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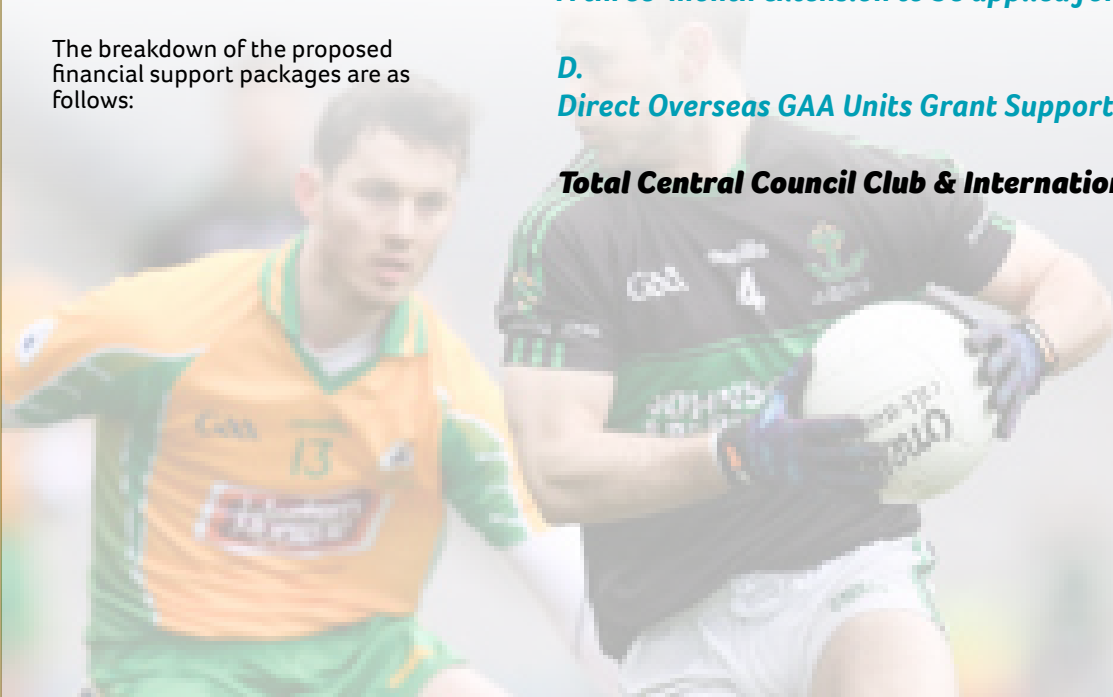
GAA CLUB AND INTERNATIONAL UNIT FINANCIAL SUPPORT PACKAGE OF €9.5M ANNOUNCED

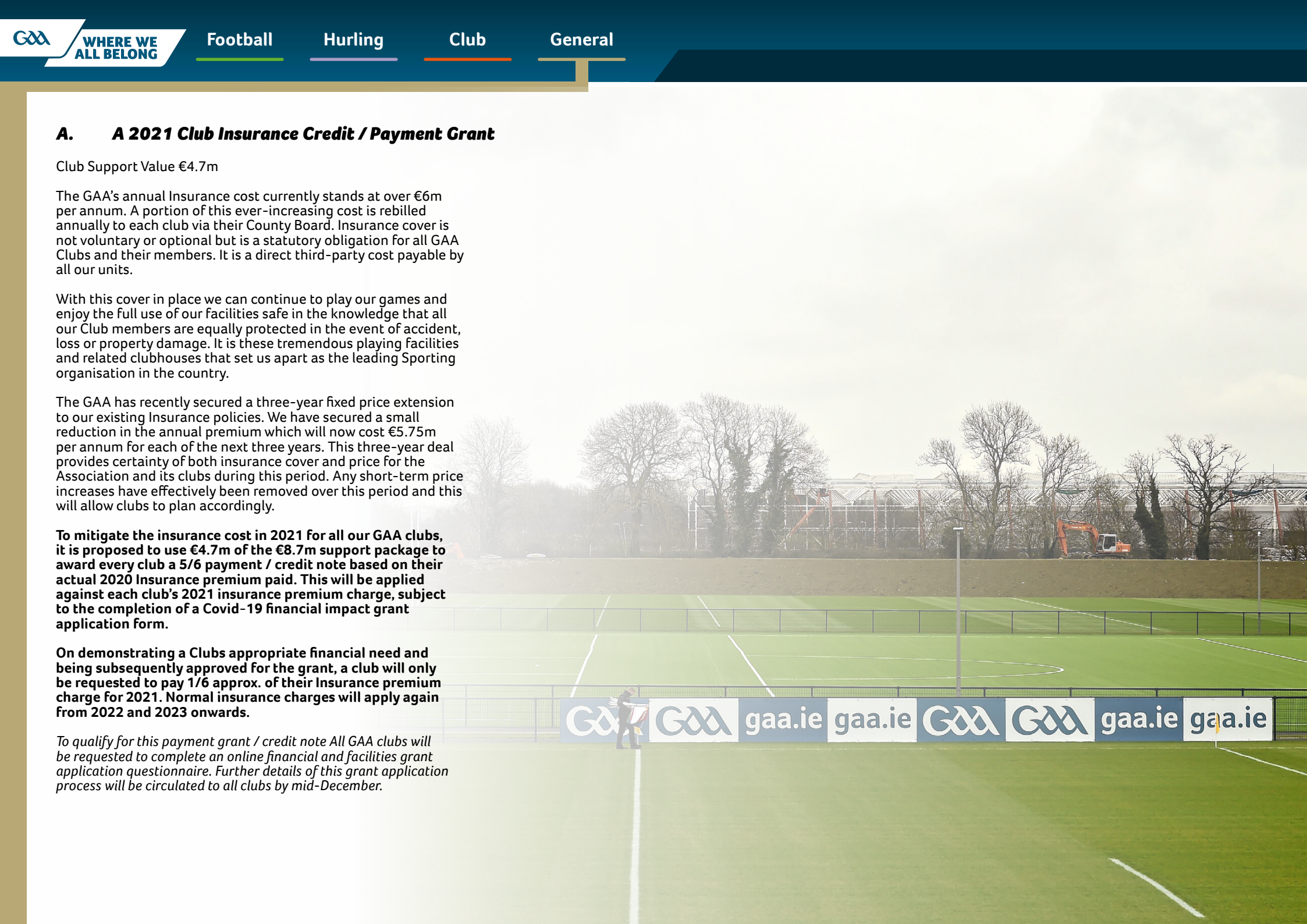
FOLLOWING THE CONFIRMATION OF AN AWARD OF €5M FROM THE GOVERNMENT RESCUE FUND FOR SPORT TO JOINTLY SUPPORT THE CLUBS OF CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL, LGFA, THE CAMOGIE ASSOCIATION AND GAA HANDBALL, THE GAA HAS SUPPLEMENTED THE GOVERNMENT AWARD WITH ITS OWN RESOURCES AND THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT PACKAGE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY COISTE BAINISTÍOCHTA AND ARD COMHAIRLE TO SUPPORT OUR GAA CLUBS AND INTERNATIONAL UNITS.

The combined package of support measures totals €9.5m and is split, €8.7m for clubs on the island of Ireland and €800k for the overseas clubs and International units. The club support proposal also includes some additional cashflow timing benefits to hopefully ease some of the pressure on our clubs and their officials during these challenging times.

The breakdown of the proposed financial support packages are as follows:

A. A Club Insurance credit / grant to be applied against a clubs 2021 Insurance Premium Charge	€4.7m
B. The current €2m Player Injury fund deficit to be covered by Central Council cash reserves	€2.0m
C. A three-month extension to be applied for every GAA clubs 2020 Player Injury Fund policy to 31 March 2021	€2.0m
D. Direct Overseas GAA Units Grant Support	€0.8m
Total Central Council Club & International Fund	€9.5m





A. A 2021 Club Insurance Credit / Payment Grant

Club Support Value €4.7m

The GAA's annual Insurance cost currently stands at over €6m per annum. A portion of this ever-increasing cost is rebilled annually to each club via their County Board. Insurance cover is not voluntary or optional but is a statutory obligation for all GAA Clubs and their members. It is a direct third-party cost payable by all our units.

With this cover in place we can continue to play our games and enjoy the full use of our facilities safe in the knowledge that all our Club members are equally protected in the event of accident, loss or property damage. It is these tremendous playing facilities and related clubhouses that set us apart as the leading Sporting organisation in the country.

