

SEPTEMBER & AUGUST 2019  
**NUACHTLITIR**  
MEÁN FOMHAIR & LÚNASA 2019



FOR NEWS, VIDEOS AND FIXTURES [www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie)



# TIER 2 CHAMPIONSHIP PROPOSAL CONFIRMED

**A** meeting of the GAA's Ard Chomhairle last weekend agreed the agenda for next month's Special Congress in Cork. The meeting will debate the addition of a proposed new Tier 2 Football Championship, as well as deliberate over the introduction of three new playing rules for the game.

Two proposed formats for a possible new Tier 2 Football Championship have been in circulation since late June.

Following discussions, Ard Chomhairle chose to send forward one of these formats for debate and vote at the Special Congress, which will take place at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on October 19.

Under this proposal the Provincial Championships will be played as currently.

The All-Ireland Qualifiers will be open to teams from Allianz League Divisions 1 and 2 and any Division 3 or 4 teams who qualify for their Provincial Final.

This will mean only two full rounds of All-Ireland Qualifiers in future as opposed to four - an additional Preliminary Round is provided for however, in years where more than 8 teams are eligible to participate in Round 1.

It is proposed to then introduce a new straight knockout Tier 2 Championship for all Division 3 and 4 teams that do not reach their Provincial Finals.



A range of marketing and promotional supports will be committed to the new competition, as well as the use of Croke Park for semi-finals and finals and a planned increase in TV coverage.

**Following a review of the Experimental Rules that were trialed in Gaelic Football during the Allianz League and Provincial Cup competitions, it has been decided to forward three of them for proposed permanent introduction at all levels of the game.**

Based on the research carried out by the GAA's Standing Committee on Playing Rules, led by Professor David Hassan, the following are to be voted on at Special Congress:

- The taking of all kick-outs from the 20 metre line
- The introduction of a 10-minute 'sin bin' for players who receive a black card

- The awarding of a 'mark' to players who cleanly catch a ball kicked from on or outside the opposition's 45m line, that travels at least 20m and without touching the ground

The SCPR decided to withdraw the experimental playing rule regarding Sideline kick to be kicked forward, as based on the analysis undertaken by the Committee from the Provincial Pre-Season Competitions and Allianz Leagues 2019 and feedback from players, the impact of the proposed rule was minimal.

Ard Chomhairle also agreed to amend the scheduling of the existing All-Ireland SFC Quarter-Final format for the final year of its trial in 2020.

In Round 1 of the group stage of the Quarter-Final, the four provincial champions will be

at home against one of the teams who came through the Qualifiers – as was the case in 2019.

It was also agreed that for 2020, Round 2 will see the winners of the Round 1 matches play each other, while the losers of the Round 1 matches will also face off.

At present there has been a round of games that are scheduled to take place at Croke Park. It is now planned to give the authority to CCCG to fix these games for venues other than Croke Park - if deemed appropriate. This would require the approval of a full GAA Congress and it is intended to bring forward a motion on this to Congress 2020 next February.

If passed, this would come into effect for the 2020 Championship which is the final year of the current three-year trial involving the new Quarter-Final group phase.

# SAMARITANS AND GAA CELEBRATE FIVE YEARS AS MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERS



Dublin camogie player, Eve O'Brien, and Tipperary hurler, Patrick Maher, pictured at Croke Park.

**S**amaritans and the GAA are celebrating five years of teaming up together to tackle the stigma of mental health and urging young players and members who are struggling to cope to seek help.

The organisations are marking World Suicide Prevention Day by committing to continue their winning partnership to reach men and women across the island of Ireland.

A series of videos will be launched on GAA.ie and across the GAA's social media channels highlighting the importance of good mental and physical health and of asking for help.

At grass roots level, Samaritans volunteers will continue to liaise with the GAA's 32 County Health & Wellbeing Committees and Healthy Club Officers to raise awareness of its services and

encourage anyone going through a difficult time to access the support available.

Tipperary hurler Patrick 'Bonner' Maher added his voice to the partnership, saying: "Through hurling we learn the importance of communicating with those around us. We also learn that setbacks are part of life, some of which we can overcome ourselves, some of which we need support to bounce back from. The GAA's partnership with Samaritans offers everyone access to a friendly ear in times of need and an additional support team to turn to off the field of play."

Dublin camogie player Eve O'Brien is also a volunteer with Samaritans and supports the partnership between the two organisations. "As a team player and a volunteer with Samaritans I have learnt that listening and communicating

with others are powerful tools. It's fantastic to be able to visit clubs across the country and urge members to reach out at times when they may be going through a hard time," she said.

Niall Mulligan, Executive Director for Samaritans Ireland, said: "Samaritans partnership with the GAA is one of the most important projects we have. With the support of the entire organisation, we have been able to reach men and women across the island of Ireland to spread the message that help is there if needed. The relationships between GAA clubs and our branches ensure the message of 'Talk to Us' is highlighted in the community and encourages people to talk about what affects them."

GAA President John Horan said: "The GAA and Samaritans are both volunteer organisations that seek to support communities across the 32 counties of Ireland. We are grateful that our members can access their support services but also for the training and support they offer to our health and wellbeing structures at club and county level."

The aim of the partnership supports those most at risk under four key priority areas:

- To create an understanding of emotional health and its impact on wellbeing of people;
- To raise awareness within GAA clubs of the importance of emotional support and where it can be found including connecting with Samaritans via freephone, text, email and face to face;
- To encourage people to develop active listening skills;
- To provide practical support to help clubs

and communities recover from an attempted or suspected suicide;

Samaritans offers centralised training workshops on active listening skills to GAA coaches and managers on request and offers awareness talks at club level to GAA members. These activities are co-ordinated by Samaritans Liaison Volunteers with GAA County Health & Wellbeing Committees across the island of Ireland.

Plans are also underway for Samaritans volunteers to visit clubs across the country for a 'Huddle', a post training talk emphasising the importance of mental and physical fitness to players and their management team.

Over the last five years, the GAA distributed almost 12,000 Samaritans posters to every club in the country, with tens of thousands of wristbands, pens and cards handed out at Provisional Football Finals and county matches.

Every Samaritans branch on the island has appointed a GAA liaison representative to engage with local GAA clubs, the charity has presented at GAA Healthy Club Conferences in Croke Park and Belfast, and Ulster GAA, in conjunction with the Public Health Agency (PHA), has also produced pitch side signs including Samaritans helpline as a source of support for those in distress.

Mr Mulligan urged anyone in need to reach out for support by contacting Samaritans 24 hour freephone helpline on 116 123, text 087 260 9090 (Rol only) or email [jo@samaritans.ie](mailto:jo@samaritans.ie) in the Republic of Ireland or [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org) from Northern Ireland.

# HEALTHY CLUB CONFERENCE 2019 READY TO LIGHT IRELAND UP

**The GAA Healthy Club Conference in Croke Park on October 5th will include amongst its workshops an exploration of why the 'Ireland Lights Up' walking initiative has turned into one of the GAA's most successful health campaigns. ([REGISTER HERE](#))**

Almost 65,000 people across 270 clubs benefitted from the additional physical activity they logged over the five weeks of campaign in January/February 2019 while walking around their floodlit local GAA club. However, it was the fun and conversations with their club mates and neighbours that kept them coming back for more.

Delivered in partnership with RTÉ's Operation Transformation and Get Ireland Walking (GIW), Ireland Lights Up is designed to make exercise more accessible to people on the dark winter nights of the new year.

Mullingar Shamrocks, one of 84 GAA clubs that will receive official recognition as a 'Healthy Club' on October 5th took part in the initiative. Their Healthy Club Officer Joan Crawford Ormsby said:

"Each week our participant numbers continued to grow with young and old alike walking and talking together. Members of local organisations such as Active Retirement

and the ICA also took part and realised that our GAA club was open and welcoming to everyone. Our oldest participant informed us that she was 83-years young! Families enjoyed participating in Ireland Lights Up as it was a safe, enclosed and looped the walking track where all ages and abilities could take part.



*Members of Mullingar Shamrocks GAA club launching their Ireland Lights Up initiative in January.*

"Our membership grew as a result and some people have continued the weekly walks since January! I would like to thank Westmeath Sports Partnership and Sarah McCormack HSE Healthy Ireland National Programme Lead for their support in making the initiative a success. I would encourage all clubs to attend the Healthy Club Conference on October 5th and find out how you can get involved in Ireland Lights Up in 2020."

Get Ireland Walking's Jason King will facilitate the 'Ireland Lights Up' conference workshop which will explore why walking is the perfect entry exercise for anyone that wants to increase their physical activity levels and improve their mood.

Other workshops at this year's conference will explore mental health, positive aging, and diversity and inclusion. All will include case studies from GAA clubs as well as information from experts in their field.

