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PLAYING RULE CHANGES

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PLAYING RULE MOTION 1A

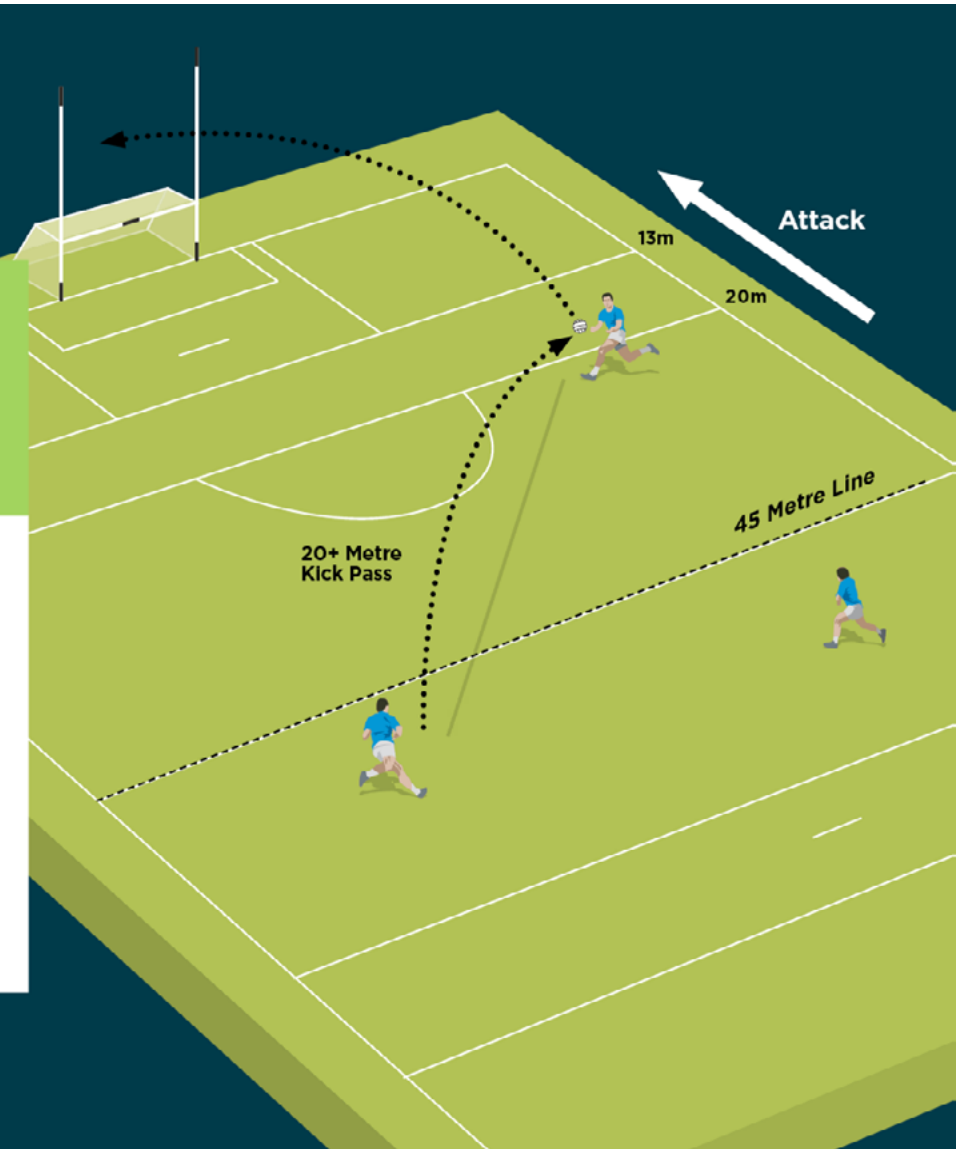
THE ADVANCED MARK RATIONALE

AIM: To offer an incentive for the longer kicking of the ball into the opposition's defensive area and reward players who catch the ball cleanly under these circumstances with a Mark.

Supporting evidence and rationale:

During its trialling in the Allianz National Football Leagues 2019, this experimental rule provided for a 24% increase in the number of kick passes in the game (2019 NFL v 2018 C'ship) - 132 v 107 and, furthermore, it resulted in an increase in the number of contested foot passes (6%)

It provided for the first reduction in the ratio of hand passing to foot passing in ten seasons (3.5:1 in the 2018 C'ship to 2.9:1 NFL 2019), meaning teams were inclined to kick the ball more and hand pass it less than had been the case for at least the last decade.



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THE SIN BIN

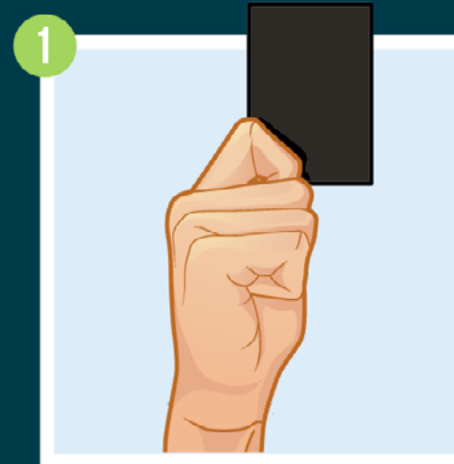
AIM: To reduce a rise in cynical play/'professional' fouling and implement a penalty 'on the day' which encourages behavioural change.

