

DECEMBER 2016
NUACHTLITIR
NOLLAIG 2016



FOR NEWS, VIDEOS AND FIXTURES www.gaa.ie



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB

CLUBS CAN RAISE UP TO €20,000 THROUGH THE GAA NATIONAL DRAW



Fantastic opportunity for GAA Clubs to raise much needed funds with more than €6m raised in the last three years

The GAA National Club Draw is now an annual event following its success over the past three years, in which over €6million has been raised by clubs. The sole purpose of the GAA National Club Draw is to assist clubs in their drive to raise much needed funds to aid in the development and the promotion of our games.

This is an opportunity for clubs to raise up to €20,000. Each club retains all the proceeds from the tickets sold by their club. All prizes are provided by Ard Chomhairle.

CLUB SPECIFIC DRAW

For clubs to qualify for the draw they must have:

1. Sold a minimum of 200 tickets.
2. Recorded all sold tickets on the online ticket recording system.
3. Accounted for all funds raised in the club accounts - i.e. the amount shown in club income should correspond with the total ticket sales amount.
4. Adhered to all terms and conditions of the Draw.

The Prizes for the 2017 Club Specific Draw are to be confirmed soon.

Important Dates

Initial allocations of tickets are collectable from your respective County Liaison Officer. Please contact your County Liaison Officer. Contact details are downloadable below.

Additional tickets can be requested up until Monday, January 30th 2017.

Tickets (sold and unsold) to be returned to your County Liaison Officer by Monday, February 13th 2017 (Tickets should not be sent directly to Croke Park by any club). Tickets returned after this date will not be included in the Draw. The G.A.A. National Club Draw will take place on Wednesday, March 8th 2017.

Details for the 2017 GAA National Club Draw

- Tickets are €10 each and are printed in books of 5 tickets.
- Each club will receive an initial allocation based on last year's ticket sales.
- Each club will receive a minimum of 100 tickets in their initial allocation.
- Each club can request additional tickets if required.
- Each club can obtain up to 2,000 tickets.
- Participation in the Draw is not compulsory.
- Each County has assigned a designated G.A.A. National Club Draw County Liaison Officer who will coordinate the collection of tickets from Croke Park, the distribution of tickets to each club and the reconciliation of tickets returned by each club.

General Terms & Conditions

Please note that the Draw is subject to terms and conditions as outlined on the back of the ticket. It is also important to note that clubs are not permitted to purchase tickets in their own club name or to give free tickets away for any purposes.

Every ticket must be accounted for in accordance with the licence obtained from the courts and as such the details of the tickets sold by your club must be entered into the online ticket recording system. Tickets that are returned but not entered on the online ticket recording system will a) not be entered in the Draw and b) your club will not be entered in the Club Specific Draw if it has sold the minimum of 200 tickets. All tickets must be returned to your respective County Liaison Officer by February 13th 2017. **Tickets should not be sent directly to Croke Park by any club.**

All funds raised from the G.A.A. National Club Draw by each club must be reflected in their annual accounts, which are submitted to their respective County Boards.

WINNERS! 17 March 2016;
GAA Vice President and Chairman of Leinster Council John Horan presents Jennifer Connaughton, a niece of the winner Joe Chambers, St. Michael's, Galway, during the presentation of prizes to the winners of the GAA National Club Draw. Joe won an All-Ireland Hurling & Football Final Package 2016.



NATIONAL DRAW CAN BE A JACKPOT FOR CLUBS

Information and Contact Details

If you have any general queries, or need additional promotional material for your club, or if you wish to request additional tickets for your club, please contact your County Liaison Officer or the G.A.A. National Finance Department at nationalclubdraw@gaa.ie

If you require any technical support in relation to the online ticket recording system, i.e. if you are having log in problems or have any troubleshooting queries, please contact the support team directly at ncdsupport@gaa.ie or call 018843298. The support team is available from 7a.m. to 11p.m. Monday to Friday.

The link for the online ticket recording system is www.gaa.ie/ncdticketssystem

Full details can be found at www.gaa.ie/nationalclubdraw

Please note that your club's login credentials are available from your County Liaison Officer or by contacting nationalclubdraw@gaa.ie or ncdsupport@gaa.ie

DANNY MURPHY RIP

GAA President Aogán Ó Fearghail has extended his sympathies and those of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael to the family and friends of Ulster Secretary Danny Murphy who passed away early this month.

Mr Murphy, who served as an administrator of every level of the Association, served in his current role as Ulster secretary since 1997.

A member of the Burren Club in Co Down, his administrative career began with his appointment to the Down County board as a club delegate.

Election to the role of as Assistant Secretary of Down followed in the early '80s and he was appointed Chairman of the Down County Board in 1990.

His role in the Ulster Council began in 1981 when he was elected as Down delegate to Comhairle Uladh and in the intervening 35 years he has held every Officership – Treasurer (1986-1994), Vice President (1995-1997) and President (1998-2001).

During this time he achieved the unique distinction of becoming the only person to have held the roles of Secretary and President of Comhairle

Uladh at the same time on becoming Rúnaí/Secretary and Chief Executive in 1997.

The GAA President said: “Danny Murphy was one of the most experienced and influential administrators in the GAA.

“He led the GAA in Ulster from the front during a period of great transition and his subtlety and understanding stood the GAA in Ulster – and indeed further afield – in good stead for many, many years.

“I had the good fortune to work alongside him in my time with the Ulster Council and saw first-hand the energy and diligence that he brought to his role.

“He fought his illness stoically and was active in his work for Ulster GAA until recently, not least on the Casement Park project.

“On behalf of the wider GAA family I offer our heartfelt condolences to his family and club and his wide circle of friends, both inside and outside GAA circles.”

Go dtuga Dia suaimehnas síoraí dá anam uasal.



GRMA

The GAA has announced details of a new GAA Membership Card and rewards programme entitled grma or 'go raibh maith agat'. This is a thank you to our Members for their involvement in GAA clubs, engagement in GAA activities and attendance at games.

Members are being asked to sign up online via gaa.ie/grma and will receive a new official GAA Membership Card personalised with their name, club and GAA Membership Number.

The grma rewards programme will also be available from January and will provide GAA Members with access to exclusive discounts, special offers and the opportunity to earn points for going to games. Points can be redeemed by individual members or pooled for redemption by GAA clubs.

Speaking at the launch at Croke Park today, Uachtarán CLG Aogán Ó Fearghail said: "So much of what we do as an Association is made possible by the fact that we have such a loyal following of supporters all over Ireland.

"This new rewards programme will offer us the chance to extend a thank you to them in recognition of that support for the commitment they show be it at club level in their community, or in supporting our Games.

"Being a GAA Club Member is for many of us a way of life. But I welcome the fact that this programme will also add extra value to that commitment. I've no doubt that people will also be interested in signing up to receive a Membership Card."