To register your place for free for the Healthy Club Conference please click [HERE](#) (spaces are limited to please [book now](#) to avoid disappointment).



**Healthy Club Conference**  
**Saturday October 5th 2019**  
**Croke Park**

# GAA HEALTHY CLUBS CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER

**T**he role played by GAA clubs in supporting the health and wellbeing of communities across Ireland will be explored at the 2019 Healthy Club Conference in Croke Park on Saturday, October 5th.

Delegates will participate in workshops covering mental health in sport, diversity and inclusion, positive aging, and the importance of physical activity. The themes will be brought to life through practical case studies revealing initiatives rolled out by Healthy Clubs covering these themes.

The event, proudly delivered in partnership with Healthy Ireland and Irish Life, will see a further 84 GAA clubs across the 32 counties receive official recognition as 'Healthy Clubs', having completed Phase 3 of the project. The conference will also see the launch of Phase 4 of the award-winning Healthy Club Project, as the GAA seek to recruit another 150 clubs to participate come January 2020.

Renowned GAA coaching tutor, Paudie Butler, will discuss in his keynote address how the development of the child – including their wellbeing – lies at the heart of all good coaching and is fundamental to the principles of the Healthy Club Project.

Amongst the player ambassadors will be Tipperary's All Ireland winning man-of-the-match Noel McGrath. Noel is the players' representative on the GAA's National Health & Wellbeing Committee and will participate in a panel discussion exploring topics including his inspirational journey back to the field of play following testicular cancer. (Additional player ambassadors will be announced in the coming weeks.)



Dublin midfielder Brian Fenton with members of his Raheny GAA club, when they received official recognition as a Healthy Club in 2017.

An Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, John Horan, said: "I want to offer my congratulations to the 84 clubs that will receive official recognition as Healthy Clubs at the conference. The work they have undertaken over the course of their journey has been a credit to the Association. I also urge other clubs to attend and get involved in the Healthy Club Project. It helps the GAA live up to the values of its new manifesto: 'Where We All Belong'. This exciting work couldn't happen without our partners Irish Life and Healthy Ireland and I want to acknowledge their continued support for the project."

Click [HERE](#) to book your free ticket for the conference. Lunch will be provided on the day.

For more information regarding the conference please visit [www.gaa.ie/community](http://www.gaa.ie/community)

## Congratulations to the clubs that completed Phase 3 of the Healthy Club Project and will receive official recognition at the conference. They are:

- |  |   |   |                                    |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Lámh Dhearg Antrim                        | 22. Gortin St. Patrick's Tyrone                   | 43. Naomh Olaf Dublin                         | 64. Coolderry Offaly               |
| 2. Ruairí Óg Cushendall Antrim               | 23. Naomh Mhic Artáin Ladies Tyrone               | 44. O'Dwyer's Dublin                          | 65. Crookedwood Westmeath          |
| 3. St. Ergnatts-Moneyglass Antrim            | 24. Doonbeg Clare                                 | 45. Ranelagh Gaels Dublin                     | 66. Lough Lene Gaels Westmeath     |
| 4. Clann Eireann (Lurgan) Armagh             | 25. St Joseph's Doora Barefield Clare             | 46. Skerries Harps Dublin                     | 67. Mullingar Shamrocks Westmeath  |
| 5. Crosserlough Cavan                        | 26. Clonakilty Cork                               | 47. St. Oliver Plunkett's Eoghan Ruadh Dublin | 68. Oulart-The-Ballagh Wexford     |
| 6. Kingscourt Cavan                          | 27. Macroom Cork                                  | 48. St. Sylvester's Dublin                    | 69. St. Martin's Wexford           |
| 7. Lacken Cavan                              | 28. Newtownshandrum Cork                          | 49. Robertstown Kildare                       | 70. Enniskerry Wicklow             |
| 8. Robert Emmets Slaughtneill Derry          | 29. Cobh Cork                                     | 50. Leixlip Kildare                           | 71. Caherlistrane Galway           |
| 9. Desertmartin Derry                        | 30. Ballydonoghue Kerry                           | 51. St. Laurence's Kildare                    | 72. Castlegar Galway               |
| 10. Baile na nGallóglach Donegal             | 31. Dr. Crokes Kerry                              | 52. Conahy Shamrocks Kilkenny                 | 73. Clarinbridge Galway            |
| 11. Buncranncha Donegal                      | 32. Claughan Limerick                             | 53. Thomastown Kilkenny                       | 74. Ard Raithin Naomh Muire Galway |
| 12. Four Masters Donegal                     | 33. Galbally Limerick                             | 54. Annanough Laois                           | 75. Aughanasheelin Leitrim         |
| 13. St Eunan's Donegal                       | 34. Killeedy Limerick                             | 55. Emmet Og Killoe Longford                  | 76. Glencar-Manorhamilton Leitrim  |
| 14. Ardglass Down                            | 35. Lorrha/Dorrha Tipperary                       | 56. Clan Na Gael Louth                        | 77. Breaffy Mayo                   |
| 15. Ballycran Down                           | 36. Tulach Sheasta (Newport) Tipperary            | 57. John Mitchels Louth                       | 78. Castlebar Mitchels Mayo        |
| 16. Bredagh Down                             | 37. An Rinn Waterford                             | 58. Naomh Mairtin Louth                       | 79. Tuar Mhic Éadaigh Mayo         |
| 17. Kinawley Brian Borus Fermanagh           | 38. Dún na Mainistreach Baile na Cúirte Waterford | 59. Rath Tó Meath                             | 80. Davitts Mayo                   |
| 18. Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs Fermanagh | 39. Palatine Carlow                               | 60. Dunderry Meath                            | 81. Clann Na nGael Roscommon       |
| 19. Gaeil Tríúcha Monaghan                   | 40. Ballyboughal Rangers Dublin                   | 61. Na Fianna Meath                           | 82. St. Croan's Roscommon          |
| 20. Latton Monaghan                          | 41. Beann Éadair Dublin                           | 62. Navan O'Mahony's Meath                    | 83. St. John's Sligo               |
| 21. Errigal Ciaran Tyrone                    | 42. Lucan Sarsfields Dublin                       | 63. Syddan Meath                              | 84. St. Molaise Gaels Sligo        |

# 2019/2020 GAA NATIONAL STUDENT BURSARY SCHEME NOW OPEN



UCC players celebrate after winning the 2019 Fitzgibbon Cup.

**T**he GAA has announced details of the **2019/2020 GAA National Student Bursary – an initiative which has invested more than €2m in young people over the last 12 years.**

The scheme reiterates the Association's commitment to the ongoing educational development of its players and members by acknowledging their interest in our Games and supporting their educational development.

The scheme is open to members of the Association who are attending a full-time Higher Education course (except those who hold another GAA-related or college scholarship/bursary) and who are active participants in their Higher Education club.

The schemes are administered by the respective Provincial Councils and recipients will again be selected based on a range of criteria, including their playing, coaching or administrative commitments to the GAA. A number of awards in each province will be reserved for those excelling in the areas of coaching and administration.

Applications for the scheme will be considered by a sub-committee in each province; each bursary granted will be for €750 in Munster, Leinster and Connacht. A sterling figure of similar equivalent will be available from Ulster.

Further information and application forms for this year's scheme are available to download from [www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie), and the various GAA Provincial Council websites. Students should apply using the relevant application form to the Provincial Council of their home GAA Club.

All completed forms should be returned to the relevant Provincial Council and the closing dates for applications is Friday October 11th.

Senior Inter-County players who were on their County's Senior Panel in 2019 should apply for Bursaries via the Gaelic Players Association; further information at [www.gaelicplayers.com](http://www.gaelicplayers.com).

See provincial application forms.

DOWNLOAD  
**CONNACHT GAA**  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
BURSARY APPLICATION FORM 2019/20

DOWNLOAD  
**ULSTER GAA**  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
BURSARY APPLICATION FORM 2019/20

DOWNLOAD  
**LEINSTER GAA**  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
BURSARY APPLICATION FORM 2019/20

DOWNLOAD  
**MUNSTER GAA**  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
BURSARY APPLICATION FORM 2019/20

## GAA MUSEUM INDUCT SIX MORE PLAYERS INTO HALL OF FAME

**T**he GAA Museum at Croke Park has announced the induction of six more iconic players into the Hall of Fame for 2019 covering the period 1985 to 1989. The addition of these six new Gaelic games stars to the Hall of Fames brings the total number of inductees to 54 across hurling and football.