Supporting evidence and rationale:

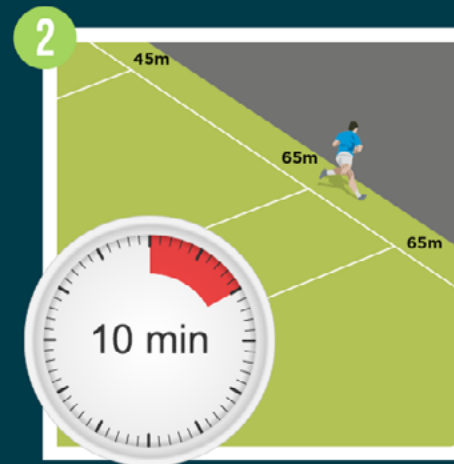
On average during the 2019 NFL, teams with an extra player scored 2.9 points compared to 1 point for the opposition in the same period (i.e. during the period when an opponent was in the sin-bin).

The average 'ball in play' time during a sin bin throughout the Allianz National Football League 2019 (30 games analysed) was 5:15 - entirely consistent with the remainder of the game.

The proposed introduction of the Sin Bin also offers teams a greater level of equity in that it removes the effect of a strong group of substitutes who, under current rule, would replace any player who received a black card.



Black card is shown



10 minute clock starts once the player has left the field of play. Game will re-commence at the same time that the Sin-Bin period commences.

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PLAYING RULE MOTION 3A

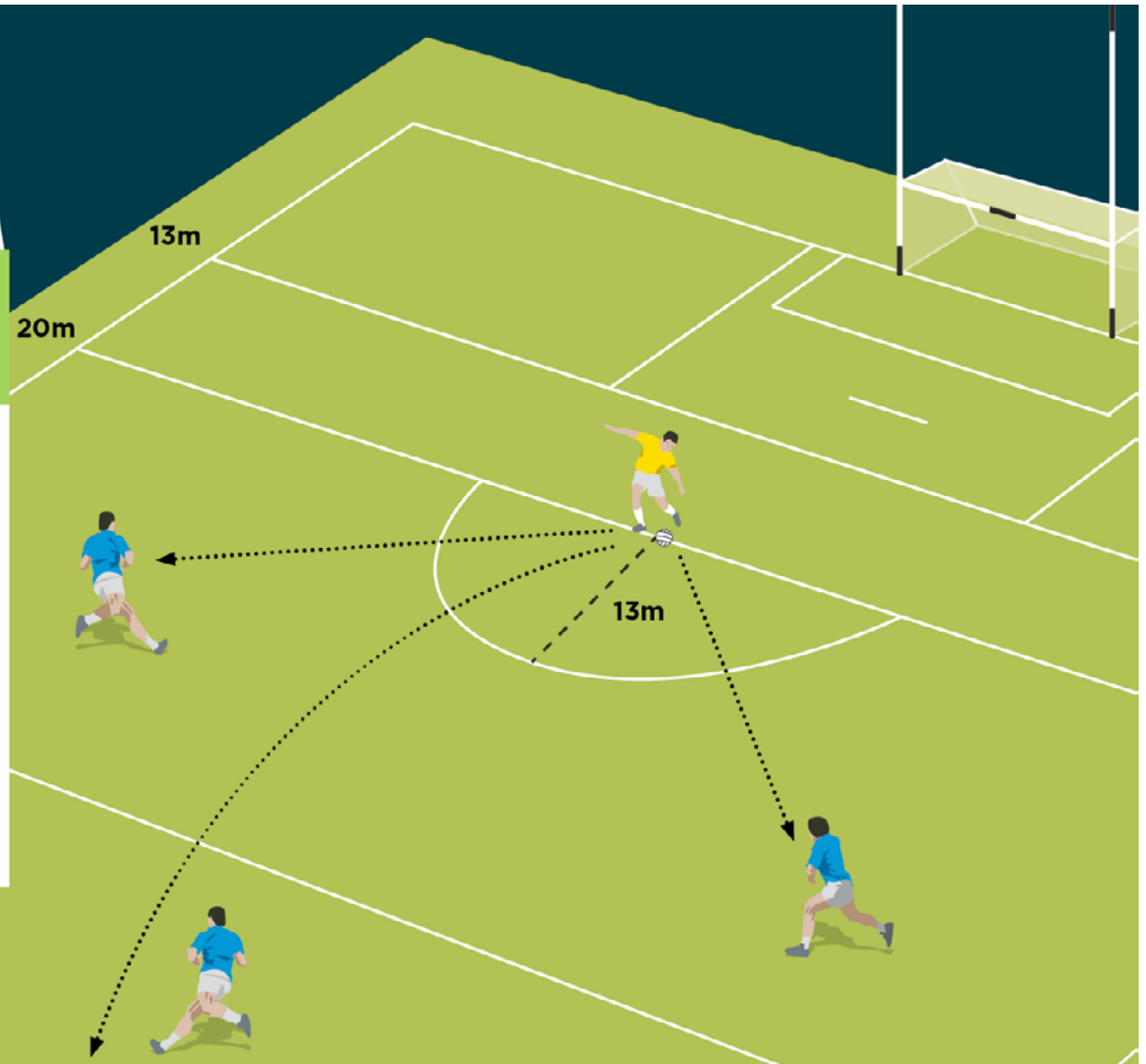
THE KICK OUT

AIM: To encourage teams to kick the ball further up the field from the kick out; To present opportunities for the skill of clean catching by bolstering the existing Mark rule.

Supporting evidence and rationale:

During the Allianz National Football Leagues, when the kick out was taken from the 20m line, there was an increase in the number of Marks claimed by teams compared to the 2018 Championship.

During the Allianz National Football Leagues 2019 there was also a significant increase in the number of contested kick outs (i.e. between both teams) compared to the recently concluded 2019 All Ireland Championship.



STAYING SAFE ON-LINE

Cyber crime is a risk for all of us to be aware of, both in our roles in the GAA and in our personal lives.

Here are some simple pointers to help keep you, and your club, safe on-line.

