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# Clár

- 5.15 pm Evening Meal
- 6.45 pm Opening of Convention
- (a) Peter O'Neill – Cathaoirleach Laoise
  - (b) Minutes of Convention 2017
  - (c) Discussion of Report of Chief Executive & Sub-Committee Reports
  - (d) Comhairle Laighean Bye Laws
- 7.30 pm Adoption / Review of Annual Accounts
- 8.00 pm Presentations
- (a) Games Development
  - (b) Insurance
- 8.45 pm Address by An Cathaoirleach, Séamus Ó Bolguidhir
- 9.00 pm Formal Election of Other Officers
- 9.15 pm Convention Closes - Tea/Coffee

Each county is entitled to the following Delegate representation at Convention, in addition to its two representatives on the Provincial Council:

Ceatharloch 4	Cill Mhaináin 4	Iarmhí 5	An Mhi 6
An Lú 4	Longphort 4	Cill Dara 5	Uibh Fhaili 4
Cill Chainnigh 4	Laois 5	Áth Cliath 6	Loch Garman 5

## NOTE

**Leinster Council delegates cannot be proxied in an election**

## NOTE

Full Leinster Convention documentation has already been forwarded directly to each member of the outgoing Leinster Council

Micheál Mac Raghnaill (Rúnaí)  
Áras Laighean, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

# Ainmniúcháin

<b>CATHAOIRLEACH</b>	Séamus Ó Bolguidhir	(Ceatharloch)
<b>LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH</b>	Pádraig Ó Teacháin	(Uíbh Fhailí)
<b>CISTEOIR</b>	Pádraig Ó Laighneach	(Iarmhí)
<b>OIFIGEACH CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ</b>	Mairtín Ó hAllmhúrain	(An Mhí)

# Miontuairiscí Chruinniú de'n Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 28.01.2017

S. Uas. Ó hÓrain (Cathaoirleach) presided at the Annual Convention of Comhairle Laighean CLG, held in Mount Wolseley Hotel, Tullow, Co. Carlow on 28ú Eanáir, 2017. The following members of Comhairle Laighean also attended Convention:

S. Ó Bolguidhir (Leas-Cathaoirleach)  
P. Ó Teacháin (PRO)  
S. Ó Mearain (Cisteoir)  
T. Ó Floinn (Ard Oideachais)  
T. Ó Riain (Cumann na mBunscol)  
L. de Barra, E. Ó Broin (Ceatharloch)  
S. Mac Nioclais, G. Ó hArrachtáin (Ath Cliath)  
M. de Faoite, S. Mac Mathúin (Cill Dara)  
PS Ó Cionnaith, S. Ó Fionnlaigh (Cill Chainnigh)

P. Mac Aodhbhuí, T. Mac Seoin (Laois)  
S. Ó Bannain, C. Ó Conchúir (Longphort)  
D. Ó Broin, P. Ó Tómhnair (Lu)  
P. Ó Loinsigh, B. Ó Coimin (An Mhi)  
F. Mac Eoin, S. Ó Briain (Uibh Fhaili)  
P. Ó Laighneach, L. Ó Murchú (Iarmhi)  
D. Ó Ceannt, D. Ó hUílin (Loch Garman)  
C. Ní Conchubhair, B. Ó Seacnasaigh (Cill Mhantain)  
M. Mac Raghnaill (Runai).

The following delegates represented the counties:

## **Ceatharloch**

G. Ó Lionnáin, M. Ó Doráin, S. Ó Campin, M. Ó Faoláin.

## **Ath Cliath**

C. Ó Suilleabháin, N. Ó Murchú, S. Mac Shanlaoch, M. Ó Briain, S. Mac Coisdealbha, M. Ó Saomhar.

## **Cill Dara**

M. Ó Gormáin, C. Ó Fearghail, M. Ó Fionnáin, S. Mac Cárthaigh, G. Ó Donghaile.

## **Cill Chainnigh**

B. Ó hIcá, E. Ó Coinn, C. Denieffe, V. Malone.

## **Laois**

B. Ó hAlúin, P. Ó Suilleabháin, M. Ó Broin, G. Ó Caomhánaigh, C. Mac Consléibhle.

## **Longphort**

P. Ó Raghallaigh, E. Ó Raghallaigh, S. Ó hAnnain, E. Ó Cuaine.

## **Lu**

P. Ó Ciarán, A. Ó Berrill, R. Ó Duchanna, D. Ó hAilpín.

## **An Mhi**

C. Ó Tormaigh, S. Ó Caomhánaigh, P. Ó Floinn, M. Ó hAllmhúrain, S. Ó Maolmuire, P. Ó hAllmhúrain.

## **Uibh Fhaili**

E. Ó Floinn, T. Ó Broin, E. Ó Ciosog.

## **Iarmhi**

A. Ó Leabhraí, P. Ó Donncha, S. Ó Briain, S. Ó Mairtin, S. Ó Sioradáin, M. Mac Aodha.

## **Loch Garman**

M. Ni Dhúill, B. Ni Iocab, L. de Cuirtéis, D. O Nualláin.

## **Cill Mhantain**

M. Ó hÁgain, S. Napier, M. Ó Colmain.

The following also attended Convention:

## **New Council Members**

L. Ó Maolmhuaidh (Uibh Fhaili), M. Ní Foghlú (Loch Garman), M. Ó Murchú (Cill Mhantain), D. Ó Fathaigh (Longphort).

## **Iar-Oifigigh**

T. Ó Fearghail, N. Ó Braonáin, M. Ó Sceallaigh, M. Ó Dubhshláine, A. Ó Fallúin, S. Ó hUílin, S. Ó Beara, S. de Grae, SS Breathnach, S. Ó Broin, P. Ó Flannagáin.

## **Fo-Choisdi**

T. Ó Coigligh (Coisde na Réiteoirí), R. de Buitléir (Coisde Éisteachta), M. Ni Ceallaigh (Coisde Gaeilge),

## **Guests**

John Quirke (Photographer), Michael Byrnes (Carlow), Tommy Kelly (Clonmore) Claire Kavanagh (Carlow), Ema O'Reilly (Carlow), S. Ó Duirisigh (Ceatharloch), Marian Dunphy (Carlow), Kevin Flanagan (Iarmhi); Brian Sheehy (Europe), Patsy Dowling (Liathróid Láimhe); PJ Kelly (Laois); T. McCague (Iarmhí); Des Byrne (Clonmore and Carlow), James Doyle (Clonmore), Norman Campion (Ceatharloch).

## **Aras Laighean Staff**

C. Ó Murchuadha, B. Ó Muinneog, S. Ó Dubháin, S. de Brún, A. Ó Maolchathail, H. Ni hÓrain, S. Ó Flannagáin.

Apologies for inability to attend had been received from:

G. Ó hAogain (Ball Nua Comhairle Laighean), D. Ó Fiach (Iarbhunscoileanna), L. Mac Mathúin (Liathróid Láimhe), L. Ó Néill, S. Aldridge, S. Ó hUaine (Iar-Oifigigh).

## Oscailt

P. Ó Teachain (PRO) formally opened Convention.

## Fáiltiú

Sean O'Campion (Cathaoirleach, Coisde Co. Ceatharloch CLG) welcomed Convention to Ceatharloch on this very historic day for the county - Jim Bolger, first Carlow man to become Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Laighean CLG. He thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach for his stewardship over the past three years and wished him well for the future.

## Miontuairisci (29.01.2016)

Adopted and signed by an Cathaoirleach on proposition of P. Ó Tómhair seconded by P. Mac Aodhbhuí.

## Child Welfare Presentation

Gearoid Ó Maolmhichil (Child Welfare and Safeguarding Manager, Pairc an Chrócaigh) addressed Convention re Child Welfare update. He advised to ensure compliance with legislation, there is ongoing training for Provincial, County Childwelfare Officers with particular attention to the legal responsibilities of all units and all personnel working with juveniles. Gearoid also advised that CLG will conduct an audit of all units 2017-2018.

## Report of CEO and Sub-Committee Reports

Adopted.

In response to a query from Seán Ó Bannain re County Grounds, an Rúnaí advised that presently there is a Workgroup under the Chairmanship of George Cartwright (Chairman CCCC) examining facilities at County Grounds for Statisticians and other members of back room team involved with County Senior Teams. In addition there is an expectation that County Grounds will be up to date with facilities to allow the Media (print) to complete their match reports etc., at the ground.

## Leinster GAA Annual Accounts

Adopted.

- (a) S. Ó Mearain (Cisteoir) summarised the accounts.
- (b) E. Ó Cuaine (Longphort) spoke re: free programmes.

## Rural Communities Workgroup

S. O Mearain presented their findings.

## Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

Pádraig Ó Teacháin	45 votes
Sil Ó Mearain	26 votes
Conchur Ó Tormaigh	13 votes

Padraig Ó Teachain was elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Laighean and returned thanks.

Conchur Ó Tormaigh and Sil Ó Mearain both spoke and returned thanks.

## Address by Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean CLG

Sean Ó hÓrain (Cathaoirleach) then addressed Convention.

## Election of Cisteoir

Padraig Ó Laighneach, Iarmhi was elected unopposed as Cisteoir Comhairle Laighean. He returned thanks. Eamonn Ó Caoimh (who withdrew) wished Padraig the best in his new role.

## **Election of PRO**

Mairtin Ó hAllmhurain, An Mhi was elected unopposed as PRO of Comhairle Laighean. He then returned thanks.

## **Election of Cathaoirleach Nua**

Seamus Ó Bolguidhir, Ceatharloch was formally elected as Cathaoirleach Nua of Comhairle Laighean. Sean Ó Campin (Cathaoirleach, Coisde Co. Ceatharloch) congratulated an tUas Bolguidhir and wished him well in his new role. James Doyle (Cathaoirleach, Clonmore GAA) congratulated an tUas. Ó Bolguidhir and that it was a proud day for the Club and County.

An Cathaoirleach Nua then addressed Convention.

## **Buíochas**

Sean Ó hÓrain (Iar-Cathaoirleach) thanked both Coisde Co. Ceatharloch and the Hotel for hosting Convention.

## **The Convention ended**





# Outgoing Chairman's Address to Convention

A dhaoine uaisle tá fáilte romhaibh uilig chuig Comhdhail Cinn Bliana Laighean inniu in Óstan Mount Wolseley.

I would like to thank Carlow County Board on their invitation to hold our convention here this afternoon, on what is a historic day for the county with the first ever Carlow man taking up the position of Chairman of Leinster. Dublin are to be congratulated on their winning both National football titles. Meath are fast becoming a Hurling County. Their U21A hurlers had a great success in the All-Ireland final in Thurles last September and having the opportunity to celebrate the winning of Christy Ring twice. Well done to all who represented us at national level.

## Infrastructure

Great progress has been made to push on improvements in Infrastructure. However, a number of costly projects still remain to be completed and it is time some balance comes into the distribution of funds centrally. Well done to Offaly and Laois on the progress made with their training centres this year.

I would like to acknowledge the club grants funding that we receive from Croke Park. A big thank you is due to the development officers within our Counties for the work they do in supervising the spending of these funds. I would like to thank Derek Kent and our Infrastructure Committee for the selfless work in advising both clubs and counties on the best approach to be taken with their projects. Health and Safety is an area of great concern in terms of monies being wasted in dealing with claims that could easily be avoided. I feel the appointment of three professionals, from within our own volunteer structure, in this area has proven hugely beneficial and I would like to thank Michael O'Toole, Aidan O'Connor and PJ Kelly for their work on our behalf.

## East Leinster Project

I reflected recently on a previous annual report booklet where a respected GAA official recalled Peig Sawyers and the practice of 'ag bothantaíocht'. Michael Delaney was referring to the Urbanisation of East Leinster and the lack of action in trying to address this issue. Well Michael, we have made considerable progress in this area in the last year.

In an attempt to close the obvious gaps, we made a proposal to management in Croke Park that an increase in funding into a four county region in the province would be a great help. This was accepted and as a result a fund of 500K per year for 3 years is being put in place. This was funded by 300K from central funds and 200k from Dublin's budget. The first of these appointments of a new coach occurred in Dunboyne, to which the club make a contribution to the cost themselves. This, I feel, will have a huge impact on improving our performance on the ground in the East Leinster region. Other areas in the province will not suffer as their positions will be under constant scrutiny in relation to their needs.