This year, for the first time since the Hall of Fame was launched in 2013, all three hurlers and three footballers from the five-year time-frame 1985 to 1989 were announced in the same ceremony. Hurling greats Nicky English (Tipperary), Conor Hayes (Galway) and Terence 'Sambo' McNaughton (Antrim) join an illustrious line-up in the GAA Museum Hall of Fame. On the football side, this year's inductees are Denis 'Ógie' Moran (Kerry), Colm O'Rourke (Meath) and Larry Tompkins (Cork).

Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, John Horan, said: "We cannot have great games without great players and today we get to pay due recognition to a group of footballers and hurlers who have a very special place in our history.

"The GAA Museum Hall of Fame initiative is an opportunity to honour three hurlers and three footballers - not just for their exploits for club and county and for the success they enjoyed, but to acknowledge the enormous impact they had on our games and the inspiration they were to a generation who were lucky enough to see them play.

"Thanks to our GAA Digital Archive, their exploits have been preserved for future generations to savour and I congratulate them all."

Niamh McCoy, GAA Museum Director added: "For us at the GAA Museum, inducting footballing and hurling legends into the Hall of Fame is one of the most important events in the calendar. The GAA Museum Hall of Fame shines a light on the heroes of our games and is a way for their prowess on the field to be remembered permanently at the home of Irish sport. It's a great honour for us to have these incredible players here celebrating with us today."

Inductees to the GAA Museum Hall of Fame are chosen for their extraordinary talent, skills, sportsmanship and their ability to contribute to the overall performance of their team. These men have made a huge impact on hurling and football in their individual counties.

Personal objects from each of the inductees, including medals, jerseys, awards and other sporting memorabilia are on display in the GAA Museum's Hall of Fame. This permanent exhibition is one of the museum's most popular attractions and includes match footage featuring all 54 inductees narrated by Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh.

In 2018, the GAA Museum welcomed 160,000 visitors, of which 30% were from overseas.

The museum, which opened in 1998, houses a vast collection tracing the birth and growth of Gaelic games and is the starting point for the Croke Park Stadium Tour and Ericsson Skyline Tour.



*The 2019 GAA Museum Hall of fame inductees, from left, are former hurlers Nicky English, Terence 'Sambo' McNaughton, Conor Hayes, and former footballers Colm O'Rourke, Larry Tompkins and Denis 'Ogie' Moran.*

## Hall of Fame Inductee Pen Pics



### Hurling

#### **Terence ‘Sambo’ McNaughton (Antrim)**

Regarded as one of Antrim’s greatest-ever hurlers and as one of the best players never to win an All-Ireland medal. In 2013 he was chosen at left wing-back on a special “Stars of the 1980s” team. He lined out at corner –forward in the 1989 All-Ireland Hurling Final for Antrim against Tipperary and was awarded an All-Star in 1991. At club level, Sambo has won county championships and seven Ulster club titles with Ruairí Óg Cushendall.

#### **Conor Hayes (Galway)**

Conor Hayes is a three-time All-Star. He made his debut for the Galway senior hurlers during the 1979 championship and went on to play a key role for the Tribesmen for over a decade, winning three All-Irelands and two National Leagues. He was captain when Galway won back-to-back All-Ireland titles in 1987 and 1988. Conor is also an All-Ireland winner at club level, having achieved the highest honour in club hurling with Kiltormer in 1992. He is the holder of two Connacht club championships and three Galway hurling championships with Kiltormer and was named on the Galway Hurling Team of the Millennium.

#### **Nicky English (Tipperary)**

Nicky English of Lattin-Cullen clubman played a significant role in Tipperary’s re-emergence as a hurling force in the 1980s. In a 14-year senior inter-county career, Nicky won two All-Irelands – in 1989 and 1991 – five Munster championships, a National League and was awarded six All-Stars. He scored 20 goals and 117 points and was named Hurler of the Year in 1989.

Nicky also won two Railway Cups with Munster and five successive Fitzgibbon Cups with University College Cork. With his club, Lattin-Cullen, he won intermediate and junior championship medals. After taking over as Tipperary senior hurling manager in 1998, he guided his county to two National Leagues, a Munster championship and, in 2001, the All-Ireland title.



### Football

#### **Denis ‘Ógie’ Moran (Kerry)**

In the history of Gaelic football, only five players have won eight All Ireland winners’ medals. All are members of the great Kerry side of the 1970s and 1980s. But only one of them played every single minute of those eight All Ireland final triumphs. That was Denis “Ógie” Moran who won senior All Irelands in 1975, 1978 – 1981 and 1984 – 1986. ‘Ógie’ also stands apart as the only player to win these eight All-Ireland medals playing in the same position. Over the course of 12-year senior inter-county career, ‘Ogie’ Moran also won 11 Munster senior championship medals, 3 National Leagues and was an All Star in 1981.

#### **Colm O’Rourke (Meath)**

During a 20-year senior inter-county career, Colm O’Rourke was a regular member of the starting fifteen on the Meath football team. The Skyrne clubman won back-to-back All-Ireland titles in 1987 and 1988 and was named Footballer of the Year in 1991.

A three-time All Star in 1983, 1988 and 1991, Colm also won five Leinster championships and three National Leagues. He made 59 championship appearances for the Royal County, scoring 16 goals and 105 points. With his club, Skyrne, Colm has won two Meath senior championships in 1992 and 1993. As a student at UCD he won a Sigerson Cup medal in 1979.

#### **Larry Tompkins (Cork)**

Three-time All-Star winner Larry Tompkins enjoyed a nine-year senior inter-county career with the Rebels won a second consecutive All-Ireland senior title in 1990. Larry also won six Munster senior titles and a National League. Larry first came to prominence on the inter-county scene as a 16-year old in 1979 with his native county, Kildare and featured on minor, U21 and senior football teams. On return from the United States in the mid-1980s, Larry settled in Cork and thus began his career for the Rebel county. In late-1996 he succeeded Billy Morgan as Cork manager and despite initial setbacks he guided the county to a National League and two Munster championships.



# USGAA TO NAME TROPHIES IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS

In advance of its forthcoming National Finals, USGAA announced the naming of a number of National Championships after individuals who contributed to Gaelic Games in the US.

USGAA has embarked on a program to acknowledge the important contributions of many individuals to the growth of Gaelic Games in the US. Over the coming years, past members will be honored by the commemoration of different championship trophies with their names in recognition of their service to the organization.

“While Gaelic Games in the US has grown exponentially in the last 15 years, without the dedication and work of our past members, the foundations for that growth would not have existed”, said USGAA Chairperson Bernie Connaughton. “As we continue to develop and expand as an organization, it is only fitting that we recognize the importance of their contributions to our success.”



USGAA has named a number of National Championships after individuals who contributed to Gaelic Games in the US.

The honorees for 2019 are:

**Senior Hurling: John Hehir**

A proud Galwayman, from the village of Ardrahan, John Hehir arrived in Boston in 1954, and immediately got involved with the Boston Galway Hurling club. He was one of the founders of the then North American County Board, attending the first General Meeting in 1959.

Subsequently, he served North American GAA in a number of positions, including Chairperson from 1966-69. In later years, John regularly filled the position of Convention Chair at numerous NACB Conventions, a role he discharged with a calm and assured manner, navigating through many passionate discussions.

**Senior Football: Owen Treacy**

Originally from Carrickmore, Tyrone, Owen Treacy dedicated the best part of 50-years to both Philadelphia GAA and North American GAA. After coaching the Tyrone club to 4 North American Senior Football titles, Owen embarked on a notable career as an able Administrator, culminating with a spell as North American Chair from 1991-93.

He had the honor of being the first North American delegate to attend a Central Council meeting, when NACB was granted Central Council status in 1993.

**Intermediate Football Tom O'Donoghue**

Pittsburgh-based, but Listowel-born, Tom O'Donoghue represented Pittsburgh GAA on the Midwest Board in the mid-1960's. His time on the Midwest Board coincided with the prominence of Midwest teams at National Finals – where they provided the dominant teams, winning 6 out of 8 Senior Football titles between 1962-69.

Tom served in a number of roles for the North American Board, including the position of Chair in 1976-77.

**Junior B: Ruairí Flanagan**

Born in California, to a family steeped in GAA tradition through his father Bill (Former USGAA Honorary President) and mother Kathy, Ruairí Flanagan first played for the Sarsfields club in Millbrae, California, before joining the newly formed Eire Og club.

After spending time in Dubai, where he was an active member of the Dubai Celts team, Ruairí was living in Australia at the time of his tragic passing in 2013.

Eire Og's subsequent success at the 2016 USGAA Finals was a poignant moment for all that knew Ruairí. as Eire Og won Junior Football honours with an all American-born team that had come up through the Youth ranks with Ruairí.