Keep your Passwords Safe

- Use passwords or phrases that are easy to remember but hard to guess
- Use a combination of Upper and Lowercase letters, Numbers and 'Special Characters'
- Change passwords regularly and never share them with others
- Use different passwords for each of your online accounts
- Never use your email password for other online accounts

Examples of Passwords

Weak:	Strong:
password1	%F4th3r_T3d
Password2	Cr04gh&Patr1ck
September11	^R1v3r5hAnn0n
James10	B1ddY&MiL3y!?

Passphrases are 'stronger' than passwords
e.g. D0wnW1thTh4t50rt0fTh!n9!



Be careful of emailed links and attachments

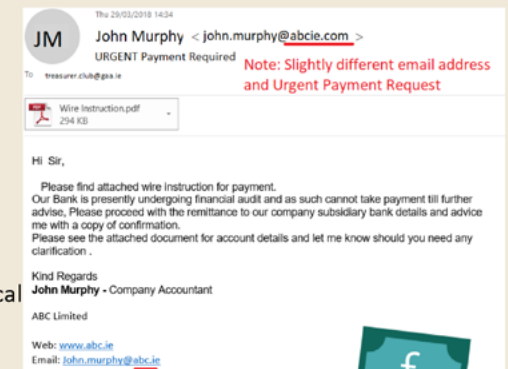
- Double check emails with links in them, even if you know the sender
- Hover your mouse over a 'suspect' link before you click on it – this will show the website that you will be taken to
- Be careful of typos in the URL e.g.
<http://www.gaaie.ie>



Verify Payment Requests

If you make payments on behalf of your club it is critical that you check that everything is correct before you transfer any money to anyone

- Validate one-off or unusual on-line payments by phoning the company in question first (Use details that you previously had, not those in the email)
- Never make a transfer to a different Bank Account than normal without checking
- Verify that emails requesting payments actually came from the real person (email addresses can easily be copied)
- Watch out for typos or obvious grammatical errors in emails
- Be especially careful if being asked to do anything 'urgently'



By Clodagh O'Callaghan and Ciara Clarke

IS YOUR CLUB WINTER READY?

With the extreme weather events that have hit the country recently and look likely to occur again over the coming months, here are some important preparations you can do in order to make sure your club grounds/ GAA properties are storm ready.

BEFORE A STORM:

- **Retract ball stop nets-** It is a condition of Property Insurance cover that retractable nets are retracted when not in use.
- **Check your roof regularly-** These should be checked at least once a year and again after a severe storm to ensure there are no missing/loose/crumbling tiles or any other signs of damage involving TV aerials and satellite dishes. Professional contractors should be engaged to carry out such works.
- **Check and secure your fencing and check boundary walls-** Again, these should be regularly inspected as they can cause severe damage to club and neighbouring properties if blown away.
- **Check any trees on the property and remove hazardous branches-** Professional contractors should be engaged to cut down loose or overhanging branches, particularly those close to windows or power lines.
- **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.

- **Secure any loose objects which could be blown away-** Check your property generally for any items that should be locked away or safely secured e.g. portable goals or grounds maintenance equipment.
- **Check mains supplies-** ensure you know where water, gas and electricity mains are should you need to turn them on or off at any stage. Have contact numbers available for professional contractors should services be required.
- **Close and lock all windows and doors.**

Remember 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. Damage to property where the underlying cause of loss is determined to have occurred due to a lack of regular upkeep will not be covered.

Nowlan Park in Kilkenny suffered severe storm damage back in 2014 and has since been renovated impressively



AFTER A STORM:

- **Be careful-** Check for damage from a safe distance and do not endanger yourself by touching cables which are hanging or walking too close to buildings or trees that have been weakened
- **Take photos-** From a safe distance, take photos of any damage that has occurred.
- **Report the damage-** Make a list and report damage 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 provided in declarations supplied to your clubs previously.

- **Keep receipts-** If you make any emergency repairs such as roof repair or glass replacement you must retain the receipts.
- **Make decisions in the best interests of the club-** Do not reopen your club to normal activities until it is safe to do so, be safe not sorry. A common-sense approach must be taken. Weather warnings are in place for a reason in order to protect lives and mitigate property damage.

GAA HEALTHY CLUB PROJECT- APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

GAA clubs are invited to submit expressions of interest (Eoi) to join phase 4 of the Healthy Club Project. The Eoi will be open until Friday November 15th 2019. 150 clubs will be chosen to commence in phase 4 and successful clubs will be notified by Friday December 20th 2019. Interested?

[APPLY HERE NOW](#)

Successful clubs will attend the National Healthy Club Orientation Day in Croke Park on Saturday February 1st, 2020. The project lasts 18 months and clubs that complete the programme will be recognised as an “Official Healthy Club” in Croke Park in October 2021.

Why Apply?

The Benefits

Clubs engaged in the project will receive the following;

- Training and support throughout the project from the County Health and Wellbeing Committees and the Community and Health Department
- A Grant to be used for Healthy Club Activities
- A Starter Pack (Healthy Club Banner and Manual)

- Apparel (Half Zip for the Healthy Club Team)
- Opportunity for your club to be recognised locally and nationally
- Opportunity to become an Official Healthy Club, supported by Irish Life and Healthy Ireland

What's Expected?

The Healthy Club Team will be expected to attend 6 meetings/events throughout the 18 months;

- The National Orientation Day on February 1st 2020
- The National Healthy Club Conference October/November 2020 (Date TBC)
- Provincial Healthy Club Forums X3 (Date TBC April/May 2020, January/February 2021 and May/June 2021)
- The Healthy Club Recognition/ Awards Day October 2021 (Date TBC)

The Healthy Club Team will also have to complete a minimum of 2 initiatives over the 18th months. Clubs are welcome to complete more than 2 initiatives throughout the cycle but the minimum for accreditation is 2 initiatives. The Healthy Club Team will also complete the Healthy Club Portal over the course of the Project. Training will be provided on the Healthy Club Portal.