The 'ag bothantaíocht' term meant moving from house to house and I feel Michael meant we should not let borders stand in the way of progress. Well Michael, we have also addressed that issue as today sees the start of our cross-county competitions in which over 160 clubs fielding over 310 teams in under 13 and 15 hurling and football competitions. It was a promise I made the day I took up the position of chairman and I am delighted to have got it over the line just as I finish. I honestly believe that it is games programmes that improve standards and not endless training with cones and hopefully the benefits will be seen in time.

I would like to thank the various Coiste Na nOg's for their help, in arranging their schedules to facilitate this initiative. In particular, credit is due to Liam O'Neill who is overseeing both of these projects. Liam would acknowledge the huge workload that was involved and was ably undertaken by Shane Flanagan, Alan Mulhall and James Devane in particular.

## PR and Marketing

This area of our operation has blossomed with the arrival of Cian Murphy on the scene. The remarketing of ourselves has been very productive. We have a new contract with Bord na Móna, this time in writing, which is worth a 40% increase to us as well as they taking on board the launch costs. Our second level schools have also got a new sponsor which is the first we have had in a long time. Top Oil monies have been used to distribute equipment to all our schools. There is also another new sponsor lined up - the logistics of which are being tied up and with clubs in the province being the beneficiaries. The coverage we are getting on social media has improved considerably and this is due to the work of Cian and Brendan Minnock.

I would like to thank our outgoing PRO Pat Teehan and his committee for all their work throughout the year. I would also like to wish Martin O'Halloran from Meath the best of luck in his new role as PRO. Michael Delaney dropped it at his retirement function that Meath was the only county not to have an officer to have served with him in his 39yrs. That in-balance is being somewhat corrected here today.

## Finances

We have had a difficult time in relation to our income from our gates, with large drops in attendance at our football finals as well as a clash with international soccer and the Bruce Springsteen concerts. But taking all these factors into account, due to the prudent management of

our operation we have been able to maintain services at the same level and improve them in some cases. Our deficit is small and when you take two financial adjustments into account we have done very well. I would like to thank Syl, the finance committee and John Browne for keeping us in such good shape despite the difficulties.

## Referees

Always an area open to negative comment to be thrown at, but the work being done by Tomás Quigley and his team is much appreciated. I recently attended a National Referees night in Croke Park at which medals were presented to those that had handled national finals and it was with pride I watched our provinces dominate the ceremony. To that end I would like to thank Tomas, Pierce Freaney, Noel O'Donoghue, Aidan Shields and Donal Smith for their work in recruiting and training.

## Overseas

I am delighted to welcome our friends from Europe here today. This year has been a good year between ourselves and Europe with the putting together of a Strategic Plan and an application to the EU for funding. We have also put them in touch with a potential sponsor. The GAA family overseas has proven a great help to emigrants when they arrive first. The work done in promoting our games in Europe, The Middle East and Australasia is to be commended. We will continue to support this work as those involved have to cover all their own expenses.

## Scór

Scór is very strong in certain parts of the province but could be worked on a lot harder in others. It gives a great opportunity to expose our membership to our Irish Culture, particularly during the winter break when little happens on the pitch.

## GPA/CPA

I was personally involved in the recent GPA negotiations. I view it as a compliment to be trusted to act on behalf of the Association in such sensitive matters. The deal concluded imposed no extra cost on counties and the recent increase in costs for players equipment was independent of the deal. The arrival of the CPA initially highlighted a lot of issues that I feel we were well aware of. But do we need lobby groups in our organisation which I feel is very democratic in its nature. Some of the recent language used by this group concerns me.

## DRA And Discipline In General

We as a Council find ourselves again having to take a National Committee to the DRA. The workshops at National and Provincial that were conducted after our previous case don't seem to have penetrated enough. I would like to thank Dick Butler, John Byrne and the Committee for their diligence in carrying out a difficult task. The educational work that this group have taken on has to be commended as this solves a lot of problems at source and gives a more consistent form of discipline within the organisation.

## Equalisation

There has been a large amount of comment in relation to the different standards in Counties. I alluded last year to the need for equalisation of funding to be given to those counties who find it hard to raise capital. I feel this matter needs addressing as a lot of energy is expended in these counties struggling to manage their finances and distracting away from the main purpose of this organisation promoting games. Taking monies away from counties will be divisive - but allocating funds from new revenue streams to the weaker would be a great help. However, if this is to happen it must be subject to an acceptance of a greater governance. Sponsorship is also difficult for some counties in terms of the sums they receive. A common sponsor negotiated at national level might improve the situation with a number of counties being signed up to the same sponsor.

## Jim Taking Office

Today is a very special day for our Vice-Chairman Jim Bolger, his wife Vera and children Kate, Shane and Ross. It is also special for Jim's club Clonmore and Carlow. Jim has given long service to Leinster Council in numerous areas but in particular Infrastructure and Coaching and Games. I have worked with Jim as a fellow officer for the last four years and found him to be both loyal and supportive with the best interests of Leinster at heart. Jim, I have no doubts you will make a great chairman and Leinster's affairs are in good hands and can I wish you the best of luck.

## Áras Laighean Staff

The continued loyalty and efforts of our staff in Áras Laighean is greatly appreciated. The benefit of their experience has always been a great help to both the clubs and counties within the province. To Michael Reynolds, please accept my thanks on behalf of all your team.

Today brings an end to my term as Chairman of Leinster Council and I can honestly say it has been a very enjoyable and satisfying experience. Both I and my Family: Paula, Jack and my travel companion and wing man Liam are extremely grateful for the welcome and courtesy shown to us over the three years at functions and matches.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of our sub committees for their work throughout the year, without exception I feel you all have delivered a great years work.

To my management committee for your support and advice - thank you. Our meetings have always been open and frank in debate and I feel this has led to our getting decisions made in an informed manner.

To my fellow officers over the past three years Jim, Syl, John Greene and Pat a sincere thank you for your support and commitment throughout my time as Chairman.

Go raibh maith agaibh go leir agus ar aidh linn le cheile.

**Seán Ó hÓráin**

**Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Laighean**



# Incoming Chairman's Address to Convention

A lár Chahaoireacha, a theachtaí ó Chontaetha Laighean agus a chaire Laighean go léir. Is cúis bróid dom a bheith mar chaitheoir Laighean. Is lá spisialta é do mo chlainn, do mo chlub Cluainmhór agus ar mo chontae.

To have this high office bestowed on me here today is truly a great honour and is indeed a privilege. To become the 34th Chairman of Leinster GAA didn't happen by accident and in this regard I owe a huge debt of gratitude to many.

Firstly on a personal level I wish to thank my wife Vera and my three children Kate, Shane and Ross for the latitude afforded to me over the years. The term 'absentee husband and father' is very apt, as I am sure it is also applicable for many of you present here today as well. It is great to have my two sisters Ann and Nuala here and I would like to thank them for all their support along my journey.

We have the Chairman from Gaelic Games Europe, Brian Sheedy, here today and I extend a warm welcome to him as well.

To my club, Clonmore, this is also a special day for us. The love of our games and all matters GAA were nurtured and honed by my club and, by extension, my community throughout my formative years. Special people in my life in this regard were, firstly, my late parents Liam and Nuala, my very dear uncle who I am delighted to say is with us here today – Eddie Forde, great mentor, coach and trainer. The late Sean O'Toole and many other coaches, administrators, and players too numerous to mention who gave selflessly to the cause. Additionally, I would like to mention our recently deceased honorary president Denis Cullen, a great friend of mine and of our club. All of these people helped to light a fire inside me, a love of the GAA that is hard to explain or put into words but it is safe to say that the GAA is seared in my soul and will I believe remain so until I take my last breath.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Chairman, James Doyle, and Secretary, Clive Lambe. James is a grandson of one of our founding members so in that regard the link and tradition continues. Traditions like this are replicated up and down the length and breadth of the country which I believe is one of our great strengths.

Growing up in Hacketstown I, like any other child, looked forward to going home after a 'hard day' in school but especially so on a Monday as I just couldn't wait to see our beautiful red and green club jerseys dancing in the wind on Doyle's clothesline. Seeing those jerseys from the window of our kitchen made me dream of one day filling those big jerseys and representing my club with pride and passion. Of course, you know the best thing about those dreams was we won every one of those matches and I usually played a stormer as well!

Back in the 70's my Grandfather who ran a small pub in the town - luckily, for me, bought a colour television (colour TV's were rare enough at the time). Sundays, when there were matches on, I couldn't wait for 'Holy Hour' - that is the closure of the pub from 2-4 to kick in, because it was then that I had the TV to myself and the best stool in the house. Feasting on Kilkenny versus Cork in hurling and the Dublins and Offalys versus Kerry in the football was for me the best way to spend a Sunday afternoon. That time also had a profound effect on me relative to my GAA aspirations.

Today is also a special day for my County – Carlow. As many of you may be aware I have the distinction of being the first Carlow man to take up this prestigious post. However, I am especially lucky to be the first Carlow person to be awarded this honour as back in 1976 we had a very fine gentleman and a very fine administrator in the guise of the late Luke Hickey of Palatine, who served as Leinster vice-chairman. Luke was due to take up the post of Chairperson but, alas, faith intervened when his brother tragically lost his life in a workplace accident. Luke had to put his GAA commitments to one side and take over the family farm – doing the right thing for his family which was most admirable and I acknowledge him for that.

To the County Board Officers and operations manager Ronan Dempsey, I wish to thank you for all the support. In particular, I would like to mention the current County Chairman Sean Champion as I served with Sean when I was first on the Leinster Council. Also worthy of mention are his predecessors Michael Meaney, Pat Deering and Eddie Byrne. Eddie is a current Leinster Council delegate along with Liam Barry and both continue to be excellent ambassadors for our County. As previously also were Michael Whelan and Pat Nolan. It is also fitting that I mention and acknowledge the support from former secretaries Ger Lennon and the long-serving late Tommy O'Neill as well.

My playing days with Clonmore led to county selection and, luckily, I went on to play at all levels for my beloved county. However, it was the first time I was selected that stands out for me. My uncle Eddie, after arriving back from a Coiste na nÓg meeting on a Wednesday night, woke me up by tapping on my bedroom window. (There was no twitter in those days!) It was around midnight and he informed that I was selected at midfield for the County U-14's on Saturday (by the way I am still the same height). All that ensued with the excitement involved was that I didn't sleep for three nights as I was playing the match over and over in my mind and trying to decide was I going to play like Brian Mullins or Jack O'Shea. In the end, I played like neither, too tired I suppose, as we lost to a fine team from my nearest neighbours Wicklow.

In Tullow Community School, just down the road, I encountered a teacher, a Mayo man, a true GAA gentleman, the late Páraic Cunnane and was lucky enough to win two Leinster school titles under his hand. The time and effort Páraic and his 'ilk' put in to GAA games to many went unnoticed and it is only when that commitment stops through retirement for example, that we truly appreciate what went in to it as standards can very quickly drop or even diminish. His legacy is on record for all to see.

Clonmore is a football club and to satisfy my desire to play hurling I crossed the border into Wicklow to train and play with Kiltegan for a short while. While the sight of a young man with a hurley in my home town was a little unusual people got used to me hitching or cycling with my hurley. Under the watchful eye of the late, great Peter Keogh he ensured that I only played in challenge matches as we all know the county border is sacrosanct and anyone that knew Peter knows that he would uphold all rules.

My first experience of coaching came back in the late seventies when helping my uncle with our U-12's. Little did I know that this would lead to inter-county coaching at U-21 and senior levels. Life and work took me to many different places leading to my connections with both Ballyboden St. Enda's and Killeslin GAA clubs. The GAA connection was a great ice breaker for me in these communities and I quickly made many friends and got involved coaching. In my experience no one has a monopoly on pride and passion, love of our games or hard work but when it all comes together it is amazing what can be achieved.

When I stepped back from my involvement with coaching and management I decided to give the admin side of the house a go. In this regard the experience I have gained from my involvement in numerous committees at county, provincial and central level, allied to my professional relevant experience will I believe stand me in good stead relative to my new role.

Replacing John Horan requires filling big shoes and I mean that both in the literal and metaphoric sense. Over time and particularly over the last 3 years I have watched and learned from John. John's advice, support and guidance were ever present and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank John in this regard. In addition, I wish John, his wife Paula, sons Jack and Liam the very best in the future. Something tells me we may be hearing more from John in a GAA context in the not too distant future.