*Tom O'Donoghue was Chairman of the North American Board from 1976 to 1977.*



*Ruairí Flanagan died in a tragic surfing accident in 2013.*

“Each of these members served our Association in different but important ways.” said John O’Brien, one of the founding members of North American County Board in 1959. “Our goal in 1959 was to create a structure that brought all GAA people under the one umbrella. This then led to the emergence of events like this coming weekend’s USGAA Finals, where teams from each corner of the US compete for a National Championship.”

Founded in 1959, USGAA (previously North American County Board) is the Governing body of Gaelic Games in the US, outside of the area under the jurisdiction of the New York GAA Board.

With approximately 8,500 members at all codes, ages and levels, the pinnacle of the year is the USGAA Finals. This year’s showpiece event will see 115 teams play over 100 full-scale Championship games, as they compete for 20 National Titles across all 4 codes: Camogie, Football and Hurling.

To learn more about the 2019 USGAA Finals, in Morven Park, Leesburg, Virginia, (Aug 23-25), please visit: <https://www.usgaafinals2019.com>

To learn more about USGAA activities throughout the year, please visit: [www.usgaa.org](http://www.usgaa.org)

# RENAULT GAA WORLD GAMES FINALS – GLORY DAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL CLUBS IN CROKE PARK

By Eoghan Tuohey

**A** sun-soaked GAA HQ on Friday August 2 was the setting as our eight Renault GAA World Games victors across all codes were crowned on what was an incredible day of sporting action, and celebration of the growth of international Gaelic Games.

The proceedings kicked off with Australasia retaining their Irish Born Camogie crown over a spirited Middle East, in what was an enthralling, high quality game. 6 points was the margin in the end.

The Irish Hurling final followed, in what was always going to be an encounter of remarkable intensity, given the quality of player available to both Australasia and the Middle East, coupled with the nine-a-side format, leading to an entertaining, high scoring affair. The opposing sides were the same as in the first game, but the victor was different upon the final whistle, with the Middle East coming out on top, on a scoreline of 2-15 to 3-7.

It was a case of the agony compared to the ecstasy in the Irish Ladies Football final. Australasia entered the game as warm favourites, but were met with a ferocious response in the form of Parnell's. The game assumed an end-to-end format, with the sizeable crowd basking in the Hogan Stand loving every second of it. Eventually, Australasia came out on top by the narrowest of margins, 2-7 to 1-9.

Familiar foes met in the Irish Men's Football decider, with the Middle East making it a double of football and hurling titles in 2019, claiming a famous 3-9 to 1-9 victory over Australia on a field laden with former inter-county talent.

The afternoon games were designated for the native-born finals, and they opened with the most one-sided game of the day, the Native Camogie final. Here, Twin Cities made light work of their fellow US-based opposition, The Warriors, coming out on top 6-7 to 0-0.

The Native Hurling final was a far closer affair, even if the scoreline may not have reflected this truly upon completion. New York defeated a spirited London by 4-10 to 2-6.

It was another victory for NY GAA in the form of Liberty Ladies, when they defeated another Australasian side to have made it to the Cup Finals by 1-7 to 0-6 in Croke Park.

In the most interesting final of the day, two New York teams met in the Native Men's decider, with NY Freedom taking on NY Liberty in an exciting game. Freedom were the eventual winners, on a scoreline of 4-7 to 2-9.

All of the initial rounds of games were played out at WIT's magnificent arena at Carraiganore. It was also here that Shield and Plate Finals were held.



Action between New York Freedom and New York Liberty, white, in the Renault GAA World Games Mens Football Native Cup Final during the Renault GAA World Games 2019 Cup Finals (above) Eddie Hogan of New York, second from right, celebrates after the Renault GAA World Games Mens Hurling Native Cup Final against London during the Renault GAA World Games 2019 Cup Finals at Croke Park (Below).





Tricia Melanaphy, left, and Clara Fitzpatrick of Australasia celebrate at the final whistle after beating Parnell Ladies in the Renault GAA World Games Ladies Football Irish Cup Final.

Europe Gales won the Irish-born Camogie Shield title with Thomas McCurtains taking the Plate. Europe Rovers were crowned Native Camogie Shield winners.

New York were winners of the Irish-born Hurling Shield. Native-born Hurling Plate winners were Pearse Óg from San Francisco, with Allentown the Shield winners.

Irish-born Ladies Football Shield champs are Europe Shamrocks, with the Native-born title claimed by France in the Shield final and St Colmcilles in the Plate Final. Irish-born men's titles went to Argentina in the Shield decider and Gasconha in the Plate Final.

The success of this event owes much to the driving force that have been Director Pat Daly and GAA International Officer Ann Gibney from Croke Park with the support of the World GAA Committee under the chair of Niall Erskine.

Standards continue to rise – so too the involvement of teams which is now touching 90, having been 56 last time out in 2016 and 25 in the inaugural year of 2015. No doubt, the 2022 event will be bigger and better again!

### Waterford lays on magnificent welcome for native teams

The Twinning Clubs Initiative, which was organised in conjunction with the 2019 Renault GAA World Games, took place on Tuesday evening, July 30th, across over 40 Waterford GAA, LGFA and Camogie clubs.

58 Native Born teams, who have been in Waterford all week participating in the World Games, were transported after their day of games to almost every club in the county

for a social and cultural evening, involving non-competitive games, entertainment, refreshments and an opportunity to network and form relationships.

The players who were hosted hail from countries scattered throughout the globe, including South Africa, who were twinned with Ballyduff Lower, Argentina who had An Sean Phobal as their partners and the Germany hurling and football panels, who ventured out west to Tallow.

The initiative was designed with the intention of giving teams a break from competitive action, as well as the opportunity to experience first hand how GAA clubs, both Irish and international, operate and work collectively, so that learnings may be taken from both sides and mutually beneficial relationships forged.

The feedback collected has been extremely positive from both sides, and huge credit is due to the clubs of Waterford for investing themselves into this initiative and ensuring it ran smoothly and that visiting teams were welcomed with a warm embrace.

Each club received a welcome sign with the name of their visiting team emblazoned upon it. Teams with similar primary codes were paired where possible, but the overall aim of the project was to open dialogue, facilitate discussion and pave the way for the creation of an event from which everyone could reap the benefits.

With the county blanketed in warm evening sunshine, local communities from Ballysaggart to Stradbally, Kilrossanty to Dungarvan, and Ardmore to Lismore came out in force to welcome their international visitors, and there was a tangible air of positivity and a feel good factor throughout the Deise.

Underage exhibition matches, local musical and dancing talent, barbecues and plenty of teas and coffees were the order of the day with each club doing themselves and their communities proud, and showcasing the very best in south east hospitality.

An event and an evening that will live long in the memory of the people of Waterford and their Native Born visitors.



Niall Erskine, Chairman of World GAA Committee, speaking after the Renault GAA World Games Mens Hurling Irish Cup Final between Australasia and Middle East at Croke Park in Dublin.


## UNIQUE OFFER FOR GAA CLUB MEMBERS FROM RENAULT

At Renault, everything we do is driven by our very simple motto – Passion for Life. So, to complement our passion for innovation on the road, we're committed to supporting the things closest to the heart of Irish communities. That's why Renault takes great pride in being the official car partner of the GAA.

From sponsoring homegrown teams including Wicklow and Westmeath GAA, to bringing players from around the globe together as title sponsor of the Renault GAA World Games 2019, our mission is to continue empowering lovers of the game from every corner of the country.

To celebrate this partnership, we're inviting all GAA club members to take advantage of our unique offer that includes €250 off the Renault range\*, money off servicing and more! So now you can show your passion on the road as well as on the pitch.

To avail of this amazing offer simply submit your contact details here [www.renault.ie/gaa](http://www.renault.ie/gaa). You will then receive a unique code to avail of the offer at your local participating Renault dealer.



Renault. Passion for what drives you.

**RENAULT**  
Passion for life

GAA GPAI  
Supporting Players

Model shown: New KADJAR GT Line TCe 140 GPF, RRP €34,145 (excluding metallic paint €575).

Official car partner of the GAA

Driving your passion.

# GAA CLUBS FRONT AND CENTRE OF ALL-IRELAND FINAL DAYS

**It began for Jim Gavin on that fateful Saturday morning as it does for so many parents and club volunteers every weekend – helping out with his kid's underage club team.**

Far away from a juvenile football match in Rathfarnham, it finished under the bright lights of Croke Park on a never-to-be-forgotten evening for Dublin GAA as they captured the historic fifth Sam Maguire in a row and the seventh title of this definitive decade of the Dubs.

All of the inter-county hurlers and footballers who adorn our spring and summer every year are club players first and foremost.

They are the product of thousands of hours of selfless time and dedication that was invested in them by parents, teachers and club volunteers and coaches – passing on to them a love of our games which was something that they themselves had inherited.