Membership Cards will only be distributed to members who have signed up to grma online. The programme is available to GAA Members who are over 18. Membership Cards are only issued to GAA Club Members who have renewed their subscriptions.

In the New Year, phase two of the programme will be launched. This will enable GAA supporters and match-goers to register and earn points through the grma programme. International GAA Clubs will also be catered for in the New Year.

For further details, visit gaa.ie/grma



Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Aogán Ó Fearghail, with Seán Cavanagh of Tír na Óg, Moy, left, and Cathal Barrett of Holycross Ballycahill at the GRMA Launch at Croke Park

PURCHASE POWER ~ THE NEXT PHASE ~ SUPPORTING THE CLUBS

The GAA's Purchase Power initiative is now available at Club level.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Achilles Supply-Line is the on-line tool behind Purchase Power, and is now available to support you at Club level giving you access over 5,000 already vetted suppliers, with more to come as and when usage expands within the Clubs. If Clubs are looking for suppliers of specific supplies, works or services then contact gaa@achilles.com and we can help source local relevant suppliers to ensure you get good quality and value for your Club.

WHY USE PURCHASE POWER?

- Ensure you get real value for money on everything from energy to specialist equipment
- Show your purchasing processes are transparent, validated and compliant
- Demonstrate integrity and sustainability in your organisation's financial governance
- Actively manage risks (including physical and reputational risks) associated with spending association funds
- Reduce staff/volunteer time and effort spent on the tendering/purchasing process, allowing you to direct these resources towards your organisation's core activities and values.

If you want to talk to us call Alan or Laura on 01-4020117 or email us on gaa@achilles.com. Don't hesitate to join the movement to Save Money and improve Quality



CRUISE CONTROL CONNOLLY INSPIRES VINNIES

AIB LEINSTER CLUB SFC FINAL

St Vincent's (Dublin) 1-16
Rhode (Offaly) 0-12

Inspired by an early Diarmuid Connolly goal, St Vincent's produced a solid display to regain the AIB Leinster Club SFC at O'Moore Park.

Offaly champions Rhode were spirited throughout, but St Vincent's excellent forward line impressed at the Portlaoise venue.

Connolly registered 1-2 when it truly mattered initially, while Gavin Burke, Tomas Quinn, and Enda Varley also made valuable scoring contributions.

Diarmuid Connolly's opportunistic goal and two brilliant points were key scores in the opening period as the favourites departed with a 1-8 to 0-6 interval lead.

Connolly slotted a goal in the sixth minute following clever approach work by Enda Varley and Daithi Murphy as Vincent's settled quickly.

Rhode were gutsy, though, with Niall McNamee nailing two points ensuring the Offaly side only trailed by 1-1 to 0-3 by the ninth minute despite the concession of a major.

But Vincent's registered five of the next six points with Connolly, Tomas Quinn, Shane Carthy, Varley, and Cormac Diamond all landing fine efforts.

The Dublin standard bearers offered glimpses of their ability, particularly in attack where Diamond and Connolly were industrious.

Again Rhode narrowed the gap courtesy of points from Niall McNamee and Darren Garry before Paschal Kellaghan's team were awarded a penalty in first half stoppage time.

Former Dublin centre back Ger Brennan was black carded for a foul on Niall McNamee, but Ruairi McNamee's resultant penalty was well saved by Michael Savage.

Vincent's quickly moved the ball downfield as Gavin Burke, another important figure for Tommy Conroy's charges, guided the Marino outfit five clear at the break.

In the third quarter Rhode were encouraged by delightful points from Niall Darby and Garry, but Vincent's continued to score at the opposite end.

While Rhode reduced the deficit to 1-11 to 0-10 in the 40th minute Vincent's simply replied reeling four points off without reply.



Quinn (2), substitute Joe Feeney, and Ruairi Trainor clipped scores for Vincent's, who closed out the game with the minimum of fuss to set up an All Ireland Semi-Final clash with Ulster champions Slaughtneil.

Scorers for St Vincent's: D Connolly 1-2, T Quinn 0-4 (2fs), G Burke 0-3, E Varley 0-2, S Carthy 0-2, R Trainor 0-1, Cormac Diamond 0-1, J Feeney 0-1.

Scorers for Rhode: N McNamee 0-7 (6fs), D Garry 0-2, C Heavey 0-1, P McPadden 0-1, N Darby 0-1.

St Vincent's: M Savage; M Concarr, J Curley, C Wilson; N Mullins, G Brennan, Cameron Diamond; D Murphy, S Carthy; G Burke, D Connolly, Cormac Diamond; R Trainor, E Varley, T Quinn.

Subs: F Breathnach for Brennan (31 mins, black card), A Martin for Murphy (39 mins), J Feeney for Martin (44 mins), J McCusker for Cormac Diamond (57 mins), K Bonnie for Varley (60 mins).

Rhode: K Garry; B Darby, S Sullivan, N Darby; J McPadden, E Rigney, C Heavey; A McNamee, C McNamee; D Garry, N McNamee, P Sullivan; P McPadden, R McNamee, S Hannon.

Subs: G O'Connell for P Sullivan (40 mins), D Kavanagh for Heavey (55 mins), G McNamee for S Sullivan (56 mins), S Lowry for P McPadden (60 mins), E Byrne for C McNamee (60 mins, black card).

Referee: B Cawley (Kildare).

CLASSY CUALA WIN

AIB LEINSTER SHC FINAL

AIB LEINSTER SHC FINAL

Cuala (Dublin) 3-19
O'Loughlin Gaels (Kilkenny) 1-16

By Paul Keane at O'Moore Park

Con O'Callaghan produced another brilliant display as Cuala surged to an exciting success in Portlaoise.

The Dublin senior football panel member reeled off 1-4 on a famous day for the Dalkey outfit who claimed their first ever title, making up for last year's final loss to Oulart-The Ballaghs.

It brings the 20-year-old's takings to 6-10 in just three provincial games though county hurling fans will be dismayed to hear that he plans to stick with football again at county level in 2017.

Dublin forward David Treacy overcame a slow start to the game to finish with 11 points while Colm Cronin and Mark Schutte struck the other goals on a brilliant day for Mattie Kenny's men.

They will take on Ulster champions Slaughtneil in the All-Ireland semi-finals in February.

Cuala led from the fifth minute of the game as they moved into an early lead that

they would hold onto despite a brief revival from Aidan Fogarty's O'Loughlins after the break.

The Dubliners soared 2-8 to 0-9 clear by half-time and such was their dominance that the advantage should have been even greater.

O'Callaghan was at his best in the first-half, nailing 1-2 in that period and laying on the final ball for Cronin's seventh minute goal as well as winning two frees that were converted.

Schutte was dominant in the air too and did well to play in O'Callaghan for his 22nd minute goal which the 20-year-old finished from close range.