To all the Leinster Council Officers I served with a hearty thank you - I would especially like to thank Syl Merrins, Pat Teehan and of course our Chief Executive Michael Reynolds, additionally I would like to mention his long-serving predecessor Michael Delaney who was very supportive to me from the outset. To the two other Chairmen I served under, Seamus Howlin and Martin Skelly, sincere thanks as it was great to learn from you both.

It is time for me now to congratulate Pat Teehan on becoming vice-chairman and I am looking forward to working with Pat once again. Pat has a wide breadth of experience that will be very beneficial to us. Commiserations to Syl and Conor and I am sure that they will continue to play important roles within or association in future in keeping with their commitment to date. Putting yourself forward for selection is a brave thing to do and I commend you for that.

I would also like to congratulate our new Treasurer Pat Lynagh. Pat has a very good handle on all matters GAA and will add a lot of value to Comhairle Laighean in his new role.

Congratulations to our new PRO Martin Halloran and best wishes to you in the role. Martin, this is a role that you will relish as you are fulfilling a dream and really enjoy this type of work.

In relation to the future there are always challenges. Areas of particular interest to me are player welfare including mental health, the threat to or plight of rural or smaller clubs given the diminishing player numbers, conversely the dearth of adequate facilities to cater for the larger numbers presenting at urban clubs. We cannot look at either end of the spectrum in isolation. Meaningful fixture programmes that are 'fit for purpose', for example the recent initiatives on cross border games programmes, allied to the continued roll-out of our mandatory coaching standards should serve to address many of the issues presented.

Refereeing always presents challenges, notwithstanding the positive position of Leinster Referees on the national stage at present - the worry is the difficulty of recruiting and then retaining new referees to fill the void after the current cohort have had their time and I feel we have to be inventive in this regard.

Many of our volunteers for example, County and Club Chairmen become pre-occupied with finance and fundraising and this is an issue that can detract from their other roles and responsibilities. Many of our units throughout the province have had difficulty in filling officer positions in recent times. To help to ensure the future of our units we will place a strong emphasis on club and county officer training and our support resources will be available as appropriate.

When looking at policy decisions or new initiatives I am always mindful of the grass roots volunteer. This is the heart and soul person who gives all for their club all their lives. Consideration has to be given to the impact particularly adverse impact our decisions may have on this person. As long as we keep that person in mind I don't think we will go too far wrong.

Together, we will face, and deal with, the aforementioned challenges. Our excellent, dedicated and committed staff at Áras Laighean are a great source of support and assurance to all and I look forward to your continued professionalism in that regard.

The committees we put in place will be expected to deliver on our objectives and I have every confidence in all of you to deliver and continue the great work of the outgoing committees.

At this stage, I am looking forward to working with all of you in achieving our objectives and targets. Rest assured that I will give this role all that is required and more as I endeavour to repay your confidence in me.

It would be remiss of me not to mention Paddy Flanagan and Cian Murphy and acknowledge the hard work they put into making today a success. Thank you both and big thanks to the hotel staff as well.

We will have our first Council Meeting on the 2nd of March next when we will formally commence our work programme. So we all have a few weeks to 'sharpen the saw' so to speak in preparation.

If you are around tonight you are all very welcome to come celebrate with me in the adjoining golf club from 8 p.m. As it's been a great day for my club, my county and myself on a personal basis, I hope to continue in that vein and have a great night as well.

Leanamis go leir ag obair an son Laighean. Go raibh mile maith agaibh a chairde go léir.

**Seámus Ó Bolguidhir**

**Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Laighean**



# Tuairisc an Rúnaí

**Michéal Mac Raghnaill**  
**Rúnaí Comhairle Laighean**

## Changing Landscape for 2018

The 2017 GAA year will be remembered for two Congresses and much change!

The dye is cast and the months of May, June and July will be hectic with all the Inter-County Fixtures in place for the year. The majority of the commentary is focussed on Senior Hurling and Football Championships and the Joe McDonagh Cup. We, ourselves, have introduced significant changes to our Minor, Under 20 Football and Under 21 Hurling competitions.

Both Minor Championships involve League/Knockout format. We are starting approximately four weeks later than in 2017 with the new formats – which include a Shield Competition (K.O.) in Minor Football for counties who finish third and fourth in the respective groups and Hurling teams that do not qualify for the Semi-Finals participate in another competition. With the new lower age group I hope that there no longer will be Player of the Match Awards as I have reservations about putting undue pressure on young players.

With no overlap of players permitted between Under 20 Football and Senior Football, these fixtures can run in tandem. Being of a development nature the Under 20 Football Championship has the potential to be very exciting.

With the addition of Galway and Antrim or Down and that counties can only participate in a Provincial Under 21 Hurling Championship or Richie McElligott Cup we have re-formatted the Championship into a tiered structure. I think it is inevitable that Under 21 Hurling will go to Under 20. Realistically the month of May is not a month for Under 20 or Under 21 fixtures thus limiting both June/July (Football) and June/July/August Under 21 (Hurling).

There is also a significant change to the Provincial Club Championships 2018 i.e. winners on the day including Finals (similar to Under 20 Inter-County Football). As a result with the exception of Junior Hurling Round 1, the AIB Leinster Club Championships 2018 begin on the last weekend in October.

In the overall context of Fixture Planning the use of winner on the day concept in knock out games should be extended to all club games up to and including Under 21, up to and including Quarter-Finals of County Club Championships; all knock out games in subsidiary adult competitions, all knock-out games at juvenile (except, perhaps, Minor Finals) and in the Education Sector.

## Refereeing

During 2017 the programme of training referees was intensified. The feedback is very positive - particularly with the facilities at Abbotstown. Next year's programme of games at inter-county, not to mention clubs, will be a challenge for the Council to provide match officials. It is a challenge that will be met with the assistance of the 12 counties positively increasing their own pool of referees and ultimately a greater number making the provincial and higher grades.

We look for more games. We must have more match officials.

## Cross-County

Club Cross County Competitions are becoming more popular by the year. This is due in no small means to the Games Development Staff (Provincial and County) who give of their time willingly to answer the call of many clubs seeking additional meaningful games to that provided within their respective counties. The promotion of the said competitions would be greatly enhanced when fixtures once made, change is not negotiable except in the most extreme circumstances.

## Coach Education

Coach Education continues to develop and grow. Player Welfare is much talked about presently. It is only right and proper that the welfare of all players is at the forefront of everything we do in the broad spectrum of games activity - all players to get good coaching, game time and respect. This is particularly important at juvenile level to ensure that all are welcome and their experiences are positive.

Likewise it should be similar for youth and adult. Sadly there are occasions when the term player welfare is misused – is it training or playing games that gives rise to real player welfare issues?

Strength and condition (Resistance Training) is a very important component of Player Welfare and Coach Education. Sadly for many either term is associated with weights and gyms. Comhairle Laighean via its staff and volunteers is playing its part in ensuring that Coaches and Mentors involved particularly with juveniles are implementing appropriate programmes - programmes that involve the player's body only.

It is one thing to enable a player to be fit and skilful. It is another matter to keep him injury free. Recent studies involving players have clearly shown that by implementing proper procedures injuries are reduced.

The most productive result is to keep players injury free. Doing the right thing also assists the continued viability of the Player Injury Fund.

## East Leinster Project

The East Leinster Project is progressing satisfactorily. Its impact for the years to come will be significant. It is important for all units participating to embrace in a positive manner - asking what they (the units) can do to enhance the project rather than saying what can the project, on its own, do for the units.

## Age Grades

Over the past few years concern was raised with the implementation of the policy of clear divide between juvenile (Under 17) and adult. Some may still have concerns – genuine concerns.

That said, we are I believe duty bound to adopt rules to facilitate clubs, particularly clubs where numbers are tight, to field as many adult teams as possible and equally and maybe more important to retain club identity at juvenile level.

## Top Oil Post-Primary Schools

Top Oil Leinster Schools Senior 'A' Championships had a new format for the school year 2017 – 2018. There were Football groups of three with a top team qualifying for the knock-out stages while the Hurling was knock out with qualifier system.

Group teams have been a feature of the Corn Ui Dhuill for over 20 years and more recently in the Br. Bosco Cup.

Both with the age change at Minor Inter-County and the constant pressure on Schools, I think it is time for all stake holders to examine the benefits or otherwise of group teams.

In October 2017 the Top Oil Leinster Post Primary S.F. 'A' Cup was named the Br. Bosco Cup. Br. Bosco Mulhare, a proud Laois man, was an outstanding servant to Gaelic Games in the Patrician Brothers schools that he served in – Ballyfin College and Patrician Newbridge to name two of them. It's a fitting tribute to his memory that the Premier Second Level Football Cup in the province is named after him.

The considerable improvement of Club pitches with the addition of County Training Centres has helped in no small way in providing pitches during the school season for school games. The schedule is getting tighter. To keep our players active during the winter it is inevitable that more inter-club competitions (rather than championships) will be played in the winter.

To minimise conflict it is very important that schools adhere to fixture schedule and club competitions are weekend based.

## Infrastructure, Safety & Insurance

There has been a significant increase in infrastructure development by clubs over the past year. Numerous clubs requested and received professional advice from members of our Infrastructure Safety & Insurance Committee. A note of caution for all units is to be extremely careful with regard to Gym on site and the usage of same. There is the potential for insurance issues.

Mention of Insurance brings into focus our own Public Liability Insurance. From time to time members query the size of the premium to be paid. The answer is relatively straight forward - all units be vigilant, safety conscious and observe to the full the conditions of the cover. It can be difficult to say no at times, but when there is an incident, I doubt if the unit concerned is told thanks for the obligation.

At county level there are a number of projects being planned. It is essential that prudence is exercised by all counties. Maintenance can often be overlooked when projects are being costed.

## Media

The PR and Marketing dimension is expanding all the time. News/comment is instant with the result that demands are greater on personnel in the frontline. 2017 was the first year that a number of match day programmes were produced on our behalf by DBA. In doing so, considerable amount of work in producing the programmes is no longer the task of County PROs' and their respective committees around the province. In fact it is safe to say it would be virtually impossible for volunteers to produce the number of programmes that will be required in 2018 over a short period of time.

The use of a weekend programme proved very successful. The obvious cost saving is noted but, also, the practicality of moving surplus programmes from Saturday game(s) to the Sunday game(s).

Our continued thanks to the media who help us in the on-going promotion of our Games.

## Finance

The Financial Report for 2017 shows a considerable improvement on the previous few years – but a word of caution! When analysed, the income increase is primarily due to two games - both our Finals. Sufficient to say that the progress or otherwise of our Counties in the forthcoming Allianz Leagues will be a marker as to how Summer 2018 may pan out for the province.

## Governance

Governance is very important at all levels. From time to time we hear of the work load on county/club officials – the vast majority who are volunteers.

Good governance is an important asset in assisting county and club officers in the competent running of the unit(s) they are involved in.



Presently there are training programmes for both county and club officers available. These courses are of great benefit to personnel at the coalface. Issues that are never far from the surface (and in no particular order):

- Properly run AGM
- Club Constitution
- Player Injury Scheme
- Fixtures (including Club/School and County)
- Public Liability
- Health & Safety
- Coach Education
- Club - School links
- Refereeing
- Finance
- Data Protection
- Discipline - CCC and Hearings
- Recruitment of players and officials
- Club at the centre of the community.
- County Committee – ‘them and us’ and so on.

Yes – the workload is considerable.

Yes – the workload will not get lighter.

Yes – the workload can be shared better.

Sharing increases participation. Aspects of running a county/club in today’s world is dictated by legislation and the responsibility that goes with it.

Good communication between club, county and province (both ways) is a vital ingredient.

Good governance in the area of discipline and appeals saves time and frustration for everyone involved. To that end the Leinster Hearings Committee have at times dealt with appeals and a few cases involving infractions which should never have been sought. A small minority yes but both at county, provincial and national level the membership of the various Hearings Committees are volunteers giving of their time to assist in the governance of the Association. They deserve better.

## Motion For Congress

Over the past few months, and following up on numerous comments and observations over the past year in particular, the Leinster Management and Finance Committee has proposed that Motions be submitted to Congress in relation to representation at County, Provincial and Central Council and that change be over a period of time i.e.:

- Club representation on County Committee be Club Chairperson or Secretary or Treasurer.
- County delegates on Provincial Council be County Chairman or Secretary and one other.
- County delegate to Ard Chomhairle be County Chairman or Secretary (office holder not on Provincial Council).

At the very least I hope it will generate debate.