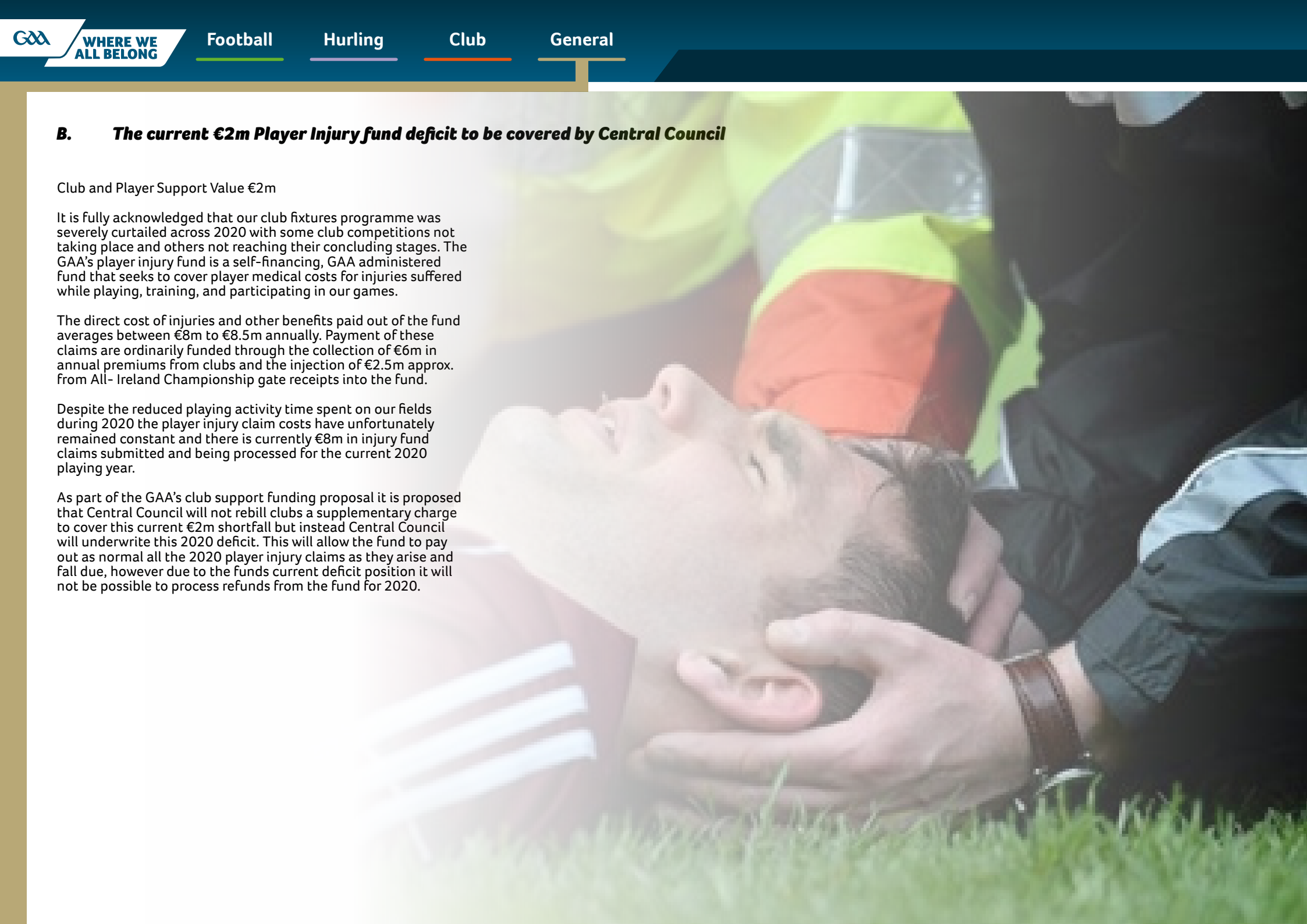
The GAA has recently secured a three-year fixed price extension to our existing Insurance policies. We have secured a small reduction in the annual premium which will now cost €5.75m per annum for each of the next three years. This three-year deal provides certainty of both insurance cover and price for the Association and its clubs during this period. Any short-term price increases have effectively been removed over this period and this will allow clubs to plan accordingly.

To mitigate the insurance cost in 2021 for all our GAA clubs, it is proposed to use €4.7m of the €8.7m support package to award every club a 5/6 payment / credit note based on their actual 2020 Insurance premium paid. This will be applied against each club's 2021 insurance premium charge, subject to the completion of a Covid-19 financial impact grant application form.

On demonstrating a Clubs appropriate financial need and being subsequently approved for the grant, a club will only be requested to pay 1/6 approx. of their Insurance premium charge for 2021. Normal insurance charges will apply again from 2022 and 2023 onwards.

To qualify for this payment grant / credit note All GAA clubs will be requested to complete an online financial and facilities grant application questionnaire. Further details of this grant application process will be circulated to all clubs by mid-December.





B. The current €2m Player Injury fund deficit to be covered by Central Council

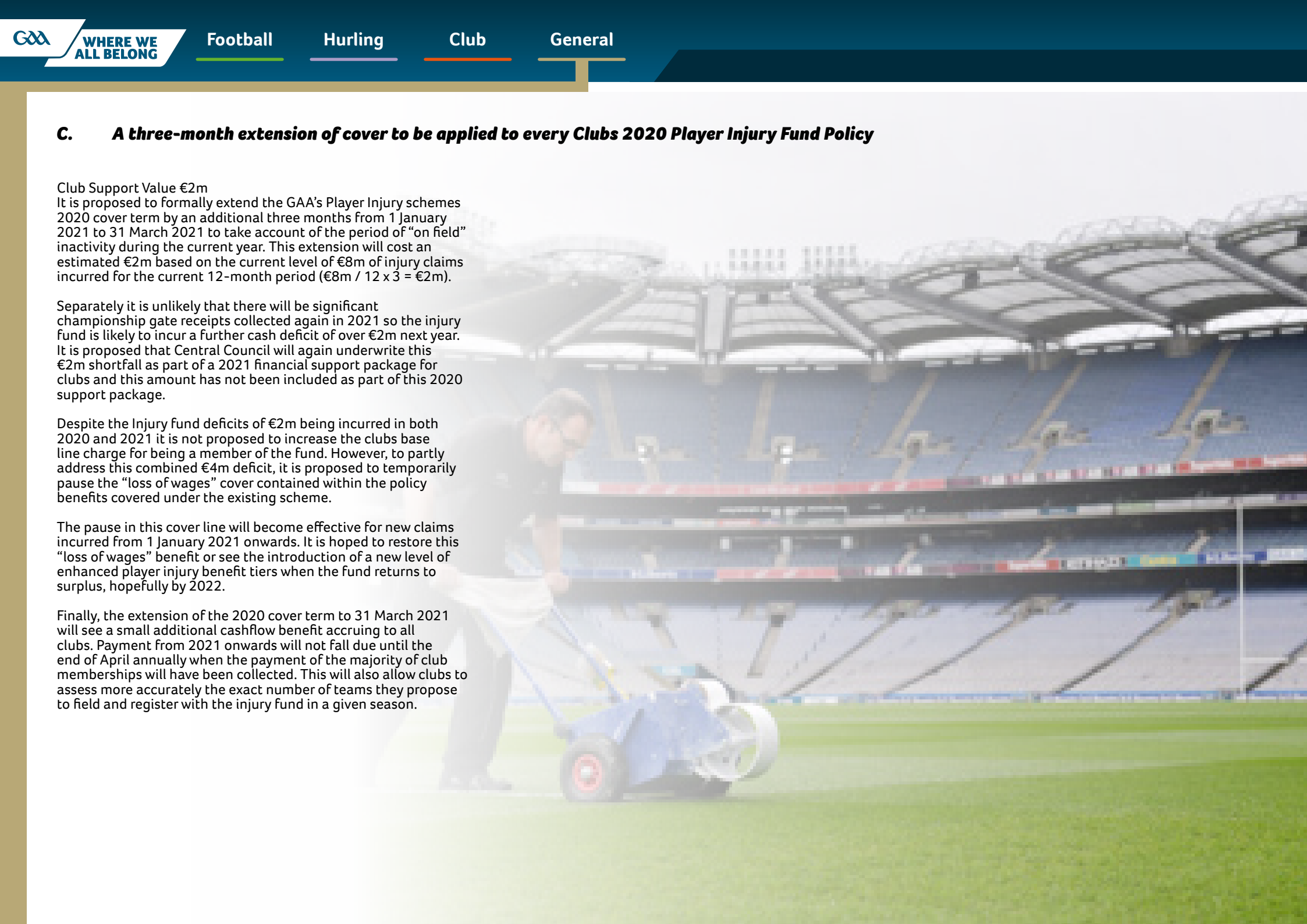
Club and Player Support Value €2m

It is fully acknowledged that our club fixtures programme was severely curtailed across 2020 with some club competitions not taking place and others not reaching their concluding stages. The GAA's player injury fund is a self-financing, GAA administered fund that seeks to cover player medical costs for injuries suffered while playing, training, and participating in our games.

The direct cost of injuries and other benefits paid out of the fund averages between €8m to €8.5m annually. Payment of these claims are ordinarily funded through the collection of €6m in annual premiums from clubs and the injection of €2.5m approx. from All- Ireland Championship gate receipts into the fund.

Despite the reduced playing activity time spent on our fields during 2020 the player injury claim costs have unfortunately remained constant and there is currently €8m in injury fund claims submitted and being processed for the current 2020 playing year.

As part of the GAA's club support funding proposal it is proposed that Central Council will not rebill clubs a supplementary charge to cover this current €2m shortfall but instead Central Council will underwrite this 2020 deficit. This will allow the fund to pay out as normal all the 2020 player injury claims as they arise and fall due, however due to the funds current deficit position it will not be possible to process refunds from the fund for 2020.



C. A three-month extension of cover to be applied to every Clubs 2020 Player Injury Fund Policy

Club Support Value €2m
It is proposed to formally extend the GAA's Player Injury schemes 2020 cover term by an additional three months from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021 to take account of the period of "on field" inactivity during the current year. This extension will cost an estimated €2m based on the current level of €8m of injury claims incurred for the current 12-month period ($€8m / 12 \times 3 = €2m$).

Separately it is unlikely that there will be significant championship gate receipts collected again in 2021 so the injury fund is likely to incur a further cash deficit of over €2m next year. It is proposed that Central Council will again underwrite this €2m shortfall as part of a 2021 financial support package for clubs and this amount has not been included as part of this 2020 support package.

Despite the Injury fund deficits of €2m being incurred in both 2020 and 2021 it is not proposed to increase the clubs base line charge for being a member of the fund. However, to partly address this combined €4m deficit, it is proposed to temporarily pause the "loss of wages" cover contained within the policy benefits covered under the existing scheme.

The pause in this cover line will become effective for new claims incurred from 1 January 2021 onwards. It is hoped to restore this "loss of wages" benefit or see the introduction of a new level of enhanced player injury benefit tiers when the fund returns to surplus, hopefully by 2022.

Finally, the extension of the 2020 cover term to 31 March 2021 will see a small additional cashflow benefit accruing to all clubs. Payment from 2021 onwards will not fall due until the end of April annually when the payment of the majority of club memberships will have been collected. This will also allow clubs to assess more accurately the exact number of teams they propose to field and register with the injury fund in a given season.