Counties that are fortunate enough to reach an All-Ireland final can get giddy with emotion and it is an enormous moment in the life of every player lucky enough to be involved in some way.

It is also important that we acknowledge just how special and significant it is for the families and the club members of the communities that these players represent.

And that's why this year saw the GAA enter the third season of putting the club jersey mascots onto the red carpet on All-Ireland senior final days.

Across the hurling and football finals and football replay there were 68 clubs who supplied the players that made the match day squads for Tipperary, Kilkenny, Dublin and Kerry.

All of these jerseys were given a spot on the red carpet when Uachtarán na hÉireann and Uachtarán CLG were brought out to meet the teams. The initiative was made possible with the help of the GAA's National Children's Office with the young players drawn from those who were lucky to be on hand to play in the half-time games.

The Club Jersey Mascot is a small but important gesture of acknowledgement that without clubs there is no county and that these club colours are where we all belong.



3 September 2017; Mascots, in the club jerseys of the players, stand with the Galway team prior to the GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship Final match between Galway and Waterford at Croke Park.

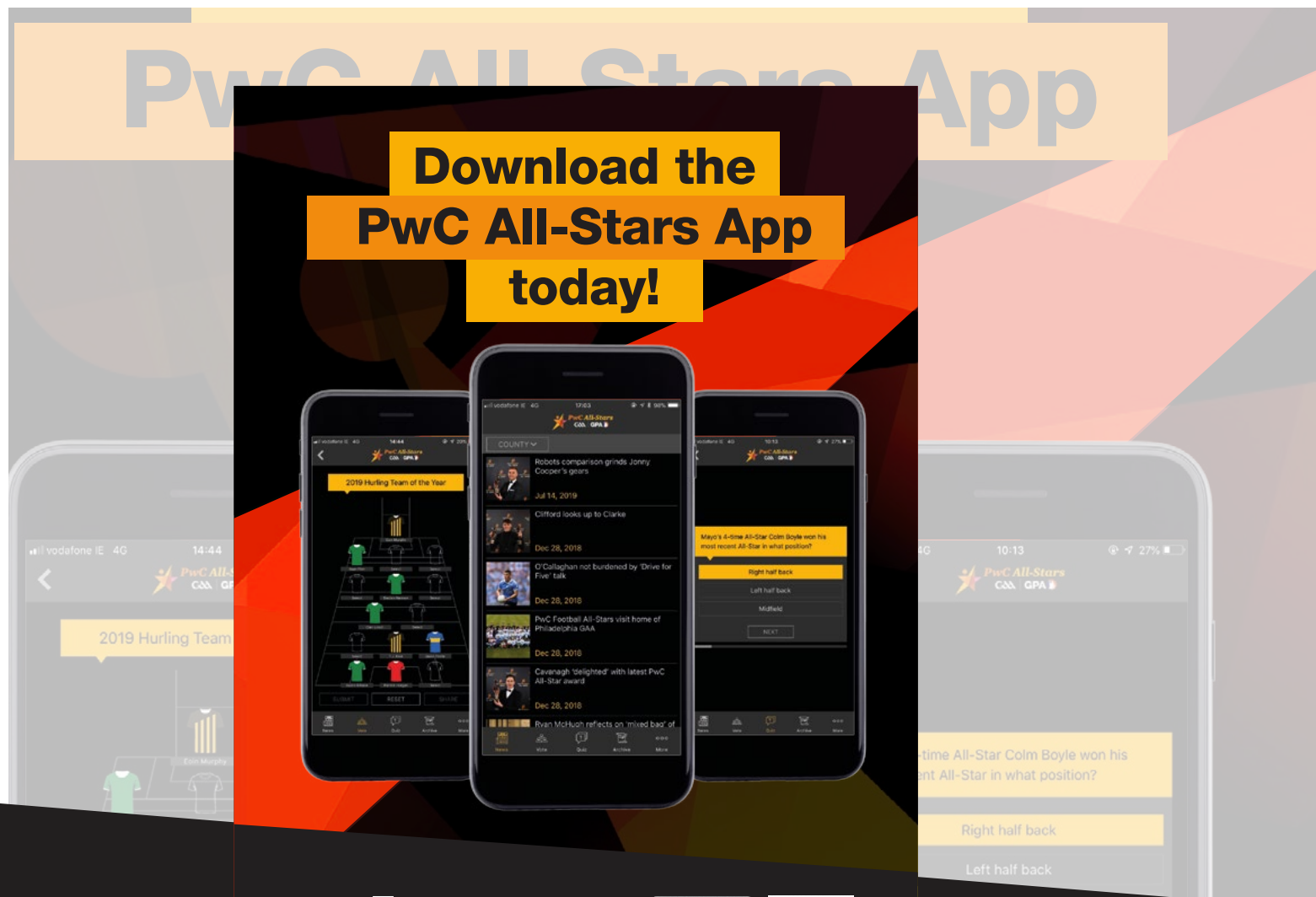
# BE PART OF THE ACTION AND WIN PRIZES WITH THE PwC ALL-STARS APP

**W**ith an exciting Championship summer now drawn to a close, competition is heating up for the 2019 PwC All-Stars!

Download the PwC All-Stars app today to:

- Enter the weekly quiz to win PwC All-Stars prizes
- Pick your own All-Star hurling and football teams of the year
- Browse our news section for player interviews, past and present
- Explore our extensive All-Stars archive by player, county and code, containing details on every All-Star winner since its inception in 1971

#PwCAIStars



# NEW WINNERS AND RECORD CROWD AT CAMOGIE FINALS!

**T**he was a record-breaking day on September 8th along with three thrilling Finals as new winners were crowned across all three grades in front of a record crowd of 24,730 at Croke Park.

Kerry got the day off to a start with a bang as they claimed the Premier Junior crown for the very first time, in what has been a remarkable rise over the last decade for the Kingdom. Midfielder Patrice Diggin was the star of the show as she drove her team on to see off a valiant effort by Limerick, eventually beating them by 0-11 to 0-8.

The Intermediate Final then saw Galway face Westmeath and it was the Leinster side that prevailed having overhauled what looked like a seemingly unassailable lead of seven points for the Tribeswomen at half-time. Spurred on by stalwart Pamela Greville they roared back in the second-half to claim their maiden Intermediate title and seal promotion to Senior Camogie in 2020 by a scoreline of 1-11 to 1-9.

The main event more than lived up to expectations as Galway produced a barnstorming performance including three stunning goals to eventually beat Kilkenny by 3-14 to 0-17 to claim only their third Senior All-Ireland title and their first since 2013. In a high-scoring affair Galway led for much of the game but it wasn't until the closing minutes that they finally put the tie beyond doubt. An electric performance from the experienced Niamh Kilkenny in midfield was key in their attacking display as she caused problems for Kilkenny all afternoon.

The final act of the day was therefore for captain Sarah Dervan to collect the O'Duffy Cup on the steps of the Hogan Stand as it began its journey west across the Shannon!



*Kerry captain Niamh Leen lifts the Kathleen Mills Cup as Junior champions*



*Westmeath captain Mairéad McCormack lifts the Jack McGrath Cup as Intermediate champions*



*8 September 2019; Sarah Dervan of Galway with the O'Duffy Cup following the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Final v Kilkenny at Croke Park*



# ANOTHER MAJOR MILESTONE FOR LADIES FOOTBALL

**A**nother record-breaking attendance was present for the 2019 TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Finals at Croke Park, as 56,114 spectators flocked through the turnstiles for the Junior, Intermediate and Senior deciders.

Inclement weather conditions didn't dampen the enthusiasm of fans from Fermanagh, Louth, Meath, Tipperary, Dublin and Galway, as the 2019 inter-county season drew to a close. The 56,114 figure marked a 12 per cent increase on the 50,141 recorded for the 2018 Finals at GAA HQ.

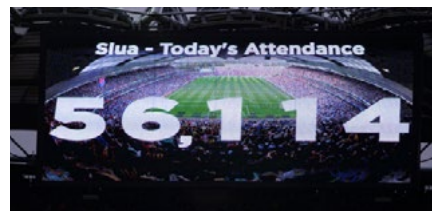
In the Junior Final, Louth atoned for their 2018 Final defeat against Limerick by getting the better of Fermanagh on a 3-13 to 2-6 scoreline, with captain Kate Flood producing a player-of-the-match display that yielded a personal tally of 1-8.

The Intermediate honours and the Mary Quinn Memorial Cup went to Tipperary for

the second time in three seasons, as Meath suffered a second successive Final defeat. Aishling Moloney starred for the Premier County, scoring eight points in a 2-16 to 1-14 win, as Tipperary regained Senior Championship status for 2020.