# Leinster Roll Of Honour 2017

## IOMÁINT

Sinsir

Idirmheánach

Mionúir

Fé 21 Bliain

Fé 17 Bliain Speisialta

Club Sinsir

Club Idirmheanach

Club Sóisir

Corn Breathnach

Corn Mac Eochaidh

Club SHL Div 1

Club SHL Div 2

Club SHL Div 3

Club SHL Div 4

## BUATHÓIRÍ

Gaillimh

Cill Chainnigh

Cill Chainnigh

Cill Chainnigh

Áth Cliath

Cuala

St. Patrick's Ballyragget

St. Mogue's Fethard

Cill Chainnigh

Maynooth University

Buffers Alley

Ballinkillen

Windgap

St. Patrick's Wicklow

## NEASÓIRÍ

Loch Garman

Loch Garman

Áth Cliath

Loch Garman

Cill Chainnigh

Kilcormac Killoughey

Glenealy

John Lockes

Gaillimh

Cill Mhantáin

Kilcormac Killoughey

Dunnamaggin

Shanahoe

Ballyboden St. Enda's

## PEIL

Sinsir

Sóisir

Mionúir

Fé 21 Bliain

Fé 17 Bliain Speisialta

Club Sinsir

Club Idirmheanach

Club Sóisir

Corn Ui Bhroin

## BUATHOIRI

Áth Cliath

An Mhí

Áth Cliath

Áth Cliath

An Mhí

Moorefield

Killanerin

Multyfarnham

Áth Cliath

## NEASÓIRÍ

Cill Dara

An Lú

An Lú

Uíbh Fháilí

Áth Cliath

St. Loman's

Ballyboughal

Erin Rovers

An Lú



## PEIL • Des Dolan (Westmeath)

Westmeath hero Dessie Dolan is regarded as one of the most inspirational and talented players ever to emerge from the county.

Dolan, who enjoyed a glittering 16-year inter-county senior career with Westmeath, was the star forward on their 1999 All-Ireland U21 winning team, and later their breakthrough Leinster senior football championship winning team of 2004.

He represented Leinster for three inter-provincial cup campaigns, and in 2005 he scored 0-11 when Leinster defeated Ulster by 0-20 to 0-18 after extra time to capture the title in Parnell Park.

He was also picked for five tours of duty with the Ireland International Rules team – which illustrates his ability to perform with the very best of Gaelic football’s attacking talents.

Dolan also helped Garrycastle to become the dominant force in Westmeath during his playing days, winning seven senior county titles between 2001 and 2014, and in 2011 won the Leinster SFC Club Championship.

### Des Dolan's ROLL OF HONOUR

1 x Leinster SFC	2004
1 x All-Star Award	2004
1 x All-Ireland U21 FC	1999
2 x Leinster U21 FC	1999 • 2000
1 x Sigerson Cup (NUIG)	2003
3 x Railway Cups	2001 • 2002 2005
5 x International Rules Tours	
3 x Allianz League Div 2	2001 • 2003 2008
1 x Leinster Club SFC	2011
7 x Westmeath SFC	2001 • 2002 2004 • 2009 2010 • 2011 2014
5 x Westmeath SFL Div 1	2001 • 2002 2003 • 2008 2009

Westmeath Championships at  
U12 • U14 • U16 • Minor • U21 Levels



# IOMÁINT • Brian Whelahan (Offaly)

Offaly legend Brian Whelahan - regarded as one of the great hurlers of all time - was inducted into the Leinster GAA Hall of Fame last summer.

He received a standing ovation from the packed stand at O'Moore Park when presented with a memento from Comhairle Laighean Chairman, Jim Bolger, before the Offaly v Galway SHC game.

Brian Whelahan is the only player of the modern era to be selected on the Hurling Team of the Millennium, and won almost every accolade in the game, including All-Ireland SHC medals in 1994 and 1998. He was twice chosen as Texaco Hurler of the Year and received four All-Star awards.

The bigger the occasion, the better he performed, exemplified

by the fact he was chosen as man of the match in two All-Ireland SHC finals, and in three of the All-Ireland Club finals he won with Birr.

Brian's senior inter-county career with Offaly spanned 18 seasons from 1989, when he made his debut against Antrim as a sub during the All-Ireland semi-final, to Saturday, July 8th, 2006 when he played his final game against Clare in the All-Ireland qualifiers at Cusack Park, Ennis.

During that time, he starred in 55 senior inter-county championship games (and 52 NHL games), scoring a championship total of 3 goals and 44 points. He captained the side in 1999, and missed only five championship games due to injury.

## Brian Whelahan's ROLL OF HONOUR

1 x Leinster SFC	2004
2 x All-Ireland SHC	1994 • 1998
4 x Leinster SHC	1989 • 1990 1994 • 1995
1 x National Hurling League	1991
3 x Walsh Cups	1990 • 1993 • 1994
1 x Oireachtas	1995
2 x Railway Cup	1998 • 1993
3 x Leinster U-21 HC	1989 • 1991 • 1992
2 x All-Ireland & Leinster MHC	1987 • 1989
1 x All-Ireland Colleges SHC medal	1986
1 x GAA Hurling Team of the Millennium	2000
2 x Texaco Hurler of the Year	1994 • 1998
4 x All Star	1992 • 1995 • 1998 • 1999
1 x Players' Player of the Year	1994
1 x GAA Writers' Player of the Year	1998
2 x All-Ireland SH Final Man of the Match	1994 1998
3 x All-Ireland Club SH Final Man of the Match	1995 • 1998 • 2002
4 x All-Ireland Club	1995 • 1998 2002 • 2003
7 x Leinster Club	1991 • 1994 • 1997 1999 • 2001 • 2002 • 2007
12 x Offaly SHC	1991 • 1994 • 1997 1999 • 2000 • 2001 2002 • 2003 • 2005 2006 • 2007 • 2008
3 x Offaly U-21 HC	1988 • 1990 • 1991
4 x Offaly MHC	1985 • 1987 • 1988 1989
5 x Offaly U-16 HC	1983 • 1984 1985 • 1986 • 1987
3 x Offaly U-14 HC	1982 • 1983 • 1985

1 x All-Ireland Feile na nGael Div 2	1985
1 x All-Ireland Community Games Hurling gold	1984
1 x All-Ireland Community Games Hurling silver	1983
2 x Offaly JFC	1992 • 2001
1 x Óg Sport Offaly U-15 F	1983
2 x Offaly U-14 'A' FC medals	1982 • 1984
1 x All-Ireland Community Games Football Bronze	1982



# Comhairle Laighean 2017 Competition Review

## Bord na Móna Leinster GAA Series

### Bord na Móna Walsh Cup

IT Carlow proved the surprise of the Tournament in qualifying for the Semi Finals joining Kilkenny, Wexford and Galway – the Big Three. Kilkenny and Galway made it to the Final in Nowlan Park and in front of a large crowd the Cats had two points to spare in a very entertaining game on the first Sunday in February.

### Bord na Móna O'Byrne Cup

Despite losing to UCD in Round 2, Dublin joined Kildare Louth and Meath in the Semi Finals. At a packed O'Raghallaigh's, Dublin regained the O'Byrne Cup with six points to spare.

### Bord na Móna Kehoe Cup

Three of the seven teams participating were inter-county. Maynooth University and Wicklow were the Finalists with Maynooth University going one better than 2016 and have a nine-point winning margin.

## Leinster Under 21 Football Championship (Flood Cup)

Dublin, in retaining the title, are the last winners of the Sean Flood Cup as an Under 21 Championship. They went further and were crowned All Ireland Champions. Westmeath's win in the first round over Meath suggested we would have an interesting Championship. Longford played their part in the Quarter-Final by having 2 points to spare over a fancied Kildare side. Offaly and Laois served up a very entertaining Semi-Final with the Faithful County winning by the minimum. Longford's run came to an end but not before giving the Dubs a run for it.

## Leinster Under 21 Hurling Championship (Robbins Cup)

A highlight of the Championship was Westmeath getting 3 games – a comprehensive win over Meath, a three-point extra-time win over Laois and with 10 minutes remaining in their Semi Final were within striking distance of eventual provincial winners – Kilkenny. Wexford overcame a talented Carlow side in the other Semi Final.

## Leinster Intermediate Hurling Championship

Two games – two titles. Kilkenny duly won their Leinster game with Wexford and in a very entertaining All-Ireland Final defeated Cork at the new Pairc Uí Chaoimh.

## Leinster Minor Hurling Championship (Hanrahan Cup)

Our Minor Championship had a very clear divide between the top three or perhaps four and the rest. The tiered structure is to facilitate counties to have at least 2 games (except the losers on the first day of Tier 3 who heretofore participated in the All Ireland MH 'B' if they wished) at their own level. Sadly, of the first eight games played only four of them had winning margins of 10 points or less. The last five games with one exception were relatively close affairs. When the dust had settled, Kilkenny were Champions - four points the winning margin over Dublin. In the All-Ireland Minor Hurling B Championships, Meath kept the provincial flag flying. It is appropriate that the Peadar Ó Liatháin cup is in the Royal County as Peadar spent many years promoting hurling in his adopted county.

## Leinster Minor Football Championship (Murray Cup)

Surviving a first-round scare from Meath, the Dubs went on to regain the Provincial title. Despite their solid performance against Dublin, Meath were unable to progress when, despite having a comfortable lead with 10 minutes remaining, were blitzed by Laois who scored the last six points to win by the minimum in the Qualifier Round. Louth and Wexford provided a novel pairing in the Semi-Final with the Wee County making it to their first Minor Final since 1971. The Semi-Final pairing of Dublin and Kildare was equally entertaining. The more direct style of the Dubs won on the day. Despite Louth's best efforts the Dub's were comfortable winners in the Final.

## Leinster Special Under 17 Hurling Competition

Six counties participated in this competition. It was lack-lustre to say the least. That said, the Final gave Dublin the opportunity to get one over on the Cats when winning the Competition by a margin of 10 points.

## Leinster Special Under 17 Football Competition

There were a number of exciting games throughout the competition which was run on the same format as the Minor Football Championship. Both Semi-Finals were value for money and both high scoring – Meath defeating Kildare by four points and Dublin getting the better of Laois by two points. The Final was as entertaining as both Semi-Finals with the Royals having five points to spare over the Dubs.

## Leinster Senior Hurling Championship (Bob O'Keefe Cup)

The last usage of the present format (for the present at least) gave us a Summer of great entertainment. The Qualifier section came to life in the middle round when Kerry defeated Westmeath. Meath held their own in two rounds – defeating Kerry by six points and coming within two points of Westmeath. At the end of an action packed Round 3 Laois and Westmeath headed for the Quarter-finals, while Meath headed for Christy Ring but never arrived. Even though Westmeath were the underdogs they came within seconds of upsetting the odds when, in TEG Cusack Park, they were level entering injury time. Semi-Final wins for Wexford and Galway gave us a unique Provincial Final. A crowd of over 60,000 witnessed an enthralling Final. At the end the Bob O'Keefe Cup was crossing the Shannon for a second time with the Tribesmen. Galway's Summer continued into Autumn winning the Liam McCarthy on the first Sunday in September to add to the Minor title. 2017 was an outstanding year for the Tribesmen winning the three majors on offer – Allianz Hurling League, Leinster and All Ireland titles.

## Leinster Senior Football Championship (Delaney Cup)

Dublin duly did the seven in a row – a major achievement in itself. Carlow's performances in both Championship and Qualifier are worth noting. Their four point win over newly promoted Wexford set up a Quarter-Final clash with the Dubs. On a June Saturday evening in Portlaoise they won the hearts of many with a solid performance. They built on their performance to perform well in the Qualifiers, ultimately running Monaghan very close in Netwatch Cullen Park. Meanwhile, Dublin and Kildare qualified for the Provincial Final. The Dubs got off to a flyer with two early goals. Kildare displayed great resolve in overcoming the early set-backs to play their part in a very entertaining Final. The Dubs went on to complete a historic three-in-a-row of All-Ireland titles. Dublin have set the standard – both within and outside the Province.

## Leinster Junior Football Championship

Six counties participated. Under new Eligibility Regulations, only Longford, Wexford and Wicklow were allowed to field second best teams. Meath were too good for Louth in the Final.

