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## An Lárchoiste Ceannais Comórtas

### Central Competitions Control Committee

The Committee met on 15 occasions between Congress 2015 and the end of the calendar year

#### Committee Members

Seoirse Mac Ceartraí (An Cabhán - Cathaoirleach)

Seán Ó Costagáin (Tiobraid Arann)

Tomas Mac Giolla Cadhain (Sligeach)

Proinsias Ó Floinn (An Mhí)

Micheál Mac Eochagáin (Ard Mhacha)

Siomón Ó Maolrúnaí (Comhairle na Mumhan)

Micheál Mac Raghnaill (Comhairle Laighean)

Dónal Ó Murchú (Comhairle Uladh)

Seán Ó Pronntaigh (Comhairle Chonnachta)

Padraig Ó Dochartaigh (Rúnaí – do chúrsaí Smachta)

Feargal Mac Giolla (Rúnaí – do chúrsaí Riarcháin, Páirc an Chrócaigh)

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

An Lár Choiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí has responsibility for competition scheduling and arrangements for and control of games (excluding the appointment of referees) under the jurisdiction of Central Council. In addition, the Committee investigates and processes matters relating to the enforcement of rules and Match Regulations arising from competitions and games under the jurisdiction of Central Council as well as provincial Inter-County Senior championship games. It also has responsibility for dealing with cross-provincial inter county transfers and oversees the sanction & authorization process for playing overseas. It also examines competition structures as directed by Coiste Bainistí/Ard Chomhairle.

#### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2015 AIB All Ireland Club Championships culminated in the first three months of the year. All finals were played in Croke Park with the Intermediate and Junior finals played first in February; the Hurling finals were won by Antrim's O Donovan Rossa (Intermediate) and Bennettsbridge of Kilkenny (Junior), while in football, Kerry's Ardferit (Intermediate) and Brosna in Junior captured the honours.

In the Senior competitions, Kilmallock returned to the final for the first time since 1993 but glory on St Patrick's Day eluded them as a very strong Ballyhale Shamrocks captured their 6<sup>th</sup> crown to further enhance their standing as the most successful club since the inception of the All Ireland hurling Championships. Galway Champions Corofin faced a gallant Slaughtneil of Derry in the football decider, and it was the Westerners who won their second crown, adding to their 1998 victory at headquarters.

#### ALLIANZ LEAGUES

The 2015 Hurling leagues were the second year of the new format, which features a Division 1 of 12 teams, split into "A" and "B" groupings based on merit. Once again the final day of the round-robin action proved hugely exciting, particularly in Divisions 1a and b with teams vying for places in the quarter finals, or to avoid inclusion in the relegation play offs, right up to the final whistle in the last round. Waterford were undoubtedly the story of the league and their resurgence under Derek Mc Grath received its just reward as they overcame Cork in the league final. In the lower Divisions, a resurgent Kerry piped Westmeath to the Division 2a title and went on to defeat Antrim in the relegation/promotion play-off to ensure their inclusion in Division 1 for 2016. There were also title successes for Kildare (2b), Tyrone (3a) and Warwickshire (3b).

Following discussion at Ard Chomhairle during the year, it was agreed to broadly maintain the current hurling league structure for the foreseeable future and a recent decision of Central Council means that there will be ten teams in Division 3 (two groups of five, 3A and 3B) with automatic promotion/relegation through all divisions from 2017 onwards.

The football league finals were all played in Croke Park, with Offaly (Division 4), Armagh (Division 3), Roscommon (Division 2) and Dublin (Division 1) emerging with the honours. The 4 x 8 team divisions remain in place and there is little reason to question the structure of a competition that has attracted increased interest in recent years; of late the semi-finals of the competition have struggled to attract the type of attendances they once did and there is much merit in the Club Fixtures and Burnout proposal to alter this aspect of the football league.

#### GAA HURLING ALL IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Kilkenny were worthy winners of the 2015 All Ireland Championship, sending out an early warning with their Leinster Semi-Final demolition of Wexford. Galway also enjoyed a good year and appeared to have one hand on Liam Mac Carthy at half time in the All Ireland final only for the Cats to kick on in the closing half hour. Waterford were impressive en route to a Munster final appearance against eventual Munster Champions Tipperary, and indeed showed in the All Ireland semi-final against Kilkenny that this young team will be one to watch in the coming seasons. It was the other All Ireland semi-final between Galway and Tipperary that provided some of the greatest excitement of the year, as well as that memorable sporting moment when Croke Park stood as one to welcome Noel Mc Grath back to the hallowed sod.

## An Lárchoiste Ceannais Comórtas

### Central Competitions Control Committee (continued)

#### TIER 2, 3 AND 4 HURLING

The finals of the Ring, Rackard and Meagher Cups were all staged in Croke Park as a triple-header. Kerry made up for their shock defeat in 2014 by claiming this year's Ring Cup at the expense of Derry thereby sealing their place in the race for Liam Mac Carthy in 2016. Roscommon edged out Armagh for Rackard Cup glory while Fermanagh overcame Sligo in the 4<sup>th</sup> Tier decider to claim the Meagher Cup for the first time, a fitting tribute to one of their players Shane Mulholland who was tragically killed as a result of an accident a few weeks previously.

#### GAA FOOTBALL ALL IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The football championship saw a return of Dublin and Kerry to Croke Park on All Ireland Sunday. Both reached the decider very much on merit, and both following a shock from a close rival; in Kerry's case this came in the Munster final where Cork had them on the ropes but were just unable to deliver the killer punch before the Kingdom recovered to win the replay. Likewise, Mayo very nearly ended Dublin's dreams in their drawn semi-final but just could not find a winning score in those frantic closing minutes. The final suffered due to the trying conditions as rain poured down throughout; its intensity made for compelling viewing nonetheless, but there could be little question that Dublin were worthy winners as they regained the title last won in 2013.

A small number of one sided games, predominantly in the early rounds of the qualifiers and the provincial championships led to calls in some quarters for the abolition of the current football championship structures; yet it appears there is very little appetite within counties for the removal of the provincial structures and the qualifiers – despite constant and often lazy criticism – still represent the best avenue for a prolonged involvement in the summer for those prepared to embrace them. Critics frequently forget that the inter county game represents only a small fraction of our overall activity and, important though our inter county competitions are, players do return to their clubs and their season is far from ended with elimination from the football championship. Neither is winning trophies the be all and end all of inter county involvement. Indeed the scenes at the end of Fermanagh's defeat to Dublin in the All Ireland Quarter final reminded us all that winning a provincial championship or the All Ireland final itself is far from the only measure of success for inter county players and supporters of inter county teams.

#### DISCIPLINE

The Ard Stiúrthóir will deal with the major items of Discipline from the year gone by elsewhere in the annual report. The C.C.C.C were disappointed with a small number of outcomes in high profile disciplinary cases in 2015. In an overall context however, it is our belief that the system continues to work for the vast majority of cases and that increasingly there is an acceptance of penalties when proposed. Only 18 of 170 penalties proposed during the Allianz Leagues (or 11% in total) led to a Hearing while the corresponding figures for the championships were 17% in football (16 of 95 penalties proposed) and only 3 of the 11 proposed penalties in hurling. Indeed out of these 37 cases where hearings were sought, only a further five went on to Appeal and only one from there to the DRA.

These figures would certainly be at odds with some of the more hysterical reporting that followed one or two very high profile summer cases and would lead one to conclude, that while our current disciplinary system may not be entirely foolproof, it nonetheless has been a significant success since its introduction a number of years ago.

#### BUIOCHAS

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the committee members for their hard work and dedication since the new C.C.C.C took up office after Congress 2015. Míle buíochas daoibh go léir.

Seoirse Mac Ceartraí

Feargal Mac Giolla

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**RÚNAÍ**

## An Lárchoiste Éisteachta

### Central Hearings Committee

The Central Hearings Committee met for the first time in March 2015, membership of the Committee is as follows:

Committee Members	18 Meetings
Liam Ó Catháin (An Mhí - Cathaoirleach)	16
Deáglán hÁilghéasa (Áth Cliath)	14
Deasún Ó Cuileanáin (Corcaigh)	9
Éamonn MacMathúna (Aontroim)	8
Gearóid Ó hIcí (An Clár)	16
Seosamh Ó Floinn (Liatroim)	14
Seán Ó Fathaigh (Galliamh)	15
Sean Ó hÉile (Cill Chainnigh)	18
Seán Ó Cianáin (Doire)	15
Ruairí Ó hAirmhí (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh) (March – April)	5
Eiméid Ó hEacháin (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh) (April – Present)	13

\*Please note: Members of the Committee did not sit where there was a potential conflict of interest.

#### REQUESTS FOR HEARINGS

There were 40 requests for Hearings between March and December 2015, all of which have now been dealt with. The breakdown of Hearings requested were as follows:

- Inter-County players – 33
- Officials – 1
- Club players – 2
- Units – 4

In addition to these requests, three Defending Parties withdrew their applications in advance of the hearings taking place.

#### MEETINGS

From March 2015, the CHC met on 18 occasions in response to 40 requests for hearings.

#### PLAYERS

- In total, 35 players requested hearings.
- On 19 occasions, the Proposed Penalties were set aside, or the Players Record was amended to reflect the decisions made by the Committee on the basis of the evidence heard.

#### OFFICIALS

One Inter-County Official had a case heard by CHC. The outcome of this case saw the alleged infraction proven.

#### UNITS

Four units had cases heard from March 2015. The CHC were of the opinion that in two of these four cases, the alleged infractions were more likely to have occurred than not to have occurred. In the remaining two cases, the Defending Parties accepted the Infractions in the course of their respective Hearings.

#### APPEALS & DISPUTES RESOLUTION AUTHORITY (D.R.A.)

In total four Defending Parties sought an appeal after receiving their Decision on a Hearing. One of these Appeals was successful with the decision of the CHC being overturned, while the other three were all upheld.

Of the three Decisions upheld at appeal, one Inter-County Player requested Arbitration as was successful at the D.R.A.

Liam Ó Catháin

Eiméid Ó hEacháin

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## An Lárchoiste Achomhairc

### Central Appeals Committee

The Committee has held 9 formal meetings since Congress 2015. The CAC was a Respondent at 2 Dispute Resolutions Authority Hearings during the year.

#### Committee Members

Matt Shaw (An Iarmhí - Cathaoirleach)

Mel Clarke (An Longfort)

Michael Doran (Ceatharlach)

Michael McGuire (Ros Comáin)

Sean Feeney (Maigh Eo)

Seamus Walsh (An Dún)

Paul Curran (Muineachán)

Pat Flynn (Port Láirge)

Tim O’Keeffe (Port Láirge)

Bearnard MacGabhann (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)

\*Please Note: Members of the Committee did not sit where there was a potential conflict of interest

#### REMIT & TERM

The remit of the An Lár Choiste Achomhairc is to hear all appeals made at Central Level which are in order. During 2015 a total of 24 appeals were submitted to the Committee.

In addition, in accordance with criteria set out in Riail 7.12 T.O. 2015, An Lár Choiste Achomhairc considers and makes recommendations to Ard Chomhairle regarding applications for the review of suspensions. During 2015 a total of 16 applications for a review of suspensions imposed were submitted to the Committee and all were dealt with during the year.

Members appointed to the Central Appeals Committee serve for a term of three years which commenced in February 2015.

#### ACTIVITY

The Committee heard 24 appeals during the year. Decisions in relation to the appeals were as follows.

- 3 appeals were out of order.
- 1 appeal was withdrawn in advance of a Hearing.
- 5 appeals were upheld and remitted for reprocessing.
- 2 Appeals are currently adjourned at time of writing
- 2 appeal was upheld and the Committee substituted its own decisions.
- 5 appeals were upheld with the decision appealed against annulled and direction given that no further action be taken by the Decision Maker
- 6 Appeals were dismissed.

Two of the Committee’s decisions were the subject of request for Arbitration to the Disputes Resolution Authority during the year.

- In both cases the DRA found in favour of the Claimant.

The Committee also considered 16 applications for a review of suspension imposed during the year. Decisions in relation to requests for review of suspensions were as follows:

- 13 applications for reinstatement were recommended for reinstatement by the committee to Árd Chomhairle, with the date for reinstatement set depending on the scale of the offence and the time served.
- 3 applications for reinstatement were not recommended for reinstatement by the committee as they did not comply with Riail 7.12 (iii) (T.O. 2015).

Matt Shaw

Bearnard MacGabhann

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## An Lárchoiste Ceapacháin na Réiteoirí

### Central Referees' Appointments Committee

The Committee held 24 meetings from Comhdháil 2015 to the end of the year.

#### Committee Members

Liam Bairéid (Tiobraid Árann - Cathaoirleach)

Seoirse Mac Ceartraí (An Cabhán)

Micheál Mac Craith (Dún na nGall)

Pádraig Ó Dochartaigh (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)

#### WORK TO DATE

Referees, Linesmen and Sideline Officials were appointed by An Choiste to Central Council games as well as to the Provincial Inter-County Senior Championship games.

A number of referees were appointed to their first All Ireland final in particular grades during the year:

James Owens – All Ireland Senior Hurling Final

Fergal Kelly – All-Ireland Under 21 Football Final

Paud O'Dwyer – All-Ireland Minor Hurling Final

David Gough – All-Ireland Minor Football Final

Fergal Horgan – All Ireland Intermediate Hurling Final

Noel Mooney – All Ireland Junior Football Final

James Owens – All Ireland Senior Club Hurling Final

John Keane – Christy Ring Cup Final

John O'Brien – Nicky Rackard Cup Final

Colum Cuning – Lory Meagher Cup Final

An Chathaoirleach also attended a number of Championship Referee Seminars during the year.

#### REVIEW

One aspect that the Appointments Committee would be a little concerned with would be the number of referees on the Senior Championship panel. With a relatively small number of games in the championship the inclusion of 12 referees on the list meant it was extremely difficult to appoint refs to an adequate number of games. This is an area that the committee will be discussing with Coiste Forbartha na Réiteoirí prior to the commencement of the 2016 championship.

Liam Bairéid

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

Pádraig Ó Dochartaigh

**RÚNAÍ**

## An Lárchoiste Pleanála Socruithe

### Central Fixtures Planning Committee

The Committee has held 5 formal meetings since Congress 2015

#### Committee Members

Eamonn O’Sullivan (Ciarraí - Cathaoirleach)

Lester Ryan (Laighin)

Stephen Donnelly (Uladh)

Adrian Hassett (Connacht)

Kieran Leddy (Mumha)

Declan Flanagan (Muineachán)

Michael Higgins (Gaillimh)

Brian Quinn (Laois)

Feargal Mac Giolla (Páirc an Chrócaigh)

Bearnard MacGabhann (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)

The Central Fixtures Planning Committee (CFPC) was established arising from the publication of the GAA’s strategic Vision and Action plan in 2009 to help generate a culture of Fixture Planning in the GAA. Its position – and that of Fixture Planners at County and Provincial level - was enshrined in general rule.

Over the last six years, a great deal of knowledge and expertise has been amassed through interaction with stakeholders in the fixture making process at County and Provincial level. In 2015 Ard Chomhairle agreed to a new role for the Committee that would see them prepare independent and County specific reports for each County on the state of Fixtures in their County following a successful trail in 2014.

#### COUNTY SPECIFIC REPORTS

It was agreed that the objective for each report would be;

- Analyse current practice in relation to the provision of games in both hurling and football from U-14 to Adult grades
- Identify crucial periods during the season when club players are being left idle due to inter county activities
- Make recommendations as to how such idle periods might be addressed.
- Analyse effectiveness of and satisfaction with club Championship competitions among players and other stakeholders (including timing, structure etc)
- Identify any other issues of relevance to players/ administrators in the County and prepare recommendations for how these could be addressed.
- Examine the role of the Fixture Planner in the County

- Identify relevant fixture policies or lack thereof (such as on postponements) and examine their effectiveness
- Examine effect of depopulation (where relevant) on existing competitions and make recommendations for how to address possible shortfalls in future.

Four Counties are currently taking part in the process to review the 2015 season.

With each County being assigned a group who would carry out the review and produce a report. Each group is made up a neutral chairperson, member of the CFPC and a Provincial Fixture Planner from the Counties own province. The following Counties that agreed to take part this year;

- Ciarraí
- Ard Mhacha
- Sligeach
- Cill Mhantáin

It was agreed in advance that each group would carry out the following uniform actions to compile their report

- Meet the County Secretary, the C.C.C and Fixture Planner for the County to establish current practice, number of competitions, level.
- Hold an open forum on fixtures to which Clubs would be asked to send a representation but which would include a number of players and other interested parties. (In some Counties this was not necessary as Counties had just recently held a forum)
- Review the Competition, Structure number of walk over etc using the GAA Competition Management System.

Once the reports are completed they will be submitted to the County Secretary and to the CFPC.



## An Lárchoiste Pleanála Socruithe Central Fixtures Planning Committee (continued)

### FIXTURE PLANNING SURVEY

During 2015, the committee designed and circulated a questionnaire in order to gather information on the information on County Champions in both codes across 33 Counties (including London).

Some of the key points of the results were;

- 29 of 33 Counties Replied
- The average number of fixture making bodies within a County is 4, with One County having 16 fixture making bodies and 13 Counties having two or less.
- The number of meetings held by the main CCC over the year varied among the Counties, with the average being 25, with One County having 10, while One County had 46 meetings.
- The number of different structures being using by Counties to run their Championships

#### FOOTBALL

- Group/Round Robin – 17
- Back Door – 7
- Knockout – 4
- County Group/Knockout. Division knockout – 1

#### HURLING

- Group/Round Robin – 20
- Back Door – 3
- Knockout – 4
- County Group/Knockout. Division knockout – 1

- Number of teams taking part in the Counties Senior Championship;

**FOOTBALL:** One County had a 32 teams in their Senior County Championship, with Seventeen Counties having 12 or less. The average overall was 14 Senior Championship teams.

**HURLING:** One County had a total of 31 Senior Hurling Teams, the overall average was 9 Senior Teams, while the average among Liam McCarthy Counties who replied was 13 teams.

- Over 70% of the Counties who replied to the survey felt that the current structure of the Senior Football Inter-County Championship (Split into A & B) helped with the planning of club fixtures at the start of the year within the County

One of the key findings from this survey, is that each County is unique in how they are set up and how they structure & run their fixtures.

### FIXTURE PLANNING GOING FORWARD

In 2016 the National Fixtures Planning Committee are planning on carrying out the following;

- Reviewing the role to the Fixture Planners
- Holding a National Fixture Forum with the County Fixture Planners
- Making recommendation to Counties on review their Fixture Program

Eamonn O'Sullivan

Bearnard Mac Gabhann

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## Coiste Comhairleach na Rialacha Rules Advisory Committee

### Membership

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Proinsias Ó Murchú (Corcaigh - Cathaoirleach)

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Páraic Ó Dufaigh (Ard Stiúrthóir)

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Dónal MacArtáin (An Dún)

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Séan MacCoisdealbha (Áth Cliath)

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Séamus Ó Cléirigh (Longfort)

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Seoirse Ó Ceartraí (An Cabhán)

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Phonsie Ó Maolthuile (Ros Comáin)

---

Michael Ó Broin (Muineachán)

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Rúnaí Treasa Ní Raghail (Rúnaí)

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Páraic Ó Dufaigh (Ard Stiúrthóir)

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Treasa Ní Raghail (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)

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The Rules Advisory Committee met on five occasions in 2015. It examined motions approved by Congress 2015 in its capacity as the Standing Committee on the Rules of the Association and, without derogation from their meaning, recommended any necessary rephrasing or re-location. The Rules Drafting Report was approved by Central Council at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Parts 1 and 2 of the Official Guide were published in April 2015 and were also made available online. A 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Disciplinary Handbook was also published.

The Committee examined the rules of the Association on an ongoing basis, provided clarifications to queries submitted to the office of the Ard Stiúrthóir and prepared motions where anomalies were identified.

The Committee offered advice to Central Council and other units and, arising from issues that were identified during the year, it asked Central Council to issue a number of Directives. Central Council Directives and Guidelines, contained in an earlier Rules Advisory Committee Report, were updated and referenced in the Official Guide 2015.

The Committee prepared Motions for the consideration of Congress 2016 on behalf of Central Council, engaged and consulted with other units, and formed, where necessary, composite motions from proposals that had a common purpose.

In 2016 the Rules Advisory Committee was charged with responsibility for Bye Laws and a workgroup was appointed from within the membership of the Committee. The workgroup carried out extensive work with counties and conducted meetings in the four Provinces. The feedback from these meetings was very positive. The workgroup engaged with all counties to ensure that all county Bye Laws are now compliant with the Official Guide.

I would like to thank the members for their commitment and hard work during the year.

Proinsias Ó Murchú

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

Treasa Ní Raghail

**RÚNAÍ**

## Buanchoiste um Rialacha Imeartha

### Standing Committee on Playing Rules

The Standing Committee on the Playing Rules met on 5 occasions during 2015, the membership and attendance at meetings were as follows:

Committee Members	5 Meetings
Iarlaith Ó Broin (Ard Mhacha - Cathaoirleach)	5
Proinsias Ó Mhurchú (Corcaigh)	3
Séamus Ó hÍcí (Luimneach)	3
Séamus Ó Muirí (Aontroim)	4
Seán Tóibín (An Gaillimh)	4
Darragh Ó Sé (Ciarraí)	3
Seán Ó Baíolláin (An Mhí)	5
Pádraig Ó Dálaigh (Páirc an Chrócaigh)	4
Caoimhe Ní Néill (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	5

#### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

At the start of the Committee's term, members felt it was imperative to identify and quantify the guiding principles, which the Committee will adhere to when considering proposals for change. The five key principles articulated by the Committee are as follows:

1. The Playing Rules should be easy to read, interpret and apply on a consistent basis;
2. The Playing Rules should ensure that the Game is played in a fair manner and with total respect for Match Officials;
3. The Playing Rules should enhance the prevailing level of Skill and reward Players who make the ball the focal point of their attention;
4. The Playing Rules should ensure that Players take responsibility for their own behaviour and that sanctions - on and off the field of play - are imposed on a proportionate, transparent & consistent basis.
5. All proposals for change to the Playing Rules must have a clear evidence-base.

#### PLAYING RULES OF GAELIC FOOTBALL

For 2015 the Committee chose to focus primarily on the Playing Rules of Gaelic Football, particularly as the Playing Rules of Hurling had recently been given significant consideration by the Hurling 2020 Review Group. Having regard for the principles adopted by the Committee, the discussions in relation to the Playing Rules were underpinned by the findings and trends as identified by a statistical analysis of all televised Senior Inter-County Gaelic Football games in 2015.

#### ENHANCING THE SKILLS OF THE GAME – THE MARK

The Committee was in unanimous agreement that there is a requirement to reward the skills of Catching and Kicking, in particular recognising the skill of high fielding in mid-field. Furthermore, members expressed a desire to minimise the opportunities for blanket defences arising as a result of short kick-outs. In this context the statistics showed that the percentage of kick-outs inside the 45m line had increased from 13.9% in 2011 to 32.3% in 2015 – an overall increase of almost 19% within the space of four years.

In response to this the Committee supports the introduction of the Mark to the Playing Rules of Gaelic Football. Unlike previous iterations of the Mark, the proposal submitted by the Standing Committee on the Playing Rules refers to awarding a Mark when a player catches the ball cleanly from a kick-out which passes over the 45m line on the full. The rationale underpinning this is to reward the skill of catching while discouraging short kick-outs. Furthermore, the Committee made a conscious decision to recommend awarding a Mark only in the context of a kick-out as well as providing the player with the option to play on immediately. By including these elements the Committee believes that the Mark will not result in any contrivance nor interfere with the fluidity of the game.

#### CONSISTENT APPLICATION OF THE PLAYING RULES – PLAYING TIME

A further issue discussed by the Committee was the requirement to increase actual playing time during each game and, in particular, to minimise the incidence of delays as a result of substitutions. The Committee recommended that 30 seconds of additional time should be added for ever substitution made during the match, allowing for Referees to use their discretion where concurrent substitutions occur i.e. two players substituted at the same time.

#### TRANSPARENT AND CONSISTENT SANCTIONS – THE BLACK CARD

While there are many detractors of the Black Card the irrefutable statistical evidence presented to the Committee in 2015 was that, since the introduction of the Black Card and the Advantage Rule, there had been a 20% decrease in the number of fouls in Gaelic Football while the number of shots had increased – on average 6 extra shots and 8 less fouls per match.

Having discussed the Black Card on a number of occasions, the Committee felt that no substantive changes should be made to the current Rules. However, on foot of submissions from the Black Card Review Group, the Committee did accept that there was potential for inconsistent application due to the wording. In this context, the Committee proposed to amend Rule 5.12 T.O. 2015 (Part 2) (Playing Rules of Football) - Page 82 - to read: "To

## Buanchoiste um Rialacha Imeartha

### Standing Committee on Playing Rules (continued)

deliberately collide with an opponent after he has played the ball away or for the purpose of taking him out of the movement of play". The major change here is the deletion of the word 'body' from the Rule, which will eliminate the potential for having a Black Card overturned at Hearings on the basis that the player did not use his full "body" to collide with his opponent.

#### FUTURE PROOFING – PROGRAMME OF WORK 2016

The Committee has identified a number of areas that it intends to track and analyse during 2016. The first item of interest is the handpass. The statistics prove that there has been an increase in the average number of handpasses per match from 251 in 2011 to 319 in 2015. While this is a significant increase there has not been an inverse decrease in the number of footpasses. However, the Committee will seek to identify opportunities to experiment with limiting the number of consecutive hand-passes in Gaelic Football in order to analyse whether this positively impacts upon the game and promotes the skills of catching and kicking.

On the basis of the principle that the Playing Rules should be easy to read, interpret and apply on a consistent basis, the Committee intends to track and analyse the length/frequency of delays arising when a free kick or penalty is awarded to a team. Members have expressed concerns that delays arising from same are leading to inconsistencies in relation to the Playing Time. Evidence regarding the length/frequency of delays will be generated over the course of 2016.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that players are less reticent about receiving a Black Card in the final minutes of a game due to the availability of substitutes and the need for 'fresh legs'. The Committee believes that this must be closely monitored. Furthermore, if evidence suggests a clear trend in relation to this, the Committee must recommend a deterrent for this in order to ensure that Players take responsibility for their own behaviour.

#### FUTURE PROOFING – OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Having regard for the work of previous Standing Committees on the Playing Rules, as well as the findings and recommendations of various review bodies including the Football Review Committee (FRC) and the Hurling 2020 Review Group, the Committee believes that there is a requirement to re-examine the structure of the Playing Rules. In particular, as a long-term objective, the Committee would hope to undertake a reclassification of the Playing Rules of Hurling and Gaelic Football so that they are easy to read, interpret and apply on a consistent basis.

#### DAVE BILLINGS

Ba mhaith le an gCoiste comhbhrón ó chroí a dhéanamh le muintir Dave Billings. Dave had been appointed as a member of the Committee prior to his untimely death and his absence is sorely felt by the Committee and the wider Association.

Iarlaith Ó Broin

Caoimhe Ní Néill

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## Coiste Iniúcháireachta

### Audit Committee

The National Audit Committee's brief is to assist Ard Chomhairle and Coiste Bainistí by providing oversight on the integrity of the Association's financial reports and statements and its risk management policies and processes at National level. The Committee has responsibility for recommending to Coiste Bainistí the External Auditors to be appointed and their level of remuneration, and to monitor their independence and qualification. It also has responsibility for oversight of the Internal Audit function.

In addition the Committee has a remit to provide oversight of systems of internal control, risk management and financial management at Provincial and County level.

The Committee met on six occasions during 2015.

#### Members

Feargal McCormack (an Dún - Cathaoirleach)

Pól Ó hAonghusa (Loch Garman)

Cormac Ó Tuathail (Ceatharlach)

Eugene McKenna (Muineacháin)

Pat Costello (Gaillimh)

Lauri Quinn (Sligeach)

Tomas Ó Riain (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE, ROLE AND SCOPE

Upon appointment, the committee undertook a rigorous re-examination of its terms of reference and proposed amendments to Coiste Bainistí in order to strengthen the focus on risk management and governance and to define precisely the remit of the committee. Furthermore the cathaoirleach of the committee was appointed to Coiste Bainistí in March.

#### EXTERNAL AUDIT

Detailed review meetings were held with the External Auditor to review the 2015 financial statements and accounts for Central Council, Cumann Lúathcleas Gael Insurance Fund, Cumann Lúathcleas Gael Injury Fund and Páirc An Chrócaigh Teoranta & Subsidiary Companies.

The Auditor confirmed that all Statutory and Accounting requirements were met in the presentation of the Accounts and that all disclosures as required by Statute and under Irish GAAP were included. The Committee was satisfied with the independence of the Auditor, the expertise and resources applied to the Audit and with the Auditor's compliance with professional guidance on rotation of the audit partner.

Issues arising from the management letters associated with the audit were reviewed and monitored by the Committee and action plans agreed with management to ensure recommended improvements in risk controls were being adopted.

A detailed pre audit review and planning meeting was held with the Auditor in October to approve the terms of engagement and scope of the 2015 audit.

#### INTERNAL AUDIT

Internal Audit services are provided by Deloitte. During the year the Committee commissioned Deloitte to review the effectiveness of Central Council's governance structures, and to undertake reviews of financial controls and governance in four counties. In addition, Central Council staff were deployed to evaluate match day controls, ticketing operations and cash handling arrangements at a number of match venues during the year in accordance with a work programme and audit approach designed for that purpose by Deloitte.