Examples of Initiatives Include:

- Ireland Lights Up (in collaboration with Get Ireland Walking and Operation Transformation)
- Recipes for Success (Healthy Eating Programme for GAA players)
- Men on the Move Programme (in Collaboration with the Local Sports Partnership and HSE)
- Smoke Free Grounds (with the support of HSE/PHA)
- Samaritans “[the Huddle](#)” Project (Samaritans and GAA Partnership)
- Social Initiative Projects (Engaging Older Members of the Community)
- GAA Fun and Run Project (A game for people of all abilities)
- And much more!!

FAQs

1. When did the Healthy Club Project Begin?

The Healthy Club Project began in 2013 with 16 clubs (Phase 1), a further 40 clubs were recruited in Phase 2 in 2015 (58 in total) and in 2017 92 clubs commenced in phase 3 with 84 of those receiving recognition as an “Official Healthy Club” on October 5th.

There are now 142 Official Healthy Clubs across the island of Ireland.

2. What Does Phase 4 Mean?

Phase 4 is the 4th cycle of the Healthy Club Project. The new phase 4 clubs (150) will engage in the same process as the phase 3 clubs, taking 18 months to complete in total. At the end of the project they will be recognised as an “Official Healthy Club” alongside phase 1,2 and 3 clubs. Official Healthy Club Recognition lasts for 4 years (for example phase 3 clubs will not have to reapply until phase 5 (commencing January 2022)).

3. How Are Clubs Chosen for Phase 4?

Applications will be independently screened and scored taking into consideration what clubs have done in Health and Wellbeing before, what clubs intend to do and why being involved in the Healthy Club Project would benefit their club and community.

*Still Want More Information? *

Email community.health@gaa.ie and we will try to answer any queries you have!

Click [HERE](#) to register your club’s expression of interest to be considered for Phase 4 of the Healthy Club Project. Closing date to submit completed applications by is Friday 15th November 2019.



NEW CLAIMS ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED FOR GAA INJURY BENEFIT FUND



DWF Claims have been appointed as the new claims administrators for the GAA Injury Benefit Fund with effect from December 1 2019

Why have we moved?

- Full IT end to end solution for claims from notification until settlement
- Direct payment of Injury Fund benefits to the affiliated unit
- Faster turnaround on payments as County Board will no longer be receiving same
- Dedicated Injury Fund GAA email address for units for the Injury Fund administrator
- At a glance details of payments issued on claims and documents outstanding for cases to be paid
- Better reporting capabilities for the use of affiliated units and GAA HQ to make decisions on the future of the Fund and the benefits it provides

Much correspondence will be issued in relation to this change in the next few weeks and therefore, it is important that all affiliated units read the correspondence issued and share with your executive. This is a major change in terms of the operation of the Fund, it will require a period of transition and your co-operation whilst we put this change in place would be sincerely appreciated



DATES CONFIRMED FOR 2020 GAA GAMES DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The 2020 GAA Games Development Conference, in partnership with Sky Sports will take place in Croke Park, on Friday and Saturday January 10th and 11th 2020.

This annual event continues to prove hugely popular and every January it attracts more than 700 coaches from across all grades and levels looking to learn, share ideas and improve.

The 2020 Conference theme is **'Values, Behaviours & Culture - the Key to Sustaining Success'**

The final programme of speakers is currently being finalised and will be released upon completion.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Kris Van Der Hagen (Director of Coach Education, Belgian FA)
- Keith Ricken (Coach, Cork U. 20 Gaelic Football team, All-Ireland Champions 2019)
- Mary O'Connor (CEO, Federation of Irish Sport)
- Paul Clarke (Sports Performance and Business Coach)
- Sean O'Donnell (Performance Analyst, Limerick Senior Hurling Team)
- Johnny Greville (Coach, Westmeath Camogie Team, All Ireland Intermediate Champions 2019)

For further information, or if you wish to reserve your place at the Games Development Conference, please visit

<https://www.eventgen.ie/gaa-games-development-conference-2020>



Please note that delegate numbers are capped at 750. Delegates are encouraged to reserve their place early as a capacity attendance is anticipated. Therefore, all applications are made on a first come, first served basis.

By John Harrington

TIMMY CREED'S PLAY 'SPLICED' TO TOUR GAA CLUBS

Actor Timmy Creed will bring his play 'Spliced' to a number of GAA clubs in the coming weeks and months.

A talented hurler and footballer from Bishopstown in Cork, his play examines the duality and mental challenge of a being an individual who takes part in a team sport like hurling.

"Spliced means the fusing together of two things to make one thing," said Creed.

"The idea is that there are two sides to every story: the player and the non player; the commitment and freedom; the liberation and the confinement; the direction and the lack of direction.

"There is another side, I'm just trying to explore the other side of the player that we never see talked about because the Championship is so massive.

"It is all about the games and performance whereas the spliced element is actually the fusing of the two. We forget about one side of ourselves to front another side of ourselves."

The inspiration for Creed's play grew in part from his own personal journey of taking a step back from gaelic games to focus on his art.

He found it to be a challenging experience, but a revealing one too.

"I started questioning myself more about what I wanted," said Creed.

"When I was playing sport I never had any trouble with depression or anything like that, I don't have it since then, but it is part of being an artist that it is more difficult being on your own as opposed to being in this set-up which decides what you do at the weekend for you.

"Mine was built around that, but then I ended up outside of it. I just found that difficult. I just felt a loneliness from guys I was closest with, even though I could see them and touch them and talk to them, we didn't speak the same language that we were used to. That was difficult and it is difficult. Some guys would be my closest friends, but we don't have that same closeness."

"The language we speak then isn't as clear-cut as it is when you are playing GAA. I felt things became a bit more difficult.