# AIB Leinster Club Championships 2017

## AIB Club Junior Football Championship

Roller Coaster year for Multyfarnham (Iarmhi). Perhaps there was a message in the drawn County Final - they came from a considerable distance behind Ballinacargy but got the draw and then won the replay. Two months later they were Provincial Champions. Having travelled to Wicklow and Wexford they were in TEG Cusack Park for the decider with neighbouring Offaly's Representatives – Erin Rovers who had home wins over Longford, Kildare and Meath representatives. Unlike their drawn County Final Multyfarnham got off to a flyer and were worthy winners of a very entertaining Final.

## AIB Club Junior Hurling Championship

St Mogue's of Fethard and John Lockes of Callan successfully negotiated their respective Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals to contest the Tommie Murphy Cup. Despite a very strong second half performance from Callan, the Wexford side held on with three points to spare. St. Mogue's followed up their provincial success with a well-earned All-Ireland Quarter-Final win over Br. Pearse's (London).

## AIB Club Intermediate Football Championship (Sean Eiffe Cup)

There were a number of exciting games in the Intermediate Championship.

- Two points separated Emo (Laois) and Hollywood (Wicklow).
- Emo and Ballyboughal went to a Replay with a late goal giving the Dublin side a two point win.
- Curraha (Meath) defeated O'Connells (Louth) by 0-01.
- Eventual winners Killanerin (Wexford) had two points to spare over Raheens (Kildare) in Quarter-Final and three points to spare in Semi Final v St Mary's Rochfortbridge (Westmeath).
- Ballyboughal were one point winners over Curraha in Semi Final.

The Final was close throughout. A late penalty could have brought the Final to extra time but the crossbar intervened – the Wexford side winning by two points.

## AIB Club Intermediate Hurling Championship

St Patrick's, Ballyraggett and Glenealy provided an excellent Final in Nowlan Park. For long periods it appeared that a first Provincial Club Hurling title was heading to the Garden County. As the game entered injury time and the sides level, extra-time beckoned, but it was not to be. A late St Patrick's point clinched the title for the Home side.

## AIB Leinster Club Senior Hurling Championship (O'Neill Cup)

They came, they saw and they conquered. Cuala join an elite group of Clubs in winning back to back provincial titles. On a nice December Sunday and on an excellent O'Moore Park, in truth, the issue was never in doubt following the Dalkey side's superb start. Perhaps had Kilcormac-Killoughey converted a second half penalty - well struck and well saved - it would have given them an early second half boost. It was not to be and the Dublin side advanced.

## AIB Leinster Club Senior Football Championship

Third last Sunday of 2017, O'Moore Park, Portlaoise. An Epic Finish!

Seldom has any year produced the drama that was witnessed in Portlaoise on 17.12.2017 and captured on TG4 and Radio (National and Local). This year's Championship was blown wide open by tea-time of Quarter-Final Sunday – 12.11.2017. Moorefield, Rathnew, St. Loman's and Simonstown Gaels were the four standing. Both Semi-Finals could have went either way. In the end, it was the Kildare and Westmeath champions who were heading to Portlaoise for the Final but only after Mother Nature played her part by delaying the Final by one week.

At half-time Moorefield were to the good. A superb effort from Loman's saw them wipe out a three-point deficit and go six points in front entering five minutes of added time. By the Final whistle Moorefield had hit 1-04 and were Leinster Champions for the second time. Devastation for Loman's. Delight for Moorefield. The last provincial game of the season was an epic played in a great spirit and on an excellent pitch. Entertainment was top drawer and credit to all involved, including the referee and his team.

**Footnote:**

*December 17th was the 68th Day of usage in 2017 in O'Moore Park. On numerous occasions there would be four games on a given day (Cumann na mBunscol over a two-day period at the end of October played 17 Finals). The quality of the pitch is a credit to Colm McEvoy and colleagues.*

## AIB All-Ireland Club Championships 2017

Leinster Clubs appeared in four of the six All-Ireland Club Finals. Cuala had a historic win in the Senior Hurling with a comprehensive win over Ballyhea. Carrickshock's win was also comprehensive in the Intermediate Hurling Final. Mooncoin came within a whisker of a clean sweep for Leinster, losing by a solitary point. St. Colmcille's of Meath kept the Football Flag flying but, like Mooncoin, lost out by a point.

## Second Level Schools - Masita All-Ireland Series

St Peter's of Wexford, Presentation DLS from Bagenalstown and Oaklands College of Dublin were Finalists in three of the five Football titles on offer – unfortunately none were successful. In Hurling, St Kieran's won in both the Junior Hurling and Senior Hurling 'A' winning the former but losing out narrowly in the Senior decider. St Fintans HS Sutton contested the Senior Hurling 'C' decider.

## Árd Stiúrthóir

Páraic Duffy bows out in March 2018 after 10 successful years at the forefront in driving the Association forward. On behalf of everyone associated with Comhairle Laighean, many thanks for your friendship and leadership over that period. To Páraic, Vera and family, we wish you many enjoyable years ahead.

## Uachtarán Nua

Aogán Ó Fearghail's term as Uachtarán finishes in February 2018. The new Uachtarán is our former Cathaoirleach, John Horan. On behalf of Leinster GAA I wish John every success in his term and I have no doubt he will show the same leadership quality he displayed when he led Comhairle Laighean as Cathaoirleach. To Aogán, enjoy the years ahead and thank you for your commitment and dedication in the role over the last three years.

## Buíochas

To the many people who assisted in the working on all aspects of Comhairle Laighean activity in 2017 - míle buíochas. We remember too, those friends, colleagues and volunteers who are no longer with us since our last Convention and honour the work they did in the promotion of our Association.

*M Mac Rughnail*





# Games Development Report

2017 like every other year proved to be a very active and busy year for the Leinster GAA Games Development Department under the stewardship of our new Chairman Liam O'Neill. This year in tandem with our regular inputs, saw the development of a number of new initiatives which are aimed at giving the player, the coach, the club and the county more support from the Province. The development and delivery of the Leinster GAA Player Pathway in all counties, which guides coaches through a player's development stages with an age appropriate focus will be a very beneficial resource for new and experienced coaches alike. To add to that the Leinster GAA TÚRAS was developed as a guide for all involved in the development of youth players. This serves as a blueprint, which can be followed by academy and club coaches once pitched at the appropriate level. To take things in a different direction and offer more support to those in administration roles in clubs, the Leinster GAA Club Coaching Coordinator Workshops were developed to provide examples of best practice in clubs and how these coordinators should set up their club structures to run more effectively. At the end of the day, all our players are involved in our organisation to play games, so provision of games is a major priority for our department going forward and that is why the Leinster Leagues, club and regional, were established to provide more games at the quieter times of the year.

At this point we would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of all involved in Coaching and Games throughout the province in each county and in the Leinster offices. This year a number of employees moved on and we would like to wish them the very best of luck in their future endeavours. A special mention to Lester Ryan who finished up with us this year after being part of the team since 1991. Thanks to Lester for all of his outstanding work over the years..

## Organisational Development

Organisationally, 2017 has been a big year for Coaching & Games in the province. Most notably, our total staff numbers in coaching and games has increased and with introduction of our TURAS programme we have introduced Talent Development Leaders in counties. The latter has created a career path for existing staff.

The biggest area of increase has been on east side of the Province with Louth, Meath, Kildare, Wicklow and Wexford all receiving additional staff numbers to support Urban clubs. Such clubs can field up to 65 teams and cater for up to 11 different primary schools. An example of the challenge was in Ashbourne, where the club camps in July was in competition with 11 other summer camps in the town. The management the project has been taxing but we are pleased by the engagement of the clubs who have met the criteria and committed financially. It's a project that will need on-going attention and support.

We have engaged with other counties too and made appointments where appropriate. The focus with all has been to increase club engagement and to this end you'll read later about programmes available in 2018 to clubs.

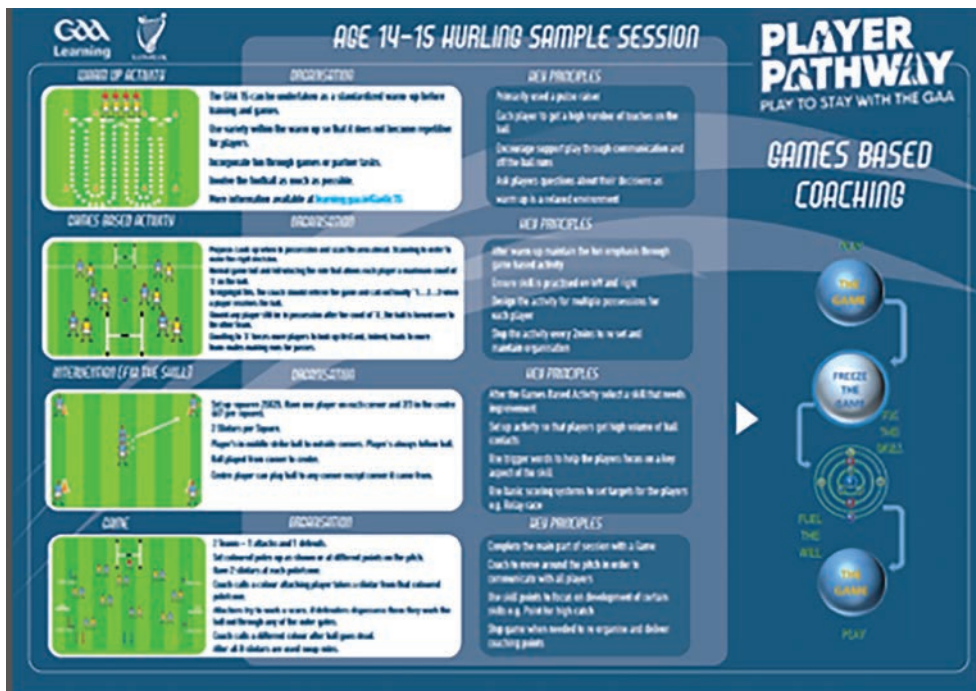
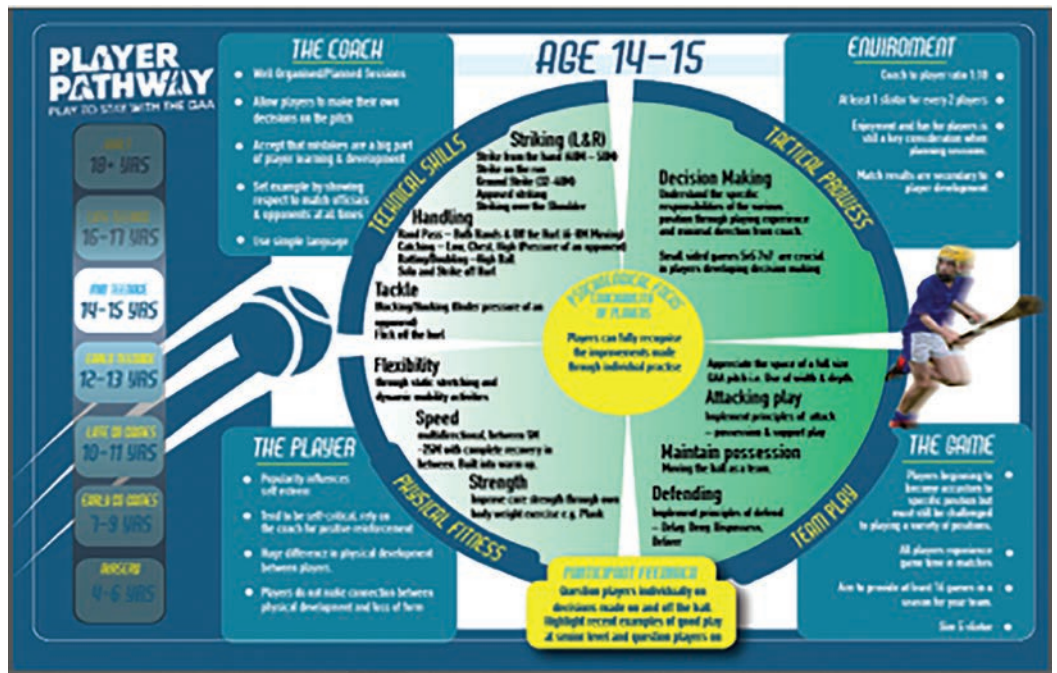
# Player Pathway (Club Support)

Creating resources to allow our Games Development staff to improve coaching standards around the province was a major focus for Leinster GAA in 2017. Our Player Pathway program aims to educate our club coaches on what is needed for players at all ages along the pathway. The aim of the Leinster GAA Player Pathway Program is to assist clubs to develop and retain a larger volume of players leading to increased numbers of players playing at adult level.