Findings from these reviews were presented to the Committee and to Coiste Bainistí and any procedural weaknesses identified were highlighted so that appropriate adjustments to match day procedures can be implemented where needed.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

The committee has ensured that risk oversight and risk mitigation is a recurring element of the Coiste Bainistí work programme. Risk management is a core responsibility of various managers and departments within Central Council.

The committee reviewed in detail the risk management measures in place in two key areas at national level – Croke Park stadium operations and Information Technology. Similar reviews will be undertaken in 2016.

The committee has also championed the need for an expanded oversight role by the Internal Auditor on internal controls, risk management and financial management across Provinces and Counties. To that end all counties now undergo statutory audits.

#### GOVERNANCE

The committee commissioned the preparation of a code of governance for GAA units which is scheduled for publication and roll-out in early 2016.

Feargal McCormack

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

Tomas Ó Riain

**RÚNAÍ**

## Coiste Airgeadais

### Financial Management Committee

The full National Financial Management Committee has met on eight occasions since their appointment; there have been other Sub-Committee meetings in relation to the workings of the Committee.

#### Baill den Choiste

Cóilín Ó Muireagáin (An Cabhán - Cathaoirleach)

Seán Ó Ceallaigh (Áth Cliath)

Máirtín Ó Broin (Laoise)

Barra Ó hIcí (Cill Chainnigh)

Eamonn Ó Caoimh (Cill Mhantáin)

Seán Ó Murchú (Sligeach)

Gearóid Ó Bradlaigh (Tír Eoghain)

Conchúir Ó hÓgáin (Tiobraid Arann)

Seán Ó hUaine (An Longfort)

Niall Arscáin (Dún na nGall)

Tomás Ó Riain (Páirc an Chrócaigh)

Cáit Ní Shlataire (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)

#### SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The National Financial Management Committee shall oversee the implementation of good financial practice at all levels of the Association ie. National, Provincial, County and Club.

#### COUNTY FINANCES

County Accounts are reviewed and meetings are held with Counties where there are concerns to provide guidance and assistance. A Seminar for County Officers took place in August 2015 which focused specifically on the area of admission charges, arising from this discussion amendments have been incorporated into the 2016 budget to Central Council.

#### STANDARDISED PROCEDURES

The Committee have identified accounting software for Clubs and Counties, assistance is being provided by Central Council to Counties to help them set-up a system that provides management accounts. A manual for County Treasurers is being put together to outline procedures and check-lists as a financial tool.

#### PROPERTY MATTERS

All property matters including acquisitions, leases, disposals and charges on property for grant aid or by way of mortgages are dealt with by the Committee on behalf of Ardchomhairle as outlined in Rule 5.

#### DEVELOPMENT FUND

The development fund has grown in the past year and there is an ever increasing demand for loans from the fund. The interest rate applied to both depositors and Investors has remained at 1.9% which is very attractive to both Investors and borrowers. At the end of the financial year there were 95 loans in existence totalling €29.8m, each performing in line with their loan agreements; of these loans there were 79 Club loans and 16 County loans. Since the Scheme reopened in August the Committee have approved 14 loans to the value of €1.05m for new developments. At the time of writing the Scheme is only open to Clubs with a maximum borrowing of €100,000.

#### DISTRESSED UNITS

Negotiations are nearing completion for an arrangement with one of the main financial Institutions where nine Clubs have been struggling to meet their commitments. Other restructuring arrangements have been completed giving our units a structured repayment plan and an opportunity to focus once again on the development of the games.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING

A working group is currently reviewing all funding to Counties and the method of distributing funding. It is accepted that any proposed changes may take time to implement, it is envisaged that a strategy would be put to An Coiste Bainistíochta in the coming year.

#### NATIONAL CLUB DRAW

Tickets were made available in August for the National Club Draw giving an opportunity for Clubs to plan it into their fund-raising calendar and the value of the prizes have increased to €30,000 in line with the updated legislation.

Prizes are also being provided to the Clubs provided that they account for the sales in line with the guidelines set down. There will be a prize for a Club in each County of €1,000 and the highest selling Club in each Province will also receive €1,000 and three Clubs will have an opportunity of winning a further €5,000 provided they sell at least the minimum of 200 tickets for the Draw. These additional Club prizes are to help grow the Draw which has been a success since its inception.

## Coiste Airgeadais

### Financial Management Committee (continued)

The Draw will take place on the 11th March and winners will be invited to Croke Park for the AIB Club Finals on the 17<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **PURCHASE POWER**

The Committee will be launching the new National procurement initiative in the coming weeks. It is envisaged that the buying strength of the Association can be used to obtain value for all.

#### **BUÍOCHAS**

I wish to thank all of the members of the committee for their dedication and hard work throughout the year

Cóilín Ó Muireagáin

Cáit Ní Shlataire

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## Forbairt ar Chluichí Games Development

The Committee have met on seven occasions since Congress 2015.

Members	Attendance
Prionsias de Búrca (Cathaoirleach)	7
Brian Henry (Connacht)	7
John Tobin (Connacht)	5
Jim Bolger (Laighean)	4
Shane Flanagan (Laighean)	6
Diarmaid Ó Suilleabháin (Mumhan)	5
Mícheál MacCartaigh (Mumhan)	2
Joe Carton (Mumhan)	6
Gearóid Ó Dufaigh (Uladh)	6
Eugene Young (Uladh)	7
John Costello (Átha Cliath)	4
Brendy Brien (An Bhreatain)	7
Dermot Earley (GPA)	6
Pádraig Ó Dálaigh (Stiúrthóir na gCluichí)	6
Séamas Ó Dorchaíde (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	7

### SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The National Coaching & Games Development Committee is responsible for the implementation of the Association's plans to maximise playing numbers, increase playing standards and ensure that the Association's games are appropriately competitive and enjoyable for all who want to participate in them across the key playing populations at Child, Youth and Adult level.

The main innovations during the year were:

#### Games Opportunities

- Establishment of Super (Youth) Games Centres
- Expansion of the Feile Competitions
- Establishment of Recreational Rounders

#### Skill Development Initiatives

- Implementation of improved Quality Assurance around Operational standards at Cúl Camps

#### Education Initiatives

- Revision of the Award 2 Coach Education Programme
- Development of an Award 2 Assimilation Process
- Organisation of 'Coach 10' Provincial Workshops

#### Structures & Support

- Personnel Support Training

### CHILD CENTRED INITIATIVES

#### CUL CAMPS

Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps participation rose from 89,022 in 2014 to 102,384 in 2015, a phenomenal jump reflecting the continuing quality of the initiative. Football, Hurling, Rounders and Handball are promoted through Cúl Camps with participation at 63% boys and 37% girls in 2015. A Cúl Camp Mentoring Programme was introduced in 2015 which is a quality assurance initiative focussing on risk management based on the implementation of the Operational Manual for Camps.

#### LIAISON WITH CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL NÁISIUNTA

A meeting with representatives of Cumann na mBunscol Naisiunta was held in September at which it was agreed to promote the inclusion of County Cumann na mBunscol representation on County Games Development Committees, that the GAA would continue to use its influence with government to ensure that necessary recognition and support is given to teachers for extra-curricular effort made in a Gaelic games context and to ensure a meeting of the Committee and Cumann na mBunscol Naisiunta would be held annually at a minimum. Pilot programmes to update the provision of Coaching in Primary Schools and to improve Club-School links were also advanced by the Games Development Department during the year in line with the 'Proposals for the Implementation of Recommendations from the Primary School Review Workgroup Report' adopted by An Coiste Bainistí

### YOUTH INITIATIVES

#### SUPER (YOUTH) GAMES CENTRES

The Super Games Centre Pilot Project came to completion in April 2015. The report was commissioned by the GAA Research Committee to study Youth drop out and participation issues in light of:

- Current GAA Registration Figures
- The establishment of Super Games Centres
- Irish Sports Funding Policy Developments



## Forbairt ar Chluichí

### Games Development (continued)

The key finding of the report is that social support significantly reduces intentions to drop out through increasing levels of social identity.

The development of Youth participation centres in each County has been identified as a key measure of success in achieving Strategic Goal 1.2 of the GAA Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017 to implement new models of participation in both urban and rural areas to deal with the increase/decrease in playing numbers. At the time of writing 65 centres have been established or planned across the four Provinces. Training has been completed with Super Games Centre coordinators in all four Provinces and online resources and training supports are available through the GAA Learning portal.

#### FÉILE COMPETITIONS

Since the restructuring of the Féile na nGael and Féile na nÓg competitions major increases in participation have continued while maintaining the competitive edge of cross County and Provincial competition. In 2015, over 17,200 boys and girls (an increase of 64% on 2013) participated in festivals of Gaelic games played across the country. The planning for the 2016 festivals is at an advanced stage, and these events have generated great excitement in Tipperary/Waterford (hosts for Féile na nGael) and Kerry, West Limerick, North West Cork (hosts of Féile Peil na nÓg).

The National Games Development Committee continue to liaise with the Féile Committee to ensure the competition structure continues to expand to serve to increase participation and that the principles underpinning the competitions counteract elitism and indiscipline.

#### ADULT INITIATIVES

##### ADULT RECREATIONAL GAMES

The focus during 2015 was the establishment of Recreational Rounders, which is a modified version of rounders using a 'batting tee'. The game is aimed at participants aged 12 years and older (both male and female) and of mixed sporting abilities. During the year promotional competitions were held in each of the Provinces attracting over 120 participants, many who had not experienced Rounders or Gaelic Games previously. The National Games Development Committee continues to work to achieve Strategic Goal 1.3 of the Association Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017 to increase participation in recreational hurling, football, handball and rounders across the Association.

##### COACH EDUCATION

As of the 2016 season the following Mandatory Standards apply for all Inter-County and Club Teams:

Inter County Management Teams - All Inter-County Management teams will contain an Award 2 coach.

Club Management Teams - All Club Management teams will contain an Award 1 coach.

The standards aim to ensure that every player is coached by a person qualified to the appropriate level while at the same time embedding a culture of coach development within every unit.

Supporting the implementation of Mandatory Coaching Standards for Inter-County Management Teams, and being conscious that many members of our Inter-County Management Teams have attained considerable experience over their coaching careers, a process for the recognition of that experience and competency called 'Assimilation' has been launched for the first time. The Assimilation Process aims to recognise and engage experienced Coaches within the Coach Development Programme. Members of Inter-County Management Teams who meet the eligibility criteria may apply for assimilation at Award 2. The Assimilation Process will run until 2018, by which time it is expected that all Inter-County 'Head Coaches' will have attained the Award 2 qualification.

Workshops exploring the 'Coach 10' model of effective coaching with Provincial and County Games Development Staff were held in each of the four Provinces during the year. Over 125 personnel participated in the workshops which were organised around interactive tasks on:

1. The GAA Player Development Pathway
2. The elements of effective Coaching (The Coach as a Person, What the Coach Does & The Coaching Environment)
3. Organising Games-Based Coaching Sessions
4. Using the GAA Learning Online Activity Planner ([learning.gaa.ie/planner](http://learning.gaa.ie/planner))

The Coach 10 model has been commended for its foresight and application by National and International experts in the Coaching and Education fields including Dr. Wade Gilbert, Editor-in-Chief of the International Sport Coaching Journal, who stated "I think you [the GAA] have a tremendous foundation here for preparing and delivering a world-class coach education programme. The ideas are clearly grounded in the latest research on youth, athlete, and coach development."

The Coach model is currently being used as a basis for the revision of the GAA Coach Education Programme beginning with Award 2. A core of Coach Education Tutor Trainers have worked diligently to develop the revised Award 2 Programme which has been updated to include a mixture of online content with practical workshops and interaction and will be piloted this spring.

## Forbairt ar Chluichí Games Development (continued)

The GAA Games Development Conference continues to maintain its position as one of the foremost sports development conferences in the Country annually. The 2016 Conference was held in Croke Park in January and focussed on issues related to the Adult Player (aged 18 + years).

### HURLING DEVELOPMENT

A successful consultation was held with representatives of the Hurling Development Committee during the year at which the committee pledged its support for the recently launched Hurling Development Action Plan.

### GAA LEARNING

The GAA Learning Portal at [learning.gaa.ie](http://learning.gaa.ie) has almost 25,000 registered users at the time of writing. While the portal is predominantly used to support Coach Education it is increasingly being used to support Administrator, Referee and Player Education Programmes as well as hosting learning and development related content for all roles.

The @GAALearning twitter account has approximately 4,500 followers at time of writing and is proving an increasingly popular reference point for keeping apace of GAA and externally published content relevant to the development of our players, coaches, match officials and administrators.

### PLAYER TRACKING SOFTWARE

The 'Smartabase' Software was targeted for use in all 32 Counties during 2015 and has been identified for specific use with U-16 Talent Academy squads as of 2016. The software U-16 tracks player activity levels and performance parameters to support player welfare and best practice in training.

### GAMES DEVELOPMENT GOVERNANCE

#### PERSONNEL AND PLANNING SUPPORT

In March of 2015 a workshop was conducted in Croke Park for all Provincial and County Games Development Managers to support them in their role. The workshop continued the series of inputs and review meetings structured to improve the planning, implementation and reporting of Games Development initiatives.

Further refinements were made by the Committee to the planning and funding criteria for 2016 with the aim of identifying National, Provincial and County objectives, increasing organisational effectiveness and incentivising their implementation.

### GAMES DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

The National Games Development Budget for 2015 was approximately €7.897m while Irish Sports Council funding to support the roll out of Games Development Initiatives was €2.409m. The entire ISC allocation is utilised to support the deployment of full and part-time Games Development Personnel to implement National, Provincial, County and dClub based development initiatives.

Ní neart go chur le chéile.

Prionsias de Búrca

Séamas Ó Dorchaidhe

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## Forbairt ar Iománaíochta Hurling Development

Coiste Forbartha na hIománaíochta (HDC) met on 7 occasions during 2015, the membership and attendance at meetings were as follows:

Committee Members	Meetings
Pádraig Ó Néill (Tiobraid Árann - Cathaoirleach)	7
Proinsias Ó Leocháin (An Clár)	5
Éabhard Ó Broin (Ceatharlach)	6
Pádraig MacAidéis (Cill Chainnigh)	6
Pól Ó Floinn (Port Lairge)	5
Traolach Mac Neachtain (Aontroim)	7
Séamus Mac Craith (An Iarmhí)	5
Oilibhéar Ó Gealagáin (An Cabhán)	7
Criostóir Mac Diarmada (Ros Comáin)	7
Máire Ní Chonchúir (An Cumann Camógaíochta)	5
Pádraig Ó Dálaigh (Páirc an Chrócaigh)	5
Caoimhe Ní Néill (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	7

The primary objective of the HDC in its first months of tenure was to devise a three year Action Plan for Hurling Development. The Action Plan was developed having regard for the work undertaken by the previous HDC through the National Hurling Development Plan (2012 – 2015), the Hurling 2020 Review Group as well as the Association's Strategic Plan (2015 – 2017). In December 2015 the HDC finalised and launched the Action Plan on foot of extensive consultation with a variety of stakeholders including GAA Management Committee, GAA Central Council, the Provincial Councils and the various County Steering Committees as well as An Cumann Camógaíochta. An overview of the Plan and a summary of some of the key actions are outlined below.

### HURLING DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN 2015 – 2018

In developing the Action Plan the HDC gave consideration to three fundamental questions: How can we protect the game? How can we grow the game? How can we develop the game?

The Committee believes that answer is the same for all three questions: To protect, grow and develop the game of Hurling, the Association must provide people with the opportunity to play the game.

For the next three years, the overarching goal of the Action Plan is to increase the number of opportunities for people to play the game of Hurling – at all ages and across all Counties. The games opportunities provided must be meaningful, age-appropriate and reflective of developmental need. The intended outcome of this goal is that participation in Hurling will be maximised and the standard of playing performance will be optimised.

The HDC developed the Action Plan based on 4 key Pillars, which the HDC consider integral to achieving the goal of providing an increased number of meaningful games opportunities for everybody:

- More meaningful, age-appropriate games opportunities must be provided and the standards of playing performance must be improved.
- The number of coaches must be increased and the quality of coaching must be enhanced.
- The Association's administrative structures – committees, fixtures, competitions – must be aligned so that all the components are working together to protect, grow and develop the game.
- Innovation and Technology must be maximised to ensure that the game of Hurling continues to thrive and the promotional profile of the game must be raised at every opportunity.

The Plan identifies a number of tasks and initiatives in respect of each Pillar and outlines the short-term actions required to deliver on these in the coming 12 months. After this period the Plan will be reviewed, amended and improved as required and a new set of short-term actions will be agreed and implemented. This approach reflects the fact that the Plan must be flexible and responsive to change and improvement.

### THE CELTIC CHALLENGE

The cornerstone of the Plan is the introduction of The Celtic Challenge 2016. The Celtic Challenge is a competition for players, aged 16 and 17 years old, who are not participating in State Examinations during May and June 2016. The competition will run from Wednesday 4th May to Saturday 18th June 2016. 38 teams from all 32 counties will participate in the competition and, in total, 110 games will be provided to 912 players.

The ethos of the competition is a developmental one, where a 7 week programme of meaningful games is supplemented by a 1 to 1 ratio of games to training. Each team will play a minimum of 6 games through a competition that is structured on the basis of Group Stages, Qualifiers and Play Offs. The Group Stages will consist of 7 Groups of teams selected on a geographical and developmental basis. After the Group Stages, teams will be graded on foot of their performance and will be assigned to 1 of 5 Divisions prior to participating in the Qualifiers and Play-Offs where they will play against opposition of a comparative developmental level. The competition will culminate in 5 Divisional Finals will be played on Saturday June 18th, 2016.

In preparation for same the HDC has been undertaking significant collaboration with the Provinces and Counties. By October 2015, the HDC had finalised the competition structure as well as the operational, logistical and financial requirements to deliver on this ambitious project. Subsequent to identifying

## Forbairt ar Iománaíochta Hurling Development (continued)

Provincial and Group Coordinators, the HDC – in conjunction with the Coordinators – began the recruitment process for the various management teams. This included the organisation of an introductory workshop and focus group for the management teams, which served to provide an overview of the project while also allowing for consultation on various aspects of same. This introductory workshop will be supplemented by various regionalised Coach Education workshops in early 2016 as well as inputs for the PR & Social Media Coordinators assigned to each team.

The Celtic Challenge is a truly transformative initiative that will increase the current offering at All Ireland Hurling Minor B and C Championships from 16 games to a total of 110 games.

### MINOR A HURLING – PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE

In May 2015, Ard Chomhairle requested that the HDC would ‘develop proposals regarding All-Ireland minor competitions and the accommodation of Galway and Antrim in an equitable system which promotes best practice in a developmental context’. This request became a central focus of the HDC in 2015.

Further to meetings with representatives from Antrim and Galway respectively as well as meetings with the four Provincial Councils, the HDC developed a proposal that had regard for the following requirements:

- Equity between teams i.e. that each team plays a minimum of 2 games;
- Minimal interference with Club fixtures while avoiding player burnout i.e. a maximum of 3 games in a 14 day period;
- Provides for the conclusion of the State Examinations, which will occur on Friday 24th June 2016;
- Provides for the conclusion of the Ulster Championship, which will now be scheduled for late June/early July 2016
- Participating teams are provided with a pre-planned schedule in advance

This proposal was presented to An Coiste Bainistí and Ard Chomhairle after which Galway GAA agreed to sponsor the proposal as a Motion to Congress 2016.

### ACTIONS 2016

While a number of projects have already commenced and others are due to commence shortly, some of the key actions for 2016 include:

- To conduct a review and develop recommendations for implementation from 2016 – 2018 in order to optimise the number of games opportunities provided to players at Youth and Adult level through the Táin and/or other Cross-County Leagues.
- To deliver four Hurling Development Coach10/MVA Roadshows - in conjunction with the Provincial HDC/Work Groups.
- To revamp and re-launch the Hurling Mentor Programme as a keystone of Hurling Development with a focus upon empowering stakeholders at County level to set and deliver on strategic objectives to develop and grow the game of Hurling.
- To conduct research into the use of Wood Technology in the engineering and manufacturing of hurleys.
- To oversee the introduction of a standardised sliotar core.

Through producing a detailed, action-led and outcome-oriented Plan the HDC hopes to set and share a clear statement of intention to support the game of Hurling, which the entire Association can support and work towards.

Pádraig Ó Néill

Caoimhe Ní Néill

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## Coiste Forbartha na Reiteóirí

### Referees Development Committee

Coiste Náisiúnta na Reiteóirí met on eight occasions from Congress 2015 until the end of the year.

Committee members.	8 Meetings
Seán Breathnach (Ciarraí - Cathaoirleach)	8
Risteard Ó Murchú (Loch Garman - Leas-Cathaoirleach)	8
Seán Ó Máirtín (Ros Comáin)	8
Tomás Ó Coigligh (Áth Cliath)	7
Caoimhín Breathnach (An Clár)	7
Séamus Ó Ruairc (Muineachán)	8
Micheál MacCraith (Dún na nGall)	8
Tomás Mac Giolla Phádraig (Áth Cliath)	6
Séamus Ó Gráda (Gaillimh)	8
Liam Bairéad (Tiobraid Árann)	8
Dónal Mac Gabhann (in áit Tomás Ó Coigligh)	1
Pádraig Ó Dochartaigh (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	8

#### WORK TO DATE

##### NATIONAL REFEREE SEMINARS

A number of Seminars were held with the Championship Referees (both hurling and football) during the summer months. On the weekend of 8/9 May both groups were together for their pre-Championship Seminar and Fitness Test which was held in DCU under the guidance of Prof. Niall Moyna.

Football referees also had Seminars on 4 June, 1 July, 28 July, 20 August (All Ireland Semi Final Officials), 15 September (All Ireland Final Officials) and 7 October (post-Championship wrap-up).

Seminars for Hurling referees were held on 10 June, 1 July, 21 July, 6 August (All Ireland Semi Final Officials), 1 September (All Ireland Final) and 7 October (post-Championship meeting).

##### REFEREE ADVISOR PROGRAMME

The Referee Advisor Programme - "How can the Advisor make the Referee a better Referee" continued in its current form for the 2015 season. This has proven to be very successful, and a very positive improvement on the Assessment system.

*The top Advisors were chosen to work with the Referees during the championship season and their feedback and advice proved invaluable to the referees.*

##### POST ALL-IRELAND FINAL OFFICIALS FUNCTION

A post-game dinner was held for All Ireland Final officials and their partners following the Minor and Senior finals in Croke Park. Medals were presented to Linesmen, Sideline Official and Umpires by An tUachtarán.

##### UPDATE ON NATIONAL REFEREE PANEL

The numbers of the Refereeing panels for the 2015 Allianz League were 35 for hurling and 42 for football. These numbers will be broadly similar for the 2016 League with some retirees and a number of new referees who will be officiating at this level for the first time.

The 2015 Championship panel of 16 Football referees was chosen by An Choiste in late April to take charge of the 60 games (excluding replays) which are scheduled for the year. This gave the Central Referees Appointments Committee the added comfort of appointing a Championship ref as stand-by for the majority of games.

The Championship Hurling panel was made up of 12 Referees for 2015. The structure of the championship meant that there were fewer games overall, with the reduction in numbers arising in the Leinster Hurling championship, as the Round-robin Preliminary group only had four counties, compared to five in 2014. Consequently it was not considered appropriate to have the four/eight split on championship referees that existed in 2014.

However it will be necessary, prior to the 2016 championship to give serious consideration to the size of the panel. With just 27 scheduled games the Committee will be examining the necessity to have 12 referees. There is every possibility that this will be a smaller number for 2016.

##### CLUB REFEREE/IN-SERVICE COURSE

During 2014/5, following the successful recruitment drive "Think You Can Do Better?...Put Your Whistle Where Your Mouth Is!" there were in excess of 400 new referees trained nationally and more than 1,500 attended In-Service courses.

##### NATIONAL REFEREES

The pre-Allianz League weekend Seminar, which included Fitness Test was held in January for all members of the National Referee panel (both hurling and football). There were two further Seminars in each code during the League.

The E-Learning portal was used, once again for the Referee Rules Test in 2015 and this will continue in 2016.

## **Coiste Forbartha na Reiteoirí**

### **Referees Development Committee (continued)**

Again there were two Training sessions organised for the championship referees in both codes. These Training sessions were very kindly undertaken by Prof. Niall Moyna and held at the ALSAA campus at Dublin Airport. Additionally the Championship referees also had an extra Fitness Test, which took place in June during the championship season.

#### **CLUB REFEREE FORUM**

On the 25 April the thrid annual Club Referee Forum was held in Croke Park. Again the Forum was very well supported with club referees from all over the country in attendance, with excellent presenatations made by current Inter-County Referees, Brian Gavin, Rory Hickey, Alan Kelly and Joe McQuillan. Gerry Duffy, Endurance Athlete and Motivational Speaker was superb in his key-note address.

We were honoured with the attendance of An tUachtarán, Aogán Ó Fearghail and we thank him for his time.

#### **NATIONAL SUPPORT PANEL**

Early in the year a Seminar was held for those Provincial Referees who operated as Linesmen and Sideline Officials in Central Council games. Hopefully a number of these referees will, in the future, become members of the National Panel.

Pádraig Mac Enaigh

Pádraig Ó Dochartaigh

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## Forbairt na nOifigeach Officer Development

Committee members.	8 Meetings
Pádraig Ó Maoltuille (Muineacháin - Cathaoirleach)	8
Caoimhín Ó hÉanadáin (Maigh Eo)	6
Oilibhear Céitinn (An Iarmhí)	8
Micheál Ó Fathaigh (Ros Comáin)	6
Riain Ó Feinneadhá (Doire)	1
Máire Nic Giollarnáth (Gaillimh)	4*
Micheál Ó Muineacháin (Gaillimh)	8
Éibhear Ó Déaghaidh (Luimneach)	7
Seán Óg Mac an tSaoir (An Dún)	6
Ruairí Ó hAirmhí (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	8

Máire Nic Giollarnáth was co-opted on to the committee in June and has attended all meetings since then.

### STARTING OUT

A survey was carried out in April 2015 to determine the training needs of Club, County and Provincial Officers. Over 100 officers responded and highlighted their most common needs in terms of knowledge and skill development. This feedback has formed the cornerstone for the committee's work on the preparation of development programmes for club and county officers.

### PLANNING AHEAD

After reviewing a report from the National Officer Development Committee (2012-2015), completing a training needs survey of Officers, considering the outcomes of an officer development SWOT analysis and respecting the GAA's Strategic Plan and Terms of Reference for the National Officer Development Committee, a strategy was devised to set out a vision, together with the related strategic objectives outlined in the GAA's Strategic Plan 2015-17, for all activities of the National Officer Development Committee over the course of the next three years. The priorities for the committee can be categorised as follows:

- Year 1 – Club Officer Development / County Officer Training
- Year 2 – Club Planning
- Year 3 – Club Accreditation

### CLUB LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The top priority for the committee in 2015 was the design of a new and exciting development programme for Club Officers. Current challenges with the recruitment, retention and training of club officers were acknowledged therefore a new approach to officer training was agreed upon.

The Club Leadership Development Programme will transfer key knowledge in relation to roles and responsibilities for each principal Club Officer and also develop leadership, management and communication skills in them. It is envisaged that benefits for officers will include:

- Better understanding of what role involves
- Improved leadership, management and communication skills
- Increased role satisfaction
- Awareness of where to access resources and supports
- Opportunity to share ideas and solve problems with fellow officers in a relaxed learning environment
- Preparation for future roles in the Association

### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Starting in February, each officer will have opportunity to attend a series of 2-hour modules over a three month period.

**Officer Induction:** All of the principal officers will have an opportunity to attend the Induction Module to receive an appropriate introduction to their new or existing leadership role within the Association.

**Cathaoirleach:** Club Chairpersons will have the opportunity to attend three further modules on the areas of: Leadership, Communication, and Club Administration.

**Rúnaí:** Club Secretaries will also have the opportunity to attend three further modules on the areas of: Club Administration, Communication, and Time Management.

**Cisteoir:** Club Treasurers will have the option to attend one further module on the role of the Treasurer. This will cover areas such as the duties of the Club Treasurer, financial management, financial reports, AGM responsibilities, income sources, budgeting, and revenue obligations.

**Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli:** Club PROs will have the option of attending the module on 'Communication Skills' and a specific module on their role. This will cover the role of the Club PRO, promotion of the Club, digital/social media, media relationships and resources/supports.

**Optional Modules:** Optional modules will be delivered in provincial locations on a first come, first served basis. Disciplinary procedures, the GAA Management System, Capital Projects & Club Property, and Insurance & the Injury Benefit Fund will be rolled out on this basis in 2016.

**Online Learning:** Through the GAA's Learning and Development Portal, members will have an opportunity to develop their skills, take online learning courses and achieve certification which can help them progress at a rate suited

## Forbairt na nOifigeach Officer Development (continued)

to their own development. At the outset, the committee reviewed the context within it was operating, and noted that the Association currently has 315 overseas Clubs. As a result of this, it has been agreed that one module for each officer role will be available online by the end of March 2016.

The Club Leadership Development Programme will be delivered in conjunction with the Provincial Councils and County Committees in the spring of 2016 with the assistance of fifty trained Leadership Associates who will facilitate each module of the programme.

### LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATE PROGRAMME

Fifty Leadership Associates have been selected and undergone a comprehensive 3-day training programme in preparation for the delivery of the CLDP. An Associate is an experienced GAA official who has a deep commitment to the mission, vision and values of the Association. An Associate will:

- Facilitate face-to-face leadership development programmes for GAA Club Officers
- Advise on the content and structure of programmes
- Advocate the officer development activities and programmes of the GAA
- Present for relevant and appropriate professional preparation training
- Offer services on a voluntary basis for a minimum of six events per year

The Associate Team will play a vital role in delivering leadership training to Club Officers and making recommendations on the design of modules. The National Officer Development Committee is excited about the creation of this key group who will play a central role in providing much needed support for our volunteers throughout this island and beyond.