D. International Units and Overseas Clubs Grant Support

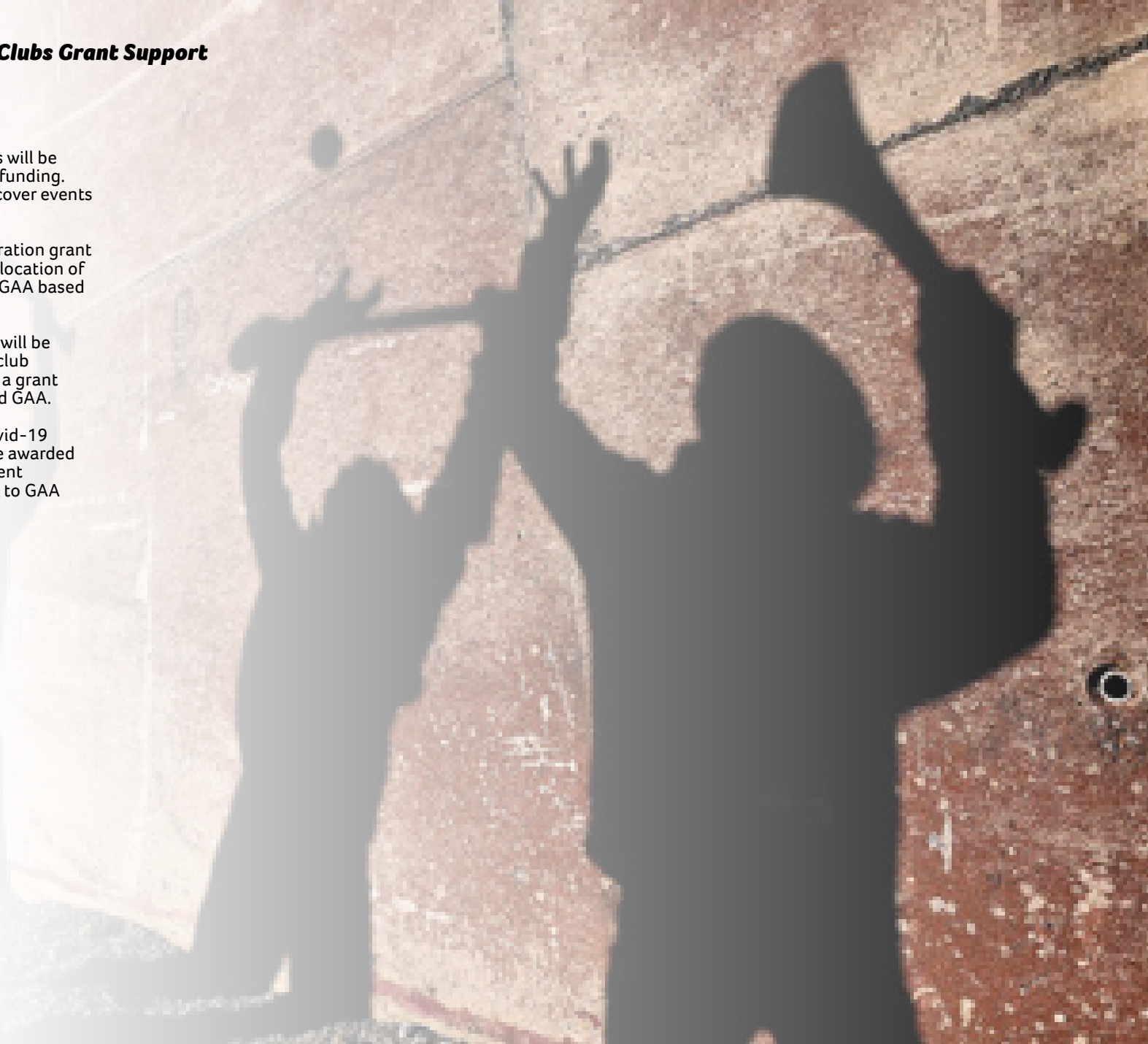
Support Value €0.8m

It is proposed that all overseas and International units will be awarded 50% of their normal annual operating grant funding. All project and tournament specific grant funding to cover events that did not take place will not be payable.

Separately the Overseas / International unit administration grant of €200k will be reduced to €114k for 2020 and the allocation of this funding grant this year will be overseen by World GAA based on a financial needs grant application process.

A new once off Covid-19 club support grant of €120k will be awarded specifically to Internationally GAA overseas club units. This grant will be similarly distributed based on a grant application process that will also be overseen by World GAA.

Clubs in Britain will be excluded from this once off Covid-19 International club grant support but will separately be awarded a 5/6 credit note against their 2021 injury fund payment contribution. This will provide a direct benefit of €25k to GAA clubs in Britain.







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BLOODY SUNDAY REMEMBERED – CUIMHNÍMIS ORTHU UILIG

THE 14 INNOCENT LIVES LOST IN THE BLOODY SUNDAY MASSACRE AT CROKE PARK 1920 WERE REMEMBERED AT A SPECIAL CENTENARY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY HELD AT CROKE PARK.

The date of November 21 is forever etched into GAA history over the attack by Crown Forces at a Dublin-Tipperary football challenge match and the resulting loss of life.

The calendar anniversary fell before the Leinster final meeting of Dublin and Meath and saw an event built around remembering and paying tribute to the 14 who went to a match that day and never came home.

It was marked by scores of clubs throughout the country who switched on their floodlights and flew flags at half-mast and was also marked by individuals who responded to a call from Uachtarán John Horan for members to light a candle that evening and join in the torch lighting ceremony staged at Croke Park.

Actor Brendan Gleeson was present in Croke Park to read a specially prepared script written by Bloody Sunday author Michael Foley.

As Brendan read each name and remembered each victim, there were 14 torches symbolically lit up on Hill 16 and a pillar of light sent from the stadium.

Afterwards Uachtarán na hÉireann Michael D Higgins, An Taoiseach Micheál Martin and Minister Catherine Martin from the Dept. of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaelteacht,

Sport and Media were present for a wreath laying on behalf of the people of Ireland dedicated to those who died at Croke Park 1920. They were joined by Uachtarán CLG John Horan who laid a wreath on behalf of the GAA membership and by Ard Stiúrthóir Tom Ryan who laid a wreath on behalf of the staff at Croke Park.

The location for this ceremony, just in front of gate 43 at the front of Hill 16 is the spot where Tipperary corner back Michael Hogan was fatally shot as he crawled from the field and gunfire that day.

Rachel Dobbs and Michael Joyce, members of the Artane School of Music formed the guard of honour holding the national tricolour and GAA national flag. Joining them in the colours of 1920 were Dublin's three-time All-Ireland winning footballer Alan Brogan and two-time Tipperary football all-star Declan Browne.

To conclude there was a performance of *More Than A Game*, a special musical composition by Colm Mac Con Iomaire to accompany the GAA's tribute video in honour of those who died and where he was joined by vocalist Lisa Hannigan and musician Catherine Fitzgerald.

At 3.15pm on Sunday, November 21st, 1920, the sun shone over Croke Park, warming the crowd of 15,000 gathered to watch Tipperary play Dublin in a game of football, a rare and precious thing in a time of war.

Talk had rumbled through the city all morning, all the way into the dressing rooms that afternoon, about attacks

by the IRA on men in their beds believed to be spies, but Michael Hogan from Grangemockler, County Tipperary, was thinking only of Frank Burke, the dancing, dazzling Dublin forward he was sentenced to mark.

He asked his fellow defender Bill Ryan to swop. But he couldn't. Bill had lost his boots in a fight with some soldiers on the train up from Tipperary the previous day, and these new ones were loose.

Michael Hogan returned to his bag and found a lace for Bill to tighten his boots. A simple act of kindness from one team mate to another, and a memory Bill would cherish for the rest of his life.

By 3.25pm Michael Hogan was on the ground beside Frank Burke. Bullets were sparking off the walls of Croke Park. The pitch was being shredded by gunshots. Police were pouring into the ground. People were falling all around them: shot, trampled, crushed.

1920 **BLOODY SUNDAY** 2020

100 YEARS ON, WE PAUSE TO REMEMBER THEM ALL: THE 14 WHO WENT TO A MATCH, AND NEVER CAME HOME.

In 90 seconds, 14 people lay dead and mortally wounded on the field and banks of Croke Park and on the streets outside.

1. Jane Boyle, from Lennox Street in Dublin, came to the game with her fiancé Daniel Byron. They stood together near the halfway line on the Cusack Stand side. When the firing started, they ran towards the exit near modern day Hill 16. "I heard the sound of shots coming from the direction of the bridge outside the ground," Daniel said. "My fiancée, who had hold of my arm, was shot dead." Daniel was swept away by the crowd. Jane was buried in her wedding dress the following week.

2. James Burke lived in Windy Arbour on the southside of Dublin. He was a van driver with the Terenure Laundries, the father of six children. As the firing intensified, a crush developed at that Hill 16 exit. James was lost beneath the crowd. He was 44 years of age.

3. Outside on Russell Street, Daniel Carroll from Templederry, County Tipperary was hurrying away from Croke Park when a shot from a police lorry struck him in the leg. He lay in hospital the following day, talking to Martin Kennedy, the owner of the bar in Drumcondra where Daniel worked. "Wasn't it unfortunate I went?" he said. Daniel died on Tuesday. He was 31.

4. For four days after the killings, the newspapers charted the mystery of the man lying in Jervis Street hospital, unknown and unclaimed. 'One man, middle-aged and sandy haired,' they said. 'Of the labouring class. Dark brown hair turning grey, long sandy moustache. Believed to be an ex-soldier wearing an army undershirt and boots.' Michael Feery, a veteran of World War One, lived

at Gardiner Place, barely a few minutes' walk from Croke Park. His body was finally claimed that Thursday. He was buried in a grave left unmarked for nearly 100 years.

5. As Michael Hogan crawled across the ground beside Frank Burke, he shouted to the other players nearby. "We'll lie in here close. We might get some protection". Then Frank Burke heard Michael again above the rattle of gunfire. "I'm shot," Hogan said. He died on the field, forever tied now to Croke Park, immortalised by the stand that bears his name. He was 24.

6. As 19-year-old Tom Hogan from Tankardstown, County Limerick lay in hospital suffering a bullet wound to his shoulder, he recognised a nurse he knew from home. She wrote to the family. Tom, she said, was very poorly. "He asked for me after coming to himself on Sunday night. Times are awful." The following Friday Tom Hogan became the last victim to die.

7. When the firing started James Matthews from North Cumberland Street and his friend climbed a wall to escape the ground. James's friend got away. James was shot in the leg. His wife, Kate, sat at his funeral with their two daughters. Their third daughter, Nancy was born the following spring. Nearly a century later, when a headstone was unveiled in his memory, Nancy was there to remember her dad.

8. When the shooting was at its fiercest, 57-year-old Patrick O'Dowd from Buckingham Street climbed the seven-foot high wall that ran along the bank where the Cusack Stand is now, extended his arm and began pulling people to safety until he was shot. We'll never know how many people Patrick saved before he was killed.

9. Ten-year-old Jerome O'Leary from

Blessington Street was sitting on the wall behind the Canal end goal. When the first police trucks rolled onto the canal bridge outside, he turned to look back. Two shots rang out. One of them knocked Jerome from the wall. He was the youngest victim that day.