The program consists of a coaching resource card at each of the six stages along the pathway. The front side of the card advises the coaches as to what suitable attributes a player should strive to have at their particular age with the reverse side outlining a suitable coaching session.

The resource incorporates other programs already in existence within coaching & games including Total Playing Performance Model (TPP) and the GAA 15 warm up.

Below is the card for hurlers aged 14 & 15:



## Embedding the Player Pathway in all Leinster Counties

Throughout 2017 counties including Offaly, Wicklow & Westmeath were to the forefront in delivering this new project to clubs throughout the past year. Much has been learned and tweaked along the way and all counties are now set to deliver the program extensively in 2018.

All staff are now familiar with Player Pathway content and all counties have been provided with resources. The coming year will see a huge focus from all staff on these workshops. Crucially the real progress will be the follow up support for those who attend these workshops, mentoring club coaches to improve standards of players on an ongoing basis.



**PLAYER PATHWAY**  
PLAY TO STAY WITH THE GAA

**LEINSTER**

### EMBEDDING THE PLAYER PATHWAY

1. Contact coaching officer or any other leading coaching contact within all your clubs to discuss the benefits of player pathway program.
2. Select an age stage on the pathway and directly contact each of the coaches at this age in all clubs, inviting them to a workshop.
3. Choose the best possible facilities within your region.
4. Deliver workshop, recording all contact details of coaches present.
5. Mentor all coaches who attend on an ongoing basis. Build a lasting relationship with coaches through regular contact & club visits.
6. Maintain records of club visits and note detail of engagement.

The graphic features a blue background with white text and logos. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a person playing hurling on a field.

A simple 6 step guide to how Games Development staff plan to embed the Player Pathway in clubs.

## TURAS – Supporting Talent Academy Coaches to Develop Players



Through an extensive coach education program entitled TURAS, Leinster GAA aim to improve the quality of coaches working with Academy Squads. The program aims to add to our established coach education courses by mentoring Academy Squad coaches on an ongoing basis, challenging them to improve players.

TURAS, the Irish for journey, was purposefully chosen to reflect the journey that is player and coach development. The TURAS programme will challenge coaches to engage in lifelong coach education by providing flexible, context-appropriate, and bespoke opportunities delivered within the coaching environment.

The overarching objective of TURAS is to implement a coherent and consistent coaching and player philosophy within Leinster GAA that supports the long-term development of players and coaches at county, school, and club levels. It recognises that coaching is central to player development and investing in quality, long-term and sustainable coach education will have significant and positive implications on the development of young players.

TURAS aims to ensure a consistency of message about long-term development and coaching philosophy across all levels of the game; club, school and county. It is a set of principles that outline the type of player each county is trying to develop and the coaching process that support this. TURAS recognises that both coaching and player development is a long-term process that requires continuous investment, engagement and communication.

TURAS will have positive outcomes at all levels by bringing more players into clubs and schools (Play the Game), developing thriving and competitive structures in clubs and schools (Stay in the Game), and achieving success at county level (Achieve in the Game).

It is widely recognised that coaches have a preference for informal and self-directed modes of learning. Consequently, it is important that TURAS provides coaches with CPD opportunities (to complement formal coach education) that provide those operating on the Player Pathway with the skills they need (and the ability to refine and reflect on these). Underpinned by the TURAS principles, the establishment of communities of practice within each county as well as peer coaching, mentoring, and facilitated workshops will be the primary focus of TURAS Community of Practice.

## Celtic Challenge

Once again in 2017 Leinster counties were an integral part to the success of the Celtic Challenge. All Leinster counties took part in 2017, with a total of 17 teams represented in the competition. Established hurling strongholds of Kilkenny, Dublin & Wexford entered two teams and for the first time this year Kildare & Meath did likewise, a clear indication of the ambitious work being done in both counties.

Carlow county board did an outstanding job hosting the finals day on June 24th in Netwatch Dr Cullen Park with a total of 6 games played on the day.

## Cross County Regional Games

This Autumn we ran four blitz days for 13 year olds at centres throughout the province. Each county was asked to invite as many 13 year olds as they liked to come and play in internal centres for a number of weeks before coming to these centres and each county then divided up their players into a number of teams and played against another county. This has proved a popular Autumn project, as it provides football and hurling for players who aren't involved in competitions still with their clubs at a quieter time of the year. Although only a new addition to the calendar, over four blitz days, 573 players participated on the football days and 887 players on the hurling days. We are hoping this can grow in late 2018.



## Cross County Leagues 2017

2017 saw the roll out of provincial wide leagues for u13 & u15 football and hurling teams. Having consulted with county boards, they agreed to free up a window in their fixtures calendar until St. Patrick's Day for these age groups, where Leinster GAA could provide leagues for clubs to play outside their county boundaries against teams of similar standards. The interest levels were very high with over 300 teams entered across the four competitions. Each team was to be provided five football games and four hurling games in this period. For the majority of participants this was a success, however there were some teething problems which we are addressing for the new competitions in 2018.

Having played their groups games, all qualifying teams were invited to Abbottstown to the finals days where forty finals were played over the two days. This was an incredible spectacle with 80 teams and over 1600 players filling the fields at the National Games Development Centre.

Below is the number of clubs from each county which entered in 2017.

MH	KE	WW	LD	LS	OY	CW	WX	LH	WH	KK	D
39	25	18	10	9	10	10	8	7	8	3	4

Following the feedback from participating clubs, mentors and counties we have made a number of changes to the format, which based on the entries to date, will mean a bigger and better competition in 2018.

## Kelloggs Cúl Camps

Having thought we hit saturation point in a number of counties in 2016, once again the Kelloggs Cúl Camp numbers increased this year. In total 51,621 children attended Kelloggs Cúl Camps in Leinster, which saw an increase from 46,557 the previous year. Year on year our Coaching & Games staff exceed all expectations and provide a vast amount of children with a wonderfully positive GAA experience during the Summer months.

County	Total Participants 2016	Total Participants 2015	Total Increase
Carlow	1996	1815	+181
Dublin	11471	10251	+1220
Kildare	7037	6246	+791
Kilkenny	2467	2301	+166
Laois	2751	2462	+289
Longford	1750	1541	+209
Louth	3379	2964	+415
Meath	5249	4826	+423
Offaly	3228	3018	+210
Westmeath	2811	2310	+501
Wexford	5512	5200	+312
Wicklow	3970	3623	+347
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>51621</b>	<b>46557</b>	<b>+5064</b>

## Croke Park Play & Stay Days

In a change to our usual time slot, our Croke Park Play & Stay days were run in April of this year. U8 players from various clubs in all Leinster counties got the chance to play in Croke Park over the two days. With Leinster being the only province to provide u8s with the opportunity to play in Croke Park, this allows us have six pitches and twelve teams playing every hour over the two days. In 2017 a total of over 3,500 children played. Special thanks to Dublin and Laois for supplying twenty four young whistlers over the two days. Littlewoods became sponsors this year and provided a gear pack for all participating players which proved a big hit with all clubs involved.

## Adult Club Hurling League 2017

In 2017 the Leinster Adult Hurling League ran very smoothly with just one final running behind schedule. The cooperation of the counties in ensuring that the competition was progressed is greatly appreciated and without this the competition would not be as successful as it is. As in previous years the cooperation of the Referee Administrators in providing referees for the fixtures contributed greatly to the success of the competition and is greatly appreciated. We wish to acknowledge the input of Leinster CCC Sub Committee, Leinster Management Committee, Leinster Games Development Committee, Referees Administrators Committee in the running of the 2017 Adult Club Hurling League.

Special word of thanks to Lester Ryan, Tom O'Donnell and Hannah Horan in the Leinster Offices for their assistance in the organisation of the fixtures.

A total of fifty four teams, representing eleven Leinster counties participated in the Leinster Adult Club Hurling League 2017;

Carlow – 4	Dublin – 9	Kildare – 9	Kilkenny – 5
Laois – 5	Louth – 3	Meath – 1	Offaly – 4
Westmeath – 3	Wexford – 4	Wicklow – 7	

Division 1 and 4 had 16 teams and Division 2 & 3 had 12 teams. Each Division was divided into groups of four teams; each team played a round robin series of three games in the League section of the competition, progressing to quarter finals, semi-finals and final. The final results were as follows:

Division 1 Final – Buffers Alley (WX) 2-18 v Kilcormac Killoughey (OY) 0-16

Division 2 Final – Ballinkillen (CW) 1-14 v Dunamaggin (KK) 0-16

Division 3 Final – Windgap (KK) 1-10 v Shanahoe (LS) 0-07

Division 4 Final – St. Patrick's (WW) 3-13 v Ballyboden St. Enda's (D) 2-10

*Full results for all matches and winning team photos can be found at the end of the Convention Report*

## Leinster Minor Football League 2017

Fourteen teams participated in the Leinster Minor Football League (see below).

- Leinster                      Dublin, Kildare, Cill Dara, Wexford, Longford, Meath, Offaly, Westmeath, Carlow, Louth, Wicklow, Laois.
- Munster                      Cork, Tipperary & Clare.

The majority of games during the competition were close encounters with Meath and Cork making the final.

## Leinster Minor Hurling League 2017

Eleven teams participated in the Leinster Minor Hurling League 2017.

- Leinster Wicklow, Westmeath, Kildare, Meath, Offaly, Carlow, Laois, Dublin.
- Ulster Down, Antrim
- Connacht Roscommon

The final of the Leinster Minor Hurling League was won by Kildare who defeated Dublin by two points after a second period of extra time while Wexford defeated Antrim to win the shield.

## Provincial Football Féile 2017

To enable as many players and teams as possible an opportunity to have an involvement in Feile, Leinster GAA organised Provincial Football Féile tournaments. This was an opportunity for clubs from different counties to play against each other in a structured and organised format, with the emphasis being on participation and enjoyment.

30 teams representing 11 Leinster Counties participated in 48 games over the weekend at 6 venues.

Special thanks to the host clubs and County Boards for use of their Centres of Excellence for their cooperation and use of their excellent facilities on the day.

## Poc Fada 2017

The Leinster Poc Fada final was once more held in the picturesque setting of the Beann Eadair GAA Club, in Howth, Co. Dublin, on the 24th June 2017.

Representative from the Leinster Counties (see below) participated in Senior and U-16 competitions (there was also a camogie event on the day).

Senior Representatives		
Co.	Name	Club
CW	Hugh Paddy Byrne	M.L.Rangers
DB	Fintan O'Brien	Cuala
KK	Patrick Lyng	Rower-Inistioge
<b>LS</b>	<b>Eoin Reilly</b>	<b>Abbeyleix</b>
LD	Karl Murray	Slashers
LH	Gerard Smith	Pearse Óg
MH	Scott Bagnell	Kilmessan
OY	Stephen Guilfoyle	Birr
WH	Pat Burke	Ringtown
WX	Peter O'Brien	St. Brigids Blackwater

U-16 Representatives		
Co.	Name	Club
CW	Conor Tracey	Ballinkillen
DB	Adam Moran	Na Fianna
KK	Jamie Harkin	Bennettsbridge
LS	Niall Bennett	Camross
LD	Stephen Murray	Longford Slashers
LH	Ryan Walsh	St. Feichins
MH	Corey Rooney	Kilmessan
<b>OY</b>	<b>Cathal Kiely</b>	<b>Kilcormac/Kiloughey</b>
WH	Adam Loftus	Ringtown
WX	Billy Dunne	Oulart-The Ballagh
WW	Adam Bushe	Bray Emmetts

The winner of the U-16 competition was Cathal Kiely from Offaly with Eoin Reilly of Laois taking the senior trophy. Humphrey Kelleher and all the members of the Binn Eadair Club have to be congratulated for their input into what was an extremely successful event. The photos over the page show both players receiving their trophies from Leas-Cathaoirleach Laighean, Pat Teehan.



**Leinster Senior Poc Fada Winner 2017**

Eoin Reilly of Laois receives the trophy from Pat Teehan, Leas-Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Laighean



**Leinster Under-16 Poc Fada Winner 2017**

Cathal Kiely of Offaly receives the trophy from Pat Teehan, Leas-Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Laighean

## Féile na nGael 2017

The National Finals of the John West Féile na nGael 2017 were held in the South East of the province this year. Clubs from all over the country were hosted at the biggest Féile ever by clubs from Carlow, Kilkenny and Wexford with some extra assistance from Wicklow. The task of leading this largest Féile ever was delegated to Peter O'Neill. In total 288 teams, 176 Hurling and 112 Camogie teams participated in the 684 games over the weekend making it the biggest sporting event in Europe last year.