### COUNTY OFFICER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The development programme for County Officers in 2016 will comprise of three parts:

#### 1) COUNTY OFFICER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

A County Officer Development Conference will take place in January 2016 to give up to 180 new and existing officers an opportunity to network with fellow officers and colleagues, talk out ideas and receive the latest information relevant to their roles. Three one-hour workshops will be available for each of the following county officer roles: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, and Development Officer.

#### 2) OFFICER TWINNING INITIATIVE

This initiative will seek to pair a County Officer with a colleague who is performing a similar role in a County in another Province. Guidelines will be given to each officer on potential areas where they may share ideas and solve problems. It is envisaged that the Twinning Initiative will be of great assistance to new and current officers alike.

#### 3) PROVINCIAL WORKSHOPS

The Committee intends to review the training needs of County Officers at the National Conference and then devise one training evening appropriate to their needs. This training will be delivered in Provincial venues in conjunction with the Provincial Councils.

### BUÍOCHAS

We would like to sincerely thank the members of the National Officer Development Committee who have consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty since the committee formed back in March. In addition to the eight formal meetings of the committee, each member met on several other occasions as part of design teams with the clear aim of improving support for clubs and counties. Finally, we would like to acknowledge the continuous support from the Uachtarán and Ard-Stiúrthóir and their commitment to officer development.

Ni ceart go chúr le cheile.

Padraig Ó Maolthuile

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

Ruairí Ó hAirmhí

**RÚNAÍ**



## Coiste na Gaeilge

Chas Coiste Náisiúnta na Gaeilge ar a chéile sé uaire le linn 2015. Seo leanas na baill agus an tinreamh.

### Tinreamh

Martán Ó Ciardha (Gaillimh - Cathaoirleach)	6
Tadhg Ó Conghaile (Gaillimh)	5
Aodh Máirtín Ó Fearraigh (Dún nan Gall)	6
Séamus Mac Géidigh, (Dún nan Gall)	5
Derry Ó Murchú (Ciarraí)	6
Tomás Ó hAiniféin (Ciarraí)	6
Séamus Ó Faoláin (An Iarmhí)	4
Réamonn Ó Ciaráin (Ard Mhacha)	4
Lorcán Mac Gabhann (Áth Cliath)	5
Siobhán Ní Chuana (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	6

### PLEAN STRÁITÉISEACH

Tá Plean Straitéiseach chun infheictheacht agus labhairt na Gaeilge a mhéadú go suntasach laistigh de CLG idir 2018-2018 foilsithe ag Coiste Náisiúnta na Gaeilge. Tá sé bunaithe ar na téarmaí tagartha ar leag an tUachtarán ar an gCoiste nuair a tháinig sé in oifig. Tá cóip de bronnta air agus freisin é le fáil anois ar [www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie). Faoin bplean tá sé i gceist go leagfaí béim ar an nGaeilge labhartha sna clubanna, go gcinnteofaí go mbainfear lánúsáid as na meáin nua-shóisialta i gcur chun cinn na teangan agus go ndéanfar cothú ar ghréasán láidir d'oifigigh Gaeilge.

### TURAS TEANGA

Táthar ag baint úsáide as an scéim “Turas Teanga”, i gcomhmar le Glór na nGael, le measúnú agus moltaí a dhéanamh faoi úsáid na Gaeilge sna clubanna. Tá súil iad siúd a ghríosadh chun plean gnímh Gaeilge a chur i bhfeidhm. Faoi dheireadh 2015 bhí cuairt tugtha ar 130 club.

### CÉIM AR AGHAIDH

Le linn na bliana sin freisin foilsíodh leagan Gaeilge den lámhleabhar oiliúna do bhunmhúinteoirí “Céim ar Aghaidh” agus i mí Lúnasa reachtáileadh cúrsa do Bhunmhúinteoirí go hiomlán trí Ghaeilge don chéad uair riamh, rud a leanfar dó, tá súil againn.

### AINMNEACHA NA GCLUBANNA

Tá an Coiste i mbun oibre freisin féachaint le caighdeánú agus ceartú a dhéanamh ar an leagan Gaeilge d’ainmneacha na gclubanna ar fad sa tír, dúshlán nach beag.

### CRUINNITHE EILE

I rith na bliana freisin bhí sraith cruinnithe idir Coiste na Gaeilge agus rannóga éagsúla i bPáirc an Chrócaigh féachaint le méadú a dhéanamh ar an líon Gaeilge a bhíonn le feiceáil i bhfoilseacháin CLG, ar an suíomh idirlín agus ar thicéid/ábhar poiblíochta/fógraí bolscaireachta etc. a thagann ón gcumann.

Martán Ó Ciardha                      Siobhán Ní Chuana

**CATHAOIRLEACH**                      **RÚNAÍ**

## Comhairliú don Óige

### Youth Consultation

An Coiste Comhairliúcháin ón Óige met on 6 occasions during 2015 as well as conducting 3 conference calls. The membership and attendance at meetings were as follows:

Committee Members	6 Meetings
Brían Ó Cearbhaill (Ros Comáin - Cathaoirleach)	6
Killian Mac Carthaigh (Luimneach)	4
Stiofáin Báicéir (Doire)	4
Máire Yarr (Aontroim)	6
Lára Nic Giolla Phóil (An Clár)	5
Sineád Noiréis (Cill Chainnigh)	5
Mícheál O'Duibhír (Loch Garman)	4
Ronán Ó Cearúlláin (An Cabhán)	4
Tomás Ó Floinn (An Longfort)	4
Caoimhe Ní Néill (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	6

The guiding principle for the Youth Consultation Committee is to work to ensure that the Association listens to, respects and engages with the views of young people so that young people feel represented and involved in the GAA. At the start of their term the Committee members agreed a number of agreed goals and identified tasks and timelines to achieve same over a period of 12 months. The following were the key objectives:

- To organise a #GAAyouth Forum
- To identify a sub-group of delegates from the #GAAyouth Forum
- To develop proposals around models of Youth Consultation & Engagement

The Committee developed these objectives having regard for the work of the previous Committee – in particular the Youth Consultation Day held in June 2014 – as well as the existing positive relationship between the GAA and the Department of Children & Youth Affairs (DCYA).

### #GAAyouth FORUM 2015 – YOUR VOICE, YOUR LIFESTYLE, YOUR GAA

The theme of the 2015 #GAAyouth Forum was 'Your Voice, Your Lifestyle, Your GAA' and was about educating and empowering young people around Player Welfare issues that are important to them. The origin of the theme selected lay in the Consultation Day held in 2014, where 100 young GAA members voted that young players need more information and education around health, nutrition, injury prevention and burn-out.

The 2015 #GAAyouth Forum took place in Croke Park on Saturday, 24th October 2015. Over 170 young players, aged 12 – 21, travelled from all over Ireland to discuss and learn about

Player Welfare Issues. The young male and female delegates were selected on foot of an online application process which was heavily promoted through the Association's social media channels. In advance of attending the #GAAyouth Forum, each delegate was provided with an opportunity to complete a 3 day online lifestyle diary as well as to complete a survey in relation to Player Welfare.

The Forum itself was opened by Páraic Duffy, GAA Director General, and during the day the young people had an opportunity to participate in a number of interactive sessions including workshops on Food & Nutrition as well as Strength & Conditioning. Dr. Brendan Egan (Lecturer in UCD and Sligo Footballer) delivered the Food & Nutrition workshop. Using the information provided by the delegates via their 3 day online lifestyle diary, Dr. Egan spoke about the do's and don'ts of Food & Nutrition and empowered the young players to make the best nutritional and lifestyle choices to fuel their playing performances.

Ger Ryan, Chairperson of the Medical, Scientific and Welfare Committee and Gearóid Devitt (Rúnaí, MSW) held an interactive discussion around a range of topics that the young people had sought more information about including Concussion and Anti-Doping Rules.

In addition to this the young players also received an opportunity to discuss injury prevention and rehabilitation with Michael Fennelly (Lecturer in Setanta College and Kilkenny Hurler) and Julie Davis (S&C Coach with the Armagh Footballers). Michael and Julie discussed the myths around Strength & Conditioning before leading a practical demonstration of the GAA's Gaelic 15 Warm Up in the Hogan Stand Dressing Rooms.

The Forum concluded with a Q&A Panel session hosted by JOE.ie's Paddy McKenna. The panellists were a mix of players – Ross Munnally (Laois Footballer); Ashling Thompson (Cork Camogie); Noelle Healy (Dublin Ladies Footballer) – and experts in Sport Science including Dr. Brendan Egan; Julie Davis; Michael Fennelly and Ronan Carolan.

The feedback from the delegates to the experience was overwhelmingly positive with delegates reporting that they enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends, learn about how to improve their performance and to get to interact with top Inter-County players.

### Appointment of a Youth Sub-Group

Further to the 2015 #GAAyouth Forum, delegates (aged 17 – 21) were invited to make an application to become members of a representative sub-group. On foot of applications received a total of 8 members of the sub-group were identified and first met in January 2016.

## Comhairliú don Óige

### Youth Consultation (continued)

The sub-group has three key objectives:

- To review and report on the Youth Forum to GAA Congress 2016;
- To undertake a Project based upon the theme of the Youth Forum and the issues identified as part of same;
- To input into the selection of the theme for the Youth Forum in 2016 and advise on its organisation.

The sub-group will meet approximately 6 times during 2016 and they will play a crucial role in consulting with the Committee regarding future activities and events.

#### MODELS OF YOUTH CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT

Aside from the annual Forum, the Youth Consultation Committee is tasked with researching and recommending models of ‘best practice’ and existing mechanisms – both within the GAA and in other organisations - through which young people can express their views and become involved in all aspects of the GAA e.g. administration, coaching, playing etc. It is crucial to have regard for existing GAA structures and to ensure that any models that are developed, adopted or adapted are truly fit-for-purpose and will be sustainable in the long-term. The research and development of proposals will be a key focus for the Committee in 2016.

#### RECOGNITION BY THE GOVERNMENT

As part of the Government’s National Strategy on Children & Young People’s Participation in Decision-Making (2015 – 2020), specific reference was made to the participation structures that the Association has established and the actions of the GAA to date was acknowledged as a best practice blueprint that other sporting organisations can emulate. This recognition is a testament to the efforts of the previous and current Committee members. While there is a significant programme of work ahead, it is reassuring to know that to date the activities undertaken have been so well-received.

Brían Ó Cearbhaill

Caoimhe Ní Néill

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**RÚNAÍ**

## Coiste Stair History

The Committee held seven meetings.

### Committee Members

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Noel Treacy (Gaillimh - Cathaoirleach)

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Gary Carville (Muineachán)

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Dónal McAnallen (Tír Eoghan)

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Liam Ó Laochdha (Corcaigh)

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Damien White (Uíbh Fhailí)

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Brian Howley (An Clár)

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Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh (Luimneach)

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Ann Marie Smith (Áth Cliath)

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Mark Reynolds (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)

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### POLICY ADVICE SHEET

The Committee prepared and submitted a Policy Advice Sheet to An Coiste Bainistíochta on the use of GAA property for commemorations of a historical nature.

### 2015 – 2018 COMMEMORATIONS

The Committee prepared a list of centenaries relevant to the GAA that are occurring during the period 2015 – 2018, and submitted recommendations to An Coiste Bainistíochta as to how the GAA should commemorate these centenaries.

### FIRST WORLD WAR

The Committee is actively considering how best the GAA could / should mark the role that numerous GAA members fought in the First World War.

### GAELIC SUNDAY

The Committee feels that as Gaelic Sunday (1918) was the one major act solely organised and executed by the GAA, a fitting commemoration should take place on its centenary in August 2018. The Committee is actively looking at ways of achieving this.

Noel Treacy

Mark Reynolds

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## Comhairle do Chumann agus do Chontaetha Club & County Advice

The Club and County Advice Committee met on seven occasions during 2015, the membership and attendance at meetings were as follows:

Committee Members	Attendance
Tomás Ó Raghallaigh (An Cabhán - Cathaoirleach)	7
Deáglan Ó Buachain (Liatroim)	4
Pádraig Ó Neachtain (Maigh Eó)	1
Gearóid Caomhánach (Laois)	2
Roibeard Ó Rinn (Corcaigh)	7
Antóin Ó Dubhshlaine (Laois)	1
Seán Óg Mac an tSaoir (An Dún)	5
Seán Ó hEidhin (Gaillimh)	2
Gearóid Ó Rois (Ard Mhacha)	7
Lorena Ní Cheallaigh (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	7

The aim of the Committee is to create an awareness of the expertise and resources available to assist Counties and Clubs and develop and implement a club support programme that will facilitate continuous improvement.

### LÁ NA GCLUBANNA

In 2016, the GAA plans to celebrate the importance of the club in the community.

Lá na gClubanna will take place on Sunday, 8th May, 2016. Counties have been asked to keep the morning and afternoon fixture free to enable all members to fully participate in this event.

A booklet containing information on organising the day, activities, budgeting & fundraising and volunteers has been produced and will be circulated to all counties and clubs.

### VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

To support the continued growth of our clubs the committee are developing a recruitment programme to attract and retain our members.

Various qualitative and quantitative research has been conducted. At a recent youth forum our youth members were asked to participate in a survey to evaluate the factors that influence our young people to volunteer.

The programme is expected to be launched in spring 2016.

### CLUB SUPPORT PROGRAMME

GAA Club Executives were asked to participate in a survey in order to assist the Club and County Advice Committee to evaluate the effectiveness of our services and support structures. The survey included questions on common areas of concern and challenges facing our Clubs.

Based on the feedback from the survey, the Club and County Advice Committee will assist and direct clubs and to develop and implement a club support programme that advises clubs on governance, underage structures and continuous improvement at club level.

### BUÍOCHAS

Thank you to all committee members for their input and also to those who have interacted with the committee over the period.

Tomás Ó Raghallaigh

Lorena Ní Cheallaigh

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**RÚNAÍ**

## Áiseanna, Sláinte agus Sábháilteacht National Facilities/Health & Safety

The full National Facilities/Health & Safety Committee has met 7 on occasions since their appointment; there have been other Sub-Committee meetings in relation to the workings of the Committee.

In addition to the formal meetings, both the Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí meet with NIC Project Engineers, Frank Murray and Denis Rocks and National Financial Management Committee (NFMC) members to review capital project progress. Site visits are regular and Committee members are kept abreast of developments through summary reports. The role of the NIC Project Engineer is to ensure that infrastructural developments are aligned with best practice and represent good value for money to the Association. Frank and Denis are to be commended for their work and contributions to the National Facilities/Health & Safety Committee.

### Committee Members

Pádraig Ó Téacháin (Uibh Fhailí - Cathaoirleach)

Conchur Ó hAodha Gaillimh )

Deiric Ceannt (Loch Garman)

Micheál Ó Tuathail (Baile Átha Cliath)

Adrian Ó hAiseadha (Comhairle Chonnachta)

Ciarán Mac Cana (Corcaigh)

Ciarán Ó Lideadha (Comhairle na Mumhan)

Stiofán Mac Gaoithín (Comhairle Uladh)

Pól Ó Mescill (Tír Eoghain)

Antóin Mag Aonghusa (Páirc an Chrócaigh)

Tomás Ó Riain (Páirc an Chrócaigh)

Sinéad Nic Con Shléibhne (Páirc an Chrócaigh)

Fergal Armas (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)

### SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The National Facilities/ Health & Safety committee combines the roles previously undertaken by the National Infrastructure & the National Health & Safety Committee. The responsibilities of the committee are split between Facilities and Health & Safety, as follows;

#### FACILITIES

- Inform Association policy & Develop best practice guidelines with regard to future development in playing, training and spectating infrastructure
- Evaluate and appraise all national, provincial and county infrastructure projects and make appropriate recommendations to Coiste Bainistíochta
- Provide advice and guidance to the National Financial

Management Committee when that body is considering capital funding applications for infrastructure projects.

- Provide advice and guidance to units with regard to all aspects of the development, re-development & upkeep of National Stadiums, County Grounds, Secondary County Grounds and County Training Grounds / Centres
- All units must apply to National Facilities/Health & Safety committee for approval for any material change carried out to County Grounds, Secondary County Grounds and County Training Centres.
- Organise best practice workshop in the area of pitch maintenance, building on the successful one held in 2014.

#### HEALTH & SAFETY

- Carry out Health & Safety audits and site visits to ensure compliance with best practice standards in particular the Code of Practice for Safety at Sports Grounds and assist and advise Ground Management where any non-conformances are identified
- Develop and make available best practice guidelines and policies, in conjunction with the Risk & Insurance Committee, in respect of Health & Safety & Event Management in all GAA facilities.
- Carry out a review of existing Health & Welfare provisions at county grounds and secondary county grounds with a particular focus on toilet facilities with the aim of upgrading those which fall below acceptable standards.
- Provide support and guidance, in conjunction with the Risk & Insurance Committee to Provincial and County Health, Safety and Development Committees.

#### TRAINING

- Oversee delivery of independently accredited training courses in Event Controlling and Stewarding in every county which is accessible to all relevant stakeholders including Event Controllers, Safety Officers and Stewards.

#### BUÍOCHAS

I wish to thank all of the members of the committee for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

Pádraig Ó Téacháin

Fergal Armas

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**RÚNAÍ**

## Leigheas, Eolaíoch agus Leas Medical, Scientific & Welfare

Ainm	7 Meetings
Gearóid Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann – Cathaoirleach)	7
Oisín Mac Conmhaoil (Ard Mhacha)	2
Cathal Ó Mórdha (Gaillimh)	4
Dr. Edwenia Ní Máille (Maigh Eo)	7
Dr. Pádraig Ó Neill (Áth Cliath)	7
An tUas. Caoimhín Ó Móráin (Dún na nGall)	6
Deasún Ó Fearail (Áth Cliath)	6
Feargal Mac Giolla (Páirc an Chrócaigh)	6
Dr. Críonna Ní Tóibín (Gaillimh)	3
Eanna Mac An Ultaigh (Ard Mhaca)	4
Dr. Eoghan de Suin (Doire)	4
An tOllamh Niall Ó Muíneach (Muineacháin)	4
Eanna Mac Fhionnaile (Tír Eoghain)	4
Gearóid Mac Daibhéid (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	7

### REMIT

The Medical, Scientific, and Welfare Committee was established in 2004 and its members include medical doctors, chartered physiotherapists, ex-managers, ex-players, researchers, administrators and a representative of the Gaelic Players Association. The core responsibility of this Committee is to advise the Association on medical and general welfare matters relevant to our games and to drive Association policy in these areas.

The new committee, which was formed last April has established 6 sub-groups to focus on the following priority areas:

- Medical Costs
- Concussion
- Anti-Doping, Nutrition & Supplements
- Injury Management
- “Burnout”
- Lifestyle Choices

The main areas of activity for 2015 are summarised below:

### ANTI-DOPING

The MSWC continues to work closely with Sport Ireland and the GPA to educate players and their support personnel on key areas of the GAA’s anti-doping programme. Initiatives included the continued roll-out of the anti-doping e-learning course, the distribution of wallet cards to Inter-County players and the briefing of Team Doctors.

In terms of the testing programme, Sport Ireland tested 95 players in 2015 both in and out of competition which one positive test. Players from 26 panels were tested with some panels tested on multiple occasions. The number of missed tests due to a lack of communication between Counties and the Sports Council was 3 in 2015.

The positive test during the year has highlighted the need for greater education and awareness across the association as all members are subject to the Irish Anti-Doping Rules. To this end, the Anti-Doping workgroup has formulated a new four year Anti-Doping Education Strategy for the association which will cover all levels of the association. The main focus of this in 2016 will be the Senior Inter-County scene with further initiatives planned to cater for all levels of the association in the following three years. As part of the strategy, members of the committee and GPA staff have undergone Anti-Doping Tutor Training and are available to present to any panel on request. Four provincial workshops are planned for early 2016 for Senior Inter-County Managements and Medical teams.

From January 1st 2016, blood testing will also be utilised in addition to urine testing by Sport Ireland in testing Senior Inter-County players. Throughout 2015 a communications plan has been implemented in conjunction with Sport Ireland and the GPA to ensure all stakeholders are aware of its introduction.

### CONCUSSION EDUCATION

In addition to the continued promotion of the association’s Concussion Management Guidelines and E-Learning course to increase awareness in relation to Concussion, the concussion workgroup has created a new communications plan which will include

- Presentation to doctors and physios at GAA Medical Conference
- Presentation to coaches at Games Development Conference
- Present to Senior Inter-County Managements and Medical teams at Provincial Workshops.
- Education of Club Referees (Current Referees and new Recruits)
- Further rollout of national workshop for coach educations tutors

Rún 13 at An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2015 proposed the introduction of a temporary substitute to allow a player suspected of concussion to be removed from play on the instruction of the referee, tested for concussion and only allowed to return to play following a negative result to the test. Comhdháil referred the motion to the MSWC for consideration.

## Leigheas, Eolaíoch agus Leas Medical, Scientific & Welfare (continued)

The MSWC has recommended to An Choiste Bainistí that

- CLG should not introduce a concussion sub as the committee is of the opinion that the introduction of such a sub would contradict the current guidelines which state a player suspected of concussion should be removed from play and not resume play that day. Concussion is a brain injury and should be treated extremely serious as the potential consequences of returning to play after suffering a concussion are fatal.
- The current concussion guidelines continue to apply with ongoing monitoring and review by the MSW Committee.
- The focus of CLG with regard to Concussion should be the continued education of all members of the association.
- That there is no need to introduce independent doctors given our high levels of confidence in the professionalism, integrity and independence of our team doctors who carry out their duties in the best interests of our players and their ongoing welfare.

### INJURY MANAGEMENT

Since 2006, the MSW Committee in conjunction with the School of Public Health, Physiotherapy & Population Science in UCD has been running a National Injury Database which has given us an injury profile of elite Gaelic footballers and hurlers. One of the main successes of the database is the development of the GAA 15. The GAA 15 is an injury prevention warm-up which aims to drastically reduce lower limb injuries. The programme is similar to an internationally incorporated programme called the FIFA 11+, a scientific study involving which demonstrated that players who did it twice a week before training and games had 30-50% fewer lower limb injuries. The intervention's implementation plan has been revised as part of the Injury Management subgroups focus over the next three years.

The most recent report from the National Injury Database has shown:

- Over 55% of injuries across both codes occur in matches
- Over 78% of injuries across both codes were acute/impact injuries.
- Lower limb injuries account for over 79% in football and 69% in hurling
- The number of injuries per season was slightly higher for football teams (41.1) compared to hurling teams (38.8)

### GAA YOUTH CONGRESS

The Committee was invited by the Youth Committee to run a workshop as part of the GAA Youth Congress last November. Topics covered by the Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí included Concussion, Anti-Doping, Cardiac Screening and Defibrillator Awareness for those in attendance. Talks on Nutrition and Strength and Conditioning were also part of the programme for the event.

### PLAYER WELFARE MENTORS

The aim of appointing Player Welfare Mentors is to provide support and mentoring to young players between the ages of 15 and 22 years in County Squads. At the start of 2015, two counties volunteered to run a pilot programme for the year and nominated Player Welfare Mentors. Each Mentor attended a workshop in their county which was delivered by the Corke Park Player Welfare Officer. The mentors were also supplied with a template presentation for use in engaging with Development Squads / Minor Panels and their parents. A similar programme was also run concurrently in every Ulster county by the Ulster Council which was co-ordinated by Ryan Mellon.

Following a review of the pilot programme it is recommended that a provincial template based on the Ulster model be made available to all other provinces with close links to the provincial and county coaching and games development structures.

### DEFIBRILLATORS

Automated External Defibrillators which would have been purchased by clubs at the beginning of the GAA Defibrillator Scheme in 2007 may now be approaching the expiry of their warranty.

A defibrillator exchange programme is in operation with HeartSafety Solutions whereby a further €100 reduction off the discounted GAA Club prices is available when the clubs 'trade-in' an old defibrillator. The club, in exchange for their old unit, gets a brand new defibrillator with 10 Year warranty. All clubs are regularly reminded to make sure their unit is Accessible, Charged and that club members are trained in its use.

Gearóid Ó Riain

Gearóid Mac Daibhéid

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## Gaa Domhanda

### World GAA

The International Development Committee conducted 4 meetings in 2015 (2 via conference call). The membership and attendance at meetings were as follows:

Committee Members	4 Meetings
Aogán Ó Feargail (Uachtarán CLG - Cathaoirleach)	4
Páraic Ó Dufaigh (Ard Stiúrthóir)	4
Máirtín MacAibhne (Comhairle Uladh)	4
Roibeard Mac an tSeaca (Comhairle na Mumhan)	4
Seán Ó hÓráin (Comhairle Laighean)	4
Mícheál Mac Concharraige (Comhairle Connachta)	4
Seán MacEacaidh (Comhairle na Breataine)	4
Seosamh Trolan (An Áis)	4
Gearóid Mac Siomóin (Meiriceá Thuaidh)	4
Labhrás Ó Cártaigh (Nua Eabhrac)	4
Séamas Ó Cinnéide (Meán-Oirthear)	4
Séamas Ó Suilleabháin (An Astrail/Nua-Shéalainn)	4
Brían MacScolóige (Canada)	4
Briain Ó Síoda (An Eoraip)	3
Pádraig Ó Dálaigh (Páirc an Chrócaigh)	4
Áine Uí Ghibne (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	4

#### WORLD GAMES 2015

From 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015, Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates hosted the inaugural GAA World Games, which witnessed the best footballers and hurlers from Canada, the USA, Asia, the Middle East, South Africa, Australasia, South America and Continental Europe competing for the honour of winning the title of International GAA World Champions.

The weekend commenced on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March with a World Business Forum. Keynote speakers at the Forum represented the world of business and GAA including Aogán Ó Fearghail (Uachtarán CLG); James Hogan (CEO of Etihad); Colm McLoughlin (Dubai Duty Free Executive Vice Chairman), and Jimmy Deenihan TD (Minister for the Diaspora). Run in conjunction with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Enterprise Ireland, Invest Northern Ireland and the Irish Embassies and Business Networks in the Region, the Forum provided a focus for potential business opportunities in the region – in particular industries such as Food and Agribusiness, ICT, Real Estate, Medical and Financial Sectors.

The Games commenced in earnest on the 6th March. In total the tournament featured international teams from over eight different international units playing Gaelic Football and Ladies

Football. On Day 1 the teams were broken into groups where they undertook qualifiers and play-offs with the victorious teams proceeding to the Finals of the World Games on Day 2. Simultaneously a local Middle Eastern Tournament – embracing all playing codes – was held and included Gaelic Football, Hurling, Camogie, Rounders and Handball as well as an exhibition of one wall handball and Iomáin exhibition. Furthermore, on the final day there was also a Youth Gaelic Football competition. This demonstrated the ever-growing popularity of Gaelic Football in schools across the Gulf Region.

This celebration of Irish sporting culture was also accompanied by displays of Irish music, song and dance on both evenings of the tournament. Finally, the closing ceremony with the presentation of the World Cups took place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of March and also included the selection of the first ever GAA World All Stars Team.

With over 400 Clubs worldwide outside of Ireland, the World Games was a unique opportunity for the cream of the crop in each International Unit to represent their Country or Region on a global stage. In addition to providing a networking platform for the Irish and international business community, it also brought the Irish Diaspora together and was an opportunity to share our culture and heritage on a world stage with many nationalities around the world. Furthermore, it was an occasion for recognising those who volunteer to develop our National Games internationally. In particular the efforts of the organising team in the Middle East Board must be acknowledged in this context. As the newest county board in the GAA family, the Middle East Board and its Officers displayed an incredible level of commitment, innovation and vision by bringing the International Units together from the four corners of the world for the first time in the GAA's history.

Ultimately the World Games reflected the essence of the concluding comments by the UCD Clinton Institute in its report 'Supporting the Next Generation of the Irish Diaspora':

"During several research trips... it soon became clear that the GAA is highly distinctive if not unique in its engagement with all segments of the global Irish. Apart from providing instant and therapeutic connections with a sense of home, it has also taken on a networking role that is invaluable both to older and newer segments of the Irish diaspora.

Examples emerging during this research of the capacity of the GAA to bring the Irish community together, across socioeconomic or demographic divides, points to the organisation as a driver in breaking down barriers to participation within Irish communities abroad. Whether in Australia, Asia or Argentina, the GAA has replaced the Irish pub as the central cultural hub through which all generations of Irish meet, network and share their lives"

## Gaa Domhanda

### World GAA (continued)

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GAA INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Progressing the work of the previous International Development Committee, the World GAA Committee was tasked with finalising the details surrounding the establishment of an International Council.

The requirement for an International Council has long been acknowledged particularly in the context of the legal status of the GAA's International Units and Clubs, as well as the financial implications of same e.g. the legal capacity to open a bank account for a registered International GAA club; the eligibility of International Units or Clubs to apply for state funding in their regions etc.

Throughout 2015 the specifics of the International Council were the subject of discussions and review by the World GAA Committee e.g. objectives; membership; areas of competence; annual meeting. After significant consideration the following was proposed:

#### OBJECTIVES

- To develop a strategy for the future of Gaelic Games internationally on a periodical basis (no less than every three years) as agreed by the Board of the International Council;
- To research, develop and disseminate effective practices and processes in terms of governance, organisation, funding, planning and the operation of Gaelic Games internationally;
- To coordinate and regulate the development and promotion of Gaelic Games internationally;
- To do all such other things that are incidental to, or as the International Council may think conducive to, the attainment of all or any of the above objects

#### MEMBERSHIP

- As of the 2016 Annual Meeting of the International Council, it shall be comprised of eight International Units: Asia; Australasia; Britain; Canada; Europe; Middle East; North America; New York.

#### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- The Areas of Competence of the Board of the International Council are as follows: Governance; Administration; Competitions; Facilities; Finance; Games Development; Marketing & Sponsorship; Partnerships.
- The International Units (Member Bodies) have responsibility for practical application of policies within the competencies of the International Council. The Board and Member Bodies can avail of the support of their Twinning Partners in respect of same.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

An annual meeting of the International Council shall be held in conjunction with the GAA Annual Congress.

It is hoped that the establishment of the International Council will same will serve to assist the International Units to capitalise on their full development potential in a sustainable manner through providing a framework for collaborative collaboration and knowledge sharing between the GAA's International Units.

#### WORLD GAMES 2016

Having regard for the success of the inaugural World Games in 2015, it is intended to host the second World Games in 2016. In order to mark the Centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising, the World Games will take place in Ireland and will be a celebration of Irish culture – Gaelic games, music and dance. The World Games will take place from the 7th to the 14th August in Dublin commencing with an opening ceremony held in conjunction with the All Ireland Senior Hurling Semi-Finals.

## Gaa Domhanda

### World GAA (continued)

Similar to the 2015 World Games, it is intended that the 2016 GAA World Games will comprise of a Gaelic Games tournament, cultural events and networking opportunities. The tournament will focus on Gaelic Football and Ladies Football. In both the Gaelic Football and Ladies Football competitions there will be two separate tiers i.e. a tournament for teams with Irish born players and a tournament for teams with exclusively non-Irish born players. It is proposed that each team will have a panel of 13 players and based upon the 2015 Games, a minimum of 33 teams (17 men's and 16 ladies' teams) from across the GAA's 8 International Units and beyond will participate, with teams representing:

- Europe
- Asia
- Canada
- North America
- New York
- Middle East
- Australasia
- Britain
- Galicia
- Brittany
- Argentina
- South Africa

In order to maximise the community spirit it is also proposed that teams from each of these Units would be twinned with 'host' Clubs here in Ireland who will invite them to train at their Club facilities and act as their supporters over the course of the week. In 2015 the Business Forum which preceded the tournament was attended by over 150 delegates and provided a key networking opportunity. It would be intended to diversify and grow this aspect of the Games in 2016 through hosting a Connectivity Forum with a significant emphasis on the Irish Diaspora, Tourism and Sport.

Aogán Ó Fearghail

Áine Uí Ghibne

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## Árachas agus Bainistíocht Riosca Insurance & Risk Management

The National Risk & Insurance Committee met on 4 occasions during the year 2015.

Committee Members	4 Meetings
Sheamus O Howlin (Lough Garman - Cathaoirleach)	4
Micheál Ó Donnchú (Ciarraí)	3
Sean Ó Brion (Comhairle Laighean)	3
Kieran O' Leide (Comhairle na Mumhan)	4
Adrian Ó h-Aiseada (Comhairle Chonnachta)	4
Michelle Nic Giolla Uidhi (Comhairle Uladh)	1
Aodh Ó Raghallaigh (An Cabhán)	3
R. Mac Lannchaidh (Áth Cliath)	4
Pádraig S. Ó Maoldúin (Muigheo)	4
Padraig Seo Rianin (Port Lairge)	3
Tomás Ó Riain (Páirc an Chrócaigh)	2
Ciaran Whelan (Baile Atha Cliath)	1
Aodán Mac Mhuirneacháin (Áth Cliath)	2
Sinéad Ní Chonshléibhe (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	4

The main focus of the GAA Insurance and Injury Scheme Work Group can be considered under the following headings:

- Monitor, review and update the GAA Players Injury benefit Fund including all financial and procedural arrangements.
- Evaluate and maintain systems and procedures for the GAA Liability programme.
- Ensure that the GAA Property insurance programme is well maintained and upgraded as required and where possible.
- Promote Risk Management at all levels of the Association including effective administration at club and county level via the County Administrator programme.
- Ensure an effective claims administration process for all aspects of the GAA insurance programme
- Be available to advise all units of the association on GAA Insurance matters.

### PLAYERS INJURY BENEFIT FUND

The Injury Scheme was rebranded the GAA Injury Benefit Fund and the summary document and Club manual updated. The terms and conditions of the Fund are unchanged and the name change was implemented to reinforce the message that the Injury Fund is a fund with finite resources.

The significant changes to the benefit levels provided by the Fund introduced in 2010 continue to have the desired cost saving effect. Claim numbers have remained consistent at just over 6,000 a year due in part to the removal of high frequency covers such as pre-operative expenses.

The introduction of the compulsory wearing of helmets and mouthguard for all ages has resulted in a reduction in claims. In 2015 claims for facial dental injuries in football have fallen by 40% for the comparable period in 2013.

In 2014 the Injury Fund reward rebate incentive was continued in 2015. €600,000 was made available from central funds and was distributed across qualifying counties and clubs in counties who were net contributors to the Injury Fund in 2014.

All 32 counties were eligible for consideration in this reward rebate and in 2015 13 counties qualified for inclusion versus 10 in 2013. The qualifying counties are Carlow, Clare, Cork, Donegal, Galway, Kerry, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Mayo, Meath, Offaly and Westmeath.

The qualifying criteria was that a county had to be a net contributor to the scheme in 2014, plus a minimum of 75% of clubs had to have completed registration and paid subscriptions by March 31. A number of counties who were net contributors to the scheme failed to qualify as they did not meet the registration deadline criteria.

Cover under the Injury scheme runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31 annually and payment of subscriptions is due at Jan 1. However to ease the burden on clubs and to facilitate clubs in the collection of funds a maximum of 3 month credit period is extended. Many counties have implemented deadline dates of earlier than March 31 and enforce a strict no pay no play rule and they all achieve complete registration on or before March 31.

The Britain Injury fund has a 100% record in completion of registration and payment of subscriptions. All clubs in Britain are paid and registered by January 1.

In 2015 the upward trend and improvement of registration and subscription payment compliance plateaued with 13 counties having all clubs registered and paid for Player Injury scheme at March 31, 2015. This was the same as 2014. In 2015 the committee instructed Willis to return to clubs claims submitted with a date of injury prior to completion of registration. A large number of counties continue to permit clubs to field when registration for Injury Fund is not complete. This is not acceptable and negates the efforts of counties who have enforced forfeit of games when registration is not complete. Extra vigilance is required in this area and all counties have access to the online registration system Servasport to enable them to verify registration status. A large number of counties do not access the system and use it to verify that clubs are registered. They also do not use the reports issued on a regular basis by the Risk and Insurance Manager detailing registration status of clubs.

## Árachas agus Bainistíocht Riosca Insurance & Risk Management (continued)

Claims are not processed by the Fund administrators Willis where registration is not completed and subscriptions paid by the due date. This has a negative impact on players and leads to delays in reimbursements to clubs and members at a time when financial difficulties are very much to the fore for all members and clubs. Counties need to encourage compliance in registration and submission of subscriptions.

The Injury Fund is only in place to supplement an individual members own covers, however most members do not have access to alternative cover and therefore rely on the Injury Fund as a primary cover. Units who permit members to play when they are not covered by the fund may expose the unit to a legal claim for compensation. The Liability Programme will not provide an indemnity for noncompliance to the terms of the Injury fund. This means units could potentially be exposed to legal costs and compensation costs which would have to be met from Clubs own funds.

The rebate across the qualifying counties ranged in size from €1,100 per club max to €700 per club min and has been applied as a discount on 2015 team subscriptions due in respect of qualifying clubs in qualifying counties.

Injury scheme registration is fully up and running via the online registration system and the efficiencies of centralised data are continuing. Refresher and new user training is required on the system and the National Officer Training committee will roll out delivery of training across counties in 2015.

The Injury Fund online reporting system was rolled out in 2014. User uptake has been very poor and the Committee will continue to work with the fund administrators to increase usage of the system. Only 2 counties engaged in an active promotion of the system. The system was developed following feedback from Club Officer Information nights and requests from clubs for a more accessible means to report and track claims. Major financial and time investments were made to develop the system and due to the very poor participation further enhancements to the system cannot be justified.

The system if utilised to full potential will reduce the burden and workload on club officers and allow for easier transfer of club officer roles.

Increased validation of claims and continued audit of the average claim numbers and payments across all units continues in conjunction with Willis. This has led to an increase in the identification of fraudulent claims submitted to the fund and sanctions will continue to be applied to units. A document on the regulations governing the Injury Fund was formulated with the input of Rules Advisory to ensure terms are consistent with other central rules processes.

Audits continue to highlight fraudulent claims occurring

where members sought benefit to which they were not entitled from the scheme and includes the non- declaration of Private Medical Insurance cover, non-declaration of employers sick pay schemes, inconsistencies in the number of training v playing injuries reported by units, non-GAA injuries being reported to the fund, claims submitted for matches which are not official GAA fixtures. This increased validation and investigation will continue across 2016.

Clubs and members continue to view the Fund as an insurance cover which is in place to cover all expenses. The Club officer information and training events provide the key opportunity for the delivery of Injury Fund overview and cover details. Counties should encourage all clubs to attend these events as they are highly beneficial to clubs.

In the 3rd quarter of 2015 the Committee began a process to review the operation of the fund in conjunction with Medical Scientific and Welfare committee. In advance of this process the Committee met with a number of committees to gather information and feedback on the Fund and its current operation. This will form the basis of the next phase of the review to be undertaken and the assistance of all contributors to the meetings is greatly appreciated by the Committee. Further updates in regards to this review will be communicated by early to mid- 2016.

### GAA LIABILITY PROGRAMME

In 2015 Garwyn Ireland the appointed GAA loss assessors however in 2015 they rebranded as Davis Ireland. This has no effect on the current arrangements in place and David Ireland continue to effectively manage the investigation of all incidents where legal proceedings are being pursued.

Ireland continues to have a very active claims culture and in part driven by the economic climate an increase in personal injury claims trends across all industries and activities continues. The full effect of the amendments to the Finance Act and the introduction of Recovery of Certain Benefits and Assistance (RCBA) by the Department of Social Welfare plus new court limits as a result of the personal solvency bill are now clearly being felt by the Association.

Insurance Premium renewals are secured mainly based on the prior 5 year claims experience. The number of personal injury claims being pursued by persons against the Association has continued to increase and at Sept 30, 2014 the Association had 329 active claims. Claims costs and expenses at Sept 30 increased by €2 million versus the same figure at renewal 2014. This had the effect of a loss of €700,000 to the Insurance fund.

In addition renewal could only be secured with a significant premium increase and unlike in the prior 3 years accumulated funds could not be utilised to offset the premium increase

## Árachas agus Bainistíocht Riosca Insurance & Risk Management (continued)

The highest number of personal injury claims pursued continue to arise from claims which could have been avoided or minimised if clubs and counties had adopted very basic risk management and controls. Many GAA Units have undertaken a much more proactive approach to risk management and control of activities and proactively report activities and maintain records. Unfortunately a large number of units are completely failing to address control over activities and use of property. Little or no documentation is in place to assist in investigation and to support defence of claims.

Of critical concern to the committee is the continued deterioration of claim trends arising from the use of GAA properties for non-GAA Associated activities and the provision of use of GAA facilities to Third parties organisations and groups.

It has previously been communicated and acknowledged that there has been huge investment by GAA clubs in their facilities over the last 10-15 years. This is most welcome as we seek to make our facilities as attractive as possible to encourage greater participation. However as a result of this investment many clubs built facilities which they also make available for Non GAA Associated use by members and / or non-members.

The GAA plays an important role in the communities of Ireland but this provision of facilities can only be undertaken in the context of a well-managed well laid out process operating to a clear set of standards. Unfortunately, the claims trends highlight that this has not been adhered to in recent years and has resulted in the GAA having to pay out in excess of €3 million in liability claims over the last 6 years solely in respect of claims arising from Non GAA associated use of our facilities.

The situation is now critical and the continued provision of cover for such activities via the central insurance cover is under serious threat of discontinuation. The future viability of provision of our facilities for non-GAA use has been called into question as claims data indicates that units in the absence of seeking proof of other insurance are in default assuming risks that are not ours and are unmanaged.

The Committee has encountered difficulty in securing data from a large number of counties. Full co-operation from all counties will be required and an examination of the procedures in place on the ground by GAA clubs in respect of the use of their facilities for non-core GAA activity. Without the assistance and engagement of all counties in this review the viability of continuation of for all units cannot be secured.

During 2015 an Insurance Information presentation were delivered by Willis or GAA Risk & Insurance Manager in 20 counties. The training evenings provide a face to face opportunity to deliver overview of cover, deliver key messages and improve knowledge amongst club officers in understanding

the Injury Fund, Insurance policy coverages and improving risk management at properties and across all activities. The club manual and Insurance Summary document have been updated to assist clubs in accessing details on cover. The broker declarations extended to a two page document in 2014 was further enhanced for 2015.

Key messages continue to be communicated by use of the GAA email system, Club newsletter, GAA E Learning Portal and websites. Willis the GAA appointed brokers have gaa dedicated emails in place and standard documentation is in place to assist clubs in implementing controls. The Committee and Willis Risk Management department have a GAA H&S template in place to be adopted by all clubs. Club officer training evenings continue to assist in strengthening improvements in risk management practices across all units.

However it is noted that the same clubs request and attend training year and year and in many counties a number of clubs have never sent representation to the information evenings. The Committee has engaged with the National Officer Training Committee for assistance in enhancing the presentation methods used at information evenings. Due to the critical status of the Insurance programme it will be essential officer training is provided in all counties in 2016 and that all clubs send representation. This will be supplemented with targeted site visits to clubs with a specific focus on units with facilities to support non-GAA activity and use of facilities.

Lá na gClub is proposed for May 2016 and guidelines on staging of events has been included in the information booklet issued to clubs. There is a complete ban on the use of Hired amusements and in particular inflatables on all GAA Grounds and at GAA Events. Clubs who utilise such activities at club events or on GAA property will not be covered for the staging of any aspect of the event or activity.

The Premium allocation to units for 2015-16 remains unchanged from previous years with a minimum charge applied across all covers and the balance of each premiums allocated 30% on the number of clubs in a county and 70% based on a the 5 years claims experience on which renewal terms were secured.

### GAA PROPERTY INSURANCE PROGRAMME

A large loss reported at the end of 2014 had a very negative impact on the claims experience for the year resulting in further deterioration in the loss ratio. 2015 also saw the Property claims experience return to a loss with a loss ratio of 110% experienced for the year.

Claims following storm damage to ball stop nets continues to generate a significant amount of claims. The provision of this cover is outside usual property policy cover as property in the open is a general policy exclusion. Cover has been retained

## Árachas agus Bainistíocht Riosca Insurance & Risk Management (continued)

for 2015-16 but with an increased excess. A large number of reported losses were declined by insurers as the structures in place were not supplied by specialised contractors and the structures in place were not fit for purpose. Insurers will continue to decline claims for property losses where adequate maintenance and upkeep is not in place and / or where the property is not fit for purpose. Property Insurance is not in place to act as a maintenance programme. Clubs must be proactive in maintaining and replacing equipment as cover cannot be provided for losses occurring as a result of poor installation and / or wear and tear and / or lack of maintenance and upkeep of property.

Clubs who have invested heavily in developing properties must remain vigilant in protecting property when weather warnings are issued. Freeze prevention guidelines, and flood best practice guideline have been issued to all units and notifications in advance of adverse weather will continue to be issued.

The extreme weather conditions experienced in prior year continued into 2015 and 2016 and they are once again set to have a negative impact on the loss ratio of the Associations property risk. Unfortunately this is a situation that is likely to continue to affect our claims experience.

### RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

All clubs must have a current safety statement in place and the GAA Willis template has been adopted as the only accepted document to meet this requirement. However when reviewing claims experience clubs are not putting documentation in place and they are not updating to reflect the specific activities and risks at their own location. This is further negatively impacting on the liability claims experience. We are not proactively reviewing activities and implementing controls even the most basic such as implementing incident books, and cleaning rotas at clubs.

The GAA Willis H&S statement template includes an annual inspection checklist to assist clubs in identifying risks and documenting controls required.

As previously advised the committee will require all provinces and counties to support the club by club review of facilities and controls to be undertaken in 2016. The establishment of Provincial and County Health and Safety committees has had a very positive effect in promoting initiatives at county grounds and around match day activity. Yet there continues to be a great need to replicate this at club level and for non-match day activity. The National Health & Safety Committee working closely with the Risk & Insurance committee will continue to educate and promote Risk management across all activities.

### CHALLENGES AHEAD

1. The GAA Players Injury Fund is funded to meet the current claim trends. However the fund is not entirely self-sufficient and without the contribution from Central council gates receipts the fund would not meet the current cost of claims submitted annually. The fund has grown from very humble beginnings in 1929 to claims costs and expenses of near €9m per annum. The fund was never intended to fully compensate our playing members for injury but is only in place to supplement other schemes such as Personal Accident or Health Insurance. However the claims trend shows that more and more members rely solely on the Injury fund as their only protection in the event of accidental injury whilst playing GAA. The deterioration of participation in Private Health Insurance and the reduction of covers by those retaining cover has placed an increased burden on the fund and members. New regulations in relation to public sick pay entitlements have also impacted on members and the fund. The Injury fund is not intended to fully compensate but there is a lack of awareness among members of the cover and the benefit limitations and continued education is needed.
2. The GAA Injury Fund online reporting system is operational but usage has been very poor. The Committee and Willis will continue to promote the system to clubs and enhancements will be introduced as usage increases and further feedback is obtained. Clubs who have not completed Player Injury Benefit Fund registration and submitted payment of subscriptions will not be covered by the fund and will be unable to register a claim to the system or direct with Willis.
3. To improve insurance knowledge and communication of key messages at county and club level. This will involve upskilling the incumbents and/or recruiting new personnel as appropriate. County club officer training and club officer training forums presentations will be updated with assistance from National Officer Training Committee. This will enhance the delivery of information and promote better take home learning experience for club officers. The financial costs of not adopting a proactive approach to risk management are feeding directly into the Association Insurance premium costs and all units have a role to play in improving this.

## Árachas agus Bainistíocht Riosca Insurance & Risk Management (continued)

4. Local delivery of key information on Insurance covers and the Injury Fund terms and conditions will be supplemented with access to on line information for GAA clubs and members. The club manual has been updated and many guides and standard templates are available to assist clubs in managing activities and implementing controls to ensure the safety of all users of club facilities.
5. Unless there is a serious improvement in the management of GAA property and the provision of property and facilities for Non GAA Activities we will not be able to secure cover. This will result in GAA grounds being made unavailable to other Third Party groups and for use by members for Non GAA activity. Activities include but are not limited to Use of all-weather facilities and pitches for private recreational use, Use of all-weather facilities and playing pitches by third party groups, Use of meeting rooms by Third Party Groups, Use of function rooms for private recreational activities. All Third Party Groups who wish to use GAA property for non-GAA activities must have their own insurance in place.

Sheamus Ó Howlin

Sinéad Ní Chonshléibhe

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## Cumarsaíd agus Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise

### IT & Communications

The I.T. Committee met on seven occasions in 2015. This included group conference calls.

Committee Members	Meetings
Déaglán Mac Giolla Choille (Cabán - Cathaoirleach)	
Éadbhaird Ó Donnaile (Thiobraid Árann)	
Tracey Ní Chinnéid (Chorcaí)	
Máirtín Ó hAllúráin (Mhí)	
Aodhán Mac Lochlainn (Maigh Eo)	
Seán Pól Mac Eochaidh (Laoise)	
Ailéin Mac Dónaill (Iarmhí)	
Lisa Nic Lannchaidh (Áth Cliath)	
Tomás Ó Miacháin (Gaillimh)	
Lisa Ní hEideáin (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	

As this committee covers two diverse areas namely IT and Communications, there are some very differing skill sets and interests within the group. Following our appointment, the committee had two full meetings before an evaluation process which clearly identified that in order to get the most from our time, it would be prudent to separate in to two working cells. In order to maintain a very close link both groups would share minutes and have a minimum of two full committee meetings per year aside from the individual group meetings. The groups would both share chairperson and secretary with CIO Tomás Meehan also on hand at all times necessary. In an effort to promote all available systems within the organisation there was a strong emphasis on the use of *Skype for Business* and conference calls when deemed more appropriate.

The following are details of the varying areas of action that ITCC have focused on to date.

#### IT GOVERNANCE & SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Given the wide variety of users of GAA Systems and their dispersed geographical locations, strong governance and management of the Association's IT systems, applications and information is required. Together with the GAA IT Department, the committee have been working to enhance IT governance structures across the Association. Guidance relating to information security and data protection requirements have been prepared and it is intended to include these important topics in officer training workshops in 2016. It is intended to build stronger links between the GAA IT Department and IT Officers at County and Club level. The work conducted to deliver the IT Officer Workshop and IT Officer Survey conducted in August 2015 will be built on to achieve this.

#### COMMITTEE SUPPORT IT INFRASTRUCTURE IN GROUNDS OUTSIDE CROKE PARK

The GAA IT department is available to provide assistance and guidance to other venues outside of Croke Park and it is intended to ensure that the basic IT infrastructure is in place at county grounds to enable services such as ticket scanning, CCTV, Public Address, Press / Media facilities and basic office functionality. A number of projects were undertaken in 2015, in consultation with the relevant personnel at County Board level and with the Infrastructure Committee. In an effort to ensure that grounds deemed suitable to host championship games in both the provincial and All-Ireland series provide an adequate level of facilities to support all communication and IT partner requirements, the committee assisted in the preparation of a grounds survey/audit document which every county IT Officer was invited to complete. This will be used to prioritise and schedule future work. Furthermore it is envisaged following approval that a minimum requirement standard document will be compiled and circulated thereafter.

#### CLUB WEBSITE SOLUTION

The Committee has undertaken an evaluation of the recently developed club website solution which provides a customisable website template, suitable for use by non-technical volunteers, to all clubs who wish to use it. There are some concerns over the level of uptake to date (155 clubs registered – 39 live) and this has led to discussion around and planning of concentrated promotion of same through county PRO network during the first quarter of 2016. It is intended to conduct an audit thereafter to ascertain results/progress in promoting the solution and to understand what, if any, identifiable barriers to its use exist.

#### PRO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Committee members assisted and contributed in the club PRO development programme design process. The aim of this is to ensure all of our PRO training is consistent in standard and covers all necessary areas. Module delivery will begin in January 2016.

#### GAA SCORING APP

Exploring the possibility and feasibility of creating and owning our own GAA scoring app. Following numerous discussions regarding the issue of scoring apps it was agreed that there were considerable benefits to the association owning and controlling its own version of same. A requirement audit was undertaken and a scheduled meeting with a supplier is planned for early 2016.

## Cumarsaíd agus Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise IT & Communications (continued)

### **GAA STRATEGIC PLAN/IT STRATEGY**

The committee conducted an in-depth review of the GAA Strategic Plan to identify the areas where IT input is to be undertaken and reflected in the IT Strategy. This will require continued involvement with the Strategic Plan Implementation group where regular updates on the progress of the IT Strategy will be communicated. It is intended to draft and share a comprehensive IT Strategy for the Association in 2016, as mandated in the overall Strategic Plan for the Association.

### **IT OFFICER FORUM /AVAILABLE IT SYSTEMS & SERVICES**

The committee identified a need to increase awareness relating to the IT systems and services provided and supported by the GAA IT Department and available for use by Provincial, county and Club officers. It clearly identified the need to get the relevant information disseminated to the relevant persons as said systems will both reduce the time taken to complete administrative tasks and improve the functionality of all our volunteers. A document highlighting the IT systems and services available, the supports available, how to obtain and use said services and what best practice / policy should be followed was prepared and will be issued on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the IT Officers' forum. This forum will create an environment of information sharing which will assist in further developing systems which will improve our current membership procedures.

### **GAA.IE WEBSITE**

The committee have been involved in an advisory capacity and are now assisting in the testing the new website prior to its launch. It is envisaged that the new GAA website will become the primary source of information relating to our games, the administration of GAA related activities and a single resource for those involved in GAA activity at all levels.

Déaglán Mac Giolla Choille

Lisa Ní hEideáin

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**RÚNAÍ**

## Coiste na bhFéilte

Membership of the committee is as follows:

### Committee Members

Mairtín Ó Scealaí (Longfort - Cathaoirleach)

Padraig Ó Laoghóg (Laois)

Micheál Ó Conchúir (An Clár)

Cáit Níc Cathmhaoil (Dún na nGall)

Padraig Ó Maoláin (Doire)

Eoghan Ó hAodha (Luimneach)

Diarmuid Ó Cathail (An Dún)

Seán Ó hOibicín (Maigh Eo) replacing Paraic Ó Cearúlláin (Maigh Eo)

Cearúilín Ní Muirí (An Cumann Camógíochta)

Breandán Ó Fáilbhe (Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe) replacing Padraig Ó Riain (Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe)

Aislínn Ní hEarcáin (Cumann Peil Gael na mBan) replacing Léan Ní Ruairc (Árd Stiurthóir, Cumann Peil Gael na mBan)

Peadar Ó hArgain (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)

Féile na nGael and Féile na nÓg are Club festivals for Hurling, Football, Camogie and Handball at Under 14 level, involving teams from across the Association.

Féile provides an opportunity for:

- U. 14 players to participate in an annual Festival of Hurling/ Camogie, Handball and Gaelic Football/Ladies Gaelic football
- Clubs to experience playing against teams from other Counties/Provinces
- Clubs to foster links with other Clubs in other Counties/Provinces
- Counties to celebrate Gaelic games by acting as hosts

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Féile committee is composed of members that have experienced the organisation or hosting of Féile over the last number of years. In addition, and representing the inclusive nature of Féile, representatives from our sister Associations – an Cumann Camógíochta, Cumann Peil Gael na mBan and an Cumann Liathróid Láimhe – sit on the committee.

Meetings are held every 6 weeks, with regular meetings with the local organising committee's for Féile na nGael and Féile na nÓg.

### FÉILE NA NGAEL 2015

Took place across the 9 counties of Ulster plus Louth.

### NO OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

In total 108 teams participated in the boy's competition, with 84 camogie teams taking part.

### NO OF GAMES

As a result of the competition format changes introduced for the first time in 2014, the number of games taking place continued to increase.

Year	No of Boys Games	No of Camogie Games
2011	153	102
2012	136	78
2013	123	111
2014	236	
2015	254	224

### ROUNDERS

In keeping with the inclusive nature of Féile, since 2014 a Rounders exhibition game has taken place as part of the finals day. This was a feature of the Féile na nGael finals for 2015.

### REGIONAL FÉILE NA NGAEL

The Regional Féile na nGael Tournaments took place over the same weekend as the national Féile tournament.

### HOSTING

In 2015, a total of 7 venues were identified. In addition to the 2014 venues (Thurles, Carriganore, Portlaoise, Kilkenny, Galway), tournaments were organized in Offaly and Limerick.

### NO OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

In total, 54 boys' teams and 33 girls' teams took part.

## Coiste na bhFéilte (continued)

Venue	Number of Boys		Number of Girls Teams
	Teams		
Thurles	12		9
Carriganore	10		-
Portlaoise	6		8
Kilkenny	6		8
Galway	6		8
Offaly	6		-
Limerick	8		-
Total	54		33

### PROVINCIAL FÉILE NA NGAEL

Provincial Féile na nÓg tournaments were held in Connacht and Munster as follows:

Province	No of Venues	No of Teams
Connacht	1	10
Munster	2	26

### FÉILE NA NGAEL SKILL STAR CHALLENGE

The Féile na nGael Skill Star Challenge took place in Portlaoise on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. In total 20 boys and 24 girls participated.

### FÉILE NA NÓG

Féile na nÓg was centred on the South West – Carlow, Wexford and Wicklow.

### NO OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

In total 160 teams participated in the boy's competition, with 74 girls football teams taking part.

### NO OF GAMES

Similarly to Féile na nGael, as a result of the competition format changes introduced for the first time in 2014, the number of games taking place continued to increase.

Year	No of Boys Football Games	No of Girls Football Games
2011	230	108
2012	150	108
2013	162	86
2014	318	
2015	380	179

### ROUNDERS

As with Féile na nGael a Rounders exhibition game has taken place as part of the Féile na nÓg finals day. This was a feature of the Féile na nÓg finals for 2015.

### REGIONAL FÉILE NA NÓG

The Regional Féile na nÓg Tournaments took place over the same weekend as the national Féile na nÓg tournament.

### HOSTING

In 2015, a total of 9 venues were identified. In addition to the 2014 venues (Garvahy, Cloghan, Hawkfield, Mallow, Meath and Portlaoise) tournaments were organised in Longford, Mullingar and Sligo.

### NO OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

In total, 64 boys' teams and 32 girls' teams took part.

Venue	Number of Boys		Number of Girls Teams
	Teams		
Cloghan	6		8
Garvahy	8		-
Hawkfield	12		8
Longford	4		8
Mallow	8		8
Meath	4		-
Mullingar	8		-
Portlaoise	8		-
Sligo	6		-
Total	64		32

### PROVINCIAL FÉILE NA NÓG

Provincial Féile na nÓg tournaments were held in Connacht, Munster and Ulster as follows:

Province	No of Venues	No of Teams
Connacht	1	24
Munster	1	16
Ulster	4	32

## Coiste na bhFéilte

(continued)

### FÉILE NA NÓG SKILL STAR CHALLENGE

The Féile na nÓg Skill Star Challenge took place in Portlaoise on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. In total 14 boys and 14 girls participated

It is proposed to reformat the Féile na nGael and Féile na nÓg Skills Star Challenge to ensure that it is recognised as a greater part of the Féile experience for players and to expand participation to all Counties.