"It is hard being an actor anyway because you are on your own, you don't have that team set-up you'd have in another job. You are on your own. When you are raised in the team dynamic, when you step outside of that I found that very difficult because



when you are playing hurling with a team it is all team driven.

"You don't even have time to think about your individual self. You are training three nights a week, you are in the gym, you are always connecting with people. That is brilliant, it makes you socially engaged, but there is this solo side to you that doesn't get any treatment when you are in a team.

"That is partly what the play is about. I'm very interested in that. Is there another life

in you that doesn't actually get the same time because you aren't exploring it?"

Playing gaelic games or any other team-sport can be a hugely rewarding experience but, as in all facets of life, balance is important.

Sometimes in the quest to be the very best sportsperson you can be you make too many sacrifices in other areas of your life. You don't open yourself fully to what the world outside of sport has to offer, or the

mental stress you place yourself under to be successful on the pitch exacts an excessive emotional toll off it.

Creed hopes that coming to see 'Spliced' will help those heavily involved in sport be more accepting of their struggle as athletes and develop the understanding that they are not defined as a person by the sport they play.

"I wanted to write so I thought about my friends, I'd never get them to go to see a play, and I thought could I write something that is about them that could try to make them engage with art on their level," Creed explains.

"Also on a level that anyone can engage with and maybe make them question their boundaries regarding the things that they do. There is this whole other thing. I've learned loads from art and acting.

"Art basically replicates life as opposed to you fully focusing on sport - the Premier League, La Liga, and basketball and NFL.

"When you play sport to a high level you really appreciate other athletes. That is what you are trying to do, you are trying to achieve. You are inspired by top class athletes. You don't really have the time or the knowhow to get into something like art. That is the reason I wanted to make something for GAA fellas.

"They could go to a play and say this is actually about me and think maybe I can learn something from going to a play. That is what started the whole thing really."



SPLICED TOUR DATES

1st November- An Táin Art Centre, Dundalk, Co Louth at Dundalk Squash Court

2nd November- Visual, Carlow, staged at Tinryland GAA Club

The Everyman Cork presents Spliced at:

5th Nov- Brian Dillons GAA Club, Montonotte

6th Nov- St. Finbarr's GAA Club, Togher

7th Nov- Glen Rovers Hurling Club, Ballyvolane

8th Nov- Blackrock Hurling Club

Here is a link to a trailer about the show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UijX53u3CQ>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChalkItDownPro/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ChalkItDownPro>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/chalkitdownpro/>

More information can be found on www.spliced.ie



By Eoghan Tuohy

GAA CLUB LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IS BEING EXPANDED

Overview

The GAA Club Leadership Development Programme (CLDP) is delivered by the National Officer Development Committee (NODC) and its team of Leadership Associates. It is designed to give the principal officers in GAA Clubs an opportunity to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to fulfil their roles in a confident and competent manner.

The NODC originally designed the programme for the four principal Club Officer roles, i.e. Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and PRO.

Current Developments

It is now envisaged, going forward, that the reach of the programme be expanded to include a wide variety of other modules, some that may be targeted toward specific club officers, others that will be open to all, regardless of their area of expertise.

It is also planned to streamline the programme, with the cooperation of the GAA's sister Associations, and a plethora of departments and committees across a variety of functions.

By so doing, a single point of contact will be established for scheduling training, greater coverage and availability of topics will be accessible nationwide, course quality will be enhanced, and consequentially, overall attendances increased.

The revised framework will be rolled out in at least four pilot counties from January 2020 onwards.

Current Offerings

There are currently 50 trained Leadership Associates who specialise in different areas of Club Officer training. If clubs are interested in holding a workshop in a particular area, e.g. Chairperson, Secretary, AGM, Governance, they are encouraged to get in contact with their County Development Officer, who, in turn, contacts the contacts the Provincial Council and Officer Development Coordinator in Croke Park, with details of the module to be held, when and where. They then liaise with an appropriate Associate, and the event can be confirmed.

Given that we are now entering October, counties are being actively encouraged to host Club AGM modules, before clubs throughout the country host their own AGMs as the playing season comes to an end.

Fig. 1 – Current Scheduled Modules by County

County	Module(s)	Venue	Date/Time
Kildare	Club AGM	Hawkfield Centre of Excellence, Newbridge	29.10.19/TBC
Dublin	Club AGM	Parnell Park	30.10.19/19:30pm
Tipperary	Club AGM/Volunteer Recruitment	Anner Hotel, Thurles	06.11.19/TBC





Officer Benefits

Modules are delivered by experienced and trained Associates in a practical and engaging style, enabling participants to gain a more in depth understanding of their role, improve their leadership skills, increase their role satisfaction and awareness of the volume of resources and supports available to them. Associates respect and value participants' previous knowledge and experience and do not seek to replace this – but to complement it with new information and techniques. Information specific to each Officer role is available, while several modules are open

to all with benefits that enhance the role of any Officer.

Getting Involved

The Programme is open to Chairpersons, Secretaries, Treasurers, PROs, Coaching Officers, Registrars and Irish Language and Culture Officers. Registration is online only, and a GAA Membership ID, available through a Club Secretary/Registrar is required to register.

The Programme is open to all current Club Officers or anyone interested in taking up a role of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer or PRO.

The County Development Officer coordinates the event via the Officer Development Coordinator in Croke Park. The Development Officer will then promote and inform clubs throughout the county that the event is happening, where and when.

Online registration is required for all attendees before any module – this online registration will be open from December 2019 - www.learning.gaa.ie/club_leadership

Modules in any county are open to all current/future Club Officers from anywhere.

Accessing Resources

All Modules in the programme will have a Resource Folder on the GAA Learning Portal, which contains Module slides and Learning Resources such as advice sheets, feedback surveys, articles, links, videos and PDFs.