## Féile na nGael 2017 - CAMOGIE Results

Club	County	Score	Club	County	Score
<b>DIVISION 1 CUP</b>					
Sarsfields	Cork	2-13	Knockavilla	Tipperary	1-2
<b>DIVISION 1 SHIELD</b>					
Monaleen	Limerick	1-6	Gallitir	Waterford	1-1
<b>DIVISION 2 CUP</b>					
Dicksboro	Kilkenny	1-5	Kilcormac Killoughey	Offaly	0-5
<b>DIVISION 2 SHIELD</b>					
Ballygalet	Down	6-2	Na Fianna	Meath	5-1
<b>DIVISION 3 CUP</b>					
Naas	Kildare	3-9	Salthill	Galway	1-1
<b>DIVISION 3 SHIELD</b>					
Myshall	Carlow	2-4	Oylegate / Glenbrien	Wexford	0-2
<b>DIVISION 4 CUP</b>					
John Lockes Callan	Kilkenny	6-4	Muinebheag	Carlow	0-1
<b>DIVISION 4 SHIELD</b>					
Duffry Rovers	Wexford	4-1	Drumsurn	Derry	0-1
<b>DIVISION 5 CUP</b>					
Brideoga	Mayo	1-4	Rathgarogue-Cushinstown	Wexford	1-3
<b>DIVISION 5 SHIELD</b>					
Kiltegan	Wicklow	2-3	Danesfort	Kilkenny	1-2
<b>DIVISION 6 CUP</b>					
Cillard	Kerry	3-2	Rower Inistioge	Kilkenny	0-4
<b>DIVISION 6 SHIELD</b>					
Westport	Mayo	2-1	St. Kevins CC	Louth	1-1
<b>DIVISION 7 CUP</b>					
Windgap	Kilkenny	2-1	Knockananna	Wicklow	0-1
<b>DIVISION 7 SHIELD</b>					
Paulstown	Kilkenny	1-3	Laochra Óg	Cork	0-1

# Féile na nGael 2017 - HURLING Results

Club	County	Score	Club	County	Score
<b>DIVISION 1 CUP</b>					
Dicksboro	Kilkenny	3-11	Sixmilebridge	Clare	0-1
<b>DIVISION 1 SHIELD</b>					
James Stephens	Kilkenny	2-3	Craughwll	Galway	1-4
<b>DIVISION 2 CUP</b>					
Rosenallis	Laois	0-5	Young Irelands	Kilkenny	0-4
<b>DIVISION 2 SHIELD</b>					
Slaughtneil	Derry	1-8	Trim	Meath	1-6
<b>DIVISION 3 CUP</b>					
Na Piarasaigh	Cork	2-3	St. Vincents	Dublin	1-3
<b>DIVISION 3 SHIELD</b>					
Ballina	Tipperary	3-2	Westport	Mayo	1-2
<b>DIVISION 4 CUP</b>					
Bennettsbridge	Kilkenny	3-5	CRC Gaels	Offaly	1-3
<b>DIVISION 4 SHIELD</b>					
Eoghan Ruadh	Tyrone	2-8	Ferns St. Aidans	Wexford	2-2
<b>DIVISION 5 CUP</b>					
Fethard St. Mogues	Wexford	0-9	Horesweood	Wexford	0-3
<b>DIVISION 5 SHIELD</b>					
Dunnamaggin	Kilkenny	0-7	Ballyheigue	Kerry	0-3
<b>DIVISION 6 CUP</b>					
Cuchalainn	Cork	1-7	Oylegate-Glenbrien	Wexford	1-4
<b>DIVISION 6 SHIELD</b>					
Lisdowney	Kilkenny	1-6	Caiseal Gaels	Mayo	1-2
<b>DIVISION 7 CUP</b>					
St. Maurs	Dublin	3-3	St. Mollarans	Waterford	0-4
<b>DIVISION 7 SHIELD</b>					
St. Abbans Adamstown	Wexford	0-10	Roscrea	Tipperary	2-0
<b>DIVISION 8 CUP</b>					
Hospital Herberstown	Limerick	4-5	Conahy Shamrocks	Kilkenny	2-4
<b>DIVISION 8 SHIELD</b>					
Clonlara	Clare	3-3	St. Fintans Mountrath	Laois	3-2
<b>DIVISION 9 CUP</b>					
Galmoy / Windgap	Kilkenny	2-8	Davidstown-Courtnacuddy	Wexford	2-4
<b>DIVISION 9 SHIELD</b>					
Tooreen	Mayo	4-8	AthLeague / Tremane	Roscommon	1-2
<b>DIVISION 10 CUP</b>					
Broadford	Clare	1-4	Burt	Donegal	1-2
<b>DIVISION 10 SHIELD</b>					
Killeavy	Armagh	2-2	Wolfe Tones	Longford	0-5
<b>DIVISION 11 CUP</b>					
St. Kevins	Cork	3-7	Mountbellow-Moylough	Galway	0-3
<b>DIVISION 11 SHIELD</b>					
Slieverue	Kilkenny	0-8	Buncrana	Donegal	1-1

**James Devane – Provincial Games Manager (South)**

**Alan Mulhall – Provincial Games Manager (North)**



**Colm Clear**  
**Learning & Development Manager**

## **Coach Education**

Once again coach education is a key element of what we do in games development. In 2017 we have engaged with coaches in many different formats from community of practices, seminars, workshops, clinics, conferences, mentoring and club visits and all of this supported by the development of resources such as the player pathway cards, talent development booklet etc. and we will strive to continue to provide more of these types of interactions in 2018. However, once again our formal coach education programme is a key method for working with and developing coaches and in 2017 Leinster GAA through its team of full time and volunteer tutors delivered a total of 256 courses over approximately 900 nights. In 2017 as part of our coach education programme in conjunction with the GPA we hosted a coaching seminar for all current and retired county players who have an interest in coaching within the Province. There were over 20 people in attendance on the day which included a panel discussion with Jason Sherlock, Ronan Sweeney and Michael Fennelly, as well as a workshop delivered by Colm Nally and Sean Kelly (Leinster GAA Tutors).

### **Key Initiative – Roll out of Award 2 Courses**

One of the key projects in 2017 was to amend the roll out of the award 2 programme based on feedback from previous courses. The edited format has facilitated more on course practical's that focus on improving both the quality and context of both the delivery and feedback process. Having made the subtle changes to the programme, the feedback from both participants and tutors has been very positive, so much so that we are considering utilising some of the learnings from this into the delivery of the Award 1 courses over the coming months.

## **Tutor Training and Development**

In 2017 a total of 21 new tutors were trained and are now able to begin delivering on courses in their regions over the coming weeks and months, they will be a great addition to the current pool of active tutors throughout the province. Additionally, in 2017 we have updated the new website will all the resources for our tutors in specific section of the website that is password protected and we will continue to add additional resources and information on to the site in the coming weeks and month. We now have over 100 active tutors in the province and the challenge for us as a provincially body is to continue to provide support and assistance to these tutors to ensure that they are both up to date and highly motivated to continue to provide the quality courses that are coaches both value and benefit from.

### **Key Initiative – Tutor Seminar**

Leinster GAA hosed a community of practice seminar for all tutors in the province. The focus of the day was sharing best practice between tutors. The seminar took place in IT Carlow on Saturday the 28th of October from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Over 50 tutors were in attendance and the day involved talks on adult learning principles, sharing of ideas and some up to date research in Gaelic Games that will assist tutors in the delivery of courses.

## Supporting Teachers & Students

The role that both primary and secondary school teachers provide in the promotion of our games can never be understated and due to this we, as per previous years, continued to roll out a number of ongoing initiatives such as our primary teacher workshops (24) and teachers summer courses (7). One gap that we had in our support to teachers was in relation to coach education for second level teachers. In most cases these teachers have already engaged in our formal coach education programme but in 2017, based on our strategy of providing a variety of coach education inputs, we decided to host a number of coaching workshops targeted specifically at second level teachers (See key initiative for more details).

In 2017 Leinster GAA once again provided 39 students from around the province with a bursary of €750 to assist them with their third level studies. These students were selected based on their contributions to their colleges and clubs with a focus on those who are actively involved in both administration and coaching within their respective GAA units. I would once again like to thank Pat Lynagh, Michael Hyland, Ciaran Flynn, and Connor O'Shea for their input in the process, as well as acknowledge the work of Hannah Horan in the administration of the scheme.

### Key Initiative - Post Primary Teacher Workshop

Leinster Coaching & Games provided 3 workshops specifically targeted at post primary teachers in the province. The workshops took place on Monday 25th of Sept in IT Carlow, Tues Oct 3rd in Faithful Fields, Kilcormac and Thurs Oct 5th in Dunganny and were delivered by Michael Dempsey. In total 72 teachers attended the three workshops. The content was based around "Developing Coaching Expertise" with focus on the importance and impact of coaching styles. The timing of the workshops was unique in that they took place from 5pm to -7pm each evening and this appears to have been well received by the participants.

## Referee Education

Leinster GAA Coaching & Games (through, in particular, Emmett Egan) have assisted John Bannon and the Leinster Referees Administration committee in supporting and training the development referees in the province (see report). In addition to this Leinster Coaching and Games decided to focus on giving more clarity and structure to the provision of introductory courses to younger referees to assist in promoting the idea of refereeing to the next generation. As part of this process it was key to standardise the language, terminology and offerings provided in each county when engaging with this cohort. This will allow us to develop the appropriate resources and promote the courses at provincial level.

### Key Initiative - Go Games Referee & Young Whistler Courses

Leinster GAA have developed an updated Go Games Referee course for delivery in the province since November 2017. The course was developed by a number of staff members from around the province, Jenny Rispin (Meath), James Heffernan (Westmeath), Tomas Moore (Laois), and Tadhg Fennin (Kildare), and is based on the needs of the target group based on the experiences of the tutors who delivered the previous course. The course now has an online quiz section, a standardized workshop, and a practical assessment, all of which should assist in the training and deployment of go games referees to assist the roll out of go games fixtures in the clubs throughout the province.

Additionally, with the assistance of David Gough, a young whistlers course was developed to target children at primary school level. This course provides a friendly and fun introduction to the role of refereeing and will assist teachers when delivering internal games programmes within schools.

Two days training have taken place where staff members from each county were identified and trained to lead and deliver these programmes within their counties in 2018.

## Supporting Clubs

One of the key strategies for games development in 2017 was to increase our support and assistance to clubs throughout the provinces. This included different initiatives across a number of areas, i.e. Club Bua, Club Player Pathway workshops and resources along with the roll out of our recently designed club coaching officer programme. The programme was rolled out commencing in February 2017 with over 230 participants taking part in workshops throughout the province. The feedback from the workshop has been hugely encouraging and has assisted many club coaching officers in identifying their key roles and responsibilities while giving them the tool to assist in prioritizing the key initiatives to develop based on the needs of their individual clubs

*“Great workshop that got us all thinking about where our own clubs are at present and it helped us to formulate a structure for games development by providing the information and links to some great resources.”*

### Key Initiative - Club Coaching Officer Seminar

Based on the success of the club coaching officer workshops we hosted a club coaching officer seminar in Croke Park on December 9th. This was a follow on to our hugely successful club coaching officer course launched earlier in the year. There were over 40 participants in attendance with all counties represented. The day involved talks from Pat Daly, Volunteer Ireland as well as groups sharing sessions and club case studies from Edenderry GAA (Offaly), St Vincents (Longford), St Mullins (Carlow) and Dunderry (Meath). Once again the feedback was very positive with many participant asking to have regular sessions such as this throughout the year to assist club coaching officers in their roles.

### IT Carlow - BA in Sports Coaching & Business Management

Leinster GAA continue to work in partnership with IT Carlow in the roll out and delivery of the BA in Sports Coaching & Business Management (GAA). During 2016 a review took place across a number of courses within the college and the following changes have now being implemented across the course in 2017.