### OVERALL SUMMARY

Overall, in excess of 17,200 players participated in Féile tournaments at National, Provincial or Regional level in 2015.

Mairtín Ó Scealaí

Peadar Ó hArgain

Since the implementation of the Féile review in 2013, there has been a significant increase in the opportunities for clubs and players to participate in Féile. In the intervening two years, the number of participating teams has increased by 2/3's while the number of players taking part in one of the national, provincial or regional events has reached 17,208. This represents a 17% increase on 2014 and a 64% increase on 2013 numbers.

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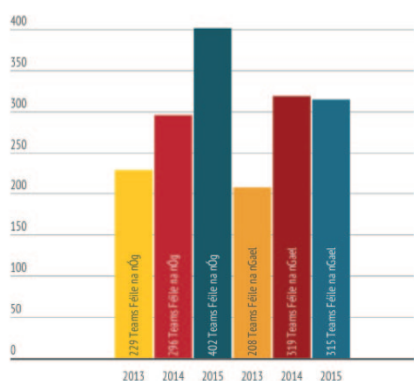
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### FÉILE 2016

Planning for 2016 is already well underway, with Féile na nGael taking place in Tipperary and Waterford, with Féile na nÓg taking place in the South West – Kerry, West Limerick and North/West Cork. Meetings have been held with each of the local organising committees and information nights for clubs on a regional basis.

## Féile 2015

### Number of Teams Participating at Féile since 2013



**17,208**

Number of players that participated in Féile na nGael and Feile na nÓg in 2015



**64%**

Increase in the number of players participating in Féile 2015 vs 2013

## Coiste Scór

Ó d'ainmnigh an tUachtarán, Aogán Ó Fearghail Coiste Náisiúnta Scór nua i mí Feabhra, thagadar le chéile naoi n-uaire.

Baill an Choiste	Tinnreamh
Antóin Mac Gabhann (An Cabhán/An Mhí - Cathaoirleach)	8
Gearóid Mac Samhráin (Liatroim)	7
Aodhán Breathnach (An Iarmhí)	7
Séamus Mac Ionnrachtaigh (An Clár)	7
Éamonn Mac Mathúna (Aontroim)	7
Aodán Ó Braonáin (Muigheo)	8
Cáit Ní Nuáin (Muigheo/Cill Mhantáin)	7
Liam Ó Rinn (Corcaigh)	8
Póilín Mhig Aoidh (An Dún)	9
Siobhán Ní Chuana (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	9

### COMÓRTAISÍ UILE ÉIREANN 2015

The finals of Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsir were held in the Citywest Hotel, Teach Sagard, Co. Átha Cliath on 14 Feabhra and 25 Aibreán respectively. Both finals were well attended and facilities were suitable for each event. Seo leanas liosta na mbuaiteoirí

### TORTHAÍ

Comórtas	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinsir
Rince Foirne	An Spá, Ciarraí	Gleann Fleisce, Ciarraí
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Proinsias Ó Cathasaigh, Lios Póil, Ciarraí	Michaela Ní Ógáin, Baile Caisleán Mhic Eochagáin, An Iarmhí
Aithriseoireacht	Ciarán Ó Broin, S.C. Ó Breacáin, Tiobraid Árann	
Scéalaíocht	Pádraig Ó Maolalaidh, Naomh Doimnic, Roscomáin	
Aithriseoireacht/ Scéalaíocht		Nollaig Seoighe, S.C. Ó Breacáin, Tiobraid Árann
Ceol Uirlise	Leac Smámha, Ciarraí	Tulach Sheasta, Tiobraid Árann
Léiriú Stairiúil	Na Dúnta, An Iarmhí	Seamrógá Mhuileann gCearr, An Iarmhí

Bailéad Ghrúp	Móta Uile Bán, An Iarmhí	Naomh Muire, Achadh Gallan, Aontroim
Rince Seit	Achadh Mór, Muigheo	Naomh Moninne, Cill Shléibhe, Ard Mhacha
Tráth na gCeisteanna Boird	An Spá, Ciarraí	Cnoc na hEaglaise, Ciarraí

### BUÍOCHAS

Coiste Náisiúnta Scór would like to extend mile buíochas to the outgoing Coiste under the chairmanship of Liam Ó Laochdha for all their hard work on behalf of Scór during their three year term. We are most grateful to competitors, their mentors, parents, clubs, divisional, county and provincial officers for the huge efforts they all put into promoting Scór year in year out.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir.

### OBAIR AN CHOISTE

#### REVIEW OF SCÓR

At its first meeting, the Coiste reviewed the various aspects of Scór 2015 and noted areas that didn't work and set about rectifying them. A number of highlights were mentioned namely the exposure received on Irish TV, which were repeated throughout the year, the successful running of Tráth na gCeisteanna Boird and holding both finals at the same venue is easier to organize in terms of logistics. The Coiste were very grateful for the assistance received from Coistí Scór Áth Cliath and Laighean, who left no stone unturned in ensuring that both finals ran smoothly and successfully.

#### SCÓR FORUM

A consult Scór Forum was held on 4 Iúil to get the views of the Scór Officers in improving Scór was attended by past Scór participants and also by the Chairpersons and Secretaries of the County and Provincial Scór Committees. All counties were represented with the exception of – Laois, Loch Garman, Ceatharlach, Ciarraí, Port Láirge, Doire agus Fearmanach.

Aogán Ó Fearghail, Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael addressed the gathering and spoke of the unique position of the GAA, a sporting organisation, aiming to promote both the culture and language of Ireland in addition to games promotion. He spoke of the difficulty of promoting Scór in clubs that are busy with games and fundraising. He encouraged those in charge of the cultural area of club affairs to seek assistance from others in the wider community with similar interests. Echoing the sentiments of Antóin Mac Gabhann, he urged the delegates to be proactive.

## Coiste Scór (continued)

Paula Magee, Oifigeach Cultúrtha An Dún addressed the forum on the action taken in her county that resulted in full participation by all clubs in the county in the recent past. She emphasised the need for younger participants to have more than one outing in the year. The value of non-competitive social outings and celebratory nights came through loudly.

The delegates broke into four focus groups and discussed the following topics:

- Expanding Participation in Scór
- Increase Use of Gaeilge
- Make Scór more Enjoyable
- Adjudication in Scór
- One thing you would Change

There was a frank exchange of views by all groups and the Coiste Náisiúnta are

taking on board many of the suggestions put forward.

### LÉIRIÚ STAIRIÚIL

Following on from the Forum the Coiste agreed to change the title of the Léiriú Stairiúil to Léiriú Stáitse and the 20 marks allocated for the Historical content were distributed between the other three categories.

### ADJUDICATORS

For the 2016 Scór finals it was decided to use one adjudicator. In previous years four per competition were used, plus an additional adjudicator whose decision would determine the winner in the event of a tie. The Provinces decided not to adopt it for the present.

### SONG TO COMMEMORATE 1916

As Coiste Náisiúnta's contribution to the Commemoration of 1916, Second Level Schools in the 32 counties were invited to submit a song to commemorate 1916. The song is to be in the traditional style, accompanied or unaccompanied, in either Gaeilge or English, and can be set to an existing or newly composed air. Ballads to deal with the spirit, legacy, leaders or events of 1916 and/or the growth and development of the GAA over the past 100 years. The closing date for receipt of entries is 12 Feabhra, 2016.

### LAUNCH OF CONNACHT SCÓR

Coiste Scór Connachta held a very successful launch night on 3 November in Connacht GAA Centre of Excellence, which was attended by a capacity crowd. Entertainment was provided by former Connacht Scór winners in each of the seven competitions.

### CONNACHT STRATEGY

A comprehensive strategy encouraging counties to promote Scór in each of the Connacht counties was drawn up by Coiste Scór Chonnachta and put before the counties at a meeting. It is hoped that each of the other three Provinces will do a similar exercise.

### SCÓR FINALS 2016

Coiste Náisiúnta Scór is working with Coistí Scór Chiarraí agus na Mumhan in organising the 2016 Scór Finals in the INEC, Gleneagle Hotel, Cill Áirne on 30 Eanáir – Scór na nÓg and 2 Aibreán – Scór Sinsir.

### SCÓR FINALS 2017

Initial approaches have been made with the Waterfront Theatre, Belfast with regard to the holding of both Scór Finals in 2017.

Antóin Mac Gabhann

Siobhán Ní Chuana

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**RÚNAÍ**

## Comhairle Iarbhunscoile

### All Ireland Post Primary Schools Council

The committee met on 5 occasions during the 2014/15 Academic Year.

Members	Meetings
Diarmuid Ó Conbhuí (Cathaoirleach)	5
Labhras MacCurtain (Leas Cathaoirleach)	4
Seamus Mac Gabhann (Oifigeach Forbartha)	3
Micheál de Nais (Cisteoir)	4
Seán Ó Fathaigh (Ard Comhairle)	5
Seán Ó hÓráin (Coiste Bainistí)	3
Seamus Mac Craith (Laighean)	4
Damien Ó Fiach (Laighean)	4
Colm Ó hAodha (Mumhan)	2
Liam Ó Mathúna (Mumhan)	5
Seamus Mac Conchoille (Uladh)	2
Seán Ó Duibheannaigh (Uladh)	0
Paddy Naughton (Connachta)	4
Aodh Ó Rodáin (Connachta)	5
Ailbeart Ó Fallúin (Oifigeach Forbairt na gCluichí)	1
Gearóid Mac Daibhéid (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	5

I would firstly like to acknowledge the vast amount of time contributed by all those involved in our sector in fulfilling a mammoth programme of fixtures throughout the country. Only a very lucky few will have reached the All-Ireland stages of our competitions but it is important to remember all those who volunteer as team mentors and have given their time freely in ensuring there is the opportunity for their students to participate in Gaelic Games at increased personal inconvenience every year due to limitations on school budgets and the increased demands placed on teachers in the sector.

#### ALL-IRELAND POST PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The interest in the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Series of fixtures continues to grow in no small part due to the support of Masita for a third season. I would like to thank Des and his staff for their assistance throughout the past three years. Their involvement as sponsors, in addition to the superb live broadcasting of the four major finals on TG4 increased coverage on gaa.ie with previews and reviews of fixtures, and video highlights/previews on our own youtube is all a step in the right direction in the promotion of our sector's fantastic games. It was also pleasing to see the national papers extended their preview coverage of other codes schools competitions to Gaelic Games during the year reflecting the increased profile

of the competitions. While further can be done in this regard, significant progress has been made to date.

Contributing to this increased profile has been some fantastic displays on the field throughout the year with closely contested finals at provincial level translating to further close games at All-Ireland level with almost half (13 of 27) All-Ireland Series fixtures being decided by less than three points of a winning margin and five of these requiring extra-time. Every title told a story and added another chapter to the rich history of football or hurling within the school. In Thurles we were treated to an epic Buggy Cup final with last year's runners up, Cross and Passion Ballycastle going one step further and claiming the title with a determined display against a skillful Mountrath C.S. side who will now look to emulate CPC next season.

Both Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibne and St.Kieran's retained the Hogan and Croke Cups respectively in what are phenomenal achievements by both schools. Both sides showed the experience gained previously in extremely tight semi-finals and were tested to the limit in the finals by Roscommon CBS and Thurles CBS.

St.Mary's of Carlow were the most impressive of champions in the televised finals in their defeat of Abbey CBS with a fantastic first half display and despite the Abbey's late rally never looked in trouble.

Another remarkable year was enjoyed by Good Counsel College New Ross, who along with retaining their Junior football title this season, also wrestled the Junior hurling crown from the clutches of Middleton CBS after extra-time in Carriganore. Coláiste Ghobnatan were denied a second successive Dr.O'Sullivan Cup by Ardscoil Rath Iomgháin in another epic encounter. The heartiest of congratulations to all our All-Ireland champions but also to those enjoyed success at Provincial and County level throughout the season.

We were fortunate to have a high standard of venue throughout this year's fixture programme and I would like to thank all the clubs, higher education institutes and counties for their crucial assistance in this regard.

I am glad to say the main issue which has arisen this year in relation to competitions has been the scheduling of the Junior All-Ireland competitions. Discipline has been exemplary from all schools involved at All-Ireland level with no incidents outside of playing infractions to report. Possible solutions for this very solvable problem were circulated to provinces for discussion at the AGMs and will be discussed again further this evening.

2015/16 sees the need for the formulation of a new strategic plan to provide direction for the sector for the next three years. Although not all goals may have been realised from the first strategy, now is the opportunity to decide what is worth



## Comhairle Iarbhunscoile

### All Ireland Post Primary Schools Council (continued)

and what is not worth maintaining, developing further or introducing. The new committee will be working with a blank canvas and will consult with all levels on what are the key issues to address.

Personally I would like to see participation in Gaelic Games maximised in Post Primary through internal and external competitions and initiatives, particularly in senior cycle this age demographic is where younger members can drift away from our games. This year's introduction of an All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Poc Fada could be developed further next season in this regard.

After four seasons, this will be my final AGM as secretary to Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna. As prior to this role, my only previous involvement in the Post Primary sector was as a player with St. Clements College, I was introduced to a new world of GAA administration and I enjoyed every minute of it. Teachers and team mentors throughout my time have been a pleasure to deal with it.

I would like to especially thank all those who have served on the All-Ireland Committee over the past four years and the provincial officers and officials who have been of great assistance. I would also like to thank all the ancillary individuals behind the scenes who are involved in the staging of fixtures which I would not have appreciated before my time in this role and in the large part go unnoticed – Grounds men, stewards, gate men, County and Provincial Post Primary officers, servicing officers and staff, referees and match officials – all without whom the games could not go ahead.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the huge contribution of Cathaoirleach Jerome Conway over the past three years. Jerome can be proud of the achievements of the committee under his leadership in particular the long overdue integration of the sector and the introduction of All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Competitions with a minimum of fuss. He was always available, always direct, always sincere and always a pleasure to deal with.

As I will remain in the Games Administration department as the Player Welfare Officer look forward to liaising with the Post Primary committee in this new role. I wish the very best to my successor Brendan Connolly who I have no doubt will be a great asset to the sector as secretary in the coming years and also to the incoming Cathaoirleach Seamus Woods whose wealth of experience has been invaluable during my time as secretary.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir,

Diarmuid Ó Conbhuí

Gearóid Mac Daibhéid

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**RÚNAÍ**

## Leas agus Cosaint Páistí Welfare & Child Protection

The Child Welfare and Protection Committee met on seven occasions since Congress 2015.

Committee Meetings	7 meetings
Úna Turbitt (Ard Mhacha - Cathaoirleach)	7
Kathryn Anderson (Tír Eoghain)	5
Irene Hogan (Cumann Peil Gael na mBan)	7
Marie O'Brien (Cumann Camógaíochta)	6
Fearghal Gray (An Clár)	6
Michael Smyth (Gaillimh)	7
Nadine McCormilla (Muineachán)	5
Louise Monaghan (Cill Mhantáin)	6
Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichíl (Rúnaí - Child Welfare & Safeguarding Manager)	6

### ROLE OF COMMITTEE

The National Child Welfare and Protection Committee (NCWPC) is charged with upholding the safeguarding and wellbeing of children and young people in the Association in accordance with Rule 1:13 of the Association's Official Guide. In fulfilling this role compliance by the Association with statutory guidelines and legislation of a paramount consideration and the range of support services delivered under the guidance of Club and County Children's Officers is equally vital in this regard.

The Committee has from the outset sought to promote a joint approach to child welfare matters at Club, County and National level through each of the Gaelic Games' Associations. The membership of the Committee is drawn from within the Gaelic Games Associations along with others who have been appointed by an tUachtarán due to their expertise in this area.

A considerable focus of the Committee's work this year has been on ensuring compliance with forthcoming legislation so as to ensure the Association is best placed when such legislation and the subsequent statutory guidance follows. So as to assist them in their work the NCWPC appointed three working groups to advise them in the areas of Legislation, Training and Publications.

### CODE OF BEST PRACTICE IN YOUTH SPORT

The Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport, which incorporates our Code of Behaviour (Underage), is perhaps the fundamental document of good child welfare practice in the GAA. It is a joint Code shared by all Gaelic Games Associations and has now progressed so that it is not merely promoted as a joint Code at Club and County level but similarly any misdemeanours or breaches of the Code are dealt with by joint Committees as well.

This is a unique structure that has only commenced in the last few months and will over a period of time ensure greater responsibility at local level and a uniformity of approach to the implementation and monitoring of the Code.

The Code of Best Practice/Code of Behaviour is a mandatory Code in the GAA for those who work with children and underage.

### CHILD WELFARE TRAINING

The range, quality and content of Child Welfare training courses provided through the NCWPC continues to gain external recognition and approval. The aim is to have a full suite of recognised and endorsed training courses to cater for all roles as directed by legislative guidance and to achieve this by the end of 2016. With this in mind amendments were agreed with Tusla to the Child Protection Awareness Workshops and the NCWPC also finalised the contents of a new Children's Officer Training Programme.

The range of endorsed training programmes now includes:

- Child Protection Awareness Workshops for coaches etc.
- Club Children's Officer Training Programme
- An Anti-Bullying workshop – GAA Tackling Bullying

The Designated Liaison Persons Training Programme is also under consideration with a completion date of mid 2016 envisaged. All of the above is supported by more than 80 accredited Child Welfare Tutors and by the NCWPC Child Welfare Tutors' support programme which includes regional support seminars and upskilling workshops for Tutors.

### CHILD WELFARE AND PROTECTION CASE MANAGEMENT

Where required the NCWPC appoints Case Management Committees to hear alleged breaches of the Code of Best Practice or breaches of the Association's Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse. Where incidents or cases arise in the six counties all such matters are jointly reviewed between the Ulster Designated Person and the National Children Office and may subsequently be forwarded to the NCWOPC for consideration.

In accordance with their responsibilities on behalf of the Association the NCWPC removed, expelled or curtailed the roles of a number of people in the GAA arising from investigations into their conduct in 2015.

## Leas agus Cosaint Páistí

### Welfare & Child Protection (continued)

#### LEGISLATION

The impact of new and pending legislation that will influence our vetting services under AccessNI and the Garda Vetting Bureau, have been on the agenda of all NCWPC meetings in 2015.

While such background checks are vital and obligatory in law the NCWPC recognises how time consuming this is for Club personnel and will support the introduction of e-vetting or vetting on-line both north and south.

The recent adoption of the Children First Act 2015 by the Houses of the Oireachtas will result in a greater focus by Tusla and others on how the GAA implements our child welfare procedures, particularly at Club and County level. While our current structures and services have been developed in anticipation of such legislation requirements additional training and due diligence will undoubtedly be required so as to ensure greater awareness and adherence to our responsibilities when working with children and underage.

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Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichíl

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## Cód Iompair

### National Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct Committee met on five occasions in 2015.

Committee Members	5 meetings
Tom Daly (Dún na nGall - Cathaoirleach)	5
Marc Ó Síocháin (Corcaigh)	4
Dermot O'Malley (Áth Cliath)	5
Frances Stephenson (Cill Mhantáin)	4
Roisin Jordan (Tír Eoghain)	4
John Joe Holleran (Gaillimh)	5
Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichíl (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	5

#### ROLE OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE

The Committee was established to fulfil the Association's aim to have a Code of Conduct in place in accordance with Rule 1:14 of Official Guide.

*Rule 1:14 Code of Conduct states that the 'The Central Council shall adopt a Code of Conduct for Officers, Members, Players, Parents/ Guardians, Mentors, Supporters, Match Officials, Teams and Units, and members of the Association, defining appropriate behaviour and practices. The Code shall specify the disciplinary procedures to be applied for breaches of the Code. This Rule shall give and constitute authority for the carrying out of all functions and actions in accordance with the Code.*

#### COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES IN 2015

On their appointment the Committee reviewed previous drafts of the Code of Conduct and at the request of Central Council circulated an updated version for consultation. The consultation process proved to be most beneficial in that it strongly supported a proposal that we avail of the current Management Committee structures at both Club and County level as the overseeing body for the implementation of the Code.

A final draft was subsequently submitted to Central Council in December 2015 and once adopted will be circulated to all Clubs and County Boards. Once the Code is ratified by Central Council the National Committee will as part of a follow up process arrange specific briefings on a County by County basis, so as to familiarise our membership on its contents and on our responsibilities in relation to implementing the Code.

Work on this new Code is well advanced and remains on track to be formally proposed for discussion and adoption in 2016.

Tom Daly

Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichíl

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**RÚNAÍ**

## Achomhairc ar Dhea-Chleachtsa agus Iompar

### Codes of Best Practice and Conduct Appeals Panel

Committee Members	Attendance
Brian Rennick (An Mhí - Cathaoirleach)	1
Pat Monaghan (Gaillimh)	1
Geraldine McKavanagh (Ulster)	1
Naul McCaul (Dún na nGall)	0
Paula Prunty (LGFA)	1
Angela Ahern (LGFA)	1
Mairéad Ní Mhaoileoin (Camogie)	0
Kathleen Woods (Camogie)	1
Mick Hagan (Cill Mhantáin)	0
Jerry Henry (Maigh Eo)	1
Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichíl (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	1

The Code of Best Practice/Code of Conduct Appeals Panel met on one occasion since Congress 2015 to agree on the procedures for hearing appeals.

The Panel has a unique role in that it is constituted to hear appeals arising from decisions made that relate to the Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport, including allegations of abuse, and shall also be responsible for the management of appeals that relate to the yet to be commenced GAA Code of Conduct.

On any occasion when an appeal is received an Appeals Committee is formed from within the membership of the Panel with a Secretary also appointed one each occasion.

No appeals relating to the Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport were received by the Panel in 2015

Brian Rennick

Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichíl

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## Sláinte agus Folláine

### Health & Wellbeing Committee

The Committee met on five occasions 10 2015 with an additional eight Sub-group meetings in 2015 (Critical Incident Response Plan development group: 3; Health and Wellbeing Officer training development group: 5)

#### Committee Members

Ciaran McLaughlin (Tir Eoghain - Cathaoirleach)

Dr. Janas Harrington (Corcaigh)

Justin Campbell (Gaillimh)

Fiona Teague (Tir Eoghain)

Cathal Hand (Muineachán)

Philip Smith (Cabhán)

Dr Aoife Lane (Gaillimh)

Aileen Cummins (Doire)

Conor Cusack (Corcaigh)

Susan Kenny (Baile Átha Cliath)

Dr Brendan Doody (Luimneach)

Colin Regan (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)

#### COMMITTEE MISSION

Supporting the GAA in enhancing the health of our members and the nation.

#### KEY MILESTONES FOR YEAR

- Completion of three-year action plan for National Committee with key actions under the following topic areas:
  1. Continued development of the GAA's Health and Wellbeing structures
  2. Training, resource, and policy development
  3. Supporting the continued growth of the Healthy Clubs Project
  4. Communications
  5. Engaging the wider GAA audience, including Ladies Football and Camogie
  6. Developing appropriate working partnership for the Association
- Hosted national forum for County Health & Wellbeing Committees in Croke Park in October to facilitate shared learning and ideas and identify solutions to challenges faced.
- Delivered action plans to all County Health & Wellbeing sub Committees outlining five key areas of work for 2016. The plans are designed to support the implementation of an ambitious yet achievable health programme for the year to

- come ensuring the potential benefits reach grassroots level
- Supported delivery of second National Health & Wellbeing Conference in March entitled 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, Healthy Clubs'. 260 delegates attended
- Supported the development of 'A Guide for all GAA Units and Members when responding to a Critical Incident'. The resource was developed in conjunction with a number of leading experts in the field, the GAA's National Health & Wellbeing Committee, and a number of clubs and counties that have experienced critical incidents in recent years. The resource has been made available to other sporting codes to assist in challenging times.
- Assisted in the development of a training module for new Club Health & Wellbeing Officers to be delivered by training tutors in 2016. This is unprecedented in an Irish sporting context.

#### BUÍOCHAS

The committee would like to acknowledge the work of the Community & Health section in Croke Park in driving the above actions and the exceptional work undertaken by the County Health & Wellbeing committees and chairpersons at local level, ensuring that the GAA remains unrivalled in Irish sport in terms of supporting and responding to the health needs of its members and the communities it serves.

Ciaran McLaughlin

Colin Regan

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**RÚNAÍ**

## I dTreó 150

### Towards the 150th Anniversary of the GAA

Committee Members	Attendance
Séan Mac Giolla Chearra (Dún na nGall - Cathaoirleach)	5
Gearoid Ó h-Eachtigheirn (Ros Comáin)	5
An tOllamh Seosamh MacCárthaigh (Loch Garman)	4
Seán Ó Duinnín (Dún na nGall)	5
An tOllamh Daithi o' hOsain (Doire)	5
Áine Nic Seoin (Tír Eoghain)	3
Eoghan Ó Maothagáin (Corcaigh)	5
An tOllamh Labhras MacCarthaigh (Nua Eabhrach)	5
Maire Ní Choncubhair (Corcaigh)	3
Seán Ó Pronntaigh (Mhaigh Eo)	5
Dáithí Ó Seannáin (Cill Mhantáin)	4
Caoimhín Ó Gríofa (Rúnaí - Mhaigh Eo)	5

This committee was set up to envisage what the GAA might and should look like in 2034, the year of the GAA's 150 Anniversary Celebrations. It met for the first time in May 2015.

The committee, which was appointed following Congress 2015 and will submit a report before the course of its three-year term, has been charged with the following tasks over the course of its tenure:

1. Assess current GAA values and strategic direction in line with An Treoir Oifigiúil, Strategic Plan 2015-18, recent strategic plans and Ard Stiúrthóir reports.
2. Chart where the GAA should be in 2034 under the headings: Games, Clubs, Competitions, Governance, Finance, Facilities and the Gaelic Games family. Other headings may and will emerge.
3. Elicit the views of a wide cross section of the GAA and others in society on this issue making full use of modern media initiatives.
4. Consult with an tUachtarán and Ard Stiúrthóir on progress and direction of the committee.
5. Prepare a strategic document for the GAA, based on views received and the committee's deliberations on where the GAA should be in 2034 and how we should prepare.

Amongst the issues discussed by the committee to date are the following:

- Mission, Vision and Values of the GAA
- GAA and Identity (GAA as symbol of Irishness, GAA and the Diaspora, an increasingly fragmented Irish society etc)
- Governance issues within the GAA – key principles of GAA governance, decision-making etc
- Workload of Officers and Volunteers
- Amateur Status
- One Club Model
- International GAA
- Marketing of the GAA
- Youth Dropout

Widespread consultation on these issues is planned for 2016. Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Aogán Ó Fearghail said in September 2015 of the work of the Committee: "This process is sure to pose questions about what type of GAA we would like to see in 19 years time and what sort of an organisation we can expect to emerge in the intervening years. This project concerns us all and we would ask that all of those approached for their views and input would engage in the spirit that this contact is made."

#### BUÍOCHAS

The trust placed in the Committee, and the support offered to it, by An tUachtarán agus An tArd-Stiúrthóir, is greatly appreciated. A special note of thanks to Áine Ní Mhainnín, Oifig an Ard-Stiúrthóra, for all her assistance to date.

Séan Mac Giolla Chearra

Caoimhín Ó Gríofa

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**RÚNAÍ**

## Cur I bhFeidhm Polasaí Straitéiseach Strategic Implementation

Committee Meetings	4 meetings
Aogán Ó Feargháil (Cathaoirleach)	4
Páraic Ó Dufaigh	4
Treasa Ní Raghail	4
Feargal Mac Giolla	4
Ruairí Ó hAirmhí (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	4

### BACKGROUND

The 'GAA Strategic Plan 2015-2017' was developed after a focussed consultation process. It sets goals to guide the Association's activities in six areas: Games, Clubs, Governance and Structures, Finance and Commercial, Communications, and Cooperation within the Gaelic games family. Furthermore, the plan identifies specific strategies to achieve each goal and defines measures of success. Since the launch of the strategic plan in March 2015, an Implementation Committee chaired by Uachtarán, Aogán Ó Fearghail has been overseeing its implementation.

### ROLE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

The role of the Implementation Committee is to: 1) assign responsibilities, 2) translate strategies into actions, 3) maintain regular communication with the people responsible for each strategy, 4) monitor issues and progress 5) keep Coiste Bainistíochta up-to-date with the delivery of the plan.

### UPDATE ON INITIATIVES

**Club Leadership Development Programme:** this major new training programme has been developed to provide club officers with the basic knowledge and key leadership skills to fulfil their roles effectively. The programme will be delivered in 22 counties through trained Leadership Associates.

**Fixture planning/scheduling:** a discussion paper on player overtraining and burnout, and the GAA fixture calendar was produced to put the case for the need to reform competition structures and fixture scheduling in order to address pressing player-welfare and fixtures-scheduling problems. This paper will form the reference point for debate in advance of Congress 2016 where motions to reform competition structures and fixture scheduling will be considered.

**Player retention:** The Association in partnership with the University of Sterling completed an extensive three-year research project which has created new knowledge on how to tackle you sport drop out. A report containing key recommendations has been produced to allow the GAA to

maximise youth participation in the short-, medium- and long-term. In addition, two counties will be piloting new youth age grade structures in 2016 and participating in a research project to fully explore the potential to move the Minor grade to U17. The overall aim of this pilot is to measure the impact on drop out, player welfare and fixture schedules.

**New participation models:** Building on a successful pilot programme, fifty Super (Youth) Games Centres ran in 2015 with the aim of exploring new ways of ensuring that as many young people as possible opt to "Play to Stay with the GAA". This alternative model of participation has huge potential to reverse dropout from Gaelic games.