And after Jim Gavin's men claimed an historic five-in-a-row, the Dublin women followed suit to make it three successive TG4 All-Ireland Senior titles.

Lyndsey Davey starred in a player-of-the-match display as Dublin ran out 2-3 to 0-4 winners, with captain Sinéad Aherne lifting the Brendan Martin Cup for a third successive year.



*Louth captain Kate Flood with the West County Hotel Cup as Junior champions*



*Tipperary captain Samantha Lambert lifts the Mary Quinn Memorial Cup as Intermediate champions*



*Dublin captain Sinéad Aherne lifts the Brendan Martin Cup as Dublin win a third TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Final in a row at Croke Park*

## 2019/2020 NATIONAL CLUB DRAW

**T**he National Club Draw has proved hugely successful over the last number years. The 2018/2019 draw raised €1.624 million and all this money is retained by the GAA Clubs.

Clubs can use this money to help with capital development, the upkeep of the club along with the general running of the GAA Club.

This year we have decided to raise the limit of tickets to 2,500 giving each club the chance of raising €25,000 for their Club.

Tickets are available from your County Board. If your Club require additional tickets or would like to get your GAA club involved, please contact [aisling.greenan@gaa.ie](mailto:aisling.greenan@gaa.ie) / [nationalclubdraw@gaa.ie](mailto:nationalclubdraw@gaa.ie)

Every person who buys a National Club Draw ticket are in with the chance winning prizes such as a brand-new Renault Clio, All Ireland Ticket Packages and much, much more.

Pick up your club's tickets as soon as possible and get selling and raising money for your club.!

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB**  
Opportunity for your GAA Club to raise up to €25,000



# SPORTS MEDICINE ROADSHOW

**P**ast and present GAA players including **Damien Joyce (Galway), Wayne Hutchinson (Waterford) and Damien Cahalane (Cork)** will be amongst the speakers at a **Sports Medicine roadshow organised by UPMC Whitfield Hospital in Waterford this Autumn.**

Convened by UPMC Whitfield Hospital consultant orthopaedic surgeon, Mr Patrick Carton, the roadshows will feature 35 sports medicine experts across five venues, taking in Waterford, Galway, Limerick, Carlow and Cork.

Amongst the main topics of discussion will be hip, groin, knee, foot/ankle and shoulder injuries as well as concussion, strength & conditioning, nutrition, the psychological impact of chronic injury and overall player welfare.

It will be an event of interest for GAA managers, coaches, medics and physios, as well as GPs with an interest in sports or any frontline sports practitioner.

Mr Pat Carton said:

“Sporting-related injuries are a common presentation in clinical practice and can often result in significant loss of training and competing for the affected athlete. The aim of these events is to create a platform for informative dialogue on many of the most commonly seen sports-related injuries and discussion around the current best-practices of management. Overall player welfare, as well as preventative and rehabilitative strategies, will be explored.

“The multidisciplinary nature of these series of meetings is a real highlight, with representation from

a range of disciplines: including physiotherapists, sports and exercise therapists, general practitioners, orthopaedic surgeons, nutritionists, psychologists, pain management specialist and researchers. This rich array of professionals allows for collaboration and knowledge exchange across the discipline. In this series of meetings we will look at functional anatomy, pathology, assessment, diagnosis and management options for a number of aspects of sports-related injuries, using latest evidence-based published works to provide guidance for preferred intervention.”

The details on the roadshow can be found

- Oct 23rd – WIT Arena, Waterford – <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/upmc-sports-medicine-roadshow-waterford-tickets-71342113181>
- Oct 29th – Castletroy Park Hotel, Limerick – <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/upmc-sports-medicine-roadshow-limerick-tickets-71350775089>
- Oct 30th – The Galmont Hotel, Galway – <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/upmc-sports-medicine-roadshow-galway-tickets-71351308685>
- Nov 1st – The Talbot Hotel, Carlow – <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/upmc-sports-medicine-roadshow-carlow-tickets-71351477189>
- Nov 2nd – The River Lee Hotel, Cork – <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/upmc-sports-medicine-cork-tickets-71361780005>



# #GAAYOUTH FORUM 2019

**T**he #GAAYOUTH Forum 2019 will take place on Saturday 26th October 2019. The application process will be open from Friday 4th October to Sunday 13th October at [www.gaa.ie/gaayouth](http://www.gaa.ie/gaayouth).

The event is organised by the GAA YouthReps for other young players. The Forum, run in partnership with Sky Sports, is free and will be fun and informative with a mix of interactive exhibitions, workshops, a youth congress, high profile speakers and a Q&A session.

With workshops designed for three specific age-grades (12 – 13; 14 – 15; 16 – 21 years), players will leave the Forum having learned invaluable tips and tools that will help them to develop as a player and as a person.

There will be a number of activities at the Forum including:

- Exhibition Zone – interactive demos about everything from preparing healthy lunches to hurley care and repair!
- Behind the Scenes Tours – get to see places in Croke Park that you never see on match days.
- Workshops and Talks – speakers will address a range of issues that are important to young players.
- Youth Congress – the oldest age group will have an opportunity to discuss and debate a range of issues of importance in Gaelic games today.

- Q&A – we will put your questions to a range of experts and high-profile players on a number of topics.
- Lunch Hub – Keep the energy levels high and enjoy the best grub Croke Park has to offer... all for free!

Registration is from 9.30am, the Forum commences at 11am and concludes at 4.30pm.

This FREE event will fill up fast so make sure to apply online as soon as applications open!

### How to Apply:

500 delegate places are up for grabs for male and female players in three age groups: 12 – 13; 14 – 15 and 16 – 21. The online application process will be LIVE from Friday 4th October to Sunday 13th October at [www.gaa.ie/gaayouth](http://www.gaa.ie/gaayouth) and there are two ways to apply:

- Online Application by an Individual  
A young player can complete an individual application form online and identify an adult in their Club who endorses their application.
- Online Application by a Club  
A Club can complete an application form to nominate a young player/s from the Club to attend the Forum (max. 4 players, ages 12 – 21).

The closing date for applications is Sunday 13th October and successful applicants will be informed by Friday 18th October.



GAA Youth Committee member Aine O'Neill speaking with participants during the #GAAYOUTH Forum 2018 at Croke Park



Gaa Youth Committee member Muireann Nic Corcrain working with participants during the #GAAYOUTH Forum 2018 at Croke Park

# HURLING TALENT ACADEMY PROGRAMME

**The Hurling Talent Academy games programme for 2019 concluded on Saturday August 31st with the traditional end of season tournaments being played out at U. 14, 15 and 16 levels.**

At the various age groups, the programme sets out a series of five game dates from late April until August whereby tournaments are organised on a Provincial or Cross-Provincial basis. Counties are encouraged to enter multiple teams, so that as broad a base of players as possible have an opportunity to take part.

There were 25 teams taking part at U. 16 level, 46 teams at U. 15 level, while 22 teams took part in the U. 14 age group for a grand total of 112 games in a real festival of underage Hurling.

The U14 finals are held in Waterford with Tipperary hosting at U15 level. For U16, these tournaments are played annually in Mallow (Eugene Carey), Wexford (Michael Foley), and Westmeath (Adrian Murray).

## RESULTS:

### Under 14

Tony Forrester Cup Final:  
Tipperary 3-11, Offaly 1-6

### Under 14

Sonny Walsh Cup Final:  
Tipperary 3-7, Galway 1-3

At U.15 you have the Arrabawn Cup for the top tier teams, and the John Doyle Cup for second teams and some of the second tier teams.

Arrabawn Cup Final	CORK	0-23	GALWAY	3-12
Arrabawn Shield Final	LIMERICK	4-13	WEXFORD	2-14
Arrabawn Plate Final	CORCAIGH	3-13	WATERFORD	2-12
John Doyle Cup Final	KILKENNY	4-14	GALWAY	2-09
John Doyle Shield Final	WESTMEATH	4-12	TIPPERARY	3-09
John Doyle Plate Final	WEXFORD	2-10	WATERFORD	0-09

Also, at U. 15 there is the Hibernia Tournament which is for teams outside of Tier 1, and was split into a number of different grades. The finals were as follows:

Niall McInerney Cup Final	Antrim	3-11	Derry	2-2
Niall McInerney Shield Final	Carlow	1-11	Down	2-6
Stephen Doorigan Cup Final	Kildare (2)	0-8	Wicklow	3-8
Stephen Doorigan Shield Final	Louth	3-13	Down (2)	2-8
Peter O'Keefe Cup Final	Longford	4-9	Leitrim	1-4
Peter O'Keefe Shield Final	Sligo	2-10	Donegal (2)	0-5

At U.16 you have the Eugene Carey Cup, the Michael Foley Cup, and the Adrian Murray Cup. These tournaments are played annually in Mallow (Eugene Carey), Wexford (Michael Foley), and Westmeath (Adrian Murray)

Eugene Carey Cup Final	Cork	3-21	Tipperary	3-16
Michael Foley Cup Final	Kilkenny	4-12	Galway	0-14
Adrian Murray Cup Final	Meath	5-14	Carlow	5-11

# DRONE SAFETY WARNING FOR GAA CLUBS



## Policy:

For reasons of Safety and Security it is GAA policy that small unmanned aircraft also known as drones should not be used during any live events such as matches or concerts. The use of such aircraft is strictly excluded under the GAA Liability Insurance program.