O'Loughlin Gaels were completely outgunned but five Mark Bergin points and two from 38-year-old Martin Comerford meant they still weren't out of it at the break, trailing 2-8 to 0-9.

Bergin continued to pick off the frees in the third quarter of the game as the Kilkenny city side reduced their arrears to just three points on three occasions.



But they struggled for penetration up front and the goal they required didn't come until Danny Loughnane fired in a snap shot two minutes from time.

By that stage Cuala had reestablished their authority with bursts of three and two points without reply. O'Callaghan hit two second-half points and Schutte's goal came in the 64th minute when he followed up on a parried free from Treacy to hammer to the top corner of the net.

Scorers for Cuala: D Treacy 0-11 (9fs, 1 s/l), Con O'Callaghan 1-4, M Schutte 1-1, C Cronin 1-0, D O'Connell 0-2, C Waldron 0-1.

Scorers for O'Loughlin Gaels: M Bergin 0-11 (10fs), D Loughnane 1-0,

M Comerford 0-2, A Geoghegan 0-1, S Murphy 0-1 (F), M Kelly 0-1.

Cuala: S Brennan; O Gough, Cian O'Callaghan, S Timlin; S Moran, P Schutte, J Sheanon; J Malone, D O'Connell; S Treacy, C Cronin, C Waldron; D Treacy, Con O'Callaghan, M Schutte.

Subs: Colum Sheanon for Waldron (53).

O'Loughlin Gaels: S Murphy; A Forristal, A Kearns, E Kearns; A O'Brien, B Hogan, H Lawlor; P Butler, P Deegan; A Geoghegan, M Kelly, D Loughnane; S Johnston, M Bergin, M Comerford.

Subs: S Mahony for A Kearns (27), P Cantwell for Butler (h/t), S Bolger for Johnston (41).

Referee: M Murtagh (Westmeath).

BIG NAMES TO GATHER FOR GAA GAMES DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The 2017 GAA Games Development Conference will take place in Croke Park on Friday, January 6th and Saturday, January 7th 2017 and will focus on issues related to players across the playing pathway (Child, Youth and Adult players).

On Friday, January 6th we will have a special games-based forum, including presentations by expert Hurling and Gaelic football coaches such as Paul Kinnerk, (Coach, Limerick Senior Hurling Team 2017), Mick Bohan, (Coach, Clare Senior Football Team 2016) and former Cavan footballer and Coach to Greater Western Sydney AFL Club, Nicholas Walsh.

- As a player, Paul Kinnerk has represented Limerick senior footballers, winning a National League Division 3 medal in 2013. Kinnerk also served as coach to the Clare U21 hurlers (All-Ireland Champions 2012 – 2014). In 2016, he links up with his native county's senior hurling squad.
- Mick Bohan is one of the most sought after coaches in Gaelic football. A physical education teacher, Mick has coached Dublin U21 (All Ireland champions 2010) and Senior footballers (All-Ireland champions 2013) and the Clare Senior Footballers (National Football League Division 3 winners 2016). In 2016, he returns to his native Dublin, taking over as manager to the senior Ladies Gaelic Football team.
- Nicholas Walsh is backs coach for the Greater Western Sydney AFL club. A native of Cavan town, Nicholas was a prodigious underage footballer, captaining the Irish compromise rules U17 team. He was introduced to AFL after being drafted as an 'International Rookie' in 2000. After three injury affected years, Nicholas returned to Cavan. Walsh joined GWS in 2011 in the area of Strength and Conditioning and has subsequently transitioned into coaching as the interim backline coach for the 2016 AFL season. In 2013-14, he also worked with the Irish International Rules team as their Performance Coach.

This session will commence at 7.30pm, and conclude at 9.30pm. Tickets for the two day event cost €60. For more information on the Games Development Conference, visit learning.gaa.ie/Conference2017 or email: gamesdevelopment@gaa.ie



GAA HEALTHY CLUBS AHEAD OF THE GAME FOR TOBACCO- FREE IRELAND

St Mary's GAA Club in Convooy, Donegal are the first club in Ulster to go completely smoke free. Sean Dunnion, County Chairman joined Conor Mc Dermot, Club Chairman at St Marys to officially launch the club's smoke- free grounds by cutting the green ribbon on Saturday, 19th of November.

The club was the picture of the health decorated with smoke free signage and posters from the local national school. The scoreboard was even transformed with smoke- free messages. Guest speakers on the day included Ciaran McLoughlin, Chairman of the National Health & Wellbeing Committee, Aoife O'Brien, GAA National Healthy Club Coordinator, Fiona Boyle, HSE Smoking Cessation Officer in Donegal and Charlie Mc Manus, GP and medic to Donegal men's team.

National representative Aoife O'Brien says "we want to set a positive example for all our members and de-normalise any association between the GAA and tobacco usage. We want to protect our members, visitors and volunteers from the dangers of tobacco and second hand smoke exposure and reduce the initiation of smoking amongst young people in particular". Fiona Boyle, the local Smoking Cessation Officer in Donegal said "it is inspiring to see Healthy Clubs leading the way and supporting the government's ambitious

target of making Ireland smoke- free by 2025". She distributed resources and cessation aids at the launch and signposted members of the club to the local smoking cessation services. The local National School were also on board and winners of the smoke- free club poster competition were announced at the launch.

Executive members in St Mary's decided to go completely smoke- free after a proposal by Lorena Barron, the Children's Officer and member of the Healthy Club project team. The mother-of-two, whose daughter Ellie is captain of the Donegal U14 ladies gaelic team, said she hopes other clubs will follow suit.

"I just didn't think it was fair that I could be watching a game and someone could light up a cigarette beside me and send smoke over the dug-outs," she said. "We want to encourage a healthy lifestyle and this is one way of doing that. It's not about being anti-smoker either. Smokers will have to go outside the gate and I'm hoping it will discourage others, especially our younger members, from taking up the habit and perhaps help some to give up smoking altogether."

St Mary's were inspired by St John's Volunteers in Wexford who were the first club in Ireland to completely ban smoking in the club grounds back in 2014.



Members of St Mary's Convooy GAA Club in Donegal at their Smoke Free launch

Other clubs participating in the Healthy Club project are leading way across the other provinces. Parteen GAA Club in Clare were the first in Munster to go smoke- free back in May 2016 and included a count-down to the smoke- free launch.

The club is signposted to ensure that no one can smoke on the pitch side and that smokers must leave the GAA grounds if they wish to do so. Speaking about the adoption of the GAA Smoke free policy Club Health & Wellbeing Officer, Karen Williamson said "It was a difficult thing to vote for because some of the executive committee themselves are smokers, but we decided to go ahead with it. We wanted to encourage people to give up smoking and wanted to show good role model-ship for the children". Parteen GAA have received support from local pharmacies and the local smoking cessation nurse. The club plans to organise smoking cessation talks with the local schools for club members, players and the wider community in 2017. Clara GAA Club in Kilkenny are the most

recent to adopt the smoke- free policy in Leinster and their effort has been commended by Michael Fennelly, Kilkenny All Star and Ned Quinn, Kilkenny GAA Chairman. The GAA smoke- free initiative is even reaching the far west and Achill GAA are the latest club to express an interest.