**Recreational games:** National Recreational Games (NRG) were developed for Gaelic football and hurling in recent years; however, the focus was on the promotion of recreational Rounders in 2015 with events being successfully run in each Province.

**Volunteer recruitment:** a volunteer recruitment programme has been planned and will be promoted in conjunction with a revamped Club Open Day initiative "Lá na gClub". Volunteers are one of the Association's richest assets therefore this strategy to assist Clubs with attracting them is to be welcomed.

**Welfare policies:** a working group has been established to devise a co-ordinated communications plan to raise awareness of the Association's welfare policies for members, players, administrators and coaches. This will result in our members being better informed about the resources and supports available to them.

**Coach education:** Subsequent to the review of the coach education system in recent years, coach education programmes were re-designed in 2015. A new Award 2 Coach Education course will be piloted in the spring of 2016 and launched in the autumn.

**National Club Draw:** a working group with responsibility for the development of the National Club Draw has been established and is rolling out a plan to increase the revenue available to Clubs participating in this initiative. It is anticipated that Clubs will benefit by at least €2 million in 2016.

**Governance Code:** A Governance Code has been established to help Clubs and Counties put in place policies and procedures to ensure that they are run effectively. The initial phase of training on the code will be delivered through the Club Leadership Development Programme and will no doubt strengthen all Units of the Association.



## Cur I bhFeidhm Polasaí Straitéiseach Strategic Implementation (continued)

**Purchase Power:** a national procurement programme called Purchase Power has been developed to meet the long-standing purchasing needs of the GAA and its Units. This strategy will result in savings for our Units as the collective buying power of the entire GAA will be used to secure discounts on common products and services from nominated suppliers.

**GPA financial model:** the current financial model with the GPA has been extended until autumn 2016 and work is continuing to agree a long-term funding framework for the GPA.

**Communication and engagement:** the official GAA website has undergone a major revamp and will be launched early in the New Year. This will contribute to improved communication and engagement with members.

**IT strategy:** a new IT strategy has been developed and is due to be launched at the start of 2016. This will allow the Association to better utilise current and future technologies to further the core aims of the Association.

**Irish language strategy:** a three year plan to support volunteers in the promotion and use of the Irish Language has been published and will be delivered over the course of the next few years.

**Gaelic games family:** positive meetings have taken place with the Camogie Association and Ladies Gaelic Football Association to identify areas where our partnership can be further developed. It is envisaged that specific actions in this regard will be agreed upon in 2016.

### NEXT STEPS

The committee will continue to oversee the delivery of all thirty-two strategies and will publish a formal progress report in the autumn of 2016.

Aogán Ó Fearghail

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

Ruairí Ó hAirmhí

**RÚNAÍ**

## Coiste Poc Fada

### Poc Fada Committee

The Committee has held 6 formal meetings since Congress 2015

#### Committee Members

Humphrey Kelleher (Áth Cliath - Cathaoirleach)

Donie Nealon (Tiobraid Árann)

Bernie O'Connor (Gaillimh)

Patsy Dolan (Fear Manach)

Jimmy Darragh (Aontroim)

Fra Kernan (An Lú)

Tom Ryan (Áth Cliath)

David Murray (Cill Mhantáin)

Eve Talbot (Camogie)

Bearnard MacGabhann (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)

#### PURPOSE

The aim for the Poc Fada Committee is to organise the annual Poc Fada competition, including the qualification process from each County and Province. Organise publicity and marketing of the annual Poc Fada competition.

#### POC FADA 2015

2015 was a record breaking year for the Poc Fada, with Brendan Cummins winning the senior title for the ninth time and Patricia Jackman winning the camogie event for the seventh time.

Right from the start this was a nail biting contest with the winner in doubt as the lead changed hands a number of times. Coming to the first turn (An Ceide) Brendan shared the joint lead with Sligo hurler Keith Raymond while Galway's James Skehill, Offaly's Cillian Kiely and Eoin Reilly of Laois were hot on their heels and only a matter of a few meters behind.

By the time they had reached the second turn (Carn an Mhadaigh) it was James Skehill who had grabbed the initiative as all competitors struggled with the wind. Aaron Murphy of Limerick moved up the leader board into second place while Eoin Reilly maintained his consistent round in third position.

At the third turn (An Gabhlan) last year's runner up, Eoin Reilly climbed from third to first place but champion Brendan Cummins had recovered from a poor second leg to come back into the frame landing past the turn only a matter of meters behind Eoin. Andrew Fahey of Clare had also jumped up the rankings coming into third spot just in front of James Skehill.

So it was all down to the tricky last leg Brendan used all of his experience and course knowledge to overtake Eoin and Andrew to take the title right on the line with a magnificent closing shot

Patricia Jackman of Waterford collected her 7th All Ireland Poc Fada title this weekend on the Annaverna Mountain range after an epic battle.

The Gailtir clubwoman completed the course in 27 pocs, 34 metres edging out her closest rival Catriona Daly of Connacht, who came in with 27 pocs, 32 metres.

Ulster's Catherine McGourty of Down finished third on 29pocs 6metres. Aisling Corbett came fourth with 29 pocs 4metres while Dublin star, Elaine Gallery completed the course in 31 pocs 39metres with Laura Dunne of Laois on 34 pocs 9 metres.

In the hurling U16 competition Waterford's Shaun Murray was the clear winner when he finished one shot clear of Mayo's Cormac Phillips in second and Laoise's Padraig Delaney in third. In the camogie under 16 competition Sara Healy finished an amazing three shots clear of Clare's Aine O'Loughlin with Ciara O'Looney the Westmeath player in third.

#### ALL-IRELAND POC FADA 2015 RESULTS

##### SENIOR HURLING RESULTS

1. Brendan Cummins (Tipperary) – 57 pocs 4m
2. Eoin Reilly (Laois) - 58 pocs 61m
3. Andrew Fahey (Clare) – 58 pocs 60m
4. James Skehill (Galway) – 59 pocs 83m
5. Aaron Murphy (Limerick) – 59 pocs 3m
6. Patrick Kelly (Clare) – 60 pocs 66m
7. Cillian Kiely (Offaly) – 61 pocs 56m
8. Paddy McKillion (Tyrone) – 61 pocs 41m
9. Karol Keating (Down) – 63 pocs 58m
10. Gerard Smith (Louth) – 63 pocs 27m8
11. Noel Fallon (Roscommon) – 64 pocs 49m
12. Keith Raymond (Sligo) – 64 pocs 49m

##### SENIOR CAMOGIE

1. Patricia Jackman (Waterford) - 27 pocs 34m
2. Caitriona Daly (Galway) – 27 pocs 32m
3. Catherine McGourty (Down) - 29pocs 6m
4. Aisling Corbett (Clare) - 29 pocs 4m
5. Elaine Gallery (Dublin) - 31 pocs 39m
6. Laura Dunne (Laois) -34 pocs 9m

## Coiste Poc Fada

### Poc Fada Committee (continued)

#### U16 HURLING

1. Shaun Murray (Waterford) – 25 pocs 59m
2. Cormac Phillips (Mayo) – 26 pocs 65m
3. Pdraig Delaney (Laois) – 26 pocs 35m
4. Barry O’Mahony (Kerry) – 28 pocs 54m
5. Reece McSorley (Derry) – 29 pocs 22m

#### U16 CAMOGIE

1. Sarah Healy (Galway) – 32 pocs 33m
2. Áine O’Loughlin (Clare) – 35 pocs 38m
3. Ciara O’Looney (Westmeath) – 36 pocs 30m
4. Ann-Marie Smyth (Down) – 37 pocs 35m

There are few events in our diary that stand out from the rest of our activities in the same way as the All-Ireland Poc Fada Finals. The National Poc Fada Committee will endeavor over the next number of years to grow the awareness and participation levels of the Poc Fada event in every county, which will further improve the the standard of the All-Ireland Finals.

Members of the National Committee met with the local Louth/ Armagh Committee on 6 occasions to assist with the organising of the All-Ireland finals. We would like to thank Pat Harnett, Josephine Maguire, Shay Larkin, Damian Callan and other members of the committee for all their help in organising the event and support given to the committee. \* This year saw a change in the local committee with the resignations of longtime Chairman John Moley and longer time Honorary Secretary Pat Hamilton. We would like to acknowledge the tremendous work by these two men for the Poc Fada events over a long period of time.

A huge amount of thanks must also go to Martin Donnelly for his continues support and \* whose passion for the event is second to none.

Humphrey Kelleher

Bearnard MacGabhann

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**RÚNAÍ**

## Cluichí do Chách Games for All

The Committee met on five occasions during 2015.

Committee members	5 Meetings
Brian Armitage (Fear Manach - Cathaoirleach)	5
John Connolly (Ulster Representative)	0
Denis O'Boyle (Maigh Eo), Connacht Representative	5
Sean Kilbride (Ros Comáin), Connacht Representative	2
Gerry McNamara (Luimneach), Munster Representative	1*
Gerry Harrington (B.Á.C), Dublin/Leinster Representative	4
Pat Lynagh (An Iarmhí), Leinster Representative	5
Jackie Napier (Cill Mhaintín), Leinster Representative	4
Tony Watene (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	5

### GAMES FOR ALL – TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### KEY PROJECTS

1. To promote best practice in the area of inclusion in collaboration with our units
2. Review the Integration and Inclusion strategy to ensure that we have reached the targets outlined in the Strategic Vision and Action Plan 2009-2015. Achieve unfulfilled targets within Year 1.
3. Increase participation through 'have-a-go' days, recreational games and other such events.
4. Promote the Respect Initiative in the GAA, which includes the holding of respect games held at half time in inter-county games
5. Promote games for people with a disability.
6. Hold an annual All Ireland wheelchair hurling event.
7. Develop a module on diversity for coaches on the online e learning portal.
8. It shall submit an annual Report on its work by 30th November for inclusion in the Reports of Sub-Committees to Congress.
9. The Committee will carry out any other tasks assigned to it by Coiste Bainistíochta.

#### MAIN PROJECTS 2015

- Games for ALL Structural Implementation
- Give Respect – Get Respect Initiative
- Wheelchair Hurling
- Recreational Games/"Have a Go" Days

#### GAMES FOR ALL STRUCTURAL IMPLEMENTATION

When the former Inclusion & Integration Chairperson Brian Armitage was appointed Chairperson of the new Games for

ALL Committee, it was felt by both outgoing and incoming Committee members that the transition would be seamless. Unfortunately, this was not the case.

The new Committee no longer consists of members of the family of Gaelic games or representatives of our target audience – disabilities or ethnic minorities. There has been considerable disappointment voiced at all Games for ALL Committee levels regarding their omission. The challenge now is to include both these groups, where possible, in achieving the new Committee's goals.

Furthermore, the uncertainty whether a (sub)committee is put in place quadrennially to represent the inclusion of minority groups into our Association needs to be rectified by having a Club put forward a motion to Congress ensuring inclusion/integration (sub)committees are appointed at National, Provincial and County level.

### GIVE RESPECT – GET RESPECT INITIATIVE

#### THE RESPECT HANDSHAKE

The Respect handshake was officially endorsed for use in underage games in 2006 and the outgoing National Inclusion & Integration Committee felt that input was required from the top-down i.e., from our Players, so that the children playing our games would emulate this 'positive practice' before, during and after their games, also.

It was felt by the Committee that the young players of 2006 would, by 2020, have an innate understanding of the Respect initiative, and of the Respect handshake, and that it would be second nature to them, to perform it.

So, as part of the "Handshake 2020" programme, the Respect handshake would be gradually rolled out from Croke Park Finals to County Finals by, 2020. However, some Counties have performed the Respect handshake in their County Finals ahead of schedule and this is to be applauded.

The main focus of the incoming Games for ALL Committee this year, in terms of the Respect Handshake, was to have it performed in all Provincial Senior & Minor Finals and the All-Ireland Senior & Minor Finals.

This year was the first time that handshakes were performed in all Provincial Finals, so a mile buiochas is extended to all our Provincial officers for ensuring the Respect handshake took place and will continue to take place, into the foreseeable future.

## Cluichí do Chách

### Games for All (continued)

#### RESPECT EXHIBITION GO GAMES

The Respect Exhibition Go Games is a staple of our Provincial Championships and the All-Ireland Finals and in many of the major games played throughout the Country, every year. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank both our Games Development staff and Cumann na mBunscol particularly, for their continued support for Respect promotion during half-time games, nationwide.

The promotion of these games however, is under threat as the allocation of complimentary tickets for parents of the participating children, outside of major games, has been halved.

#### RESPECT PROMOTION

Many of the discussions at both Provincial and National level centre around the fact that there is no fixed, visible Respect signs in Croke Park. We are asking Clubs and Counties to erect Respect signs and there are none in Croke Park.

A place has been identified where one Respect sign might be placed and discussions around that are ongoing. However, in the interim, the Committee is asking why can't Respect signs be placed/painted on the Gates to and from the Stadium?

#### DISABILITY

The Committee has put forward a motion to Central Council in relation to making the Association more Universally Accessible in terms of Infrastructure, Games Development, Communications etc. Once the go ahead is given by Council to select a company to deliver on a Disability Access Policy and Procedures Plan, then universal access will be part and parcel of all GAA activity in the not too distant future.

#### WHEELCHAIR SPORT

##### WHEELCHAIR HURLING

The M.Donnelly GAA Wheelchair Hurling Interprovincial League proved hugely successful in 2015 with Ulster emerging from a group of three to win the League. They were the better side throughout and the result was well deserved.

The four Rounds of the League were held in Colaiste Oiriall, Monaghan (June 26), I.T Carlow (August 29), Breaffy House, Mayo (October 17) and Ballygunner NS, Waterford (November 7).

Each Province went above and beyond in regards to the hosting of their Wheelchair Hurling event, with our game going from strength to strength.

We have established superb relationships with various hotels around the country as they offered the Wheelchair Hurling fraternity great deals on accommodation.

There were no real challenges to the overall running of the League although some venues and goal posts were smaller than usual, but we accept they were the best available at the time and Health & Safety was never compromised.

#### M.DONNELLY GAA WHEELCHAIR HURLING INTERPROVINCIAL LEAGUE TABLE - 2015

Table	P	W	D	L	For	Against	Diff	Total
Ulster	12	8	2	2	32	26	6	48
Munster	12	8	1	3	53	25	28	46
Connacht	12	6	1	5	37	25	12	38
Leinster	12	0	0	12	13	59	-46	12

I.T Blanchardstown played host to both the M.Donnelly GAA Wheelchair Hurling Interprovincial All-Star Awards and the All-Ireland Finals on December 12.

Ulster picked up the lion's share of All-Star awards (see below) and capped the day off by taking the All-Ireland trophy home, as well.

#### 2015 ALL-STAR WINNERS

##### Goalkeeper

Geraldine McGarrigle (Ulster).

##### Backs

Pat Carty (Connacht), Ellie Sheehy (Munster)

##### Midfield

Peter Lewis (Ulster).

##### Forwards

Sultan Kakar (Munster), Maurice Noonan (Munster)

##### Team Management

Ulster

##### Young Player of the Year

Peter Lewis (Ulster)

##### Camogie Player of the Year

Geraldine McGarrigle (Ulster)

##### Hurler of the Year

Peter Lewis (Ulster)

A mile buiochas is gratefully extended to Martin Donnelly and his team for their continued support of Wheelchair Hurling.

## Cluichí do Chách

### Games for All (continued)

#### WHEELCHAIR GAELIC FOOTBALL

This year the Association joined forces with the Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) looking to set up Wheelchair Gaelic Football. It is currently in the pilot stage.

#### RECREATIONAL GAMES/"HAVE A GO" DAYS

GAA Rounders was the lead recreational game in 2015. This new form of Rounders was piloted and was hugely successful because of its ability to attract all ages and abilities.

Possibly one of the reasons why this form of Rounders is likely to have more uptake next year is because almost everywhere in the world, a stick-ball game exists (softball, baseball, etc) so, in terms of a truly inclusive GAA game, GAA Rounders would be it.

It is also simple and safe to play. So safe that it has and is being played in Kerry by some children with mild intellectual disabilities. Kevin Smyth (National Learning Network), is the lead for this project in Kerry.

So if one of the stated aims of the National Games for ALL Committee is to provide games opportunities for both ethnic minorities and people with a disability, then 'recreational' Rounders is a good place to start.

There were two great examples this year for the hosting of a Have a Go Day. One was in Limerick, the other in Ballyhaunis.

The Limerick Have a Go Day was an open evening in the Delta Dome, Ballysimon. Each of our Gaelic games were played in different sections of the Dome and the attendees rotated upon completion.

The Have a Go Day in Ballyhaunis GAA is probably the best example for the hosting of a Have a Go Day in terms of the colour and pageantry which included the flags of the various children who were in attendance. The day drew widespread public endorsement, which saw Minister for Integration Aodhán Ó Riordáin TD call to the Club to discuss possible opportunities for them.

#### MAIN PROJECTS 2016

- Games for ALL Structural Implementation
- Give Respect – Get Respect Initiative
- Wheelchair Hurling
- Recreational Games/"Have a Go" Days
- National Forum

#### GAMES FOR ALL STRUCTURAL IMPLEMENTATION

Connacht & Ulster Games for All Committees are in place Provincially and at County level. Leinster are discussing

dividing the province – North and South in terms of Games for All activity. Dublin is a major challenge and therefore will be a standalone unit. Munster is a lesser challenge as they will progress their work/goals, internally.

#### GIVE RESPECT – GET RESPECT INITIATIVE

The Give Respect – Get Respect initiative will continue to be showcased, where possible, at all major matches in 2016.

Ticket allocation for children set to participate in National League matches, will play a big part on whether these Respect half-time games go ahead. The high profile matches played in Croke Park (Dublin Spring Series and All-Ireland competitions) will again be targeted in promoting the Respect message due to the media attention these matches garner.

The Respect handshake will continue to be rolled out, nationally.

#### DISABILITY SPORT

The Games for All Committee to follow up on the Central Council decision in terms of the proposed GAA Disability Policy (and Procedural Plans) and its inter-relatedness with Universal Access.

#### WHEELCHAIR SPORT

##### WHEELCHAIR HURLING

The Committee is continually looking at ways to increase participation and improve playing standards in Wheelchair Hurling.

Provincially, Ulster has established four wheelchair hubs across the province and this year has seen all their hard work come to fruition. Leinster is looking to establish two new hubs (in North and South Leinster), to compliment the one already established in Dublin. The target for Connacht is the city of Galway – the largest population in the Province, but the smallest representation on the Connacht team. For Munster, Cork has to be their target for the same reason Galway is to Connacht.

##### WHEELCHAIR GAELIC FOOTBALL

Continue the game's development with the IWA.

#### RECREATIONAL GAMES/"HAVE A GO" DAYS

Discussions around the possibility of "Have a Go" Days being the subject of Lar na gClub in 2016 are in progress.

## Cluichí do Chách

### Games for All (continued)

#### **NATIONAL FORUM**

We will bring together our County and Provincial Games for ALL Committees to examine best practice examples, assess where we are in terms of achieving targets and discuss how we can work together to ensure the targets are met.

Brian Armitage

Tony Watene

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## Ath Bhreithnithe na Bpolasaithe Policies Review

The Policies Review Committee met on six occasions during 2015, the membership and attendance at meetings were as follows:

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>6 Meetings</b>
Micheál Ó Máirtín (Loch Garman - Cathaoirleach)	6
Irial Mac Murchú (Port Láirge)	6
Mícheál Mac Conncarraigí (An Longfort)	4
Seán Ó hArgán (Áth Cliath)	6
Diarmuid Mac Suibhne (Liatroim)	4
Breandán Ó hUisce (Ath Cliath)	6
Tadhg Ó hÉilí (Cill Mhantáin)	4
Micheál Ó Dubhshláine (Laois)	5
Lorena Ní Cheallaigh (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	6

The aim of the Committee is to discover all published reports and findings produced by various GAA Committees, Examine these reports and prepare a document for the Uachtarán and Ard-Stiúrthóir outlining the following;

1. What recommendations have been implemented.
2. What recommendations or proposals have not and should not be implemented.
3. Any recommendations or proposals from these reports that have not been implemented but should be re visited as they merit consideration.

### DISCOVERY & CONSULTATION

All Ard-Stiúrthóir reports and committee reports from the Strategic Review (2002) to the present day were reviewed. A list of all relevant published reports were compiled based on the areas and recommendations specified in the Strategic plan 2015 – 2017, this document was used as the basis for identifying the priority areas of review by the Committee.

Consultation was held with various national committees and external consultation was sought, where appropriate.

### REPORTS

#### STADIUM POLICY DOCUMENT

The Ard Stiúrthóir report of 2015 outlined the requirement to develop a stadium strategy that will serve the needs of the Association into the future and address issues that will encourage attendance at our games and to make the match-attendance experience as enjoyable as possible. Based on recommendations from the G.A.A. Strategic Review 2002, findings from the Considine report (2009) and findings from other world sporting organisations a draft document on a Stadium Strategy for the Association was produced. This report highlighted that the requirement for a classification system for stadia and that the emphasis should move from capacity to the provision of adequate facilities for supporters, players and media.

A report in conjunction the Facilities/Health and Safety Committee will be presented to an Coiste Bainistí in 2016.

#### GOVERNANCE & STRUCTURE

The committee is currently examining the area of Governance and structure with a view to making recommendations on the formation and amalgamation of clubs and club structure and management.

### BUÍOCHAS

Thank you to all committee members for their input and also to those who have interacted with the committee over the period.

Micheál Ó Máirtín

Lorena Ní Cheallaigh

**CATHAOIRLEACH**

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## Clár an Lae

### Games Presentation

#### Committee Members

Jerry Grogan (Ath Cliath - Cathaoirleach)

Jarlath Burns (Ard Mhacha)

Niamh Egan (Iarmhí)

Siobhán Ní Bhradaigh (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)

Striking a balance between the centrality of our game on the field, the Gaelic ethos of our occasions in Croke Park and the need to provide appropriate entertainment for patrons of different ages and generations, is the challenge that faces the Clár an Lae committee. The Coiste tackled this challenge with some success in 2015 and we are confident that we can make further progress in the coming year despite difficulties that exist under the present structures.

There were complaints early in the year about the level of sound in the stadium. Some patrons felt that they were blasted with loud music at inappropriate times and that they were unable to chat and discuss the games. There are areas of the stadium where the PA system can not be heard. This problem was addressed and was solved to a great extent by communication between the committee and Mongey's, the stadium communications provider. This area needs further monitoring and attention on a game-by-game basis in 2016.

Striking a balance between different genres of recorded music and live performance is an area the committee will continue to be pro-active on in 2016. Too much of any one style irritates patrons and the committee is satisfied that the balance struck last season was close to what we wish to achieve but there is plenty of scope for further trial and experimentation in 2016 with a view to establishing a template they will be acceptable into the future.

The Coiste reviewed the content of match programmes and consulted with and met various key people who are involved in the area. There is general satisfaction with the content of Croke Park match programmes. Suggestions from the Coiste were taken on board with regard to appropriate content for primary and secondary school students should be included in all championship programmes. A start has been made on this but the material needs to be more attractive, more focused and included more consistently in 2016.

Our commitments to our sponsors, official charities and other groups for various promotions and on-field time takes up a considerable amount of time the Coiste can allocate to elements of Clár An Lae. The Coiste is of the view that this is an area that needs to be rationalised for the coming year through discussion between the various stakeholders.

Implementation of Clár An Lae is compromised by the level of activity and the number of personnel in the Croke Park Hogan Stand tunnel area at half-time in big games. The Coiste has made some progress in this area in conjunction with the Chief Steward and the various departments who have a need for representation in the area. The proliferation of bodies in this crucial area is unsightly and takes from the effective presentation of our Clár.

The Bloody Sunday commemoration on the evening of the International Rules game with Australia on November 21st received very positive public and internal response and was very well received. The ceremony was poignant, well managed and implemented in a simple yet very effective manner that did justice to the significance of the occasion and the need to hold patrons attention for an appropriate amount of time on a cold night.

No other sporting organisation gives such prominence to children on the big days on the sporting calendars as Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. The half-time Go Games are a wonderful promotion for our games and the involvement of our potential future players, administrators and supporters is crucial to the promotion and development of our games. Families greatly appreciate the involvement of their children on these occasions. Their commitment to our games is acknowledged and the activities in which they participate add greatly to the enjoyment of Clár An Lae for patrons.

A number of problem areas encountered during the season in relation to after-match interviews and effective management of items such as the arrival of cups on time and other logistical matters. All these matters have been noted with a view to ensuring that there won't be a repeat in 2016.

Jerry Grogan

Siobhán Ní Bhradaigh

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## Forbairt Pobail

### Community Development Rural & Urban

The rural Communities Work Group met on three occasions during 2015, the membership and attendance at meetings were as follows:

Committee Members	3 Meetings
Seosamh Mac Donncha (Iar-Uachtarán - Cathaoirleach)	3
Éamann Ó hAodha (Ard Mhacha)	1
Séamus Ó Gormáin (Port Láirge)	3
Gearóid Ó Lorcáin (Gaillimh)	1
Tomás Ó Fearáil (Iar Mhí)	3
Éamonn Ó Néill (Ceatharlach)	3
Lorena Ní Cheallaigh (Rúnaí - Páirc an Chrócaigh)	3

It is the aim of the committee that, through joint ventures with other organisations, the GAA will assist communities and business to pilot educational and development projects, with a view to enhancing sustainable communities in both Rural and Urban areas.

The following initiatives were supported by the Community Development Committee, Rural and Urban.

#### COMMUNITY ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME

##### BACKGROUND

The Community Entrepreneurship Programme is a collaborative partnership between the GAA and The Innovation Academy, UCD.

The aim of the Community Entrepreneurship Programme is to promote sustainable communities and provide an alternative to emigration in regional areas around Ireland, particularly those hit hardest by unemployment.

The collaboration builds on the combined strengths of the GAA and The Innovation Academy, UCD, and has been underpinned by the Springboard programme at third level.

1. Community participation on the part of the GAA,
2. Action based entrepreneurial education as developed by the UCD Innovation Academy on the part of UCD.

The programme is championed by entrepreneurial leaders in each province, Pat McDonagh, founder of Riverdeep, Brian McEniff, Director, McEniff Hotels, Pat McDonagh, Managing Director, Supermacs and Frank Murphy, CEO, Monex.

##### UPDATE ON PHASE II

The program is split into Phase I and Phase II.

In Phase I, 78 job seekers have participated in the University Certificate for Rural, Community and Social Entrepreneurship in Galway, Clonmel, Limerick, Dublin (Croke Park) and Portlaoise.

In Phase II, 168 eligible jobseekers participated in the Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Enterprise in Kilkenny, Waterford and Athlone.

A new course started in Drogheda on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October for 30 additional jobseekers

Further courses will be organised in early 2016 in the midlands, south, south east and west of Ireland. Taking the first course into consideration, which will cater for a further, 210 job seekers, this will bring the total number of participants of Phase II to 408 participants over three academic years (2013/14–2015/16).

Both programmes are designed and delivered by The Innovation Academy in partnership with the GAA and the HEA Springboard Courses initiative.

Following the success of the programme and the strategic collaboration with Innovation Academy UCD, the committee is continuing the successful partnership into 2016.

#### YOUTH2WORK INITIATIVE

Youth2Work is a scheme developed by Microsoft and FastTrack to IT (FIT) just over two years ago as a response to the youth unemployment issue in Ireland but also as a response to the shortage of people with the necessary IT skills to fill the approx. 10000 jobs spaces available in the IT sector in Ireland.

During the year, CLG was approached by representatives of Microsoft and FIT with a view to joining the Youth2Work initiative on a pilot basis.

With this in mind, the GAA partnered with Microsoft and FIT to help introduce Youth2Work to local communities in Cavan and Monaghan on a pilot basis.

On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015 Cathriona Hallahan, Managing Director of Microsoft Ireland, Peter Davitt, CEO of FIT (Fastrack to IT) and Martin O'Brien, CEO Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board (CMETB), joined Aogán Ó Fearghail, Uachtarán CLG to launch the pilot scheme of Youth2Work and its collaboration with the GAA.

Courses are currently taking place in a range of locations in Cavan and Monaghan including both Further Education Institutes / Centres and contracted training centres. The courses focus on equipping youth to commence careers in areas such as Cloud Computing; Mobile Technologies; eBusiness; Business Administration; PC Maintenance; Software Development and Multimedia and Web Development.

## Forbairt Pobail

### Community Development Rural & Urban (continued)

From January there will be a direct link with all the clubs in the Cavan & Monaghan via the Youth2Work website.

For the duration of the pilot in CMETB region in partnership with the GAA, Microsoft and FIT will:

- Drive awareness of the opportunities that IT can bring to young people – helping them to pursue careers, ideally with a business in their local community.
- Urge more young people to consider IT as a career of choice by creating awareness of the range of IT courses endorsed by Youth2Work and the kinds of jobs that are available.
- Build knowledge amongst small businesses in towns across Ireland about the role that technology can play in helping companies to get online and grow.
- By creating Irish digital communities, it is hoped that employment will be generated in towns across the country. The objective will be to link Youth2Work graduates with these employment opportunities to help drive growth and expansion of Irish businesses nationwide.

There are 4 clubs/communities involved. The pilot will be completed by 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 including an evaluation report to be submitted to Cosite Bainistí, CLG.

Following a successful evaluation of the initial pilot programme with Communities Creating Jobs the committee hopes to extend the successful partnership to other Counties throughout Ireland.

#### BUÍOCHAS

Thank you to all committee members for their input and also to those who have interacted with the committee over the period.