10. A little way up from Jerome, 11-year-old William Robinson from Little Britain Street was sitting in a tree at the corner of the modern-day Hogan and Davin Stands, watching the game from the best seat in the house. He also turned when he heard the trucks. The first shot knocked William from the tree. A man picked him up. "Will you tell my da I'm hurt," William asked him. He died two days later.

11. As Michael Hogan lay bleeding on the field, Tom Ryan from Glenbrien, County Wexford, ducked through the gunfire to reach him and whispered an Act of Contrition in the dying man's ear. In that instant, Tom was shot in the back, the bullet bursting through his belt. He died that night in hospital, aged 27.

12. When the firing was over, 14-year-old John William Scott from Fitzroy Avenue, across the road from Croke Park, lay dying on a kitchen table in a house outside the ground, shot through the chest. When his father visited the house looking for his son, his body had already been taken away. He sought proof that this grief was truly his to bear. The owner of the house pressed into his hand his son's tiepin and glasses.

13. James Teehan from Gurteen, County Tipperary had left the bar he ran with his brother on Green Street in the heart of the city that afternoon, bound for Croke Park. When the firing began he was swept up in the crush at the exit near modern-day Hill 16. His body was returned home to Tipperary and buried in a quiet graveyard,

surrounded by trees and a soft-running stream, away from the chaos that claimed his life.

14. As police fired on clusters of spectators trying to escape, Joseph Traynor from Ballymount on the outskirts of Dublin city was climbing the wall running along the back of the Canal goal when he was shot twice in the back. When the firing stopped local people left their homes to help the wounded. Joseph was cared for at the home of the Ring family till an ambulance carried him away. News of his death reached Ballymount at 9pm that night. He was 20.

We remember each victim and honour the grief carried by their families down through the decades. We hold the memory of their loved ones close, giving them life again through the sharing of their stories.

They come alive again in the stadium in the 10-year-old child thrilled by the prospect of a day in Croke Park.

By the couple in love at a football game, holding hands lost in their own world. They live again in young people making their trip to Croke Park - part of one long weekend adventure.

They live through older ones, following the tradition of going to the matches, handed down to them ó ghlúin go ghlúin.

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THE GAA MUSEUM ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME VISITORS BACK TO CROKE PARK THIS WINTER! IN THE RUN-UP TO CHRISTMAS, THE GAA MUSEUM WILL OPEN FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY WITH A VARIETY OF TOUR EXPERIENCES.

- GAA Museum, including the Remember Bloody Sunday exhibition
- Skyline Tours, including Skyline at Dusk tours
- Gift shop with the perfect stocking fillers for GAA and history fans of all ages

See crokepark.ie/tours for opening times and tour times.

Capacity is limited and tickets for the museum and tours must be booked in advance on online (booking not necessary to visit the gift shop).

Covid-19 safety and hygiene measures are in place and all visitors must social distance and wear a mask at all times (even outdoors).



Riálas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

BORD GÁIS ENERGY TO RAISE €20,000 FOR FOCUS IRELAND

FANS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S ALL-IRELAND SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL, BUT BORD GÁIS ENERGY WILL HELP THEM SHOW THEIR #HURLINGTOHETOCORE SUPPORT FOR THEIR COUNTY IN A UNIQUE MANNER, WHILST ALSO SUPPORTING A WORTHY CAUSE.

Bord Gáis Energy will shortly be making 500 county-themed All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship final Christmas jumpers available for sale – with all proceeds going to homeless charity Focus Ireland.

William O'Donoghue of Munster champions Limerick and Waterford's Stephen Bennett were on hand to launch the charity drive today, which aims to raise €20,000 to help fight homelessness in the run-up to Christmas.

The jumpers will be manufactured in Ireland by the GAA's official leisurewear providers, Ganzee and will be available for sale on www.ganzee.ie on Monday, November 30th, the day after the second of this year's All-Ireland semi-finals. Every cent paid by hurling fans for their county-themed jumpers will go to Focus Ireland.

Bord Gáis Energy will also launch their hilarious new television ad, which will air for the first time this weekend around the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship semi-finals. As well as featuring footage filmed during the making of GAAGAABOX, Bord Gáis Energy's online video series filmed in the front-rooms of the most passionate hurling supporters across Ireland, there will be a new twist to capture the spirit of a hurling season that was far from normal!



LIMERICK HURLER WILLIAM O'DONOGHUE PICTURED AT NA PIARSAIGH GAA CLUB TO LAUNCH THE BORD GÁIS ENERGY CHRISTMAS JUMPER CAMPAIGN. BORD GÁIS ENERGY WILL SHORTLY BE MAKING 500 SPECIAL COUNTY-THEMED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AVAILABLE FOR SALE – WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO HOMELESS CHARITY FOCUS IRELAND AIMING TO RAISE €20,000 TO HELP FIGHT HOMELESSNESS IN THE RUN-UP TO CHRISTMAS.

Managing Director of Bord Gáis Energy, Dave Kirwan said: "At Bord Gáis Energy we are proud and privileged to be able to raise much-needed funds for Focus Ireland, our charity partner, who do so much to help those who have fallen into homelessness. It is so important to raise this money in the run-up to Christmas, which can be a tough time for many.

"I would like to thank William and Stephen for their help launching this initiative and we wish them and their teammates all the best in this weekend's All-Ireland

semi-finals. We're very proud of our long association with the GAA and I'd also like to thank our partners in the GAA for their continued support."

Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, John Horan added: "Bord Gáis Energy have shown incredible support for hurling during their long association with the game. They are also showing their support for such a worthy cause through this initiative and we commend them for this.

"I would like to extend my thanks to all

of the team at Bord Gáis Energy for their continued partnership and their ongoing support of the GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship."

2020 marks the fourth year of Bord Gáis Energy's sponsorship of the GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship, which will continue for a further two years to 2022. Bord Gáis Energy is also title sponsor of the U-20 GAA Hurling All-Ireland Championship and is the sponsor of the Bord Gáis Energy GAA Legends Tour Series of Croke Park.

By John Harrington

GAMES PROMOTION OFFICER CONOR HERBERT PREACHES TO THE CONVERTED

ON AN AVERAGE WEEK, ROUGHLY 400 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN NORTH KILDARE BENEFIT FROM THE COACHING OF CONOR HERBERT.

A Games Promotion Officer for four clubs in the area - Rathcoffey, Cappagh, Straffan, and St. Kevin's – he has been a busy man of late.

“I've been going to Rathcoffey National School, Straffan National School, rotating between Timahoe and Staplestown for St. Kevins, and then I've been with Tiermohan and Newtown school for Cappagh,” he told GAA.ie. “It was a busy first term between September and October.

“Three of the schools would be small enough and I'd be fortunate enough to be able to reach everybody in the school on the one day.

“The likes of Staplestown, Newtown, and Tiermohan would only have four or five classrooms in the school so I could coach everyone from junior infants right up to sixth class on the one day. When I visit Rathcoffey or Straffan National Schools they're quite bigger and you might do a six-week block with third, fourth, fifth, and sixth class and another six weeks with junior up to second class.

“In terms of numbers, you're talking about roughly 400 kids a week that you'd be coaching and they'd all be getting at least 45 minutes to an hour of GAA.”

Wherever he goes, Herbert is preaching to the converted.



GAMES PROMOTION OFFICER, CONOR HERBERT, PICTURED OUTSIDE TIERMOHAN NATIONAL SCHOOL IN KILDARE.

The opportunity to play Gaelic Games in a safe environment with their friends is a great release valve for young children who have had many of their other recreational outlets curtailed by Covid-19, so enthusiasm is a given.

“The reaction is absolutely top drawer and it always has been, really,” says Herbert. “I'm blessed with my clubs and schools, the kids absolutely adore it.

“You're pulling up to a school on a Wednesday morning and there would be 30 or 40 kids already standing at the gate waiting for me to pull up.

“If I'm emptying the boot they're willing to carry in cones, balls, whatever it is. They'd be carrying myself in if they got the chance! They're absolutely loving it and the schools themselves have been great to work with.

“There's never any issue from the word go when I contacted them in late August, they were delighted to have me on board and to see all the health and safety measures that we've put in place to make it a safe environment.”

Strict health and safety measures are applied by Herbert and his fellow Games Promotion Officers in schools.

And while that requires a little extra planning and some creative thinking to ensure all games are non-contact, he has found that process has been a beneficial one for him.

“100 per cent,” says Herbert. “For me,

before Covid-19 kicked in, I was very much an organised chaos man. But now my sessions take a little bit more planning because the kids have to stay in their pods and the sessions are a good bit more structured and you're not allowed to do any contact activities.

GAA Coaching & Games Development staff aren't just helping primary school children to become better players, they're also helping teachers in the planning and delivery of physical activity opportunities.

"At the end of every six weeks I would go into the teachers after and give some resources that they could then use with their pupils," says Herbert.

"There's the Returning to Schools coaching programme that's on the GAA Learning Portal and the webinar that (GAA National Games Development Officer) Pat Culhane would have done.

"Also, in Leinster we've created a coaching resource based on Turas principles which we've been working on for the past couple of years. During the Laois/Kildare/Offaly lockdown some of the coaching staff came together and we put in place a resource for primary schools teachers.

"It's very specific. You have a four-week coaching block for juniors and seniors, a four week-coaching block for first and second-class, and so on.

"At the end of every six weeks I would always make sure to give the teachers some resources because from what I can see the teachers are mad to do a bit of coaching but some of them don't know where to start.

"The teachers have been delighted with the resources I've given them because they can continue coaching the kids themselves and then I'll be back in the schools again by the time they've completed that programme.

That ethos of sharing knowledge is something that Herbert also does in his role with the coaching clinics recently rolled out by Leinster GAA.

To further support voluntary coaches in the province, they now provide coaching clinics where qualified Coach Developers like Herbert help coaches in any way they possible can.

"How it works is a coach comes to us and might have some issue he needs help with," explains Herbert.

"For example, he might have a couple of young players who are continuously messing in training sessions.

"So we'll have a socially distanced meeting via video conferencing and we'll trash out whatever problems they have and give them solutions.

"We'll keep in contact with them then over a period of six to eight weeks to see if the problem is getting better.

"I think it will be very helpful for any coach in Leinster whatever their issues are, be they big or small. They just need to send us any queries they have and a Coach Developer will get in contact with them. We're all about helping volunteer coaches and teachers who give freely of their time to promote and develop Gaelic Games.