It is hoped that these champion Healthy Clubs will continue to inspire other clubs around the county to ditch the cigarettes and move towards complete tobacco- free club grounds. Thanks to the kind CSR investment from Irish Life the GAA are able to provide participating clubs with smoke- free signage for the club grounds.

For more information about the GAA smoke free initiative please contact the Community & Health Department at community.health@gaa.ie.

For anyone interested in giving up smoking please visit www.quit.ie in the Republic of Ireland and www.want2stop.info in Northern Ireland.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON CHILD SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTION IN THE GAA

In the last number of weeks we have all become increasingly aware of the reported incidents of abuse suffered by young people in sports related surroundings.

Such harrowing accounts of abuse remind us, if we ever need reminding, as to the importance of our own GAA child welfare and protection procedures and practices and the need for constant vigilance in our work with children, young people and vulnerable persons.

It is appropriate, as the playing season for our children and young people comes to a close, that these young players, their

parents and their Club coaches take a well-earned rest. It is equally important that any end of year review at club level takes stock of our child welfare related procedures and ensures when doing so that our work with children at Club level is carried out in accordance with our Association's child welfare and protection directives and also adheres to the legislative requirements of all jurisdictions in which we operate.

All GAA Clubs have a Children's Officer and a Designated Liaison Person in situ and Clubs should insist that a review of their internal procedures takes place under the guidance of these two people.

This will allow for a gentle reminder as to what are the key child welfare and protection procedures that the GAA applies in Ireland and in Britain for children, young people and vulnerable persons. We highlight the requirements for vetting and background checks, the need to carry out a child welfare audit at Club level, the training requirements for those who work with children and our agreed reporting procedures that follow when a child welfare concern or an allegation of abuse is made known to us. Additional GAA child safeguarding information may be accessed or downloaded at:

www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-welfare-and-protection
www.britain.gaa.ie/safeguarding
www.ulster.gaa.ie/safeguarding

1 VETTING, DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICES AND POLICE BACKGROUND CHECKS

In 2010, as part of the **Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport**, the GAA adopted a policy requirement whereby all persons who on our behalf work in a role of responsibility with children (those aged 18 and under) and vulnerable persons must be vetted. While this may have been in place in Britain since 2006 it effectively

became a common legal requirement on the island of Ireland in April 2016 following the commencement of vetting legislation in Ireland.

The GAA recognises that despite vetting almost 115,000 on the island of Ireland alone that vetting is but one aspect of our overall recruitment and training services for those who work with children. Fulfilling organisational and legislative vetting requirements does not on its own make a person eligible to work with children in the GAA or elsewhere.

Our Clubs, County Boards and Provincial Councils, and in particular those who work in a role of responsibility with underage players and vulnerable persons, must realise that if an individual working in a such roles has not been vetted to date then he/she is in breach of legislative requirements as have the officers who permitted the breach to occur. Any such person must as a minimum cease their involvement with underage teams immediately and may not engage with their teams again until such time as they have applied for and successfully completed the GAA vetting requirements.

In addition to these requirements the individual who has not been vetted may be obliged to submit an explanation as to why they failed to be vetted to date.





2 CHILD WELFARE CLUB AUDIT IN 2017

As discussed at the recent Child Welfare Information Seminar on 19 November in Croke Park all Clubs will be subject to a Child Welfare Audit in mid-2017 which will enable the Association to capture our level of compliance with minimum child welfare requirements in each Club. This will include accounting for those vetted, those who have attended relevant child welfare training in accordance with legislative requirements, confirmation of the appointment of a Designated Liaison Person LP and Children's Officer in each Club and a record of the coaching qualification attained by each and any coach appointed by us to work with children.

3 CHILD WELFARE TRAINING

The GAA delivers some of the highest levels of child welfare training for those who work with children at Club level in particular.

The advancements made in this area in recent years is not just widely acknowledged but appreciated by those who on our behalf work with children. If we require reminding let us clarify that such training is now a legal requirement and in line with our Code of Best Practice all such person who work with children must;

- 1 *Successfully complete the vetting process*
- 2 *Attend relevant child welfare training as provided by the GAA in Ireland and Britain*
- 3 *Must have a coaching qualification before they commence working with children*

4 REPORTING CHILD WELFARE CONCERNS OR ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE

The GAA has developed guidance and procedures for our members and staff who may have grounds for concern about the possible abuse or neglect of children involved in our activities. In doing so we have published the GAA Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse, a Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport and a Code of Behaviour (Underage) all of which directs us in our work. In addition to these policy documents each Club and County is required to appoint a Children's Officer and a Designated (Liaison) Person who can advise and oversee this work at local level.

[GAA Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse](#)

[Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport](#)

[Code of Behaviour \(Underage\)](#)

[Internal Reporting Form](#)

It is recognised that certain reporting differences may occur from one jurisdiction to another particularly as to whom reports of allegations or abuse

should be made. While additional child safeguarding information and directives are available on www.gaa.ie/childwelfareandprotection, or on www.britain.gaa.ie/safeguarding and www.ulster.gaa.ie/safeguarding

No member of the Association should delay in reporting their concerns about a child's safety and wellbeing.

Our guidance is clear in that GAA members working with children who have concerns about a child but are not sure what to do, should never ignore such matters but should discuss their concerns as a matter of priority with the relevant Designated Liaison Person in the GAA, or contact your local child and family agency social work department or social care team directly for advice. This should be done without delay. This advice applies to any child known to us regardless of whether the concern relates to activity in the GAA or elsewhere.

It is not unusual for any person to be unsure whether a concerns merits formal reporting or not while others may not be aware as to how to make a report. Our DLPs will assist and advise on all such matters. Our DLPs will direct any member or staff person who has a child welfare concern or complaint to the appropriate authority and in all such matters relating to concerns about children in the GAA we request that in addition to the completion of a statutory form for reporting alleged abuse that an internal reporting form is also completed and retained by the GAA as part of our own safeguarding procedures.



Reporting Child Welfare concerns or allegations of abuse in the Republic of Ireland

The National Designated Officer is

Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichíl

Contact details: nationalchildrensoffice@gaa.ie

+ 0035 1 8658675

Tusla – the Child and Family Agency, is the dedicated agency responsible for improving wellbeing and outcomes for children in the Republic of Ireland. The GAA has developed a policy of interagency cooperation with the Child and Family Agency and it is to them that we report our concerns about a child's welfare.

Such reports may be made by individual members of the GAA or by our DLPs on their behalf or on behalf of the Association and all such reports are made on the Tusla Standard Report Form. If a child is perceived to be in danger and we cannot contact Tusla we pass on our concerns to an Garda Síochána.