Certification will also be available through the Learning Portal in four counties on a pilot basis in 2020. Club Officers must register and login to access the Resource Folder.

For more information, log on to www.learning.gaa.ie/club_leadership or contact your County Development Officer.

NEW ON-LINE CHILD SAFEGUARDING PROGRAMME AVAILABLE FOR GAA COACHES

As part of our joint approach to Child Safeguarding within Gaelic Games, a new On-Line Child Safeguarding Programme was recently launched by the National Child Safeguarding Committee.

The On-Line Safeguarding Programme addresses a long-standing request that we introduce easy to access training as a repeat or refresher programme for those who have previously attended face to face child safeguarding training.

To participate and complete the on-line training a participant, i.e. a coach or a person working in a role of responsibility with or for children, must have fulfilled one of the following requirements:

- 1 They must within the last three years have attended a Gaelic Games Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshop (Safeguarding 1) if they now wish to avail of the on-line programme in preference to attend another face to face repeat workshop, **or**
- 2 The participant having attended a non-Gaelic Games Child Protection Safeguarding 1 Workshop with another Sports Association or a Local Sports Partnership (LSP) must then also undertake the new on-line Child Safeguarding Programme so as to familiarise themselves with our agreed safeguarding policies, procedures and in

particular our joint Code of Behaviour (Underage).

The new on-line training programme is available free of charge by accessing <https://learning.gaa.ie/safeguarding>

Within days of its launch the new on-line programme has been acclaimed as one of the most modern, inter active and up to date programmes in the sports sector. It is easy to access and contains the necessary information whether it is completed as a refresher programme or a requirement for those who have attended previous child safeguarding training with another Sports Association (NGB) or an LSP.

Each participant of the on-line training programme may, following the successful completion of the programme, print their certificate of participation, which is valid for a three-year period, as is all child safeguarding training in the Gaelic Games Associations.

Please note that it is not permitted for any person to commence working with children in the GAA, or in any of our fellow Gaelic Games Associations, without first completing the Gaelic Games Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshop (Safeguarding 1) or the new on-line Child Safeguarding Programme, as appropriate. Check out the link at <https://learning.gaa.ie/safeguarding>

Mandatory Child Safeguarding Training for GAA Club and County Officers
The launch of the new on-line child safeguarding programme coincided with the announcement of record-breaking attendances in 2019 at the three levels of Child Safeguarding programmes coordinated by the GAA Children's Office.

We currently coordinate the delivery of 3 specific child safeguarding programmes for all of the Gaelic Games Association, soon to be 4 with the introduction of the on-line refresher, as follows:

**Safeguarding 1:
Child Protection in Sport Awareness
Training**

**Safeguarding 2:
Children's Officer Training**

**Safeguarding 3:
Designated Liaison Training
Programme**

Information on all Child Safeguarding Training Workshops in your County is available from your County Children's Officer and from nationalchildrensoffice@gaa.ie

In addition to Safeguarding 1,2 and 3 workshops the GAA Children's Office can source a tutor for Clubs who wish to avail of the GAA Tackling Bullying Workshop.

The combined number of workshops delivered under Safeguarding 1, 2, and 3 this year is expected to surpass 1,000 far exceeding the numbers delivered in any other sector.

Club and County Children's Officers
This is a timely reminder for Clubs and County Boards that they must, on an annual basis, select a Children's Officer and a Designated Liaison Person at, or following, their forthcoming Clubs AGMs or County Conventions. Each appointed Officer must attend the training relevant to their roles.

Please note that the Club or County Chairperson automatically assumes the role of DLP, unless a person has been appointed by the relevant Club or County Board to undertake this role.

It is our intention to place the name and contact details for each Club and County Children's Officer and Designated Liaison Person on gaa.ie in January and to distribute a generic GAA email address for each Club Children's Officer over the next few weeks. The new email address will make it easier for GAA members and indeed members of the public, to contact the Club Children's Officer on any issue relating to safeguarding children and good practices in the Club. The new email address will follow the format of other Club Officer emails
e.g. childrensofficer.club.county@gaa.ie

2020 GAA NATIONAL CLUB DRAW

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB

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



The limit has been raised from 2,000 to 2,500 Tickets

Get your Club involved and be in with the chance of raising €25,000!

The 2020 GAA National Club Draw tickets are available from your County Liaison Officer.

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 2020 Draw has even more prizes on offer, varying from a Renault Car to All-Ireland Final Tickets, a holiday voucher and many more.

The Club Specific Draw is a draw within the NCD which is set out to benefit the clubs also.

- A draw will take place for all clubs where three clubs will receive €5,000.
- Another draw will take place where one club in each county will receive €1,000.
- The club with the highest ticket sales in each province will receive €1,000

To qualify for the National Club Draw 2020, all 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 the 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.**

If you have any further questions, please contact aisling.greenan@gaa.ie or nationalclubdraw@gaa.ie

See link for the winners of the 2019 GAA National Club Draw: <https://youtu.be/EE5gtxv4Kmk>





GAA DEVELOPMENT FUND

The GAA Development Fund is open for both Deposits and Loans to all GAA Clubs.

LOANS	DEPOSITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A club may make an application for a loan from the Development Fund for purchasing property or development of core GAA facilities.• Bar Facilities or renting out facilities are NOT covered by the fund.• The interest rate applicable is a variable interest rate, currently 1.9%.• Funding is only applicable to VESTED GAA properties.• Loan term is a maximum of 10 years.• The maximum amount available to one club is €100,000 or £100,000.• All loans MUST be guaranteed by the County Board and a recommendation received from the Provincial Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clubs are encouraged to deposit money into the Development Fund as they get priority when making an application for a loan.• The variable interest rate is also currently at 1.9%• Forms for Depositing money into the Fund can be obtained from a member of the National Finance Department in Croke Park.