GAMES PROMOTION OFFICER, CONOR HERBERT, COACHING PUPILS IN TIERMOHAN NATIONAL SCHOOL.

COACHING PROGRAMME & SUPPORT RETURNING TO SCHOOLS

1ú Meán Fómhair, 2020

A Chara,

The Gaelic games family – GAA, Cumann na mBunscol, LGFA and Camogie Association – annually has a presence in almost 4,000 primary schools on the island of Ireland and are keen to maintain these relationships in the challenging times caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

As a family of organisations, through our coaching and games development operation, we want your school and Teachers to know of our commitment to provide physical activity opportunities and assist Teachers in the delivery of the PE curriculum in line with all public

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	Nursery Hurling Values & Guidelines 2	Webinar
Child	Skills & Drills for Children	30+ Videos to use in your sessions
	Leinster GAA Hurling Resources	Advice, Games & Skills Cards
	Leinster GAA Primary Schools Activities	Games & Fundamental Movement
	Munster GAA Coaching Activities	75 Pages of non-contact Activities for U-6 to Adult players
	Ulster GAA Coaching Activities	Foundation Level Practical Summer Camp Sample
	Camogie Association Coaching Manual	100+ Page - Coaching & Games Manual
Youth - Adult	Skills, Drills & Games	30+ Videos to use in your sessions
	Coaching & Managing a Hurling Team 1	Webinar
	Coaching & Managing a Hurling Team 2	Webinar
	The Goalie- No.1 on Every Team	Webinar -Advice for all Players & Coaches
	Leinster GAA Hurling Resources	Games, Skills & Warmup



The Magnificent Seven



Hand-Passing

Rising

Striking

Hooking

First Touch

Blocking

Catching

The Essentials



Striking

Catching



Advice:

1. Play Games in every session
2. Include Striking & Catching in every session
3. Have minimum numbers in drills - more activity
-No Queues
4. Group players according to ability
5. There is no point trying to introduce “tactics”
if the players are not proficient in the essential skills
6. Create zones to keep young players from bunching in games-
i.e.- Backs stay back - Forwards stay forward



For some general, downloadable resources such as posters, advice sheets etc
Click here. [Downloads](#)

We hope to add extra resources as they become available.

Martin Fogarty National Hurling Development Manager

#GAAYOUTH – BEYOND THE PITCH

THE GAA YOUTHREPS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO HAVE THE VOICE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE HEARD AND BRING YOU SOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE WOULD HAVE HAD IN CROKE PARK TO WHEREVER YOU MAY BE.

Throughout November & December, we will be releasing a series of fun and informative podcasts and webinars to you every Thursday at 6.00pm, via your favourite streaming platforms, so that you can engage in interviews with high profile players, coaches, and experts on a wide range of topics from Leadership & Mental Resilience, Inclusion & Equality and Wellbeing.

Stay tuned to @OfficialGAA social media channels and follow the #GAAYouth for updates.

Watch the first webinar with Jonny Cooper here:



FROM LOFTY AMBITION TO LIVED DREAM - HOW CROKE PARK BECAME A SUSTAINABLE VENUE

Míde Ní Shúilleabháin on ...

CROKE PARK'S SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY

TODAY CROKE PARK MEETINGS & EVENTS LAUNCHED - FROM LOFTY AMBITION TO LIVED DREAM: OUR SUSTAINABILITY STORY, AN EBOOK DETAILING THE STORY OF HOW CROKE PARK, ONE OF EUROPE'S LARGEST STADIUMS, BECAME A SUSTAINABLE VENUE.

During the recent pause in business-as-usual, the Croke Park Meetings & Events team took stock of the stadium's journey from green goals to sustainability success and developed an insightful ebook to share with others starting out on their sustainability journey.

This story started in 2007 when it was realised Croke Park had an important

part to play in managing the impact of their events on the natural world and influencing others to do the same. The team has been on a learning journey which has brought rich and varied rewards, most notably, energy efficiency measures leading to almost 75% reduction in carbon emissions, achieving 0% waste to landfill, and being the very first stadium in the world to obtain certification to the newest international Environmental Standard ISO 14001.

The journey continues and more recent initiatives include a biodiversity programme which features the Croke Park turf farm, beehives and honey production, a kitchen garden and a mitigation and creation programme which has led to the

extensive planting of native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers.

"The pandemic created a pause that allowed us to consider all the stands of our sustainability story and compile them into an insightful record for others embarking on a similar journey", said Mark Dorman, Head of Stadium Business.

"The ebook is a reminder of the shared purpose, pride and ambition that has been built through and around the Croke Park sustainability programme. This story goes from a time when our only green space was the pitch to now having a diverse biodiversity programme going from the Croke Park farm to the stadium and right into our kitchens" said Míde Ní

Shúilleabháin, Croke Park Sustainability Officer.

"When it comes to sustainability, Croke Park is up there amongst the global innovators. This document highlights a shift from sustainability to regenerative thinking, and this is the future. I salute the entire team at the stadium for their commitment and vision", said Guy Bigwood, FIEMA, Chief Changemaker at the Global Destination Sustainability Movement.

From Lofty Ambition to Lived Dream: Our Sustainability Story is available to

Download here



By John Harrington

GAA WELCOMES GOVERNMENT APPROVEMENT OF NEW DIASPORA STRATEGY



THE GAA HAS WELCOMED THE GOVERNMENT'S APPROVEMENT OF A NEW DIASPORA STRATEGY FOR THE PERIOD 2020-2025.

THE EUROPE GAELS TEAM PARADE TO THE RENAULT GAA WORLD GAMES OPENING CEREMONY AT THEATRE ROYAL & WATERSIDE CAR PARK IN WATERFORD.

The Strategy sets out what the Government will do over the next five years to support and engage with our diaspora communities around the world and one of the stated goals is the continued development of Gaelic games internationally and the engagement of the diaspora in Irish sporting events.

“The Diaspora Strategy launched by the Department of Foreign Affairs is a further step supporting the Irish Communities across the Globe,” says the GAA’s International Officer, Áine Gibney.

“The Covid-19 global pandemic has had a profound impact on all Communities world-wide.

“The Department of Foreign Affairs who are in partnership with the GAA will continue to work hand in hand to support Irish Communities and offer support for people through the medium of Gaelic Games.”

Since 2013 through the Global Games Development Fund, the GAA and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

have provided financial support for development projects and initiatives in GAA Clubs and units across Asia, Australasia, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and South America.

The fund provides financial support specifically for projects and initiatives that increase or improve opportunities for the Irish Diaspora and other communities abroad to play Gaelic Games. Through the provision of financial assistance, it is the aim of the Fund to support the Irish Diaspora and

strengthen Irish networks and Irish identity internationally.

Over the past 6 years, more than 450 projects have received funding through the Global Games Development Fund. The projects are varied and reflect the needs of the Irish Diaspora and GAA in particular areas or regions. Some projects have been one-off-events, others have activities lasting the course of a year. All applications have been inspirational and beneficial to the Clubs.

By Charlie O'Neill, Saigon Gaels

LOCAL GAA CLUBS GIVING BACK TO CRISIS HIT COMMUNITY IN VIETNAM

IT'S ASTONISHING HOW MUCH A HURL AND SLIOTAR CAN CAPTIVATE THE MINDS OF THOSE OUTSIDE THE SHORES OF IRELAND. HURLING IS A PROUD PART OF OUR HERITAGE, BUT THE EQUIPMENT IS NOT THE MOST DURABLE ITEM TO SHIP OR CARRY OVERSEAS.

COVID-19 stripped many clubs in Ireland and abroad of the opportunity to play but Vietnam escaped the restrictions seen in Ireland. Vietnam was fortunate to eliminate COVID-19 in early May to allow life and GAA training to return.

The GAA community in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh were pivotal in organising the North vs South Tournament played in Hanoi in July and Ho Chi Minh City in

early November. With fiery and historical internal battles, the Saigon Gaels, Viet Celts and Na Fianna competed in Gaelic football, hurling and camogie on the 7th of November. The day may have scorched the pale skin of many GAA enthusiasts but the day was a huge spectacle of GAA, AFL and Rugby. The sport that caught the eyes of the Vietnamese and other nationalities was Hurling/Camogie.

The journey of hurleys, helmets and sliotars to Asia was a challenging mission, according to the Irish who competed in November. Many within the GAA community confessed to bringing random pieces of equipment in their luggage after the summer or Christmas holidays over the years. This year, in particular, the Saigon

Gaels were motivated to host a camogie match on Vietnam soil, so plenty of gear was brought over such as sliotars from Tipperary legend, Lar Corbett.

Vietnam has been extremely fortunate this year, in terms of COVID-19, but Central Vietnam is in crisis with the worse flooding seen in decades. Giving back to the Vietnamese community is essential to the Gaelic community here. In response to the emergency, the Saigon Gaels and Na Fianna donated countless supplies of rice, rain jackets and first aid equipment to this catastrophe that continues to affect millions in Central Vietnam.



IS YOUR CLUB WINTER READY?

THE CLOCKS HAVE GONE BACK AND AS WINTER APPROACHES THE RISK OF DAMAGE AT CLUB PROPERTIES AS A RESULT OF SEVERE WEATHER INCREASES. PREPARATION IS KEY TO MINIMISING DISRUPTION DURING SUCH EVENTS.

All units should pay attention to weather warnings where the latest updates can be found on Met Eireann. Clubs should also pay attention via local radio to any local warnings which may be in effect for certain areas. In winter the expected main impacts will include high winds, heavy rainfall and an increased risk of flooding.

These warnings are in place for a reason - to protect lives and mitigate property damage. If clubs have any planned activities for example underage training sessions, scheduled to take place during the weather warning, the activities should be cancelled where appropriate. If you proceed with holding the activity, you are putting the lives of members, visitors such as parents coming to collect children and the club property in danger. A common sense approach should be taken.

Below are some of the most common claims which have arisen at GAA properties as a result of previous weather incidents / storms:

- **Ball Stop Nets:** It is a condition of Property Insurance cover that retractable nets are retracted when not in use. If your nets are retractable they need to be retracted & secured now.
- **Roof tiles & Roofs:** These are easily blown off in severe weather, and gutters and fascias can also sustain



some damage. Roofs in stands have also suffered damage in previous storms.