## Risks

- Loss of control of the drone over spectators
- Loss of control of the drone over or near a structure or building.
- Potential disruption to the sporting event, and possible consequences of that disruption.
- Potential terrorist activity.

## Action in the case of a drone intrusion

- Gathering evidence of use of drones within the ground through CCTV, photographs etc.
- Asking stewards and staff outside the ground to remain vigilant, and if appropriate look for the operator (many devices have to be operated within a 100m radius).
- Advising staff on actions to take whilst the drone is within the stadium, which may include providing reassurance to

spectators and continuing with existing duties.

- Identifying staff to monitor the drone's activity from different locations to enable quick reaction to any potential issues.
- Considering communication with spectators via PA system, for example around authorised or unauthorised activity, reassurance messages etc.
- Considering whether any ancillary activity is due to take place that may affect the drone, for example pyrotechnics.
- Informing Gardaí and the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) or the Police Service for NI (PSNI) and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).
- Considering what other contingency plans might be required or affected should an incident occur.

*Further information:*

**[Small Unmanned Aircraft \(Drones\) and Rockets Order S.I. 563 of 2015](#)**

**[Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds \(Green Guide\) Sixth Edition 2018](#)**

GAA National Health & Safety Committee  
GAA Liability Insurance Policy Schedule 2018 – 2019



#CrokeParkTours

TODAY'S YOUNG STARS.  
*Tomorrow's Legends!*



### Inspire your Juvenile Team with this special offer for GAA Clubs.

For just €6.50 per juvenile, your team can enjoy a day out at Croke Park that includes:

- The access-all-areas Croke Park Stadium Tour
- The chance to explore the spine-tingling GAA Museum
- Time to hone their skills in the Interactive Games Zone

Upgrade to include a hot lunch for just €12 per juvenile.

DISCOVER THE *heart* OF WHO WE ARE

GAA



STADIUM  
TOUR  
CROKE PARK

To book, contact [tours@crokepark.ie](mailto:tours@crokepark.ie) · 01 819 2374  
[crokepark.ie/clubtours](http://crokepark.ie/clubtours)

# AN-LÁ AG 'LÁ MÓR NA GAEILGE' I BPÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH

**E**agraíodh 'Lá Mór na Gaeilge' Dé Domhnaigh, 11 Lúnasa, mar chuid de Chluichí Leathcheannais Peile na hÉireann idir Gaillimh agus Ciarraí sna mionúir agus idir Tír Eoghain agus Ciarraí sna sinis. D'éirigh go hiontach leis an lá agus bhain a raibh i láthair idir thaitneamh agus shult as an tsiamsaíocht uilig a cuireadh ar fáil dóibh le linn an lae.

I measc na rudaí móra a eagraíodh bhí ceol beo ann ó Bhailéad-Ghrúpa C.L.G., An Féar Bán, a bhuaigh Craobh Scór Sinis na hÉireann i gCaisleán an Bharraigh i mbliana agus ón mbanna ceoil clúiteach 'Scannal' as Corca Dhuibhne.

Bhí Gráinne McElwain ann mar bhean an tí agus chuir sí na haíonna speisialta Marc Ó Sé, Jerry Grogan agus Seosamh Mac Donncha, Cathaoirleach Choiste Náisiúnta na Gaeilge, faoi agallamh. Labhair Ó Sé faoin gcluiche idir Ciarraí agus Tír Eoghain agus labhair Jerry Grogan faoin tábhacht a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge ina ról mar MC ag na cluichí móra i bPáirc an Chrócaigh.

Labhair Seosamh Mac Donncha faoi na beartais éagsúla atá ar bun ag an gCumann faoi láthair chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn ann. Thagair sé de fheachtas an 'Fháinne' atá ar bun sa gCumann ó mhí an Mhárta agus mhol sé

do na mílte mílte ball de chuid an Chumainn a bhfuil Gaeilge acu fáinní le daoine a spreagadh a gcuid Gaeilge a labhairt ag cluichí agus ag ócáidí de chuid an Chumainn. Luaigh sé, freisin, straitéis CLG don Ghaeilge a seoladh le gairid.

Casadh go leor amhrán ó sheinnliosta #GAAGaeilge ar spotify ar an lá agus taispeánadh físeán nua Gaeilge CLG ar an scáileán mór. Bhí deis ag a raibh i láthair a bpictiúir a thógáil le Corn Sam Maguire agus iad a chur amach ar na meáin shóisialta chuig an haischlib #GAAGaeilge. Bhí na grianghraif sin le feiceáil, ina dhiaidh sin, ar an scáileán mór ag leatham.

An Ghaeilge abú! Labhramis í agus mairfidh sí!!!



## Gluais

Siamsaíocht – *Entertainment*

Eagraigh – *To Organise*

Clúiteach – *Famous*

Aíonna – *Guests*

Cathaoirleach – *Chairperson*

Agallamh – *Interview*

Tábhacht – *Importance*

Beartas – *Policy*

Tagair – *Refer*

Feachtas – *Campaign*

Spreagadh – *To Encourage*

Straitéis – *Strategy*

Seinnliosta – *Playlist*

Físeán – *Video*

Scáileán Mór – *Big Screen*

Meáin Shóisialta – *Social Media*

Haischlib – *Hashtag*



# ÁR GCLUICHÍ, ÁR LAOCHRA – JARLATH ÓG BURNS

Is é Jarlath Óg Burns atá faoin spotsholas an iarraidh seo mar chuid den tsraith 'Ár gCluichí, Ár Laochra'. D'imir Jarly Óg an-pheil le hArd Mhacha i mbliana agus bhí sé lárnach i ngach rud maith a rinne siad. Tá lucht leanta Chontae an Úlloird an-sásta go mbeidh a leithéid ag tús cadhnaíochta dóibh sna blianta amach romhainn.

'Is í an Ghaeilge an teanga labhartha sa bhaile agam agus is breá liom é sin. Tá CLG go hiomlán ar son na Gaeilge agus tá mé bródúil a bheith i mo bhall de eagraíocht a bhfuil luach mar sin aici.'

Jarlath Óg Burns, Meitheamh 2019

## Ainm:

Jarlath Óg Burns

## Aois:

21

## Club:

Béal Átha an Airgid – Ard Mhacha

## Contae:

Ard Mhacha

## An scannán is fearr leat?

Avengers Infinity War

## An banna ceoil is fearr leat?

Linkin Park

## An áit is fearr leat?

Ard Mhacha Theas

## An bia is fearr leat?

Lasagne

## An t-imreoir ab fhearr leat nuair a bhí tú óg:

Darragh Ó Sé

## An chéad chuimhne CLG atá agat:

Ag imirt peile amuigh sa chlós ar chúl an tí

## An chéad uair ar imir tú le do chontae:

Faoi 14 – Blitz a bhí ann

## An t-imreoir is fearr le himirt leat:

Aaron Duffy ó mo chlub féin

## An t-imreoir is fearr le himirt i do aghaidh:

Seán Ó Sé

## An cluiche is fearr a d'imir tú riamh:

Cluiche Leathcheannais Chorn Mhic Ruairí 2016

## Buaicphointe do shaoil imeartha le do chontae go dtí seo:

Níl sé tagtha fós!

## Gluais / Glossary

An iarraidh seo – this time  
lárnach – central Contae an Úlloird – Orchard County ag tús  
cadhnaíochta – to the fore teanga labhartha – spoken language  
eagraíocht – organisations luach – value Corn Mhic Ruairí –  
MacRory Cup ardú céime – promotion i ndiaidh a chéile – in a row  
cleachtadh – practice bunúsach – basic dairteanna – darts

## Buaicphointe do shaoil imeartha le do chlub go dtí seo:

Ardú céime dhá bhliain i ndiaidh a chéile

## An duine is mó a raibh tionchar aige/aici ar do shaol imeartha go dtí seo:

Mo athair

## Aon chomhairle agat do imreoirí óga?

Déan cleachtadh ar na scileanna bunúsacha agus beidh tú i gceart

## Aon chaitheamh aimsire eile?

Dairteanna, galf, cispheil



Ar Laoch – Jarlath Óg Burns, Ard Mhacha

# WEXFORD HOST FIRST EVER KELLOGG'S GAA CÚL CAMP FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN

By Michael Devlin

**H**istory was made at Innovate Wexford Park last week with the staging of the first ever Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camp for children on the Autism Spectrum.

