheelchair count
Pete Robson	Ulster	35-45	Masters – no extra count

Name matching used for duplicate control: Pete Johnston is treated as the same person as Pete Johnson; Bledi Suxha as Bledar Suxha; Liam O Discin as Liam Diskin; and Pete Robson as Peter Robson. The supplied age ranges are retained in the tables even where a referee entry differs from the player entry.