Seosamh Mac Donncha

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#### COMMUNITIES CREATING JOBS (CCJ)/GAA/GMIT

In February 2015 the GAA, CCJ and Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology commenced on a pilot project of the CCJ initiative of a county voluntary community enterprise network committed to sharing ideas, solutions, experiences, enabling tools, replicable projects, site visits, funding sources and other information in order to create new job opportunities in communities throughout the country.

An assets and opportunities audit questionnaire based on over 20 years of engagement with community enterprise development is used to identify possible new enterprises and jobs in local communities. A voluntary trained facilitator works with interested communities to complete the audit. The audit process involves approx. 4 meetings over a 3 months period.

GMIT with the GAA has formed a County Steering Committee in Co. Galway to manage the pilot project.

The pilot project structure involves:

- The Establishment a County Steering Committee including CLG/GMIT and other relevant organisations
- Organise a community enterprise task group with competent personnel
- Identify and brief facilitators on objectives and on how to complete audit
- Use CCJ Assets & Opportunities Audit Questionnaire to identify possible new enterprises and jobs
- Produce evaluation report on the process and outcomes.



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## Club Grounds Grants 2015

<b>CONNACHT</b>		€		
<b>Gaillimh</b>			Islandeady	15,000
St. Brendans, Loughrea	6,400		Ballina	15,000
Menlough	2,500		Tourmakeady	15,000
Dunmore	3,500		Achill	15,000
Killimor	8,600		Breaffy	1,500
Headford	1,000			76,000
Monivea Abbey	3,500		<b>Ros Comáin</b>	
Glenamaddy	1,000		Boyle	2,100
Kilnadeema Leitrim	2,500		St. Bridgids	8,900
Carnmore	2,500		Strokestown	1,000
Oranmore	1,525		Elphin	10,000
Caltra	5,000		Castlerea	10,000
Kinvara	20,000		Athleague	1,500
Caherlistrane	9,500		Kilglass Gaels	4,000
Ballygar	14,000			37,500
Killiererin	8,000			
	89,525		<b>Sligeach</b>	
<b>Liatroim</b>			Coolaney Mullinabreena	1,000
St. Marys	3,500		St. Molaise Gaels	7,975
Drumkeerin	1,100		Eastern Harps	20,000
Fenagh Handball	4,000		Enniscrone Kilglass	1,500
Aughawillan	4,000			30,475
Gortletteragh	6,400		Sanding	10,000
Drumreilly	2,500			10,000
Bornacoola	5,000			
	26,500		<b>Total Grants Allocated</b>	<b>270,000</b>
<b>Maigh Eo</b>			<b>Allocations 2015</b>	<b>270,000</b>
Kilmeena	11,000			
Aghamore	1,000			
Kiltane	2,500			

## Club Grounds Grants 2015 (continued)

<b>LEINSTER</b>	€		
<b>Cill Dara</b>		St. Patricks Ballyragget	4,400
Clogherinkoe	25,000	Young Irelands	10,100
Cappagh	15,000		62,200
Kilcullen	2,500	<b>Ceatharlach</b>	
Kilcock	1,800	Clonmore	2,500
St. Kevins	700	Rathvilly	500
Rathcoffey	4,000	Eire Og	14,000
	49,000		17,000
<b>Áth Claith</b>		<b>Laoise</b>	
Beann Eadair	4,000	Ballinakil	2,600
Craobh Chiaran	20,000	Borris-in-Ossory	3,000
Na Fianna	5,000	Kilcavan	1,400
Naomh Barróg	10,000	Rosenallis	2,000
St. Patricks Donabate	7,000	Stradbally	1,200
Skerries Harps	30,000	The Harps	2,500
Whitehall Colmcilles	20,000	Timahoe	15,000
	96,000		27,700
<b>Cill Chainnigh</b>		<b>Longfoirt</b>	
Clara	4,000	Carrickedmond	5,300
Dicksboro	2,000	Cashel	11,000
Dunnamaggin	6,700	Grattan Og	3,500
Emeralds	5,800	Kenagh	13,000
Erins Own	6,200	Sean Connollys	5,300
James Stephens	2,300		38,100
John Lockes	5,500	<b>An Lu</b>	
Lisdowney	400	Clann Na Gael	35,000
Muckalee	2,300	Geraldines	6,600
O'Loughlins	12,000	O'Connells	500
Pilltown	500		

## Club Grounds Grants 2015 (continued)

Oliver Plunketts	1,800	Gracefield	11,000
St. Brides	1,600	Kilclonfert	500
	45,500	Kinnity	6,000
		Killeigh	500
		St. Rynaghs H.C.	20,000
<b>An Mhi</b>			92,200
Ballinabrackey	2,300		
Ballinlough	500		
Ballivor	5,800	<b>An Iarmhi</b>	
Bective	15,200	Ballinacargy	2,600
Blackhall Gaels	6,000	Ballinagore	100
Clonard	15,000	Brownstown	14,000
Donaghmore-Ashbourne	2,500	Bunbrosna	4,500
Drumree	400	Castlepollard	4,400
Dunshaughlin	21,000	Caulry	800
Kildalkey	1,800	Kilbeggan Shamrocks	500
Kilmainham	500	Loughlene Gaels	2,000
Na Fianna	700	Maryland	1,300
Oldcastle	1,700	Mullingar Shamrocks	15,000
Ratoath	400	Raharney	17,000
Simonstown Gaels	7,000	Southern Gaels	1,500
Skryne	1,400	St. Lomans	35,000
St. Brigids Ballinacree	500	The Downs	9,000
St. Colmcilles East Meath	2,500		107,700
St. Michaels	6,000		
St. Patricks	2,000	<b>Loch Garman</b>	
St. Vincents	12,000	Bannow Ballymitty	3,500
Wolfe Tones	4,500	Buffers Alley	6,000
	109,700	Castletown Liam Mellows	13,000
		Fethard St. Mogue	5,500
<b>Uibh Fhaili</b>		H.W.H. Bunclody	30,000
Carrig & Riverstown	1,200	Kilmore	1,800
Coolderry	5,500	Ballygarret Realt na Mara	8,000
Edenderry	45,000	Sarsfield	2,600
Ferbane	2,500	Our Ladys Island	6,000



## Club Grounds Grants 2015 (continued)

St. Marys Maudlinstown	25,000	<b>Ciarraí</b>	
Taghmon Camross	7,000	Beale	6,000
	108,400	St. Marys	4,349
		Spa	4,909
<b>Cill Mhantain</b>		St. Pats Blenerville	18,293
Blessington	1,000	Austin Stacks	7,459
Bray Emmets	2,000	Churchill	714
Carnew Emmetts	3,000	John Mitchells	7,218
Tinahely	4,000	Beaufort	2,629
	10,000	Dromid Pearses	1,432
		Ballydonoghue	2,484
<b>Total Grants Allocated 2015</b>	<b>763,500</b>	Cordal	2,192
<b>Carried forward from 2014</b>	<b>16,450</b>	Milltown	1,680
<b>Allocation 2015</b>	<b>750,000</b>		59,359
<b>Carried forward to 2016</b>	2,950		
		<b>Corcaigh</b>	
<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>€</b>	Aghinagh	6,000
<b>An Clár</b>		Adrigole	2,818
Meelick	5,000	Aghabullogue	1,481
Clarecastle	5,000	Barryroe	1,645
Inagh Kilnamonagh	2,970	Bantry Blues	23,284
Kildysart	6,000	Ballymartle	1,617
Clonlara	1,631	Balinora	10,742
Clondegad	3,508	Bishopstown	12,158
Kilmaley	1,118	Ballincollig	581
Newmarket	905	Ballinhassig	8,517
Ruan	765	Ballyclough	4,606
Corofin	4,930	Ballypnehane	6,000
Eire Og	3,185	Bride Rovers	20,580
Michael Cusacks	1,285	Canovee	1,810
Scarriff	1,177	Castlehaven	2,799
	37,474	Crosshaven	5,000
		Cobh	1,263
		Cill na Martra	6,086

## Club Grounds Grants 2015 (continued)

Carrigaline	15,522	Pallasgreen	7,259
Cloughduv	1,676	South Liberties	16,537
Delanys	5,588	Athea	10,888
Donoghmore	2,571	Monalean	16,245
Douglas	12,875	Newcastlewest	2,172
Eire Og	16,763	Kilmallock	2,249
Erins Own	1,019	Ballylanders	7,432
Fermoy	1,699	Ahane	586
Gleann na Laoi	1,184	Kileedy	1,342
Grenagh	11,175	Templeglantine	1,897
Ilen Rovers	5,048		82,975
Kilavullen	7,847		
Killeagh	7,711	<b>Port Láirge</b>	
Kiskeam	1,216	Erins Own	6,337
Mallow	3,346	Ballysaggart	3,353
Meelin	3,012	Kilrossanty	4,856
Mitchelstown	7,083	Ballygunner	1,718
Milford	2,399	Dungarvan	5,442
Newtownshandrum	1,810	Fenor	1,824
Newcestown	5,052	Kill	640
O'Donovan Rossa	4,931	St. Mollerans	1,541
Passage West	1,567		25,711
Rockchapel	4,354		
St. Colums	14,641	<b>Tiobraid Árann</b>	
Watergrasshill	1,052	Ardfinnan	5,000
Uibh Laoire	3,906	Boherlahan	5,000
	262,034	Carrick Swans	5,000
<b>Luimneach</b>		Drom and Inch	1,000
Na Piarasaigh	4,596	Gortnahoe	5,000
Blackrock	861	Thurles Stars	5,000
Monagea	2,761	Newport	3,158
Mountcollins	3,321	Fethard	2,621
Old Christians	4,829	Burgess	1,185
		Galtee Rovers	2,158

## Club Grounds Grants 2015 (continued)

Killenaule	7,976	Cavan Gaels	28,050
Ballina	1,991	Crosserlough	10,900
Clonmel Commercials	3,921	Drumalee	17,950
Lorrha Dorrha	857	Shannon Gaels	7,900
Roscrea	5,269		81,180
Templederry	3,270		
Emly	5,212	<b>Doire</b>	
Kilsheelin	5,588	St. Malachys Castledawson	1,100
Silvermines	3,241	Watty Grahams Glen	3,400
	72,447	Erins Own Lavey	2,820
		Na Magha	10,500
<b>Total Grants Allocated</b>	<b>540,000</b>	Pearses Kilrea	5,000
<b>Allocation 2015</b>	<b>540,000</b>	Michael Davitts Swatragh	3,900
		Limavady Wolfstones	30,000
<b>ULSTER</b>	<b>€</b>	Wolfe Tones Bellaghy	800
<b>Aontroim</b>		Brian Ogs Steelstown	500
Glen Rovers Armoy	4,500	Sarsfields Ballerin	500
McQuillans Ballycastle	6,050	Robert Emmets Slaughtneil	900
Tir na nOg Randalstown	22,400		59,420
St. Marys Rasharkin	900		
	33,850	<b>Dún na nGall</b>	
		Ardara	9,900
<b>Ard Mhacha</b>		Aodh Rua Ballyshannon	14,100
St. Moninnas Killeavy	22,330	Kilcar	14,500
St. Colmcilles Grange	420	Pettigo	500
Pearse Og	500	Red Hughs Killygordon	450
Eire Og	400	Naomh Naille	450
Middletown	500	Naomh Mhuire	500
St. Mochuas Derrynoose	13,450	Milford	500
Peadar O'Doornin Forkhill	3,430	Naomh Ultan	500
	41,030	Sean McCumhalls	500
		Four Masters	900
<b>An Cabhán</b>		St. Marys Convoy	500
Butlersbridge	16,380	Naomh Colmcille	900

## Club Grounds Grants 2015 (continued)

Naomh Brid	500	<b>Fearmanach</b>	
Fanad Gaels	500	Roslea Shamrocks	4,200
Naomh Padraig Muff	500		4,200
Bundoran	900		
Buncrana	800	<b>Muineachán</b>	
	47,400	Ballybay Pearse Brothers	20,000
		Carrickmacross Emmets	19,000
<b>An Dún</b>		Inniskeen Grattans	4,300
Annaclone	8,230	Tyholland St. Patricks	4,120
Ballyholland Harps	14,000	Castleblayney Hurling Club	500
Ballymartin	20,500	Drumhowan Geraldines	900
Bryansford	4,310		48,820
Clann na Banna	6,300		
Dromara	37,660	<b>Tír Eoghain</b>	
Liatroim Fontenoys	13,800	Aghyaran	3,300
Newry Shamrocks	5,150	Brocagh Emmets	1,610
Saval	9,400	Carrickmore Hurling Club	1,000
St. Peters Warrenpoint	3,400	Derrylaughan Kevin Barrys	5,370
Mayobridge	500	Dungannon Thomas Clarkes	11,800
Drumaness	780	Killyclogher	11,600
An Ríocht	900	St. Endas Omagh	6,500
Teconnaght	500	Aghaloo O'Neills	1,000
Downpatrick RGU	900	Drumquin	900
St. Pauls Hollywood	500	St. Patricks Eglis	900
Clonduff	1,050	Eoghain Roe Leckpatrick	820
Tullylish	500	Errigal Ciaran	1,300
Saul	500	Kildress Wolfe Tones	900
Longstone	460	St. Marys Killyman	400
Castlewellan	900	Tir na nOg Moy	900
Kilcoo	600		48,300
Glassdrummond	500		
	131,340	<b>Total Grants Allocated</b>	<b>495,540</b>
		<b>Carried forward from 2014</b>	<b>114,755</b>
		<b>Allocation 2015</b>	<b>440,000</b>
		Carried forward to 2016	59,215

## Loans Outstanding

### Development Fund

#### CLUB LOANS OUTSTANDING

	31/10/2015		
<b>Ceatharlach</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>Áth Cliath</b>	
Mount Leinster Rangers	53,897	Faughs	1,410
St Mullins	92,452	Skerries Harps	90,689
	146,349	Thomas Davis	1,137,333
		Whitehall Colmcille	93,153
			1,322,585
<b>An Cabhán</b>		<b>Gaillimh</b>	
Mullahoran	336,144	Dunmore Mac Hales	12,393
Denn	69,132	Beagh	17,422
Redhills	85,225		29,815
Butlersbridge	8,666		
	499,167	<b>Ciarraí</b>	
		Cordal	23,585
<b>An Clár</b>		Austin Stacks	91,010
Smith O'Brien	69,511		114,595
Clondegad	17,724		
	87,235	<b>Cill Dara</b>	
		Ardclough	29,788
<b>Corcaigh</b>		Suncroft	38,165
Mallow	48,467	St Kevins	87,592
Ballinhassig Club	77,611	Monasterevan	90,640
Grenagh	89,186	Clogherinkoe & Broadford	64,651
Bishopstown	90,739	Eire Og Corra Choill	65,088
Glen Rovers	188,110	Confey	531,203
	494,113	Kilcullen	87,187
			994,314
<b>Dún na nGall</b>		<b>Cill Chainnigh</b>	
Naomh Mhuire	40,826	John Lockes	83,396
Termon	16,408	James Stephens	1,065,570
Muff	14,010	Carrigeen	79,195
An Clochain Liath	53,251		1,228,161
	124,495		

## Loans Outstanding

### Development Fund (continued)

<b>Liatroim</b>		<b>An Mhí</b>	
Annaduff	58,837	St Patricks Stamullen	73,804
	58,837		73,804
<b>Luimneach</b>		<b>Muineacháin</b>	
St Patricks	68,427	Magheraclaone	79,351
Knockane	83,043	Carrickmacross Emmets	83,922
Na Piarasaigh	87,696	Donaghmoynce	54,817
Ballylanders	92,398		218,090
	331,564		
<b>An Longfort</b>		<b>Uibh Fhailí</b>	
Cashel	39,271	St Rynaghs	20,780
Carrickedmond	73,818	Clonbullogue	48,190
Kenagh	91,786	Killeigh	48,731
	204,875	Ferbane	52,912
		Edenderry	89,799
		Clara	439,895
			700,307
<b>An Lu</b>		<b>Ros Comáin</b>	
Newtownblues	69,684	Elphin	82,878
Glen Emmets	85,076	St Barrys	56,387
Kilkerley Emmets	14,997	Castlerea St Kevins	91,781
Clan na Gael	93,239	Kilmore	36,506
	262,996		267,552
<b>Maigh Eo</b>		<b>Sigeach</b>	
Bohola Moy Davitts	81,797	Owenmore Gaels	17,210
The Neale	42,756	St Molaise Gaels	85,274
Davitts	90,741	Coolaney/Mullinabreena	47,737
Crossmolina Deel Rover	94,136		150,221
	309,430		

## Loans Outstanding

### Development Fund (continued)

<b>Tiobráid Árann</b>		<b>COUNTY LOANS OUTSTANDING</b>	
		<b>DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>	<b>31/10/2015</b>
			€
Carrick Swans	100,075	Antrim	77,070
	100,075	Armagh	710,971
		Clare	183,332
<b>Port Láirge</b>		Donegal	149,702
Abbeyside Ballina	80,976	Down	1,824,101
Roanmore	147,600	Galway	3,052,625
Kilrossanty	38,773	Kildare	396,945
Affane Cappoquin	77,750	Mayo	9,031,325
	345,099	Offaly	1,976,157
		Roscommon	741,055
<b>An Iarmhí</b>		Sligo	277,088
Caulry	85,202	Tipperary	188,491
Tyrellspass	54,455	Semple Stadium	634,518
Ballynacargy	45,681	Tyrone	1,537,882
Kilbeggan	42,522	Wicklow	454,719
	227,860	London	172,638
			<b>21,408,619</b>
<b>Loch Garman</b>			
Kilmore	80,594		
	80,594		
<b>Cill Mhantáin</b>			
Glenealy	75,243		
Ashford	86,874		
	162,117		
<b>Club Loans Outstanding</b>	<b>8,534,250</b>		

## Loans Outstanding

### Development Fund (continued)

<b>DEVELOPMENT FUND LOANS</b>	<b>31/10/2015</b>
	<b>€</b>
Athlone	4,090
Commercial's HC	3,788
Lamh Dearg	27,261
Teconnaught	9,490
Naomh Mhichil	13,943
Achill	28,246
Ratoath	33,350
Daragh Cross	4,041
	<b>124,209</b>

<b>OTHER LOANS</b>	<b>31/10/2015</b>
	<b>€</b>
Átha Cliath	888,817
Lonndain	412,247
Páirc an Chrócaigh Teoranta	17,904,401
<b>Loans Outstanding</b>	<b>19,205,465</b>



## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

\*Note a zero gate indicates, in most instances, a game played as part of a double header where the receipts are attributed to the other fixture.

### All-Ireland Senior Football Championship

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
20-Jun	Round 1	Londain v An Cabhán	Ruislip	11,223
20-Jun	Round 1	Port Láirge v Uíbh Fhailí	Fraher Field	2,205
20-Jun	Round 1	An Longfort v Ceatharlach	Glennon Bros Pearse Park	8,410
20-Jun	Round 1	Laoise v Aontroim	O Moore Park	3,860
27-Jun	Round 1	Ard Mhacha v Cill Mhantáin	Athletic Grounds	35,734
27-Jun	Round 1	Loch Garman v An Dún	Innovate Wexford Park	19,178
27-Jun	Round 1	An Lú v Liatroim	Gaelic Grounds	21,345
28-Jun	Round 1	Tír Eoghain v Luimneach	Healy Park, Omagh	34,382
04-Jul	Round 2	Uíbh Fhailí v Cill Dara	O Connor Park	39,533
04-Jul	Round 2	An Clár v An Longfort	Cusack Park, Ennis	-
04-Jul	Round 2	An Cabhán v Ros Comáin	Kingspan Breffni Park	44,483
05-Jul	Round 2	Fear Manach v Aontroim	Brewster Park	20,025
11-Jul	Round 2	Doire v Loch Garman	Owenbeg	23,918
11-Jul	Round 2	Tiobraid Árainn v An Lú	Semple Stadium	-
11-Jul	Round 2	Tír Eoghain v An Mhí	Healy Park, Omagh	48,892
11-Jul	Round 3	An Longfort v Cill Dara	Cusack Park, Mullingar	46,320
12-Jul	Round 2	Ard Mhacha v Gaillimh	Athletic Grounds	55,277
12-Jul	Round 3	Fear Manach v Ros Comáin	Brewster Park	68,494
18-Jul	Round 3	Tiobraid Árainn v Tír Eoghain	Semple Stadium	52,806
18-Jul	Round 3	Gaillimh v Doire	Pearse Stadium, Galway	58,188
25-Jul	Round 4	Fear Manach v An Iarmhí	Kingspan Breffni Park	106,857
25-Jul	Round 4	Cill Dara v Corcaigh	Semple Stadium	45,368
01-Aug	Round 4	Tír Eoghain v Sligeach	Páirc an Chrócaigh	442,213
01-Aug	Round 4	Dún na nGall v Gaillimh	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
02-Aug	Quarter-Final	Ciarraí v Cill Dara	Páirc an Chrócaigh	1,117,729
02-Aug	Quarter-Final	Áth Cliath v Fear Manach	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
08-Aug	Quarter-Final	Muineachán v Tír Eoghain	Páirc an Chrócaigh	1,160,746
08-Aug	Quarter-Final	Maigh Eo v Dún na nGall	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
23-Aug	Semi-Final	Ciarraí v Tír Eoghain	Páirc an Chrócaigh	1,303,601
30-Aug	Semi-Final	Maigh Eo v Áth Cliath	Páirc an Chrócaigh	1,938,321
05-Sep	Semi-Final Replay	Maigh Eo v Áth Cliath	Páirc an Chrócaigh	1,419,637
20-Sep	Final	Áth Cliath v Ciarraí	Páirc an Chrócaigh	4,713,595
				<b>12,842,339</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
04-Jul	Round 1	An Clár v Uíbh Fhailí	Cusack Park, Ennis	125,015
04-Jul	Round 1	Laoise v Áth Cliath	O Moore Park	33,765
04-Jul	Round 1	Loch Garman v Corcaigh	Innovate Wexford Park	124,833
05-Jul	Round 1	An Iarmhí v Luimneach	Cusack Park, Mullingar	18,495
11-Jul	Round 2	Áth Cliath v Luimneach	Semple Stadium	360,044
11-Jul	Round 2	An Clár v Corcaigh	Semple Stadium	-
26-Jul	Quarter-Final	Áth Cliath v Port Láirge	Semple Stadium	594,967
26-Jul	Quarter-Final	Gaillimh v Corcaigh	Semple Stadium	-
09-Aug	Semi-Final	Cill Chainnigh v Port Láirge	Páirc an Chrócaigh	930,734
16-Aug	Semi-Final	Gaillimh v Tiobraid Árann	Páirc an Chrócaigh	1,335,425
06-Sep	Final	Cill Chainnigh v Gaillimh	Páirc an Chrócaigh	4,614,282
				<b>8,137,560</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015 (continued)

### Allianz Football League - Division 1

Date	Round / Stage	Teams		Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
31-Jan	Round 1	Dún na nGall	v Doire	Mac Cumhail Park	21,692
31-Jan	Round 1	Tír Eoghain	v Muineachán	Healy Park, Omagh	16,079
01-Feb	Round 1	Corcaigh	v Áth Cliath	Páirc Uí Rinn	31,148
01-Feb	Round 1	Ciarraí	v Maigh Eo	Fitzgerald Stadium	43,474
07-Feb	Round 2	Áth Cliath	v Dún na nGall	Páirc an Chrócaigh	133,320
08-Feb	Round 2	Doire	v Ciarraí	Celtic Park	16,282
08-Feb	Round 2	Maigh Eo	v Tír Eoghain	Elverys Mc Hale Park	53,177
08-Feb	Round 2	Muineachán	v Corcaigh	Castleblayney	38,515
28-Feb	Round 3	Tír Eoghain	v Doire	Healy Park, Omagh	12,710
01-Mar	Round 3	Ciarraí	v Áth Cliath	Fitzgerald Stadium	41,768
01-Mar	Round 3	Dún na nGall	v Corcaigh	Fr Tierney Park	14,661
01-Mar	Round 3	Maigh Eo	v Muineachán	Elverys Mc Hale Park	25,420
07-Mar	Round 4	Áth Cliath	v Tír Eoghain	Páirc an Chrócaigh	135,369
08-Mar	Round 4	Dún na nGall	v Muineachán	O Donnell Park	38,943
08-Mar	Round 4	Corcaigh	v Ciarraí	Páirc Uí Rinn	42,884
08-Mar	Round 4	Doire	v Maigh Eo	Celtic Park	16,353
14-Mar	Round 5	Maigh Eo	v Áth Cliath	Elverys Mc Hale Park	84,943
15-Mar	Round 5	Ciarraí	v Dún na nGall	Austin Stack Park	37,821
15-Mar	Round 5	Muineachán	v Doire	St Tiernachs Park	19,878
15-Mar	Round 5	Tír Eoghain	v Corcaigh	Healy Park, Omagh	17,844
28-Mar	Round 6	Áth Cliath	v Doire	Páirc an Chrócaigh	82,955
29-Mar	Round 6	Dún na nGall	v Tír Eoghain	Mac Cumhail Park	43,589
29-Mar	Round 6	Corcaigh	v Maigh Eo	Páirc Uí Rinn	37,117
29-Mar	Round 6	Ciarraí	v Muineachán	Austin Stack Park	39,165
05-Apr	Round 7	Doire	v Corcaigh	Celtic Park	4,753
05-Apr	Round 7	Maigh Eo	v Dún na nGall	Elverys Mc Hale Park	70,701
05-Apr	Round 7	Muineachán	v Áth Cliath	St Tiernachs Park	68,324
05-Apr	Round 7	Tír Eoghain	v Ciarraí	Healy Park, Omagh	26,775
12-Apr	Semi-Final	Corcaigh	v Dún na nGall	Páirc an Chrócaigh	57,837
12-Apr	Semi-Final	Áth Cliath	v Muineachán	Páirc an Chrócaigh	72,809
26-Apr	Final	Áth Cliath	v Corcaigh	Páirc an Chrócaigh	200,681
					<b>1,546,986</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### Allianz Football League - Division 2

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
01-Feb	Round 1	Gaillimh v An Mhí	Pearse Stadium	22,714
01-Feb	Round 1	Cill Dara v An Dún	St Conleths Park	22,223
01-Feb	Round 1	Ros Comáin v An Cabhán	Kiltoom	16,065
01-Feb	Round 1	An Iarmhí v Laoise	Cusack Park, Mullingar	9,199
07-Feb	Round 2	An Dún v Ros Comáin	Páirc Esler	21,064
07-Feb	Round 2	Laoise v An Cabhán	O Moore Park	7,044
07-Feb	Round 2	An Mhí v Cill Dara	Páirc Tailteann	27,399
08-Feb	Round 2	An Iarmhí v Gaillimh	Cusack Park, Mullingar	13,820
28-Feb	Round 3	An Cabhán v An Dún	Kingspan Breffni Park	11,923
01-Mar	Round 3	Cill Dara v An Iarmhí	St Conleths Park	7,174
07-Mar	Round 4	An Cabhán v Cill Dara	Kingspan Breffni Park	14,641
07-Mar	Round 4	An Mhí v An Iarmhí	Páirc Tailteann	25,299
08-Mar	Round 4	An Dún v Gaillimh	Páirc Esler	20,974
08-Mar	Round 4	Laoise v Ros Comáin	O Moore Park	9,307
14-Mar	Round 5	An Mhí v Laoise	Páirc Tailteann	15,942
15-Mar	Round 5	Gaillimh v An Cabhán	Pearse Stadium	19,977
15-Mar	Round 5	An Iarmhí v An Dún	Cusack Park, Mullingar	9,395
15-Mar	Round 5	Cill Dara v Ros Comáin	St Conleths Park	17,878
22-Mar	Round 3	Gaillimh v Laoise	Tuam Stadium	10,533
22-Mar	Round 3	Ros Comáin v An Mhí	Kiltoom	24,898
28-Mar	Round 6	An Cabhán v An Iarmhí	Kingspan Breffni Park	13,442
28-Mar	Round 6	An Dún v An Mhí	Páirc Esler	20,707
28-Mar	Round 6	Laoise v Cill Dara	O Moore Park	13,999
29-Mar	Round 6	Ros Comáin v Gaillimh	Dr Hyde Park	25,123
05-Apr	Round 7	An Dún v Laoise	Páirc Esler	17,892
05-Apr	Round 7	Gaillimh v Cill Dara	Pearse Stadium	22,719
05-Apr	Round 7	An Mhí v An Cabhán	Páirc Tailteann	62,515
05-Apr	Round 7	An Iarmhí v Ros Comáin	Cusack Park, Mullingar	19,264
26-Apr	Final	An Dún v Ros Comáin	Páirc an Chrócaigh	131,045
				<b>654,173</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### Allianz Football League - Division 3