- **Fallen trees and building damage:** Trees are currently in full leaf with a large surface area, so even moderate strength winds can bring down weakened trees and/or tree limbs. Some trees may already be compromised due to saturated soils at the moment and during wind warning some disruption due to falling trees/branches is likely. Heavy rain, coupled with falling leaves may block drains and gullies, leading to surface flooding.
- **Flooding:** If your club property is located in an area where a flood warning is in effect it might be worth investing in some sandbags and/or flood barriers to protect your property, particularly if you live in a flood risk area.
- **Broken glass:** Glass in windows can be damaged by severe winds or flying objects. Take care if trying to remove the glass, wear protective gloves and eye goggles.
- **Boundary walls and fencing:** collapsing in storm weather

Preparation:

- The best thing you can do at any time of the year is to make sure your property is well looked after. Property Insurance is not a maintenance cover and damage to property where the underlying cause of loss is determined to have occurred due to a lack of regular maintenance and/or upkeep will not be covered by property insurance
- Retract Ball Stop Nets: It is a condition of Property Insurance cover that retractable nets are retracted when not in use. If your nets are retractable they need to be retracted & secured now
- Check your roof regularly: Roof tiles should be checked once a year, and again after a severe storm, to make sure no tiles have come loose. Loose tiles could cause damage to your property or neighbouring property. Look for loose or missing tiles, crumbling pointing or any other signs of damage. Also ensure any television

aerials and satellite dishes are securely attached. Professional contractors should only be engaged to carry out such works

- Check and secure your fencing and check boundary walls: Secure all fences, gates or posts on your property and regularly inspect boundary walls. These can cause severe damage to club property and neighbouring properties if blown away in a storm
- Check any trees on the property and remove hazardous branches: Cut down loose or overhanging branches, particularly those close to windows or power lines. Professional contractors should only be engaged to carry out such works
- Keep gutters clear of moss and leaves: If your gutters overflow during a downpour, it's time to give them a good clean. Remember to make sure they're securely fixed in place once you've finished. Professional contractors should only be engaged to carry out such works

- Property Generally: Secure any loose objects such as portable goals or ground maintenance equipment which could be blown. Items must be locked away or safely secured at all times
- Windows and doors: Close and lock all windows and doors securely
- Services - ensure you know where water, gas and electricity mains are, should you need to turn them off or on at any stage. Have contact numbers available for professional contractors should services be required

Professionals perform many of the above jobs for a reason. If a task involves any hazardous activity such as working at heights, use of ladders, working near power lines, or use of power tools you must engage bone fide contractors to carry out such works.



After a Weather incident /Storm:

- If your property has been affected by a weather event / storm, it can be frightening, but do not panic; there are some steps you can follow.
- Be careful: The most important thing is that you look after your safety. Do not touch cables which may have been blown down or are hanging. If your property has suffered damage, proceed with caution do not walk too close to buildings or trees that may have been weakened. Check for damage from a safe distance
- Take photos: From a safe distance, take photos of any damage that occurred. Make a list also, as this will be useful for your insurer to process any claims more smoothly
- Report the damage: if your property suffers damage as claims can be reported to Marsh Ireland via email at propertyclaimsgaa@marsh.com or to sinead.leavy@gaa.ie or ciara.clarke@gaa.ie. Details on property insurance policy excesses are in the policy document
- Keep receipts: If you make any emergency repairs such as roof repair or glass replacement you must retain these receipts

Make decisions in the best interest of the club – do not reopen your club to normal club activities until it is safe to do so, be safe not sorry.

Weather Warnings

Yellow

Not unusual weather. Localised danger.

Orange

Infrequent. Dangerous/disruptive.

Red

Rare. Extremely dangerous/destructive.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS??

GET YOUR CLUB INVOLVED AND BE IN WITH THE CHANCE OF RAISING €25,000!

A club can get involved in the NCD by selling up to 2500 tickets. All money raised from selling the NCD tickets remains in the club. The 2021 Draw has great prizes on offer, varying from a Renault Car to All-Ireland Final Tickets and various cash prizes.

To qualify for the Club Specific Draw, Clubs must abide by the following terms and conditions:

1. Sell a minimum of 200 tickets
2. Record all sold tickets on the online ticketing system.
3. Account for all funds raised in their club accounts – i.e. the amount shown in club income should correspond with the total ticket sales amount.
4. Adhere to all terms and conditions of the draw which are outlined on the back of the ticket.

Order your tickets now ahead of the Christmas Holidays.

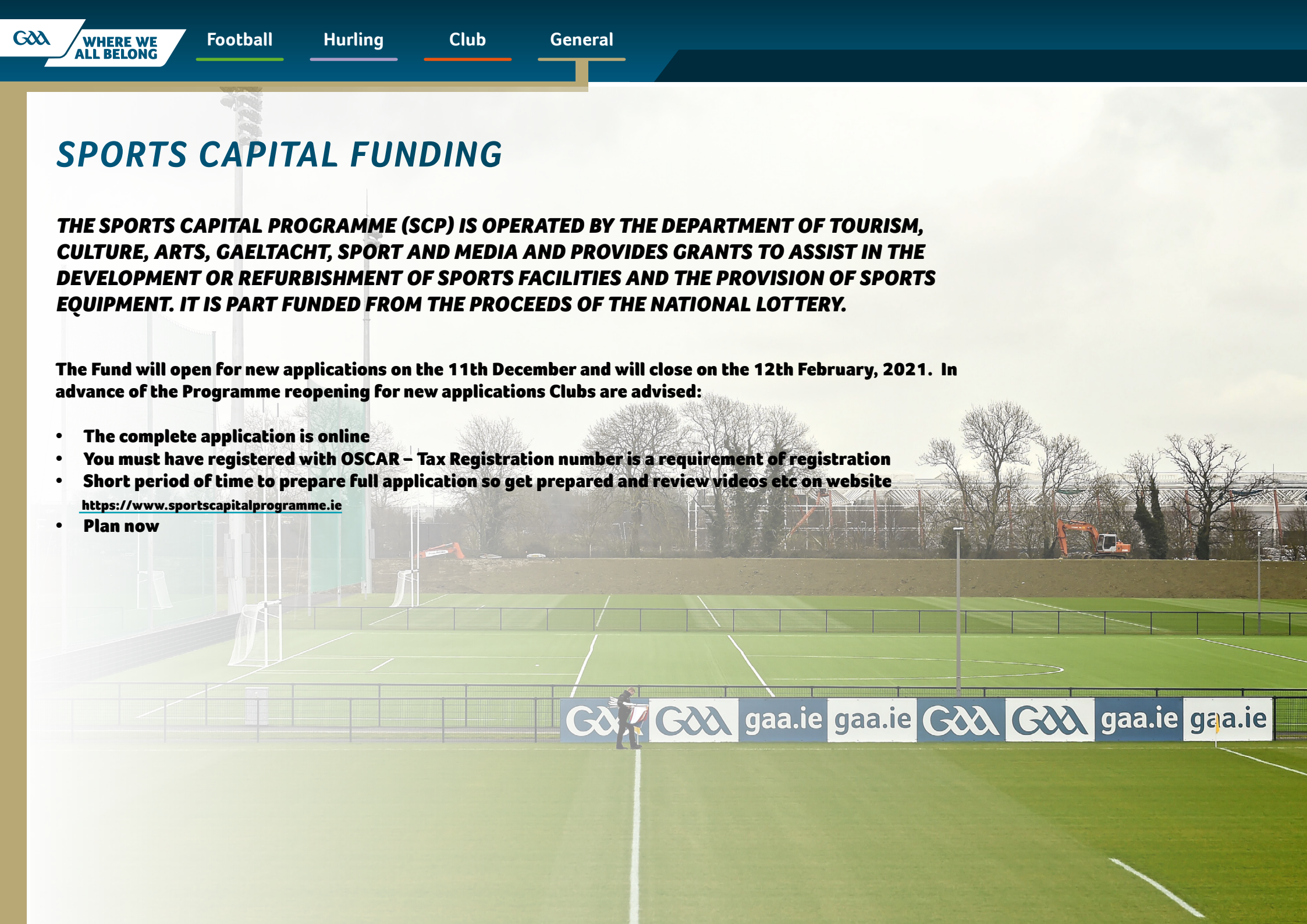
If you have any further questions, please contact

paula.obrien@gaa.ie or nationalclubdraw@gaa.ie

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB

Opportunity for your GAA Club to raise up to €25,000





SPORTS CAPITAL FUNDING

THE SPORTS CAPITAL PROGRAMME (SCP) IS OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, CULTURE, ARTS, GAELTACHT, SPORT AND MEDIA AND PROVIDES GRANTS TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OR REFURBISHMENT OF SPORTS FACILITIES AND THE PROVISION OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT. IT IS PART FUNDED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE NATIONAL LOTTERY.

The Fund will open for new applications on the 11th December and will close on the 12th February, 2021. In advance of the Programme reopening for new applications Clubs are advised:

- **The complete application is online**
- **You must have registered with OSCAR – Tax Registration number is a requirement of registration**
- **Short period of time to prepare full application so get prepared and review videos etc on website**
<https://www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie>
- **Plan now**

AIP FHONDÚIREACTH SHEOSAIMH MHIC DHONNCHA SEOLTA AG GRÁINNE MCELWAIN

SHEOL AN LÁITHREOIR SPÓIRT GRÁINNE MCELWAIN AIP FHONDÚIREACTH SHEOSAIMH MHIC DHONNCHA LE GAIRID. ÁIS THÁBHACHTACH AGUS LUACHMHAR Í AN AIP SEO ATÁ DÍRITHE AR CHLUBANNA DE CHUID CLG ATÁ PÁIRTEACH I BHFONDÚIREACTH SHEOSAIMH MHIC DHONNCHA, ACH GO HÁIRITHE. TÁ AN AIP LE FÁIL AR AN DÁ ARDÁN, ANDROID AGUS APPLE NÓ AG AN NASC SEO LEANAS: [HTTPS://PLAY.GOOGLE.COM/STORE/APPS/DETAILS?ID=COM.OININTERACTIVE.FSMD](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ointeractive.fsmd)

Dúirt Seán Ó hÓráin, Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, gurbh áis iontach í an aip seo a chabhródh leis na clubanna agus lena mbaill fud fad na tíre agus iad ag cur chun cinn na Gaeilge sa chlub.