The application form and criteria to apply for a loan from the GAA Development Fund can be obtained from the National Finance Department in Croke Park.

All Loan Applications and supporting documentation should be returned to the Head of National Finance in Croke Park by the 15th November 2019.

The Financial Management Committee hope to review loans three times a year with the next potential date to be in January 2020, but no date has been set as yet.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE GLOBAL GAMES DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020 – NOW OPEN!

What is the Global Games Development Fund?

The Global Games Development Fund is co-funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade's Emigrant Support Programme and the GAA. 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.

Who can apply for the Global Games Development Fund?

Since 2013, through the Global Games Development Fund, the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade and the GAA have provided financial support for developmental projects and initiatives in GAA clubs and units across Asia, Australasia, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and South America. In 2018, the Fund was expanded to support projects in 6 Divisions of the USGAA: Heartland, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-West, Northwest, Southwest & Southeast.

What type of projects are supported through the Global Games Development Fund?

Over the past five years, almost 300



The Renault GAA World Games 2019 showed the strength and scale of the GAA club network overseas

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 a particular area or region. Some projects are one-off events, others have activities lasting the course of a year. All have been truly inspirational and beneficial.

How to apply?

In October every year, the GAA issue an Open Call seeking applications for funding from Clubs and units that intend to run a developmental project or initiative during the following calendar year. The Application Form is available to download [here](#).

If your Club is interested in applying or requires any further information please contact the Board of the relevant International Unit in the first instance.

ÁR GCLUICHÍ, ÁR LAOCHRA #8 – JACK McCAFFREY

Is é Jack McCaffrey an duine is deireanaí le páirt a ghlacadh sa tsraith 'Ár gCluichí, Ár Laochra'. Níl fear Chluain Tarbh 26 bliain d'aois fós ach tá cúig bhonn uile-Éireann buaite aige le hÁth Cliath. Bhuaigh sé trí ghradam All-Star le linn an ama sin, freisin, agus tá sé ainmnithe do ghradam eile i mbliana mar aitheantas ar a chuid éachtaí le linn 2019.

Bhuaigh sé gradam 'Imreoir Óg na Bliana' sa bhliain 2013 agus bhuaigh sé gradam 'Imreoir na Bliana' sa bhliain 2015. Tá sé ar an ngearrliosta do 'Imreoir na Bliana' arís i mbliana. Níl mórán sa chluiche nach bhfuil buaite aige.

Seo a leanas mar a d'fhreagair Jack ár gcuid ceisteanna nuair a cuireadh faoin spotsholas é mar chuid den tsraith seo:

Ainm: Jack McCaffrey

Aois: 25

Slí bheatha: Dochtúir

Club: Cluain Tarbh

Contae: Áth Cliath

An scannán is fearr leat? Grand Budapest Hotel

An banna ceoil is fearr leat? The Coronas

An áit is fearr leat? Páirc an Chrócaigh

An bia is fearr leat? Scéalloga agus stéig

An chéad chuimhne CLG atá agat: Ag imirt peile le m'athair i bPáirc Naomh Áine

An t-imreoir ab fhearr leat nuair a bhí tú óg: Stephen O'Shaughnessy

An chéad uair ar imir tú le do chontae: Faoi 12, an bhliain a bhuaigh muid Corn Kevin Ahern i Naomh Olaf

An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir leat: Stephen Cluxton

An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir i do aghaidh: Michael Murphy

An cluiche is fearr a d'imir tú riamh: Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann, 2019

Buaicphointe do shaoil imeartha le do chontae go dtí seo: Corn Sam Maguire a bhuachaint sa bhliain 2019

Buaicphointe do shaoil imeartha le do club go dtí seo: Chuamar chomh fada le Cluiche Leathceannais Peile Átha Cliath sa bhliain 2015. Bhí mí-ádh orainn agus chailleamar in aghaidh Bhaile Buadain le pointe amháin. Tá súil agam go mbeidh muid in ann an caighdeán sin a aimsiú arís.

An duine is mó a raibh tionchar aige/aici ar do shaoil imeartha go dtí seo: M'athair

Aon chomhairle agat do imreoirí óga? Bain taithneamh as spórt

Aon chaitheamh aimsire eile? Ag léamh, dul go dtí an phictiúrlann agus mo scíth a ligean le mo chairde.



Gluais / Glossary

Sraith – Series **Bonn** – Medal **Gradam** – Award **Ainmnithe** – Nominated

Aitheantas – Recognition **Éacht** – Achievement **Gearrliosta** – Shortlist

Spotsholas – Spotlight **Sceallóga** – Chips **Stéig** – Steak **Caighdeán** – Standard

Pictiúrlann – Cinema **Scíth a ligean** – To rest

LÁ MÓR GAELTACHTA AGUS GAAGaeilge GO GAMES I bPÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH

Ghlac os cionn 600 dalta scoile páirt sna GAAGaeilge Go Games ar an Luan, 16 Meán Fómhair, i bPáirc an Chrócaigh agus gan tada le cloisteáil ar feadh an lae ach Gaeilge bhinn! Ghlac na clubanna uilig i gConamara atá bainteach le Clár na gCluichí Gaelacha páirt san imirt chomh maith le foirne ó na sé chontae Ghaeltachta eile. Ghlac cúig cinn de na scoileanna ar éirigh leo stádas '5 Star Centre' a bhaint amach páirt ann, freisin. Is i gcomhar le Clár na gCluichí Gaelacha ó C.L.G. Chonnacht, agus le tacaíocht ón Roinn Cultúir, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta a d'eagraigh Cumann Lúthchleas Gael an 'Lá Mór Gaeltachta' seo.