A totally unique initiative, over 120 kids attended the camp from Tuesday to Thursday, organised as part of the Wexford GAA WELLness programme in conjunction with Leinster Council.

Wexford GAA teamed up with Wexford-based support group CAN (Cottage Autism Network)

under the banner 'Dream Big', something which Wexford Games Development Manager Ray Harris says began as a way to promote inclusivity in the GAA.

"The origins came from John Horan when he addressed the Seanad Éireann in January, he spoke about inclusivity within the GAA. Our own chairman Derek Kent then came on board with it, and came to us in the coaching office to see what we can do."

Harris and his colleagues settled on the idea of a Cúl Camp for children on the Autism

*Pictured at the launch for Wexford GAA and Leinster Council's first Kellogg's Cúl Camp for children on the Autism Spectrum; Maria Banville and Mag Furness from Cottage Autism Network Wexford (CAN), Ray Harris (Cul Camp Co-Ordinator) Bobby Goff (Wexford GAA Coaching Officer) Kevin Foley (Wexford Senior Hurler) and Shane Flanagan (Leinster Council).*



Spectrum because of Wexford hurling captain Matthew O'Hanlon's role as patron of CAN, an organisation which has a membership of over 135 families.

"We said wouldn't it be great if we could do a camp for autistic children and their siblings, and from that conversation we sat down with CAN and brought along speech and language therapists from the HSE who volunteered their time. We just said, 'Let's do it'.

"When we first sat down we kind of thought we'd get 40. We had to limit the bookings actually at 120, as we had so much demand. We probably could have had about 200 but we didn't know if we could cater for that many."

Harris said there were certain measures that had to be taken to ensure the camp was as 'sensory friendly' to the children's needs.

"We were very aware that this wasn't going to be a straightforward Cul Camp," he said. "It was very visual. We didn't use whistles as some kids would be sound sensitive, so we used the scoreboard clock to count down the time.

"We had colour coded groups, so all the parents and kids knew which groups they were going to. We had nine different stations going, and some of the kids felt that they really liked a particular station they'd stay a bit longer at it."

The three days were a huge success says Harris, who was particularly taken aback by the positive



Wexford hosted the first ever Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camp for Autistic children

feedback they received from the parents and from the organisers at CAN.

“The biggest thing was how emotional they found it, they could see their kids taking part in their county ground. They thought they’d never have the opportunity to do that. Even to hold a hurl for the first time or to kick a goal in Wexford Park was a huge thing for them.

“Another thing that came back is that they would have had siblings here. Not all the kids were on the autism spectrum, some of them would have had brothers and sisters that came along. That was part of our remit, to have the first time and the only time to take part in a Cul Camps with their siblings. That was a big thing.

“A lot of parents remarked on how a lot of kids will be going back to their schools with their Cul Camps school bags. They never would have had that opportunity before, so that was something special.”

What really set the week off was Wexford hurlers Lee Chin, Éanna Martin, Kevin Foley and Joe O’Connor calling in to get involved with the camp, bringing with them a very special friend, the Leinster Hurling Championship Bob O’Keeffe Cup.

“They probably didn’t know what to expect but they stayed longer than they probably thought they were going to,” says Harris. “They had great craic and they were really brilliant with the kids. When Lee was there he had to stand still for about an hour because they were all coming to him!”

Wexford GAA and CAN hope this camp will pave the way for more of its kind across Leinster and



Wexford hurlers Lee Chin and Joe O’Connor pictured at the Wexford Kellogg’s Cúl Camp for children on the Autism Spectrum, along with the Leinster Hurling Championship cup (above).

beyond, and that it will encompass the spirit of community and inclusion of kids with different abilities across all of the GAA.

“We have the template there now, and it’s definitely something we’d recommend doing,” says Harris. “I suppose when the template’s in place, why not? We broke the ground on it and it’s something we’d be looking to do again anyway. So why not expand on it to kids on the spectrum throughout Ireland?”



Fun and games at the Kellogg’s Cúl Camp for children on the Autism Spectrum in Innovate Wexford Park (Right).

# NEW NATIONAL HANDBALL CENTRE - PROGRESS REPORT

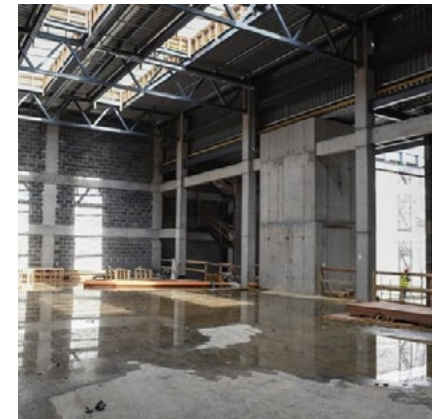
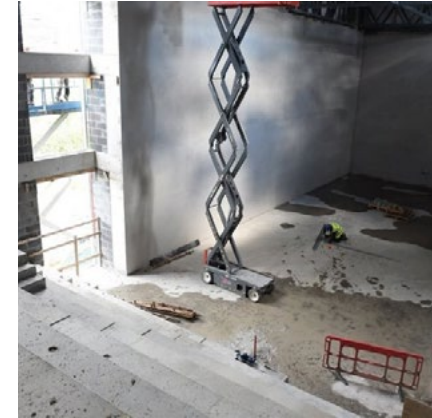
**E**xcitement is starting to gather among the Handball fraternity as the new National Handball Centre at Croke Park is continuing to progress well, with building due to be completed in time for the 2020 playing season.

GAA Handball has long craved a home to be proud of, and this state of the art new centre is sure to be the beginning of a new dawn for our sport, with our first major finals hosted anticipated to be the All-Ireland 4-Wall Singles Finals in March 2020.

The new building comprises of:

- A spectacular three sided glass wall show-court, with amphitheater style seating with capacity of 500.
- Two additional 4-Wall training courts
- A 200 seater Softball court
- Two 1-Wall courts
- GAA Handball Offices
- A Community Cafe and indoor hall

Take a look at some progress pictures of the building work below, with the building now water tight and fully glazed. The centre is located behind the Cusack Stand car park.



# GAA HANDBALL SCHOOLS - MEMBERSHIP ONLINE OFFER

**GAA HANDBALL SCHOOLS**  
**MEMBERSHIP ONLINE OFFER**  
2019/20

**FREE WITH EACH PACKAGE:**  
COACHING MANUALS, WRISTBANDS, POSTERS & STICKERS

**GAA HANDBALL**

VISIT [WWW.GAAHANDBALL.IE](http://WWW.GAAHANDBALL.IE) FOR FULL DETAILS ON THIS GREAT OFFER!

Note: The specialised Beginner balls (ONE) are softer & less bouncy than standard One-Wall balls.

PACKAGE 1
- 20 x One-Wall Handballs <b>ONLY €30 / £25</b>
PACKAGE 2
- 30 x One-Wall Handballs <b>ONLY €40 / £35</b>
PACKAGE 3
- 10 x One-Wall Handballs - 10 x Beginner Handballs <b>ONLY €40 / £35</b>

# GAA ROUNDERS TITLES AWARDED



*The Heath, Laois became under 14 All Ireland Mixed champions after battling Emo, Ballybrown 2, Cuchulainn and Breaffy. They would go on to beat Ballybrown 1 in the final*



*Emo, Laois won the Under 16 Mixed All-Ireland for the first time ever. They faced off against Breaffy 2, Cuchulainn and Limekiln to earn their place against Cuchulainn in the Final*



*The Emo Girls are the U15 All-Ireland champs, having battled against Cuchulainn, Fenagh, Athenry and Breaffy, before earning their place in the Final against The Heath, which they went on to win, for the first time ever, 11-10*



*The Emo Boys had a similar path as the Girls taking on Cuchulainn, Breaffy, Ioma, Breaffy again in their semi final and eventually going on to beat The Heath 20-11 to become under 15 Boys Champions for the first time ever*



*Cuchullain – All-Ireland ladies minor champions*



*Clonbroney – the 2019 All-Ireland minor champions*



*Sporting Limerick were winners of the Mixed title at the All-Ireland minor finals day*



*Skryne Ladies were crowned All-Ireland junior champions at Tymon North recently*



*Cuchulainn of Carlow are the All-Ireland Junior mens champions for 2019*



*Michael Glavey's of Roscommon are the All-Ireland Junior Mixed Team champs for 2019*



Football

Hurling

Club

General

## MÍLE BUÍOCHAS

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

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