All such reports must also be made to the GAA on our an internal reporting form (LINK)

The National Designated Officer is

Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichíl

Contact details: nationalchildrensoffice@gaa.ie

01 8658675

Reporting child welfare concerns or allegations of abuse in Britain

Referrals can be made to:

Local Safeguarding Boards/Children's Social Services - [here](#)

NSPCC – Child Protection in Sport Unit (England & Wales) +44 116 366 5590

NSPCC – Children 1st – Safeguarding in Sport – Scotland +44 141 418 5674

However, if you think a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, don't delay call 999 or the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 500

The Provincial Designated Officer in Britain is Seán Hackett.

Contact details: chairperson.britain@gaa.ie or +44 7799 763596

Reporting child welfare concerns or allegations of abuse in Ulster

The Provincial Designated Officer in Ulster is Bernie Fox

Ulster GAA / CLG Uladh

Ceannaras Uladh

8-10 Market St,

Armagh

Co Armagh

BT61 7BX

T: 028 (048) 37521900 / F: 028 (048) 37528092

bernie.fox.ulster@gaa.ie Tel: 00447920429205

INFORMATION ON VETTING/BACKGROUNDS CHECKS MAY BE ACCESSED AT:

GAA/National Vetting Bureau - [here](#)

Britain

Disclosure & Barring Service (England & Wales) – [here](#)

Disclosure Scotland (PVG) – [here](#)

Application forms are available from the Provincial Children's Officer, Julie Duffy, at childrensofficer.britain@gaa.ie

Ulster (LINK)

[here](#)

GAA CONFIRMS MEDIA RIGHTS ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017-2022

The GAA can confirm its television and radio rights arrangements for the next five years which will come into effect with the commencement of the 2017 GAA Football and Hurling championships.

RTÉ television has retained access to 31 senior championship games each year including all provincial hurling and football finals, both All-Ireland hurling and two All-Ireland football quarter-finals, and the All-Ireland semi-finals and finals in both football and hurling. Sky Sports have retained rights to 20 games, 14 of them exclusive, including two All-Ireland football quarter-finals. They will, as previously, broadcast the All-Ireland hurling and football semi-finals and finals on a simulcast basis with RTÉ. BBC Northern Ireland will once again broadcast live TV coverage from the Ulster senior football championship.

In all, a total of 45 games will be broadcast live across the GAA Football and Hurling Championships while RTÉ will continue to broadcast the Sunday night highlights programme *The Sunday Game*. TG4 has retained access to Sunday afternoon Allianz League and club championship games and to broadcast Minor championship games up to and including the finals. It will therefore, continue to broadcast 85 live and deferred league, club championship,

minor and U20/21 championship games each year. TG4 has also retained rights to highlights packages for the Allianz leagues and for inter-county and club championship action. Saturday night Allianz League games will be broadcast on the eir Sport platform.

RTÉ Radio 1 has successfully secured full and exclusive live radio rights for all GAA games including inter-county league and championship action while RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta will again broadcast all-year long as Gaeilge. The GAA's existing local radio agreement continues with 20 stations around the country and Today FM and Newstalk have both been awarded score flash rights.

In a departure from the previous media rights deal, the GAA has retained its clip rights for all games with plans to leverage them across its own platforms as part of a wider digital content strategy. GAA Football Championship sponsors eir will also have access to these rights in addition to access to the GAA archive. Sky Sports will have clip access for their 14 exclusive games.

Partnerships with Premium Sports (North America – Commercial Premises) and Premier Sports (Britain) have also been renewed.

Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael



Aogán Ó Fearghail said: “We are pleased to confirm media rights arrangements that will keep our games to the fore across the airwaves, both at home and overseas, for the next five years.

“We believe they strike a balance between the need to promote and profile the games on air using modern technology while remaining mindful always of the requirement to encourage people to attend our games in person – support that is the lifeblood of the organisation.

“Gaelic games have never been more heavily promoted and our work with our media partners is an integral part of that process, both through the coverage of the games and their general promotion of our activities.”

Director General Páraic Duffy added: “Broadcasting revenues represent an important funding source for the work of the Association and its units. Other major sporting bodies can participate in lucrative centralised rights pooling and revenue-sharing agreements that are not available to the GAA and it was vital that we achieved the proper value for our rights. Our success in that regard in the allocation of these rights will enable us to boost our investment in games and infrastructural development.

“I am also pleased that gaa.ie has retained its own clip rights which will allow the Association to showcase our games on our own platforms and to promote gaa.ie and our other digital channels as sources of all GAA activity and information.”

CLUB PLAYER WELFARE CHECKLIST

At this time of year, all clubs have an opportunity to reflect on the past season's activities and also plan for 2017. To assist with this process, the attached Club Player Welfare Checklist (also available on www.learning.gaa.ie/player) is a useful tool for incumbent club officials to assess the provisions in place for players on topics such as Injury Prevention, Defibrillators, Concussion Education and Nutrition / Anti-Doping.

The club can compare it's current procedures against the best practice advice approved by the Association's GAA Medical, Scientific and Welfare Committee and see what areas may require attention ahead of the new season.

Resources, including guidelines, posters and information sheets for the relevant topics are also available on www.learning.gaa.ie/player.

For queries in relation to any of the above topics do not hesitate to contact the GAA Player Welfare Administrator at the following contact details:

gearoid.devitt@gaa.ie

01-8658610



CLUB LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Hours spent on the training field and in the gym; watching what we eat; analysing past performances or our opponents; packing the gear bag in a certain way.

Everything we do to prepare in order to perform as best we can when match day arrives – rarely is it given a second thought. What about the team off the field? The team behind the Club working to make sure the club is performing at its best? What can that team do to prepare? The answer to those questions comes in the form of the GAA Club Leadership Development Programme.

For any Club Officer, new or old, the Club Leadership Development Programme (CLDP) offers you the perfect opportunity to learn more about what your role involves and prepare for the year ahead! The CLDP aims to provide the principal officers in each Club – namely the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and PRO – with an opportunity to gain the key knowledge and skills to carry out their roles effectively. It consists of two mandatory modules for each participating officer and then a number of optional ones. All modules are workshop-based so there will be lots of group discussions, fun activities and practical case studies. They are delivered in local venues by Leadership Associates who have a wealth of experience in matters relating to Administration of a GAA Club stemming from Club Caretaker through to Uachtarán CLG. See opposite for a full list of CLDP Leadership Associates.

Coupled with this experience, these Leadership Associates have completed extensive training in preparation for the role equipping with them with all they need to deliver highly effective Training Workshops.