“Tá sé iontach go mbeidh go leor acmhainní, nuachta agus scéalta maidir le himeachtaí an Chumainn le fáil ann.”

Dúirt Lorcán Mac Gabhann, Ceannasaí Ghlór na nGael, go raibh aip nua na Fondúireachta ann chun gach eolas agus áiseanna den scoth a chur ar fáil do bhaill maidir le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge sna clubanna.

“Is í an áis is fearr liomsa san aip seo ná na físeáin a dhéanann cur síos ar an bpleanáil teanga ar an leibhéal is bunúsaí, agus iad

dírithes ach go háirithe ar thús a chur le plean teanga i gcomhthéacs an chlub”, a dúirt Mac Gabhann.

D’fháiltigh Cathaoirleach Choiste Náisiúnta na Gaeilge CLG, Seosamh Mac Donncha, roimh an aip ar a bhfuil fáil ar eolas ar an bhFondúireacht féin agus ar an bhfoireann atá ag obair i ngach réigiún. Beidh an nuacht ar fad ann mar a bhaineann sé leis an Ghaeilge agus leis na cluichí, chomh maith le nuacht thábhachtach maidir le rannpháirteachas do chlub san Fhondúireacht.

Taobh le foclóir cuimsitheach spóirt, tá físeáin Gaeilge ar an traenáil agus scileanna spóirt, gearrscannáin agus ceachtanna teanga. Tá podchraoltaí, áiseanna foghlama agus teagaisc, eolas ar an bpleanáil teanga agus ar eagraíochtaí agus ar phobal na Gaeilge.

Tá féilire ann le dátaí tábhachtacha le linn bhliain na Fondúireachta agus cuirfear brúfhógraí chuig úsáideoirí chun nach ndéanfar dearmad ar spriocdhátaí go deo.

Tá go leor eolais agus áiseanna an-úsáideacha ar an aip anois agus beifear ag cur léi i gcónaí le go mbeidh sí ina stór mór, luachmhar ag pobal na Fondúireachta agus ag pobal na Gaeilge.



UACHTARÁN CLG, SEÁN Ó HÓRÁIN AGUS ÉILIS NIC DHONNCHA AG BRONNADH BHONN FSMD AR RITA UÍ CHONNAILL AGUS AR SHEÁN Ó LOCHLAINN Ó CHILL MOCHUDA NA CRÓCAIGH

GAA LEARNING PORTAL – A VITAL CLUB ASSET

WHEN IT COMES TO RUNNING GAA CLUBS, ALL CLUBS HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF NEEDS FOR INFORMATION AND TRAINING. THAT'S WHY WE'RE CONSTANTLY WORKING ON UPDATING ALL RESOURCES ON THE GAA LEARNING PORTAL FOR CLUB OFFICERS.

Here's what is available:

- **Online Modules**

- o Club Officer Foundations - a 30-minute module which helps new Club Officers get started in their roles.
- o Leading Effective Meetings - a 30-minute module on how to run effective Club meetings.

o Access here - https://learning.gaa.ie/club_leadership

- **Learning Files**

- o A vast range of handouts relevant to each module in the Club Leadership Development Programme. For example, essential child safeguarding information, injury benefit fund guidance, independent team guidance, One Club guidelines, etc.

o Access here - <https://learning.gaa.ie/ClubOfficerLearningFiles>

- **Role Profiles**

- o Sample descriptions of key duties for the roles of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Registrar, etc.

o Access here - <https://learning.gaa.ie/OfficerRoleProfiles>

- **Club Support Manual**

- o Advice sheets which explain key areas of Club administration, e.g. optimising Club structures, improving communication in the Club, recruiting volunteers, etc.

o Access here - <https://learning.gaa.ie/ClubSupportManual>

- **Club Planning Guide**

- o An explanation of the process to develop a strategic plan for improving your Club over a 3 to 5 year period.

o Access here - <https://learning.gaa.ie/ClubPlanning>

- **IT Helpdesks**

- o User guides and support service information for IT systems such as the Games Management System, Office 365 and the injury benefit fund.

o Access here - <https://learning.gaa.ie/ITHelpdesks>

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING UPDATE – CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020

WITH ACTIVITY ON THE PITCH ENTERING ITS FINAL STAGES, THE PLANNING FOR THE 2021 ROLLOUT OF THE CLUB LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (CLDP), THE GAA, LGFA & CAMOGIE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICIAL OFFICER TRAINING INITIATIVE IS NOW IN FULL SWING.

AGM Education

Clubs have been provided with a guide on running AGMs remotely by the Rules Advisory Committee, as well as with a video explainer from Chairman of the RAC, Liam Keane.

This has been viewed 2,300 times - use the following link to access [Club AGM Webinar](#)

*Delivered Vote



- Post, Courier, Hand Delivery or other means.
- Date, Time and Place specified on the ballot paper.
- Onus on the voter to ensure that the vote is submitted and on time.
- Ballot Paper and Declaration – two envelopes.

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IT Guides on hosting and attending a remote AGM via Microsoft Teams were also provided by the GAA's IT Department. Finally, additional queries from club members were collated and answered, with that additional document circulated to all counties.

Microsoft Teams & Forms Webinars

The CLDP, on behalf of the National Officer Development Committee teamed up with some of our IT Associates to run two Live Event Webinars for Club Officers on using the Microsoft Teams and Forms platforms in the context of club AGMs. Over 500 attendees tuned in live, and the recording of the event was circulated to all counties. It is hoped that these events will provide the information necessary for clubs to hold AGMs remotely in what has been an extremely challenging year to date.

[Click here](#) to access this Webinar.

Microsoft Teams

- Two Steps to an Online Meeting
- Invitations sent out well in advance of the meeting
- Consider having a very short trial meeting to familiarise everyone
- Send invitations, which is the same as sending an email
- Those invited can indicate their availability with Accept, Maybe or Decline
- During the meeting the organiser can share documents, their desktop or give control of this feature to another person attending the meeting
- We would advise having a member who is familiar with Teams to be online to admit people to the meeting and moderate the meeting. We will call them the Moderator



Officer Training Opportunities Pre-Christmas

Next up in terms of learning opportunities for Club Officers will be a series of webinars on the new Games Management System. These sessions will be hosted directly by Dawson Andrews, the company who operates the new system. A series of dates will be publicised to ensure all officers will have the opportunity to tune in at a date that suits them.

Details on potential additional webinars in advance of Christmas will be publicised and shared with clubs when they become available.



Club Leadership Development Programme Training – Post-Christmas

The NODC will publish its calendar of events for the period January-February 2021 by the beginning of December. Officers will then be able to create an account on the GAA's Learning Portal (if they don't already have one) and register for online modules of interest well in advance. Guides on registering and accessing events will be issued in correspondence once the calendar goes live. A wide range of topics, inclusive of both role-specific and topical content will be made available.

Discussion and sharing of experiences between officers will continue to be actively encouraged, and despite the inability to arrange for traditional face-to-face workshops, it is hoped that the online equivalent will be an enriching experience for all.

Associate Training

A team of approximately 40 active associates remain ready, willing, and able to help deliver this year's rollout of events, albeit in very unusual circumstances. We were delighted to be able to host an event in conjunction with Carlow IT's Dr Gina Noonan and David Denieffe, who is one of our lead associates on the programme.

Dr Noonan presented a fascinating presentation on delivering effective webinars, focusing on techniques to hold engagement, as well as how to emulate the face-to-face aspects of an event remotely.

The attendance of over 30 gained exceptional insight and knowledge from the event, which will, in turn, undoubtedly lead to more engaging and inspiring online events for our club officers.

Associates and Development Officers also received IT education on Microsoft Teams, Forms and OneDrive as part of the preparations for this year's programme rollout.

Thinking About Stepping Up?

If you are a Club Officer thinking about running for election at County Convention this December, you can rest assured that plenty of training and support will be available to get you started in your role.

An Induction Event will be hosted by the Ard-Stiúrthóir and National Officer Development Committee on 22 December from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

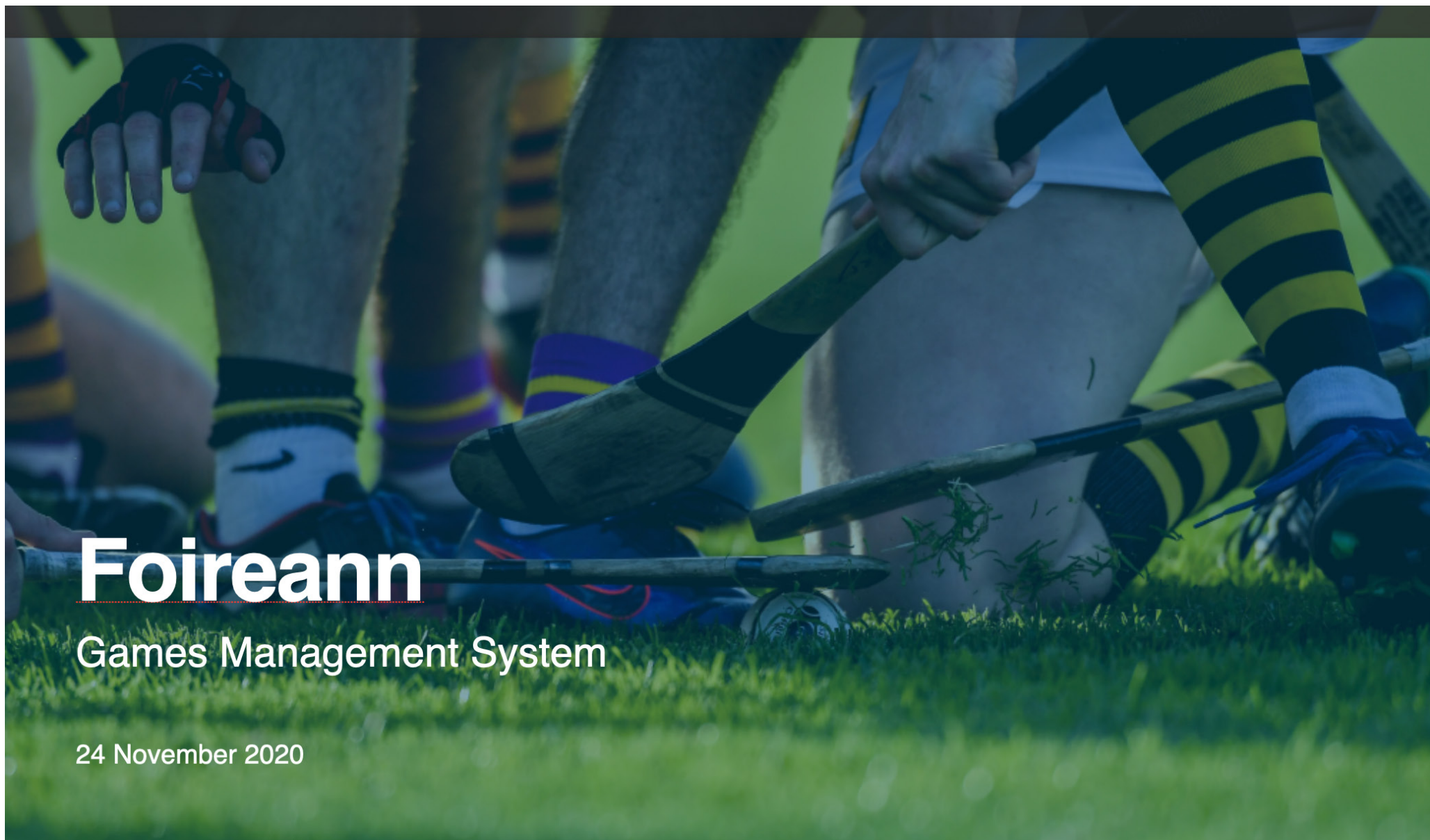
Each new Officer will get an opportunity to chat with fellow new Officers in virtual breakout rooms hosted by experienced GAA staff and volunteers in the following areas:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- PRO
- Development Officer
- Children's Officer and Designated Liaison Person