Dúirt Seosamh Mac Donncha, Cathaoirleach Choiste Naisiúnta na Gaeilge, CLG:

'Is iontach iad na cluichí Gaelacha le daoine a thabhairt le chéile agus tá an-athás orainn go raibh os cionn 600 dalta scoile as fud fad na tíre i láthair agus iad ag Gaeilgeoireacht ar feadh an lae. Bhí muid an-sásta, freisin, fáiltiú roimh chuid de na scoileanna ar éirigh leo ionaid cúig réalta a bhaint amach dá gcuid scoileanna le gairid.

Tá muid thar a bheith sásta gur fóraíodh brionglóidí na gcéadta gasúir leis an deis seo imirt i bPáirc an Chrócaigh.'



Seo a leanas na scoileanna agus na clubanna éagsúla de chuid CLG a a ghlac páirt sna GAAGaeilge Go Games:

Cúige Chonnacht

CLG Naomh Anna, Leitir Móir
CLG na Ceathrún Rua
CLG Mhicheál Breathnach, Indreabhán
CLG Bhearna
CLG Mhaigh Cuilinn
CLG An Fháirche
CLG Charna Caiseal
CLG Na Piarraigh, Ros Muc
CLG An Spidéil
CLG Thuair Mhic Éadaigh

Cúige Mumhan

CLG An Daingean
CLG Lios Póil-Abhainn an Scáil
CLG Chumann Caide na Gaeltachta, Corca Dhuibhne
CLG Naomh Abán, Baile Bhúirne
CLG, An Seanphobal

Cúige Laighean

Scoil Uí Ghramhnaigh, Ráth Chairn
Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin

Cúige Uladh

CLG Ghaoth Dobhair

Ionaid 5 Réalta

Gaelscoil Mhichil Uí Choileáin, Cloch na Coillte
S.N. naomh Iosaf, Fionnradharc
Gaelscoil na Cruaiche, Cathair na Mart
Bunscoil Phobal Feirste, Béal Feirste
S.N. Thigh an Reileáin, Ceatharlach

GAA ROUNDERS ON A HIGH

GAA Rounders has had a very successful 2019. The number of teams and players playing our game has grown year on year. Crucially more people are aware of the game of Rounders and more importantly that it is a GAA game. The Ard Comhairle of Rounders are availing of every opportunity to push the game of Rounders.

The game of Rounders is now being played in the four provinces of Ireland. Connacht has the most penetration with four counties of the five counties playing in our competitions this year. While Leinster had clubs from seven counties playing in our competitions.

It was heartening to see more juvenile teams enter our National Féilí. More needs to be done here in relation to providing more games for our younger age groups. Rounders is working on a clear pathway to keep our youth playing right up to and including our adult games.

One of the new initiatives tried by Ard Comhairle this year was an award for the club of the year. The three clubs that were in the running for the award were invited to our All Star Banquet where the winning club was announced. The inaugural winner of the club of the year award was Limekiln from Dublin. In a nutshell the criteria for winning the award was the holistic approach of the club to GAA Rounders. Marks were awarded for almost everything to do

with promoting Rounders : the number of teams entered, games played, referees and umpires from a club and how often they officiated, being a host venue for Rounders events like a Féile, being a halfway venue for national league games, volunteers to help at national events, etc. Amateur organisations like Gaa Rounders need all the help it can get from its members to run events and Limekiln from Dublin have done themselves proud. The Heath from Laois and Cuchulainn from Carlow were the other two clubs in the running for the club of the year award.

For anyone interested in playing Rounders or getting further information about the game, how to set up a club, get some coaching : the place to go is the Gaa Rounders website : gaarounders.ie
Our national secretary can be found at : secretary.rounders@gaa.ie

Our Facebook page : Gaa Rounders is also a hive of information and photographs.

The Ard Comhairle of Rounders is almost finished a strategic plan that will chart the course of the game for the next few years.

We like to think Rounders is the most sociable game in the GAA's galaxy. It is the only GAA game where boys and girls, men and women can play competitively in our mixed competitions. Why not give the game a go. You are never too old to play and enjoy GAA Rounders!



Club of the year are Limekiln from Dublin

ROUNDERS SENIOR FINALS CROWN 2019 CHAMPIONS

This year's Senior Ladies, Men's and Mixed All Ireland Finals took place in Mountmellick GAA, Co. Laois

Ladies took centre stage first, with our reigning champions Glynn/Barntown facing neighbours Adamstown. A fast-paced game took place, due to some fine fielding from Barntown's, Kate Duggan

and Adamstown's, Anne Marie Dunphy, Kate was given the nod by official, Danielle Moore as Player of the Match'.

In the end Glynn/Barntown became four in a row CJ Haughey Champions on a score line of 16-10.

The Men's final saw Erne Eagles, Cavan taking on The Heath of Laois, in a marathon

two and a half hour game.

Superb fielding came from Ulster's, Hugh Briody and Damien McArdle, while Laois', Jamie Dowling and Tom Moore both had flawless games. Dowling was named 'Man of the Match' by referee Christy Hughes. Eventually, Erne Eagles would claim the Corn Aodh Rua for a record 13th time on a score line of 40-32.

Our last Final of the year was for the Syntex Mixed All-Ireland. The Heath were defending against Glynn/Barntown, with neither side losing a game all season. Tom Moore was again at the forefront for his club, and the Wexford duo of Adam Doyle and Jay Malone caught everything hit their way, helping Glynn/Barntown take the Syntex cup back to Wexford for the very first time, on a score line of 17-15.



Senior Ladies All Ireland Champions Glynn/Barntown, Wexford



Senior Men's All Ireland Champions Erne Eagles, Cavan



Senior Ladies All Ireland Runners Up Adamstown, Wexford



Senior Mixed All Ireland Champions Glynn/Barntown, Wexford



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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.

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