



Smartply stars set to light up OTCDC

A UNIQUE five-a-side tournament takes place at the Oscar Traynor coaching and Development Centre this weekend with over 150 players who are directly or indirectly involved with AFL primary sponsors, Smartply

Fifteen teams will be involved in the matches (plus a Coillte team) possibly along with a small number of supporters from the building providers sector.

The competition will take place on Saturday January 12th at the Oscar Traynor Sports Centre on their all-weather pitch which will be divided into four five-a-side pitches for what should be a great festival of football for all concerned.

"The AFL is a vital resource not just for football, but also for communities across the country who benefit from its work," says Geoff Rhodes, marketing and business development director of Coillte Panel Products, owners of Waterford based SmartPly OSB

"This big community event is not only exciting but hugely important to us. Local support of Irish companies and Irish product is vital and we're pleased to be able to bring everyone together at such a grass-roots level."

Action takes place between 3.30

and 6.0pm and the final games will be played under the impressive floodlights at the OTCDC

There will be a qualifying series of three games within each of four leagues of four teams. After these qualifying matches the top two teams from each group will go into the Champions Cup, and the bottom two teams (hence the weaker teams) will go into the Challenge Cup.

This structure of a qualification stage ahead of two separate competitions ensures all the teams will have a minimum of four matches and not be eliminated say after a single 10 minute game.

All the teams will play a minimum of four matches; the Finalist will have played a total of six matches.

The 'league section' will consist of a series of 3 x 10 minute matches, the knock out sections of both competitions will be a series of 12 minute matches and the finals of both competitions will be 15 minutes.

Paul Lenehan, Hon. Chairman of the AFL, says "No matter what sector or profession people come from, time and time again we see football - particularly amateur league - bringing businesses and communities closer.

"SmartPly's recently confirmed

support is fantastic news for the AFL and we're already working together to make the most of the partnership."

All are invited to attend Saturday's day of action in what promises to be a highly competitive affair throughout

THE COMPETING TEAMS

INCLUDE:

- (1) Chadwick's Team 1 - Coolock/Glasnevin
- (2) Brooks Team 1 - Balbriggan/Finglas
- (3) Heiton's Team 1 - Robinhood
- (4) Ashbourne Timber
- (5) McMahon's - Blanchardstown
- (6) Brooks Team 2 - Bluebell/Sandyford
- (7) Heiton's Team 2 - Santry/Northwall
- (8) O'Mahoney's/PH Ross
- (9) Coillte CPP
- (10) Smyth's - Walkinstown
- (11) Clondalkin Providers - Clondalkin
- (12) Noyeks - Finglas/Ballymount/Blanchardstown
- (13) Goodwin's - Mulhuddart/Lucan
- (14) Chadwick's Team 2 - Thomas Street/Walkinstown/Lucan
- (15) Chadwick's Team 3 - Bray/Sallynoggin
- (16) Heiton's Team 3 - Bray/Naas Road