

GAA Player Transfer System FAQs

This document provides answers to common questions that might arise when using the GAA's Player Transfer System within Foireann.

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1. What types of application can be processed?

The Player Transfer System within Foireann is the GAA's online platform for various types of transfer, sanction, and permit application. It facilitates these applications:

Type	Description
Inter-County Transfer	For a player who wishes to join a Club in another County outside their current Province.
Intra-Provincial Transfer	For a player who wishes to join a Club in another County within the same Province.
USGAA Sanction	For a player intending to play for a Club in an area governed by the USGAA Board from 1 March to the end of October in any one year.
New York Sanction	For a player intending to play for a Club in an area governed by the New York Board from 1 March to the end of October in any one year.
Canadian Sanction	For a player intending to play for a Club in an area governed by the Canadian Board from 1 March to the end of October in any one year.
J1 Sanction	For a player intending to play for a Club in an area governed by the USGAA Board on a J1 Visa from 1 March to the end of October in any one year. The J1 Work and Travel Programme Visa refers to the four-month Visa for 3rd level students.
Weekend Authorisation	A Weekend Authorisation is required by any player intending to play for a Club in a game under the jurisdiction of the New York Board for a given weekend.
European Student Permit	For a player who is pursuing a full-time course of study in a country under the jurisdiction of the European Board. This permit allows the player to play with a Club in Europe and with the player's own Club.
Inter-County Hurling Permit	For Senior Inter-County Hurling Competitions, a player, subject to the conditions in the GAA Official Guide, shall be entitled to: (a) Declare for the First County of either of their parents; or (b) Play for the County of Residence, provided this County is a designated County, while continuing to be eligible to play with their Own Club.

2. Are separate applications needed for players who play with two separate football and hurling Clubs within a County?

Yes. Separate applications are needed in such scenarios.

3. How do I access the Player Transfer System?

To access the system, log in to your Foireann account at [Foireann.ie](https://foireann.ie) and navigate to the 'Profile' tab, where you'll find the 'Player Transfers' section.

For more information, check out this user guide: <https://gmssupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/360017356359-Logging-into-Foireann>

4. How do I start a new application?

Start by exploring the different application types and their associated rules. Then, click on 'Start New Application' within the 'Player Transfers' section.

Applications must be started by the player seeking to transfer. It cannot be started by the Club you are joining or anyone else on your behalf.

5. What information do I need to provide in my application?

Your application will require various details, which varies by application type. For example:

- The Club you are leaving
- The Club you are joining
- The type of application (e.g., Inter-County Transfer, Sanction)
- Your current and new address
- The duration you've been in your new residence (if applicable)
- Other application-specific information.

Sanctions

Players must purchase and provide proof of suitable insurance before their applications can be approved. For more information, visit: <https://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/rules-regulations/overseas-sanctions>

6. What do I do if I cannot find the Club I am trying to join in Foireann?

Firstly, ensure that you try to find the Club name in both English and Irish.

If you still cannot find the Club, please submit a request to the Foireann helpdesk:

<https://gmssupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/requests/new>

Alternatively, please complete the PDF version of the application available online and submit it to the Secretary of the Club you wish to join: <https://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/rules-regulations/transfers-and-sanctions>

7. What happens after I submit my application?

Your application is sent for review and processing by the GAA centrally or provincially, depending on the type of application.

For Inter-County and Intra-Provincial Transfers, approval is granted if there's no objection from relevant Clubs or Counties within 10 days of the application being forwarded to them from the GAA centrally or provincially.

You will receive an email outlining the decision and steps to be completed before you can play.

8. Can I track the status of my application within Foireann?

Yes. You can do this via your Foireann profile.

9. How is the decision made on my application?

The Central or Provincial Council may grant a decision as soon as all parties approve the application, or within the 10-day objection period for certain transfers.

For other applications like sanctions and permits, all parties must approve the applications before the GAA can grant them.

10. What happens if my application is rejected?

The relevant person at Central or Provincial level will notify the player, and both Clubs and Counties of the next steps. The application may just require an amendment or perhaps the relevant CCC will have to consider a formal Objection in accordance with the rules in the GAA Official Guide.

11. When can I play with my new Club?

For Inter-County and Intra-Provincial Transfers, a transfer becomes effective after the appeal period ends and you comply with player registration rules.

The appeal period is three working days, and you must be registered at least three days before a game.

Your new Club is responsible for updating your Foireann profile.

For sanctions and permits, there is no appeal period. Your new Club's Secretary will inform you when you can start playing.

12. How will I be informed of the GAA's decision on my application?

All parties involved in the application will receive notifications of the GAA's decision via email.

13. What do I do if I encounter technical issues while using the system?

If you encounter technical issues, please contact the Foireann support team for assistance. The GAA centrally cannot assist with technical issues: <https://gmssupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/requests/new>

14. Are there any support resources or user guides available for the system?

For guidance on using the system, go to: <https://gmssupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/categories/9965729866652-Player-Transfers>