Officers who complete the programme will:

- **Gain a better understanding of what their role involves**
- **Develop basic leadership, management and communication skills**
- **Experience increased role satisfaction**
- **Have an awareness of where to access resources and supports**
- **Be able to share ideas and solve problems with fellow officers**
- **Be better prepared for future roles in the Association**
- **Receive a Certificate of Achievement**

Over 1,000 Club Officers have already benefited from the programme in 2016. Here is what a few participants have said: “It was great to gain knowledge on my role and learn from officers with greater experience.”

“I enjoyed learning about the available resources and the huge amount of information that is available when you know where to go.”

“Our tutor engaged everyone very well in a relaxed manner while delivering key information clearly. It was very helpful to hear from an experienced officer who was able to back up points with personal stories.”



Members of the GAA Club Leadership Development Programme, pictured in the NGDC, Abbottstown

“The programme opened my mind to other people’s views and ways of dealing with problems.”

The programme is available in all 32 counties, with a number of counties having already delivered training in the last 12 months. Coming up in the new year training will be delivered in the counties listed below, with many more dates still to be confirmed in remaining counties.

List of Counties with CLDP Scheduled-

- Armagh
- Cork
- Derry
- Donegal
- Down
- Dublin
- Kildare
- Leitrim
- Limerick
- Meath
- Wicklow

To get involved, each Club Secretary is asked to complete the Expression of Interest form – available on learning.gaa.ie/clubleadership – and send it to his/her County Development Officer. He/she will then organise the programme and notify you of the dates, times and venues.

For more information on what the programme involves, visit learning.gaa.ie/clubleadership

LIST OF LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATES

- Jimmy McGeough – Monaghan
- Anthony Doogan – Donegal
- Maureen O’Higgins – Down
- Aodh Máirtín Ó Fearraigh – Donegal
- Raymond McHugh – Monaghan
- Pat Hanrahan – Clare
- Jody O’Connor – Clare
- Michael Browne – Clare
- Seán Nugent – Tipperary
- Shay Bannon – Tipperary
- Tony O’Keeffe – Kerry
- Kieran Leddy – Munster GAA
- Jim Hanley – Cork
- John Quirke – Cork
- Donal Fitzgibbon – Limerick
- Micheál Martin – Wexford
- Liam O’Neill – Laois
- Padraic Ashe – Kildare
- Miriam O’Callaghan – Offaly
- Johnny McMahon – Kildare
- Jimmy O’Dwyer – Dublin
- Maire Ní Cheallaigh – Dublin
- Catherine Daly – Westmeath
- Peter Nolan – Meath
- Gerry Grehan – Wicklow
- Frances Stephenson – Wicklow
- Bridget Kenny – Wicklow
- Brian Stenson – Roscommon
- Declan Bohan – Leitrim
- Luke Fitzmaurice – Mayo
- PJ Meehan – Leitrim
- Máirín Nic an Iomaire – Galway
- Thomas Murray – Roscommon
- Cian O’Doherty – Galway
- Hugh Lynn – Roscommon
- Kathy Slattery – Croke Park
- Tom Ryan – Croke Park
- Marion Donnelly – Monaghan
- John Joe O’Carroll – Kerry
- Michael Holland – Roscommon
- Lauri Quinn – Sligo
- Alan Milton – Croke Park
- Declan Woods – Cavan
- Diarmuid Cahill – Down
- Tracey Kennedy – Cork
- Ed Donnelly – Tipperary
- Cian Murphy – Croke Park
- Brendan Minnock – Offaly
- Gerard Bradley – Tyrone
- John Browne – Carlow
- Diarmuid Gowen – Cork
- Ruairi Harvey – Croke Park
- Emmet Haughian – Croke Park

WHEN IS YOUR CLUB AGM?

Did you know that your club AGM should take place on a date before the end of November each year?

This requirement stems from Rule 8.3 of the Club Constitution (See Appendix 5 of the 2106 Official Guide) and is aimed at ensuring the Club AGM takes place before County Convention. As it is the most important meeting of the year for a Club, every effort should be made to ensure that it is organised in accordance with the rules as laid out in the Club constitution. The purpose of the AGM is to:

- Review the work of the previous year.
- Review Financial statements and auditor's reports.
- Elect officers and executive committee members.
- Get members views on Club and Association policy.
- Consider Club policy and revise or endorse.
- Make submissions through motions to the County Committee on the framing of policy and dealing with the rules of the Association.

There are three phases to holding a Club AGM:

Setting the date

This is the responsibility of the Executive Committee however it should take place

before the end of November each year i.e. before the County Convention (Rule 8.3 of the Club Constitution).

Notice of AGM to Members

Rules 8.5 to 8.5.3 of the Club constitution govern the calling on the AGM and detail how members are notified. It is important that all Full Members of the Club are notified in writing of the AGM and are forwarded all relevant documentation.

The AGM Agenda

The business of the Club AGM and the Agenda is set out in rule 8.4 of the Club constitution, outlined as follows:

- Adoption of Standing Orders.
- Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
- Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary.
- Consideration of the Financial Statements including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s).
- The Chairperson's Address.
- Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.
- Notices of Motion.
- Other Business.

More guidance around running the Club AGM can be found within the GAA Club Manual. To access it, visit - www.learning.gaa.ie/clubmanagement



MACNAMEE AWARDS / DUAISEANNA MACCON MÍDHE

The GAA MacNamee Awards are held annually to honour excellence in the area of communications, public relations and journalism, specifically related to the activities of the Association. These Awards are named after the late Pádraig MacNamee, former President of the GAA, Chairman of the GAA Commission (1969–1971) and member of RTÉ authority.

Applications for the 2016 MacNamee Awards are now being accepted. It should be noted that only work published or completed in the 2016 calendar year is eligible for consideration and entries will not be returned. The awards scheme will be judged under the following headings:

- **BEST GAA PUBLICATION**
To cover general works focussing on the Association.
- **BEST GAA CLUB PUBLICATION**
To cover GAA County Yearbooks and Club History.
- **BEST GAA WEBSITE OR SOCIAL MEDIA BY CLUB/ COUNTY**
Covering the websites and social media channels of all the Association's units.
- **BEST NEW DIGITAL INITIATIVE**
Acknowledging the efforts made to find new ways to deliver GAA digital content, ie. Live streaming, blogs, etc.
- **BEST PHOTOGRAPH**
Focussing on the best GAA-themed image.
- **BEST PROGRAMME**
To cater for all match day programmes produced for any level of the GAA.
- **BEST GAA RELATED RADIO PROGRAMME**
To cater for all GAA programming broadcast either nationally or locally

- **PROVINCIAL MEDIA AWARD**
To acknowledge high quality written journalism in a provincial publication.
- **NATIONAL MEDIA AWARD**
To acknowledge high quality written journalism in national daily or Sunday publication.
- **IRISH LANGUAGE AWARD / GRADAM NA GAELIGE**
To recognise excellence in the field of Irish language GAA journalism across all media/Aitheantas do ard-chaighdeán iriseoireachta, bainteach le CLG, in aon bhrainse de mheáin na Gaeilge

** Please note: There is a limit of three photographs per entrant for the photographic award and one entry for all other categories.*

A Hall of Fame Award / Outstanding Service Award will also be made in recognition of a prolonged personal involvement in the coverage of GAA activities to the highest standards. This person is selected by the GAA President.