All attendees will receive a comprehensive digital welcome pack and details on training taking place in the first few months of next year.

More details can be gained from each County Development Officer or Secretary at the start of December.





Foireann

Games Management System

24 November 2020

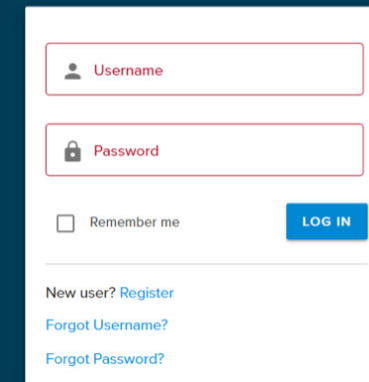
What's Happening?

The new [Foireann](#) system is being made available to Clubs from December 1st. This system will replace the existing Membership & Registration System - [Servasport](#) Games Management System (GMS)- and the [Returntoplay](#) application.

[Foireann](#) will provide all of the functionality that was previously available in GMS and much more in a simple, intuitive, mobile manner. It allows Club Members to view and manage their own information and relevant Club related communications in one integrated application. Everything from knowing when training is on to submitting Health Questionnaires, confirming availability for matches, paying their membership subscription or managing what communications they wish to receive from the club is available.

FOIREANN

Return to play | Membership | Games Management



The screenshot shows a login form with the following elements:

- A text input field for "Username" with a user icon on the left.
- A text input field for "Password" with a lock icon on the left.
- A checkbox labeled "Remember me".
- A blue "LOG IN" button.
- A horizontal separator line.
- Text: "New user? [Register](#)"
- Text: "[Forgot Username?](#)"
- Text: "[Forgot Password?](#)"

What's Happening?

Foireann allows Club Administrators to configure Membership Options and accept online payments (through Stripe), manage club communications in compliance with GDPR and Children First legislation, register their members with the GAA, LGFA or Camogie Association (also Handball and Rounders, if relevant) and to allocate Coaches to Teams for organising training or health questionnaire verification.

The new system will be accessible through the following website:

<https://foireann.ie>

<https://returntoplay.gaa.ie>

The old GMS system will be still be accessible through the usual website:

<https://people.gaa.ie>

<https://people.ladiesgaelic.ie>

<https://people.camogie.ie>

However, it should only be used for reference purposes and should not be used to register any further members.

How does this affect my club?

The new functionality available within [Foireann](#) will be hugely beneficial to your club and should significantly reduce Administration effort. To make full use of the system from December 1st you should:

1. Ensure that you have access to the system
2. Verify that you have the correct privileges within the system (i.e. if you are a club administrator, you should have additional functionality)
3. Setup your Membership Options (Full / Social / Youth / Honorary / player / Non-Player / G4M&O etc) and decide if you wish to make these Options available to purchase on-line.
4. Setup a Stripe Account by using the step by step setup '[Wizzard](#)' – please note that on-line transactions incur a cost of 1.35%
5. Verify that your Club's Teams at each grade are in place
6. Assign a Coach or Coaches to each Team

Further information on how to complete each of the above tasks is available [here](#)

How does this affect my club?

Club Administrators

Club administrators will have access to additional functionality in [Foireann](#). Existing Administrators from the [Servasport System](#) have been migrated across to [Foireann](#). You can check that you have administrator privileges by looking at your profile and reviewing the Club(s) that you have added. Clubs where you are an Administrator will be flagged accordingly.

If you wish to add additional Administrators for your club, please use [this form](#).

Note: for Governance and Security purposes, additional Administrator requests will only be accepted from official club email addresses.

International Units

Please note that the System is designed to cater for our International Units also. Payments can currently be accepted in EUR, GBP or USD. Other currencies can be added assuming that the appropriate AML / KYC checks can be completed.

For further information please contact gmssupport@gaa.ie

What about my club's existing data?

The first thing to note is that all existing member records previously held in the [Servasport Games Management](#) system will be available in the new system, [Foireann](#). There will be no requirement for data entry for existing members.

There are however some important changes in how membership data is managed and this will be important to understand so that you can maximise the benefits of the system.

The [Foireann](#) system is designed to provide access to Club members to information that is relevant to them (i.e. Membership subscriptions, communications relevant to their teams etc) and to do this, members create an online account or profile. This profile has up to now enabled them to submit Health Questionnaires on 'the return to play application'. This online 'profile' is not the same as a Club Membership record, although they do share much of the same information (i.e Name, contact details etc).

The [Servasport Games Management System](#) holds the membership and registration records for your club, this is generally only accessible to Club Administrators (with some exceptions).

[Foireann](#) will allow the online profiles of club members to be linked to their Membership Record so that they can re-register (if your club allows for this) and maintain the information held about them by the club (an important requirement under Data Protection legislation) and to manage their preferences about how they are communicated with.

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The net effect is that two separate systems (Servasport Games Management System and the Returntoplay system) will merge to become one integrated system (Foireann). All of the records relevant to your club from both systems will remain in place.

This process (merging two systems) will result in three distinct scenarios:

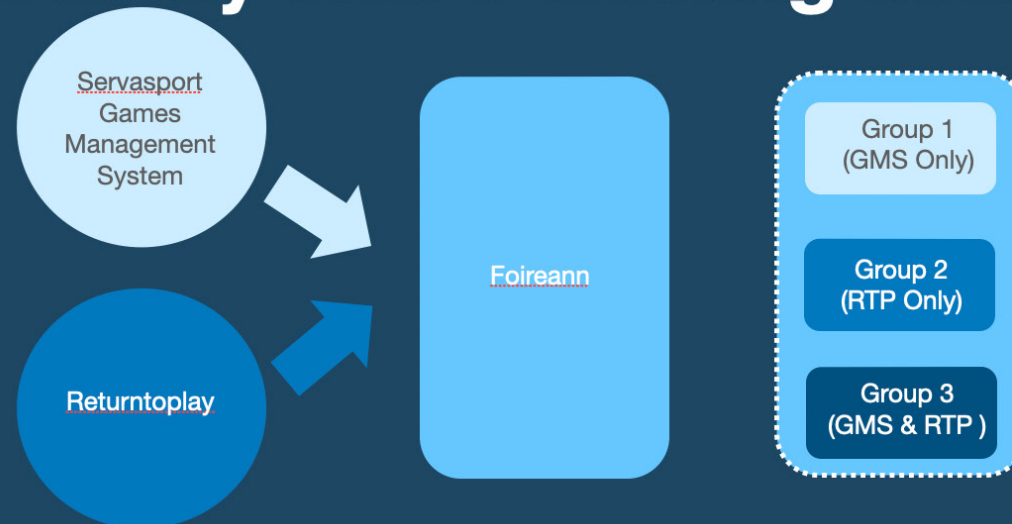
1. Members whose data was only held in the Servasport system i.e. they don't have an online profile.
2. Members whose data only exists in the Returntoplay system i.e. they don't have a membership record.
3. Members whose data exists in both systems i.e. they have an online profile and a membership record.

For those people in **Group 1** above, it is possible to issue them with a email with a link to register an online profile that merges their Membership Record and their online profile.

For those people in **Group 2** above, it is possible for them to register (and pay for membership if your club chooses to provide this option) and create a membership record.

For those people in **Group 3** above, a process has already been run to link their profile to their membership record based on Name, DOB, Phone Number, Email & Club.

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Over time, it is intended to work with you to reduce the numbers of people in Groups 1 & 2 so that every member of your club who wishes to do so can manage their own data. It is also intended to delete old, duplicate or erroneous data over time so that only the records that are relevant to your club remain visible.

(Note: Data clean-up of this type will only occur with your involvement and within the bounds of GDPR and Official Rules. It is intended to commence this process after the 2021 registration period ends)

What are the key timelines?

Clubs will have the ability to setup the Membership Options (Full / Youth / Social member, Player / Non-player) that they provide to their members from Tuesday December 1st.

If it is intended to allow on-line Membership payment, a Stripe Account will need to be setup for your club. The application process for a Stripe Account, which is simple and easy to complete, will also be available from December 1st.

The ability for members to pay their membership subscription online will be available once the 2021 registration window opens on December 8th.

The ability for Clubs to register their members with the relevant Governing body (GAA / LGFA or Camogie Association) will be in place from December 15th.

It should be noted that, whilst the existing Servasport Games Management System will remain in place, no further Membership Registrations should be processed on this system and the ability to do so will be removed from December 1st.

Where can I get support

Please email the support desk with any queries that you have gmssupport@gaa.ie

For help documentation, FAQ, Help Videos etc please visit the [Support Website](#)

Online Webinars will be delivered on the following Dates:

- December 2nd
- December 3rd
- December 8th
- December 10th

If you wish to attend, please register on the following [link](#)

Further training will be scheduled over the coming weeks and month



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