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
31-Jan	Round 1	Fear Manach v An Lú	Brewster Park	4,609
01-Feb	Round 1	Ard Mhacha v Tiobraid Árainn	Athletic Grounds	13,646
01-Feb	Round 1	An Clár v Loch Garman	Miltown Malbay	7,185
01-Feb	Round 1	Luimneach v Sligeach	Kilmallock	1,611
08-Feb	Round 2	Tiobraid Árainn v Luimneach	Semple Stadium	2,016
08-Feb	Round 2	An Lú v An Clár	Gaelic Grounds, Drogheda	7,293
08-Feb	Round 2	Sligeach v Fear Manach	Markievicz Park	7,187
08-Feb	Round 2	Loch Garman v Ard Mhacha	Innovate Wexford Park	7,260
01-Mar	Round 3	An Clár v Sligeach	Cusack Park, Ennis	3,636
01-Mar	Round 3	Fear Manach v Tiobraid Árainn	Brewster Park	4,823
01-Mar	Round 3	Luimneach v Ard Mhacha	Kilmallock	2,985
01-Mar	Round 3	An Lú v Loch Garman	Gaelic Grounds, Drogheda	2,856
07-Mar	Round 4	Tiobraid Árainn v An Clár	Semple Stadium	1,656
07-Mar	Round 4	Ard Mhacha v Fear Manach	Athletic Grounds	20,594
08-Mar	Round 4	Sligeach v An Lú	Markievicz Park	4,862
08-Mar	Round 4	Loch Garman v Luimneach	Innovate Wexford Park	5,664
15-Mar	Round 5	An Clár v Ard Mhacha	Cusack Park, Ennis	8,834
15-Mar	Round 5	Fear Manach v Luimneach	Brewster Park	5,440
15-Mar	Round 5	An Lú v Tiobraid Árainn	Gaelic Grounds, Drogheda	3,473
15-Mar	Round 5	Sligeach v Loch Garman	Markievicz Park	4,219
28-Mar	Round 6	Ard Mhacha v An Lú	Athletic Grounds	13,778
29-Mar	Round 6	Loch Garman v Fear Manach	Innovate Wexford Park	2,175
29-Mar	Round 6	Tiobraid Árainn v Sligeach	Semple Stadium	1,181
29-Mar	Round 6	Luimneach v An Clár	Newcastlewest	2,471
05-Apr	Round 7	An Clár v Fear Manach	Cusack Park, Ennis	5,333
05-Apr	Round 7	An Lú v Luimneach	Gaelic Grounds, Drogheda	5,443
05-Apr	Round 7	Sligeach v Ard Mhacha	Markievicz Park	9,579
05-Apr	Round 7	Tiobraid Árainn v Loch Garman	Clonmel	1,759
25-Apr	Final	Ard Mhacha v Fear Manach	Páirc an Chrócaigh	27,133
				<b>188,701</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### Allianz Football League - Division 4

Date	Round / Stage	Teams		Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
31-Jan	Round 1	Port Láirge	v Cill Mhantáin	Fraher Field	2,804
01-Feb	Round 1	Londain	v Uíbh Fhailí	Ruislip	79
01-Feb	Round 1	Liatroim	v An Longfort	Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada	8,390
01-Feb	Round 1	Aontroim	v Ceatharlach	St Paul's Belfast	1,623
08-Feb	Round 2	Ceatharlach	v Londain	Dr Cullen Park	2,221
08-Feb	Round 2	An Longfort	v Aontroim	Glennon Bros Pearse Park	3,158
08-Feb	Round 2	Uíbh Fhailí	v Port Láirge	O Connor Park	3,098
08-Feb	Round 2	Cill Mhantáin	v Liatroim	Aughrim	2,646
28-Feb	Round 3	Londain	v An Longfort	Ruislip	13
28-Feb	Round 3	Port Láirge	v Ceatharlach	Fraher Field	1,886
01-Mar	Round 3	Cill Mhantáin	v Uíbh Fhailí	Aughrim	961
01-Mar	Round 3	Liatroim	v Aontroim	Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada	1,839
08-Mar	Round 4	Uíbh Fhailí	v Liatroim	O Connor Park	3,345
08-Mar	Round 4	Aontroim	v Londain	Toomebridge	221
08-Mar	Round 4	An Longfort	v Port Láirge	Glennon Bros Pearse Park	2,858
08-Mar	Round 4	Ceatharlach	v Cill Mhantáin	Dr Cullen Park	4,839
15-Mar	Round 5	Uíbh Fhailí	v Ceatharlach	O Connor Park	2,988
15-Mar	Round 5	Cill Mhantáin	v An Longfort	Aughrim	1,306
15-Mar	Round 5	Port Láirge	v Aontroim	Walsh Park	963
22-Mar	Round 5	Liatroim	v Londain	Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada	1,368
29-Mar	Round 6	Londain	v Port Láirge	Ruislip	-
29-Mar	Round 6	Ceatharlach	v Liatroim	Dr Cullen Park	2,564
29-Mar	Round 6	Aontroim	v Cill Mhantáin	St Paul's Belfast	957
29-Mar	Round 6	An Longfort	v Uíbh Fhailí	Glennon Bros Pearse Park	4,955
05-Apr	Round 7	Liatroim	v Port Láirge	Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada	1,703
05-Apr	Round 7	Uíbh Fhailí	v Aontroim	O Connor Park	5,228
05-Apr	Round 7	Cill Mhantáin	v Londain	Aughrim	224
05-Apr	Round 7	Ceatharlach	v An Longfort	Dr Cullen Park	808
25-Apr	Final	An Longfort	v Uíbh Fhailí	Páirc an Chrócaigh	25,760
					<b>88,802</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### Allianz Hurling League - Division 1A

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
14-Feb	Round 1	Corcaigh v Cill Chainnigh	Pairc Ui Rinn	57,760
15-Feb	Round 1	Ath Cliath v Tiobraid Arann	Parnell Pk	30,081
15-Feb	Round 1	Gaillimh v An Clár	Pearse Stadium	44,797
21-Feb	Round 2	Corcaigh v An Clár	Pairc Ui Rinn	47,451
22-Feb	Round 2	Cill Chainnigh v Ath Cliath	Nowlan Pk	43,396
22-Feb	Round 2	Tiobraid Arann v Gaillimh	Semple Stadium	21,310
07-Mar	Round 3	Ath Cliath v Corcaigh	Pairc an Chrocaigh	44,906
08-Mar	Round 3	An Clár v Tiobraid Arann	Cusack pk	48,697
08-Mar	Round 3	Gaillimh v Cill Chainnigh	Pearse Stadium	43,186
14-Mar	Round 4	An Clár v Áth Cliath	Cusack Park, Ennis	16,337
15-Mar	Round 4	Tiobraid Árann v Cill Chainnigh	Semple Stadium	67,601
15-Mar	Round 4	Gaillimh v Corcaigh	Pearse Stadium	31,618
22-Mar	Round 5	Corcaigh v Tiobraid Árann	Páirc Uí Rinn	49,828
22-Mar	Round 5	Áth Cliath v Gaillimh	Parnell Park	21,695
22-Mar	Round 5	Cill Chainnigh v An Clár	Nowlan Park	35,033
28-Mar	Quarter-Final	Áth Cliath v Luimneach	Páirc an Chrócaigh	53,196
29-Mar	Quarter-Final	Uíbh Fhailí v Tiobraid Árann	O Connor Park	30,796
29-Mar	Quarter-Final	Corcaigh v Loch Garman	Páirc Uí Rinn	31,002
29-Mar	Quarter-Final	Port Láirge v Gaillimh	Walsh Park	33,061
29-Mar	Relegation Play-off	Cill Chainnigh v An Clár	Nowlan Park	44,658
19-Apr	Division 1A Semi-Final	Corcaigh v Áth Cliath	Nowlan Park	76,564
19-Apr	Division 1B Semi-Final	Tiobraid Árann v Port Láirge	Nowlan Park	78,401
04-May	Final	Corcaigh v Port Láirge	Semple Stadium	237,176
				<b>1,188,550</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### Allianz Hurling League - Division 1B

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
14-Feb	Round 1	Laoise v Uíbh Fhailí	O Moore Park	10,188
14-Feb	Round 1	Luimneach v Port Láirge	Gaelic Grounds	24,287
15-Feb	Round 1	Loch Garman v Aontroim	Innovate Wexford Park	15,179
21-Feb	Round 2	Port Láirge v Laoise	Fraher Field	12,453
22-Feb	Round 2	Aontroim v Luimneach	Ballycastle	3,619
22-Feb	Round 2	Uíbh Fhailí v Loch Garman	O Connor Park	12,176
07-Mar	Round 3	Uíbh Fhailí v Port Láirge	O Connor Park	28,017
08-Mar	Round 3	Aontroim v Laoise	Armoy	1,940
08-Mar	Round 3	Loch Garman v Luimneach	Innovate Wexford Park	7,012
14-Mar	Round 4	Luimneach v Uíbh Fhailí	Gaelic Grounds	19,223
15-Mar	Round 4	Port Láirge v Aontroim	Walsh Park	8,812
15-Mar	Round 4	Laoise v Loch Garman	O Moore Park	6,812
22-Mar	Round 5	Aontroim v Uíbh Fhailí	Ballycastle	1,195
22-Mar	Round 5	Luimneach v Laoise	Kilmallock	5,653
23-Mar	Round 5	Loch Garman v Port Láirge	Innovate Wexford Park	64,236
28-Mar	Relegation Play-off	Laoise v Aontroim	O Moore Park	7,012
11-Apr	Division 1B/2A Play-off	Aontroim v Ciarraí	Parnell Park	1,815
				<b>229,628</b>



## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### Allianz Hurling League - Division 2A

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
15-Feb	Round 1	Ciarraí <b>v</b> Doire	Austin Stack Park	905
15-Feb	Round 1	An Iarmhí <b>v</b> Londain	Cusack Park, Mullingar	855
15-Feb	Round 1	Ceatharlach <b>v</b> Cill Mhantáin	Dr Cullen Park	1,340
22-Feb	Round 2	Doire <b>v</b> An Iarmhí	Owenbeg	550
22-Feb	Round 2	Londain <b>v</b> Ceatharlach	Ruislip	-
22-Feb	Round 2	Cill Mhantáin <b>v</b> Ciarraí	Arklow	155
28-Feb	Round 4	Londain <b>v</b> Doire	Ruislip	-
08-Mar	Round 3	Doire <b>v</b> Ceatharlach	Celtic Park	441
08-Mar	Round 3	Cill Mhantáin <b>v</b> Londain	Arklow	130
08-Mar	Round 3	Ciarraí <b>v</b> An Iarmhí	Austin Stack Park	930
15-Mar	Round 4	An Iarmhí <b>v</b> Cill Mhantáin	Cusack Park, Mullingar	998
15-Mar	Round 4	Ceatharlach <b>v</b> Ciarraí	Dr Cullen Park	1,249
22-Mar	Round 5	Ciarraí <b>v</b> Londain	Austin Stack Park	570
22-Mar	Round 5	Doire <b>v</b> Cill Mhantáin	Owenbeg	680
22-Mar	Round 5	An Iarmhí <b>v</b> Ceatharlach	Cusack Park, Mullingar	980
04-Apr	Final	Cill Dara <b>v</b> An Mhí	Cusack Park, Mullingar	1,990
				<b>11,772</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### Allianz Hurling League - Division 2B

Date	Round / Stage	Teams		Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
15-Feb	Round 1	Dún na nGall	v Maigh Eo	O'Donnell Park	505
15-Feb	Round 1	An Dún	v Ard Mhacha	Páirc Esler	809
15-Feb	Round 1	An Mhí	v Cill Dara	Trim	1025
22-Feb	Round 2	Ard Mhacha	v Dún na nGall	Athletic Grounds	266
22-Feb	Round 2	Cill Dara	v An Dún	St Conleths Park	590
22-Feb	Round 2	Maigh Eo	v An Mhí	Elverys Mc Hale Park	200
07-Mar	Round 3	Ard Mhacha	v Cill Dara	Athletic Grounds	1011
07-Mar	Round 3	Dún na nGall	v An Mhí	O'Donnell Park	310
08-Mar	Round 3	Maigh Eo	v An Dún	Elverys Mc Hale Park	215
15-Mar	Round 4	Cill Dara	v Maigh Eo	St Conleths Park	205
15-Mar	Round 4	An Dún	v Dún na nGall	Ballycran	456
15-Mar	Round 4	An Mhí	v Ard Mhacha	Trim	375
22-Mar	Round 5	Dún na nGall	v Cill Dara	O'Donnell Park	215
22-Mar	Round 5	Maigh Eo	v Ard Mhacha	Elverys Mc Hale Park	190
22-Mar	Round 5	An Mhí	v An Dún	Trim	230
29-Mar	Relegation Play-off	Dún na nGall	v Maigh Eo	Carrick-on-Shannon	150
04-Apr	Final	An Iarmhí	v Ciarraí	Gaelic Grounds	3105
11-Apr	Division 2B/3A Play-off	Dún na nGall	Tír Eoghain	Owenbeg	257
18-Apr	Replay 2B/3A Play-off	Dún na nGall	v Tír Eoghain	Celtic Park	868
					<b>10,982</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### Allianz Hurling League - Division 3A

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
15-Feb	Round 1	Fear Manach v Fingal	Brewster Park	102
15-Feb	Round 1	Ros Comáin v An Lú	Athleague	140
15-Feb	Round 1	Tír Eoghain v Muineachán	Healy Park	175
22-Feb	Round 2	Fingal v Tír Eoghain	Parnells GAA	-
22-Feb	Round 2	An Lú v Fear Manach	Darver	45
22-Feb	Round 2	Muineachán v Ros Comáin	Castleblayney	400
08-Mar	Round 3	Fear Manach v Tír Eoghain	Brewster Park	92
08-Mar	Round 3	Fingal v Ros Comáin	St Maurs Rush	20
08-Mar	Round 3	An Lú v Muineachán	Darver	260
15-Mar	Round 4	Tír Eoghain v An Lú	Healy Park	846
15-Mar	Round 4	Muineachán v Fingal	Inniskeen	-
15-Mar	Round 4	Ros Comáin v Fear Manach	Athleague	70
22-Mar	Round 5	Fear Manach v Muineachán	Brewster Park	123
22-Mar	Round 5	Fingal v An Lú	Swords	50
22-Mar	Round 5	Tír Eoghain v Ros Comáin	Healy Park	162
04-Apr	Final	Muineachán v Tír Eoghain	Keady	1293
				<b>3,778</b>

### Allianz Hurling League - Division 3B

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
07-Mar	Round 1	Warwickshire v Sligeach	Páirc na h Eireann	-
08-Mar	Round 1	Liatroim v An Longfort	Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada	93
14-Mar	Round 2	An Longfort v Warwickshire	Glennon Bros Pearse Park	-
15-Mar	Round 2	Sligeach v Liatroim	Markievicz Park	-
22-Mar	Round 3	Warwickshire v Liatroim	Páirc na h Eireann	-
28-Mar	Round 3	An Longfort v Sligeach	Glennon Bros Pearse Park	-
04-Apr	Final	An Longfort v Warwickshire	Ashbourne	590
				<b>683</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### Christy Ring Cup

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
02-May	Round 1	Ciarraí <b>v</b> An Dún	Tralee	1,295
02-May	Round 1	Londain <b>v</b> Cill Dara	Ruislip	800
02-May	Round 1	Doire <b>v</b> Maigh Eo	Owenbeg	444
02-May	Round 1	An Mhí <b>v</b> Cill Mhantáin	Trim	665
09-May	Round 1 Replay	Cill Dara <b>v</b> Londain	Newbridge	1,500
09-May	Round 2A	Ciarraí <b>v</b> An Mhí	Tralee	1,330
09-May	Round 2B	An Dún <b>v</b> Cill Mhantáin	Ballycran	397
16-May	Round 2A	Doire <b>v</b> Londain	Owenbeg	759
16-May	Round2B	Maigh Eo <b>v</b> Cill Dara	Ballina Stephenites	360
23-May	Quarter-Final	An Mhí <b>v</b> Cill Dara	Trim	2,285
23-May	Quarter-Final	An Dún <b>v</b> Londain	Ballycran	618
23-May	Relegation/Play-off	Cill Mhantáin <b>v</b> Maigh Eo	Cusack Park	-
30-May	Semi-Final	Cill Dara <b>v</b> Ciarraí	Newbridge	2,095
30-May	Semi-Final	Doire <b>v</b> An Dún	Owenbeg	2,614
06-Jun	Final	Doire <b>v</b> Ciarraí	Páirc an Chrócaigh	12,680
14-Jun	Promotion Play-off	Maigh Eo <b>v</b> Ros Comáin	Pearse Stadium	-
				<b>27,842</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### Nicky Rackard Cup

Date	Round / Stage	Teams		Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
02-May	Round 1	Dún na nGall	v Tír Eoghain	Letterkenny	445
02-May	Round 1	Fingal	v Ros Comáin	Swords	-
02-May	Round 1	Muineachán	v An Longfort	Clones	385
03-May	Round 1	Ard Mhacha	v An Lú	Athletic Grounds	367
09-May	Round 2	Ros Comáin	v Muineachán	Athleague	380
09-May	Round 2	Tír Eoghain	v Ard Mhacha	Carrickmore	789
09-May	Round 2	An Longfort	v Dún na nGall	Pearse Park	275
09-May	Round 2	An Lú	v Fingal	Dowdallshill	330
16-May	Quarter-Final	Muineachán	v Dún na nGall	Clones	265
16-May	Quarter-Final	Fingal	v Tír Eoghain	Swords	-
23-May	Semi-Final	Tír Eoghain	v Ros Comáin	Carrickmore	945
23-May	Semi-Final	Ard Mhacha	v Dún na nGall	Athletic Grounds	617
23-May	Promotion Play-off	An Lú	v An Longfort	St Lomans	-
06-Jun	Final	Ard Mhacha	v Ros Comáin	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
13-Jun	Relegation/Play-off	An Lú	v Fear Manach	Kingspan Breffni Park	-
7-Jun	Final	Fingal	v Tír Eoghain	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
					<b>4,797</b>

### Lory Meagher Cup

Date	Round / Stage	Teams		Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
02-May	Round 1	Fear Manach	v Warwickshire	Brewster Park	266
03-May	Round 1	Liatroim	v Sligeach	Ballinamore	35
09-May	Round 2	Lancashire	v Fear Manach	Páirc na h Eireann	-
09-May	Round 2	Warwickshire	v Liatroim	Páirc na h Eireann	-
16-May	Round 3	Sligeach	v Warwickshire	Markievicz Park	420
16-May	Round 3	Liatroim	v Lancashire	Ballinamore	255
23-May	Round 4	Lancashire	v Sligeach	Páirc na h Eireann	-
23-May	Round 4	Fear Manach	v Liatroim	Brewster Park	390
30-May	Round 5	Warwickshire	v Lancashire	Páirc na h Eireann	-
30-May	Round 5	Sligeach	v Fear Manach	Markievicz Park	85
06-Jun	Final	Sligeach	v Fear Manach	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
					<b>1,451</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### All-Ireland Club Championships

Date	Round / Stage	Teams		Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
07-Feb	Snr Hurling S-F	Gort	v Ballyhale Shamrocks	O Connor Park	18,995
07-Feb	Snr Hurling S-F	Kilmallock	v Portaferry	Cusack Park	9,110
17-Mar	Snr Hurling Final	Kilmallock	v Ballyhale Shamrocks	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
14-Dec	Snr Football Qtr-F	Tir Chonaill Gaels	v Corofin	Ruislip	2,104
14-Feb	Snr Football S-F	Corofin	v St Vincents	O Connor Park	31,310
15-Feb	Snr Football S-F	Austin Stacks	v Slaughtneil	O Moore Park	28,530
17-Mar	Snr Football Final	Slaughtneil	v Corofin	Páirc an Chrócaigh	336,105
06-Dec	Int Hurling Qtr-F	Kilburn Gaels	v Mullinavat	Ruislip	1,308
25-Jan	Int Hurling S-F	Kilburn Gaels	v Cappataggle	Gaelic Grounds	4,415
25-Jan	Int Hurling S-F	Cappoquin	v O Donovan Rossa	Cusack Park, Mullingar	1,750
15-Feb	Int Hurling Final	O Donovan Rossa	v Kilburn Gaels	Páirc an Chrócaigh	12,425
25-Jan	Int Football S-F	Sean O Mahonys	v St Croans	Kingspan Breffni Park	6,000
25-Jan	Int Football S-F	Ardfert	v St Peters Warrenpoint	O Moore Park	3,430
14-Feb	Int Football Final	Ardfert	v St Croans	Páirc an Chrócaigh	34,230
10-Jan	Jnr Hurling Qtr-F	Fullen Gaels	v Modeligo	Páirc na h Eireann	-
25-Jan	Jnr Hurling S-F	Castleblayney	v Fullen Gaels	Parnells GAA	340
25-Jan	Jnr Hurling S-F	Annaghdown	v Bennettsbridge	Nenagh	2,775
15-Feb	Jnr Hurling Final	Bennettsbridge	v Fullen Gaels	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
29-Nov	Jnr Football Qtr-F	John Mitchels	v Oileain Árainn	Páirc na h Eireann	525
25-Jan	Jnr Football S-F	Moate All Whites	v John Mitchels	Páirc Tailteann	3,395
25-Jan	Jnr Football S-F	Brosna	v Rock St Patricks	Ballinasloe	2,920
01-Feb	Jnr Football S-F Replay	Brosna	v Rock St Patricks	Ballinasloe	1,900
14-Feb	Jnr Football Final	John Mitchels	v Brosna	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
					<b>501,567</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### All-Ireland Junior Football Championship

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
25-Jul	Semi-Final	Loch Garman <b>v</b> Ciarraí	Fraher Field	1,620
25-Jul	Semi-Final	Cill Chainnigh <b>v</b> Maigh Eo	O Connor Park	1,105
08-Aug	Final	Ciarraí <b>v</b> Maigh Eo	Páirc an Chrócaigh	1,210
				<b>3,935</b>

### All-Ireland Intermediate Hurling Championship

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
08-Aug	Final	Corcaigh <b>v</b> Gaillimh	Gaelic Grounds	8,460
				<b>8,460</b>

### All-Ireland Under 21 Football Championship

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
18-Apr	Semi-Final	Áth Cliath <b>v</b> Tiobraid Árann	O Connor Park	9,615
18-Apr	Semi-Final	Ros Comáin <b>v</b> Tír Eoghain	Markievicz Park	35,851
02-May	Final	Tiobraid Árann <b>v</b> Tír Eoghain	Parnell Park	48,745
				<b>94,211</b>

### All-Ireland Under 21 Hurling Championship

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
22-Aug	Semi-Final	Aontroim <b>v</b> Loch Garman	Semple Stadium	67,630
22-Aug	Semi-Final	Gaillimh <b>v</b> Luimneach	Semple Stadium	-
12-Sep	Final	Luimneach <b>v</b> Loch Garman	Semple Stadium	230,602
				<b>298,232</b>

## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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### All-Ireland Under 21 B Hurling Championship

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
22-Aug	Semi-Final	An Mhí v Maigh Eo	Trim	965
22-Aug	Semi-Final	Ros Comáin v Cill Mhantáin	Athleague	520
12-Sep	Final	An Mhí v Cill Mhantáin	Semple Stadium	0
				<b>1,485</b>

### All-Ireland Under 21 C Hurling Championship

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
11-Jul	Semi-Final	Tír Eoghain v An Lú	Healy Park, Omagh	-
18-Jul	Semi-Final	Dún na nGall v Sligeach	Letterkenny	-
26-Jul	Final	Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain	Celtic Park	898
				<b>898</b>

### All-Ireland Minor Championships

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
01-Aug	Football Qtr-F	Doire v An Longfort	Brewster Park	50
01-Aug	Football Qtr-F	An Cabhán v Cill Dara	Páirc Tailteann	11,129
02-Aug	Football Qtr-F	Ciarraí v Sligeach	O Connor Park	10,356
02-Aug	Football Qtr-F	Gaillimh v Tiobraid Árann	O Connor Park	-
23-Aug	Football S-F	Ciarraí v Doire	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
30-Aug	Football S-F	Tiobraid Árann v Cill Dara	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
20-Sep	Final	Ciarraí v Tiobraid Árann	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
25-Jul	Hurling Qtr-F	Aontroim v Áth Cliath	Kingspan Breffni Park	-
26-Jul	Hurling Qtr-F	Luimneach v Gaillimh	Semple Stadium	-
09-Aug	Hurling S-F	Cill Chainnigh v Gaillimh	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
16-Aug	Hurling S-F Replay	Cill Chainnigh v Gaillimh	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
16-Jul	Hurling S-F	Áth Cliath v Tiobraid Árann	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
06-Sep	Final	Gaillimh v Tiobraid Árann	Páirc an Chrócaigh	-
				<b>21,535</b>



## Detailed Gate Receipts per Game 2015

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Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
01-Aug	Min B Hurl Qtr Final	An Dun <b>v</b> Dun na Gall	Pairc Esler	0
01-Aug	Min B Hurl Qtr Final	Cill Dara <b>v</b> Ciarrai	Newbridge	950
01-Aug	Min B Hurl Qtr Final	Ros Comain <b>v</b> An Mhi	Athleague	310
01-Aug	Min B Hurl Qtr Final	Wicklow <b>v</b> Armagh	Arklow	110
15-Aug	Min B Hurl Semi Final	An Dun <b>v</b> Ciarrai	Newbridge	0
15-Aug	Min B Hurl Semi Final	Cill Mhantain <b>v</b> Ros Comain	Arklow	125
05-Sep	Min B Hurl Final	Ciarrai <b>v</b> Ros Comain	Gaelic Grounds	1,550
				<b>3,045</b>

Date	Round / Stage	Teams	Venue	Gate Receipts (€)
19-Sep	Min C Hurl Final	Maigh Eo <b>v</b> Tir Eoghain	Ballinamore	330
26-Sep	Min C Hurl Final Replay	Maigh Eo <b>v</b> Tir Eoghain	Ballinamore	400
				<b>730</b>

## Club Development Scheme Draw Results 2015

Month	Name	Address	County	Unit Number	€ Amount
Eanáir	Ben Dolan	8 Ballinderry Road, Mullingar, Co Westmeath	An Iar Mhí	423	127
	Tony Burke	27 Hill St, Dublin 1	Áth Cliath	137	635
Feabhra	Derrylin O Connells	C/O Leanne Maguire, 26 Mullyneeny, Derrylin, Co Fermanagh	Fear Manach	1129	127
	Brocagh Emmets GFC	C/O Claire Bell, 24 Magheracastle Avenue, Brocagh, Coalisland, Co Tyrone	Tír Eoghan	1051	635
Márta	Elizabeth O Neill	Hollow House, Glasdrumman, Annalong, Co Down	An Dún	1200	127
	Maura Mc Cartan	Eglish, Benburb, Dungannon, Co Tyrone	Tír Eoghan	909	635
Aibreáin	St Marys Hurling Club	C/O Sean O Sullivan, Rockfield, Glenconnor, Clonmel, Co Tipperary	Tiobráid Árann	1430	127
	James Cleary	Drumcannon, Derrylester, Fermanagh	Fear Manach	227	635
Bealtaine	Scotstown GFC	C/O Sean Corr, Sheskin, Knockatallon, Scotstown, Co Monaghan	Muineachán	1368	127
	Trim Carnival Committee	Trim, Co Meath	An Mhí	1520	635
Meitheamh	Tobar Phadraig GAA	C/O Martin Ryan, Lisaleen, Patrickswell, Co Limerick	Luimneach	233	127
	Ballymore Eustace GFC	C/O Aileen Murphy, Whiteleas, Ballymore Eustace, Co Kildare	Cill Dara	56	635
Iúil	Michael J Sullivan	C/O 67 St Aidans Villas, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford	Loch Garman	1468	127
	Louth Co Board GAA	C/O Des Halpenny, Edmondstown, Ardee, Co Louth	An Lú	832	635
Lúnasa	Michael Murray	16 Abbey Street, Clonmel, Co Tipperary	Tiobráid Árann	1077	127
	Pearse Og Armagh	C/O Michael Cassidy, 11 Ashley Heights, Portadown, Co Armagh	Ard Mhacha	1165	635
Meán Fómhair	Borrisokane GAA	C/O Paul Dooley, Capinasmere, Borrisokane, Nenagh, Co Tipperary	Tiobráid Árann	88	127
	Mairead Maire Ui Dhubhghaill	17 Bothar Cliath, Cill Fionntain, Co Baile Ath Cliath	Áth Cliath	1536	635
Deireadh Fómhair	Young Ireland HC	Philip Kennedy, 17 Skreen Road, Dublin 7	Áth Cliath	1582	127
	Canon Ryan	C/O Presbytery, Main Street, Carrick on Shannon, Co Leitrim	Liatroim	1352	635
Samhain	Lannleire GFC	C/O Mary McGeough, Shamrock Hill, Dunleer, Co Louth	An Lú	796	127
	Beann Eadair GAA	C/O Stephen Byrne, Balkill Road, Howth, Dublin 5	Áth Cliath	45	635
Nollaig	Geraldine Fitzpatrick	Farnham St, Cavan	An Cabhán	540	127
	East Limerick Board GAA	C/O Louie Quirke, Mountshannon Road, Lisnagry, Co Limerick	Luimneach	230	635

## Registrations 2015

Contae	€	Contae	€
An Cabhán	13,096	Loch Garman	13,000
An Clár	13,686	London	4,826
An Dún	16,088	Longfort	7,090
An Iarmhí	10,976	Luimneach	17,602
An Lú	12,288	Maigh Eo	13,466
An Mhí	20,644	Muineacháin	10,292
Aontroim	12,476	Port Láirge	11,756
Ard Mhacha	16,820	Ros Comáin	8,050
Áth Cliath	42,580	Sligeach	4,298
Ceatharlach	6,542	Tiobráid Árann	22,290
Ciarraí	23,142	Tír Eoghain	22,116
Cill Chainnigh	14,610	Uibh Fhailí	10,174
Cill Dara	19,964	European Board	4,164
Cill Mhantáin	10,086	Glouchestershire	510
Corcaigh	45,434	Hertfordshire	980
Doire	15,576	Lancashire	1,426
Dún na nGall	28,954	Scotland	482
Fearmanach	6,550	Warwickshire	3,172
Gaillimh	28,864	Yorkshire	728
Laoise	10,970		<b>530,246</b>
Liatroim	4,478		



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