All entries should be marked “GAA MacNamee Awards 2016” and addressed for the attention of Head of Communications Alan Milton, Croke Park, Dublin 3 or emailed to communications@gaa.ie. Entrants should also clearly state what category they are submitting their entry under.

Award winners will be contacted in due course with further details in relation to the awards banquet.

Closing date for entries is January 9, 2017.

For further information please contact Alan Milton, Head of Communications, Croke Park on 01 8658612



Radio Kerry legend Weeshie Fogarty was a MacNamee Award winner at the awards held at the start of 2016



MacNamee Award winners

FONDÚIREACHT NUA BUNAITHE I GCUIMHNE SHEOSAIMH MHC DONNCHADHA

Tá fondúireacht nua bunaithe i gcuimhne Sheosaimh Mhic Donnchadha chun tacú le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge i gCumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Seolfaidh Aogán Ó Fearghaíl, an fhondúireacht nua seo i bPáirc an Chrócaigh anocht le spreagadh agus aitheantas a thabhairt d'fhorbairt na Gaeilge sa Chumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Is scéim tacaíochta de chuid Glór na nGael agus de chuid an CLG í Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Donnchadha le haghaidh clubanna ar mian leo an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn.

Is é cuspóir na fondúireachta ná an teanga fhorbairt ar bhonn tomhaiste agus pleanáilte. Cuirfidh Glór na nGael cuidiú ar fáil don Oifigeach Gaeilge i bhfoirm chomhairle, tacaíochta agus idéanna le tógáil ar an obair mhaith atá á déanamh sa chlub cheana féin.

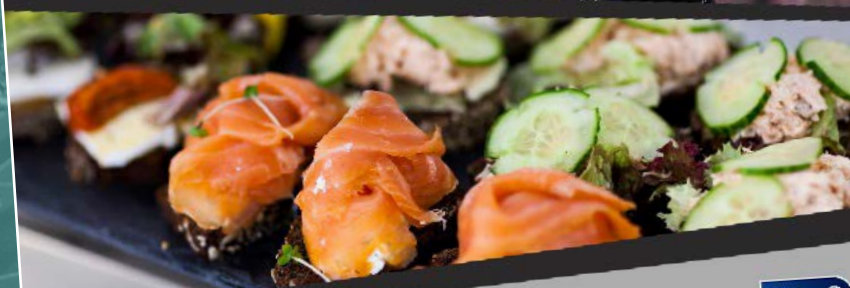
Chomh maith leis sin, beidh teacht ar dheontais ón Fhondúireacht chun cuidiú leis na pleananna a chur i gcrích agus bronnfar boinn ar na clubanna as méid áirithe a bhaint amach ar son na teanga.

Bronnfar bonn snasta, Bonn Sheosaimh Mhic Donnchadha ar na clubanna atá cláraithe leis an Fhondúireacht as méid áirithe gníomhaíochtaí ar son na teanga a chur i gcrích sa chlub. Is comhartha aitheantais a bheidh sa bhonn ar an dea-obair sna gclubanna thar tréimhse ama.

De réir mar a chuireann club gníomhaíochtaí molta i gcrích, bronnfar bonn cré-umha, bonn airgid nó bonn óir de réir mar is cuí. Beidh stádas agus gradam ag dul d'aon chlub a bhaineann an bonn óir amach dó féin. Ar an ábhar seo beidh spreagadh agus spriocanna cinnte ag clubanna chun bheith ag éascú ról don teanga i measc a gcuid ball.

Tá níos mo eolas ar fáil ar shuíomh Glór na nGael, glornangael.ie





Allianz Leagues 2017 Croke Park Hospitality Packages



Book your seat at the Allianz Leagues Division 1 & 2 fixtures in Croke Park for 2017. Package includes a Premium level ticket, casual buffet and a full bar in the Davin Suite.

Allianz League Packages

- Option 1: 4 Allianz Leagues Division 1 & 2 fixtures - €420pp.
- Option 2: Allianz Football Leagues Division 1 & 2 Final only - €120pp.
- Option 3: Single fixture (excluding final) - €115pp.

Fixtures

11th February:	Dublin v Tyrone (F) Dublin v Tipperary (H)	25th March:	Dublin v Roscommon (F)
4th March:	Dublin v Mayo (F) Dublin v Waterford (H)	9th April:	Division 1 & 2 Football Finals

Advance Hospitality booking now being taken. Return application and payment to Marie Smyth - msmyth@crokepark.ie / +353 (1) 8192358 - Croke Park Stadium, Jones Road, Dublin 3.



Next level occasion

GAA JERSEY JANUARY AT THE GAA MUSEUM

Wear your GAA county, club or Cúl Camp jersey and get half price admission on the Croke Park Stadium Tour this January

Calling all GAA fans – anyone who wears their GAA jersey on the Croke Park Stadium Tour this January will get their admission ticket half price! This applies to adult, children, senior, student and family tickets. You can proudly sport your GAA county, club or Cúl Camp jerseys to avail of the Jersey January offer.

Throughout the month, Croke Park will be giving away free jerseys and other spot prizes via their social media channels to those who share pictures or videos of themselves taking the tour in their jerseys using #crokeparktours

The Croke Park Stadium tour brings you on a behind-the-scenes journey through the home of Gaelic games. Walk in the footsteps of legends as you visit the team dressing rooms, warm up areas, players' lounge, suite level and media centre before going pitch-side via the players' tunnel to the sound of cheering crowds and taking a seat in the VIP area.

This is guided tour and guides are a huge part of the experience – they are passionate about the GAA, Irish culture and heritage and along the way will regale stories about the stadium's rich history and insights into how it operates on big match days.

The offer includes free entry to the GAA Museum. The state-of-the-art interactive museum brings visitors on a journey that vividly illustrates the story of Gaelic games from ancient times to the present. It also includes a visit to the Interactive Games Zone where you can test your hurling and Gaelic football skills and access to 'Ireland's Olympian's', the GAA Museum's latest exhibition, which celebrates the nation's Olympic medalists with medals and memorabilia from many of Ireland's 31 Olympians on display.

For more about the GAA Jersey January offer, visit www.crokepark.ie/jerseyjanuary



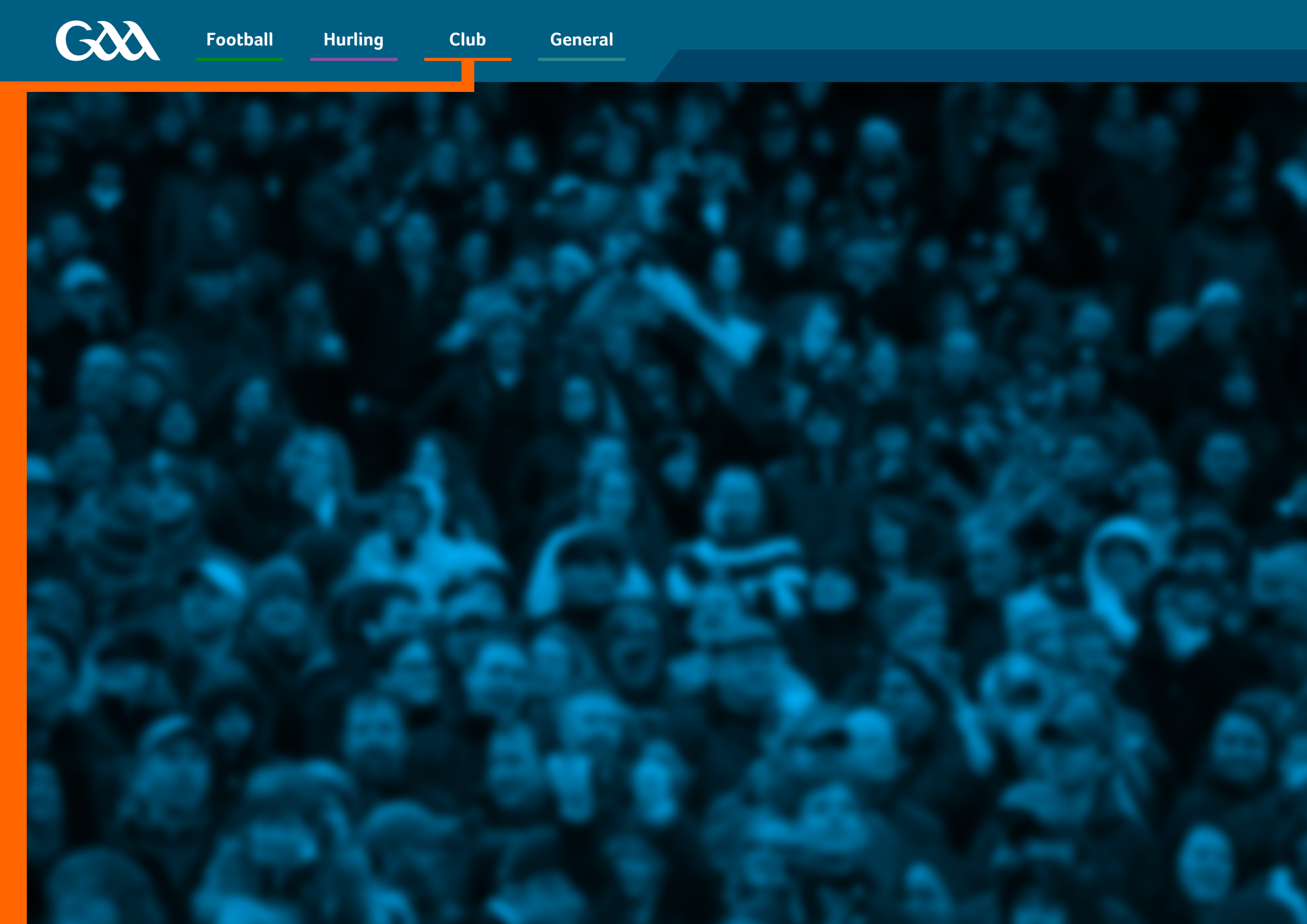


[Football](#)

[Hurling](#)

[Club](#)

[General](#)



CONCUSSION



NOT ALWAYS A KNOCK-OUT!

ACTION PLAN

- R**ecognise *the signs and symptoms*
- R**eport *if suspicious, don't hide it*
- R**ehab *with rest and medical guidance*
- R**eturn *after following Return To Play Protocol and getting medical clearance*

SYMPTOMS

- Headache
- Confusion
- Nausea
- Dizziness
- Double/Blurry Vision
- Sensitivity to Light
- Feeling Hazy or Groggy
- Just not 'feeling right'
- Memory Problems
- Pressure in Head

For the Return to Play Protocol and further information on Concussion see learning.gaa.ie/Concussion

IF IN DOUBT, SIT THEM OUT!!!

HURLING HELMETS



HURLING HELMETS

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PLAYERS & PARENTS/GUARDIANS

THE RULE

The GAA reminds all players at all levels in all Hurling Games and Hurling Practice Sessions it is mandatory, and the responsibility of each individual player to wear a helmet with a facial guard that meets the standards set out in IS:355 or other replacement standard as determined by the National Safety Authority of Ireland (NSAI).

All players are advised that in the event of a head injury occurring, if the helmet being worn does not meet the standard or is modified or altered from the original manufactured state, they are not covered under the terms of the GAA Injury Benefit Fund.

Following the introduction of the rule at underage level it was proven that mandatory helmet use reduced the number of serious facial and eye injuries by 40%. The rule was introduced across all levels in 2010.

CONSEQUENCES OF WEARING AN UNAPPROVED OR ALTERED HELMET

- Players are not covered under the terms of the GAA Injury Benefit Fund for facial/eye/head injuries suffered.
- Significantly increased risk of facial, dental, oral, nasal, orbital and eye injuries.
- Potential injuries suffered as a result of wearing an unapproved or altered helmet can be extremely serious including long term sight complications such as impaired vision, increased risk of cataracts, glaucoma and complete loss of sight.

ALTERED HELMET

An altered helmet is one which has been modified in any way from the original manufactured state. Once an approved faceguard has been

*Changed / Replaced
OR
Modified*

(bars on the faceguard removed, shortened or manipulated in any way)

the player is no longer covered under the GAA Injury Benefit Fund and also at an increased risk of injury.

When changing a faceguard, the new guard may not be compatible with the helmet design and can result in a serious facial or dental injury to the owner during a collision.

ADVICE

It is recommended that players

1. Only purchase a helmet with a facial guard that meets the standards set out in IS:355
2. Do not replace the faceguard or remove or manipulate the bars on the faceguard in any way.
3. Always wear their helmet when warming-up as well as during training/practice sessions and matches. A number of players have suffered injuries while warming-up without wearing a helmet and have not been able to participate in matches as a result.

A list of helmet providers who supply helmets which meet IS:355 is available on learning.gaa.ie/injuryprevention

REMEMBER: It is the player's responsibility to wear a helmet with a facial guard that meets the standard!



Football

Hurling

Club

General

MÍLE BUÍOCHAS

Thank you to all of those who have contributed to this month's edition of the GAA Club Newsletter. Your feedback is welcome and any comments, suggestions or queries should be directed to clubnewsletter@gaa.ie.

Produced by the GAA Communications Department in Croke Park, Edited by Cian Ó Murchadha and designed by DBA Publications in Blackrock, Co Dublin.