- Change of name (Sports Coaching & Business Management GAA)
- Introduction of RT course in 3rd year
- Introduction of Performance Analysis in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year Coach Education
- Introduction of Coaching Environment in 1st and 2nd Year Coach Education
- Elective introduced for 3rd Years (Award 2 route or Community Coaching route)
- Introduction of Theory based player development class to go alongside original format (Nutrition in 1st year and drugs in sports in 2nd Year)
- Introduction of Tuesday practical session with all 3 years combined
- Block delivery with outside tutors delivering

The benefit of the course is now being felt across the entire province in that 17 of the past students are working in GDO or GDA roles in the province. Having students come through this programme means that they have the skills and qualities required to easily integrate into our coaching and games staff while also bring with them new ideas and skills that they have developed on the course. The students while on the course are also providing additional support to the roll out of games development initiatives within the province, for example, Easter Camp coaching in Carlow & Laois venues, Carlow squads pitch and education days, delivery of camp to children attending special schools within the province.

It would be important to acknowledge the role that Alan Nolan, Emmett Egan and Michael Dempsey have in the coordination and delivery of the GAA elements of the course that are providing graduates of the caliber of those who are now working for not only Leinster GAA but also other units of the association. Also I would like to acknowledge the support of Myles Kelly (Head of Department), Donal McNally (Director of Sport) and David Deniffe (Vice-President of Academic Affairs) for their continued collaboration in the delivery of this programme.

## Europe

Leinster GAA in collaboration with Kevin Lenane (European Coaching Officer) and Ben McEntee (European Development Officer), once again provided a significant number of coach education courses throughout Europe. The following courses took place in 2017:

- Foundation Football - Brittany (Nov 2016)
- Foundation Football - Brussels (Mar 2017)
- Foundation Football - Jersey (Mar 2017)
- Foundation Football - Galicia (May 2017)
- Award 1 Youth/Adult Football - Galicia (May 2017)
- Foundation Dual - Darmstadt (June 2017)
- Award 1 Youth/Adult Football - Darmstadt (June 2017)
- Award 1 Youth/Adult Football - Vannes (Nov 2017)
- Foundation Dual - Munich (Nov 2017)

I would like to thank Kevin, Ben and Ger O'Connor as well as the tutors who delivered on these courses, without whom such a large number of courses would not have been achievable. The enthusiasm and dedication of the participants must also be acknowledged, and I would like to wish each of them the best of luck in continuing to develop the game throughout the many clubs and regions in Europe

## Staff Training & Development

During 2017 Leinster GAA continued to provide a number of different training and development supports to staff in variety of formats from individual to groups session and from informal training in programmes such as excel right up to support in achieving formal qualification right up to masters level. A sample of some of the training provided to staff includes the following:

- All staff completed disability and inclusion training in conjunction with CARA
- All staff completed coach developer training in conjunction with Coaching Ireland
- Hosted 2 separate staff induction days for new games development staff
- 18 full time staff completed the Leinster GAA Resistance Training Course
- All staff completed an Insurance seminar delivered by Sinead Leavy
- All staff attended annual in-service day provided by National Games Development
- Games Managers/Lead GDA's trained to deliver club coaching officer workshops
- Designated staff trained to deliver the Young Whistler and Go Games courses
- Award 2 Child for new staff
- Tutor Training
- Certificate in Leadership & Management (Gaelic Games)
- MSc in Strength & Conditioning

We had a significant increase in staff during 2017 due to the introduction of the East Leinster Initiative and the challenge going forward will be to continue to meet the training & development needs of both the new and existing staff that is both tailored to meet the needs of the individual as well as the organisation going forward.

**Colm Clear**

**Learning & Development Manager**

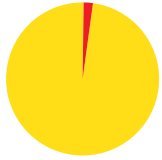






# CARLOW 2017

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**38** **39 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS**  
**RECEIVING 8-16 WEEKS COACHING**

17 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School • 4 Schools receiving GDA/GPO Coaching



**11** **SECONDARY SCHOOLS**  
**TY 4 COURSES • 100 STUDENTS**

**SUPER GAME CENTRES** 6 FOOTBALL • 255 PARTICIPANTS  
4 HURLING • 160 PARTICIPANTS

## TALENT ACADEMIES CAMPS

### FOOTBALL

**13s 85 Players**  
**14s 36 Players**  
**15s 40 Players**  
**16s 32 Players**  
**17s 25 Players**

**13 ACADEMY COACHES**  
**11 AWARD 1 COACHES**  
**03 AWARD 2 COACHES**



### HURLING

**13s 49 Players**  
**14s 28 Players**  
**15s 30 Players**  
**16s 24 Players**  
**17s 12 Players**

**13 ACADEMY COACHES**  
**06 AWARD 1 COACHES**  
**01 AWARD 2 COACHES**



**3**

**County C&G**  
**Easter Camps**  
**260 Participants**

## COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT **21** JUVENILE CLUBS

### COURSES

**3 Foundation Courses 045**  
**3 Code of Best Practice 060**  
**1 Award 1 Youth/Adult 015**  
**1 Club Coaching Officer Workshops 013**

### PARTICIPANTS

### COURSES

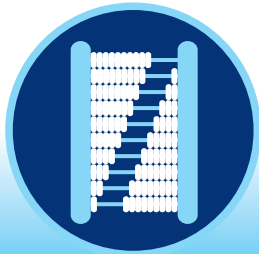
**4 Player Pathway Courses 100**  
**18 Player Pathway follow up sessions with individual clubs**  
**1 GAA 15 Workshops 22**

### PARTICIPANTS

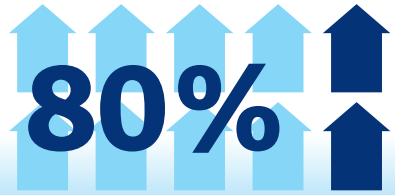


# Dublin 2016

## Coaching & Games in Numbers



**79** JUVENILE CLUBS



**354** PRIMARY SCHOOLS

of Primary Schools have a Club/School link



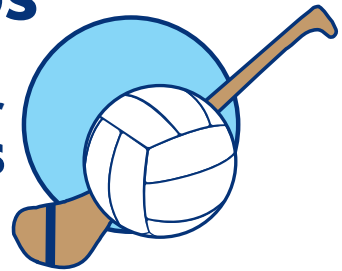
**75,765** Primary School Pupils Receiving Coaching

**10,322** Cúl Camps Participants

**10,406** Participants at other Summer Camps



**8,221** Easter Camp Participants



**82** Foundation Courses  
1,198 PARTICIPANTS

**38** Award One Courses  
572 PARTICIPANTS

**3** Award Two Courses  
59 PARTICIPANTS

Talent Academy  
**HURLING**

U-14 • 80 Players

U-15 • 70 Players

U-16 • 45 Players

Talent Academy  
**FOOTBALL**

U-14 • 100 Players

U-15 • 60 Players

U-16 • 60 Players



**600**

**WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS**



**49** Child Protection Courses  
**726 PARTICIPANTS**



**1** Tutor Group Course  
**12 PARTICIPANTS**



**15** Juvenile Referee Courses  
315 PARTICIPANTS  
3 LEVELS



**560** TRANSITION YEAR STUDENTS



# KILDARE 2017

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Kildare from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Kildare GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

**81** 100 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8-16 WEEKS COACHING



15503 TOTAL BOYS  
8963 COACHED



14802 TOTAL GIRLS  
7563 COACHED

28 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School  
45 Schools receiving GDA/GPO Coaching



**24** SECONDARY SCHOOLS



10027 BOYS  
9109 GIRLS



**TY** 11 COURSES  
160 STUDENTS

**SUPER GAME CENTRES** 7 FOOTBALL • 255 PARTICIPANTS  
1 HURLING • 22 PARTICIPANTS

## TALENT ACADEMIES

### FOOTBALL

**14s** 82 Players in 3 Teams  
Had 7 Games and 26 Training Sessions

**15s** 47 Players in 2 Teams  
Had 7 Games and 22 Training Sessions

**16s** 40 Players in 2 Teams  
Had 8 Games and 23 Training Sessions

**17s** 32 Players in 1 Team  
Had 7 Games and 35 Training Sessions

**20 ACADEMY COACHES**

**10 AWARD 1 COACHES**

**10 AWARD 2 COACHES**

### HURLING

**14s** 62 Players in 2 Teams  
Had 6 Games and 23 Training Sessions

**15s** 44 Players in 2 Teams  
Had 6 Games and 20 Training Sessions

**16s** 32 Players in 1 Team  
Had 8 Games and 22 Training Sessions

**17s** 30 Players in 1 Team  
Had 7 Games and 23 Training Sessions

**18 ACADEMY COACHES**

**16 AWARD 1 COACHES**

**02 AWARD 2 COACHES**

## CAMPS



**13** Club Easter Camps  
1396 Participants

**2** Advanced C&G Camps  
168 Participants

## COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
15 Foundation Courses	306	14 Player Pathway Courses	280
8 Code of Best Practice	160	11 Player Pathway follow up sessions with individual clubs	032
3 Award 1 Child	090	6 Primary Teacher Training Workshops	102
3 Award 1 Youth/Adult	098	3 GAA 15 Workshops	68
1 Award 2 Courses	026		
2 Club Coaching Officer Workshops	030		



# KILKENNY 2017

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Kilkenny from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Kilkenny GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

## 50 76 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8-16 WEEKS COACHING



**1800 TOTAL BOYS COACHED**



**1600 TOTAL GIRLS COACHED**

14 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School  
76 Schools receiving GDA/GPO Coaching



## 12 SECONDARY SCHOOLS 5 COURSES • 100 STUDENTS

### SUPER GAME CENTRES 10 HURLING • 250 PARTICIPANTS 1 FOOTBALL

## TALENT ACADEMIES CAMPS

### FOOTBALL

**13s** 150 Players from 45 Clubs in 6 Teams  
Had 3 Games and 8 Training Sessions

**14s** 52 Players from 28 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 19 Games and 10 Training Sessions

**15s** 48 Players from 24 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 22 Games and 10 Training Sessions

**16s** 48 Players from 22 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 22 Games and 10 Training Sessions

**17s** 50 Players from 31 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 38 Games and 6 Training Sessions

**27 ACADEMY COACHES**

**04 AWARD 1 COACHES**

**01 AWARD 2 COACHES**

### HURLING

**13s** 150 Players from 45 Clubs in 6 Teams  
Had 3 Games and 8 Training Sessions

**14s** 52 Players from 27 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 19 Games and 8 Training Sessions

**15s** 48 Players from 23 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 21 Games and 8 Training Sessions

**16s** 48 Players from 21 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 26 Games and 6 Training Sessions

**17s** 34 Players from 19 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 32 Games and 13 Training Sessions

**32 ACADEMY COACHES**

**14 AWARD 1 COACHES**

**02 AWARD 2 COACHES**

## 9

**Kelloggs Cúl Camps**



## 9

**County C&G Easter Camps**  
2467 Participants

## 4

**Other Club Easter Camps**  
400 Participants

## 3

**Advanced C&G Camps**  
650 Participants

## COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT 48 JUVENILE CLUBS

**COURSES PARTICIPANTS**

7 Foundation Courses	168
3 Code of Best Practice	250
1 Award 1 Child	024
2 Award 1 Youth/Adult	048
1 Award 2 Courses	014
2 Club Coaching Officer WSs	036

**COURSES PARTICIPANTS**

3 Player Pathway Courses	090
3 Player Pathway Follow-Up Sessions with Individual Clubs	120
3 Primary Teacher Training WSs	024
4 GAA 15 Workshops	120

26 Clubs achieved 2-star or 3-star 'Club Cill Chainnigh' Best Practice Award

'Regional Club Squad Development' sessions provide extra coaching for players from rural parishes

Coaching/Playing resource 'The Hurler' App available on Android or iPhone

Development Squad 'Player Development Programme' Regionalised





# LAOIS 2017

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Laois from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Laois GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

**51** 60 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8-16 WEEKS COACHING



5413 TOTAL BOYS  
2557 COACHED



5473 TOTAL GIRLS  
2135 COACHED

40 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School  
16 Schools receiving GDA/GPO Coaching



**9** SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
2452 BOYS 2499 GIRLS

**T.Y. • 2 COURSES • 35 STUDENTS**

## TALENT ACADEMIES

### FOOTBALL

- 13s** 85 Players in 4 Teams  
Had 4 Games
- 14s** 30 Players in 1 Team  
Had 15 Games and 20 Training Sessions
- 15s** 38 Players in 2 Teams  
Had 12 Games and 18 Training Sessions
- 16s** 30 Players 1 Team  
Had 12 Games and 18 Training Sessions
- 17s** 24 Players 1 Team  
Had 6 Games and 6 Training Sessions

**13 ACADEMY COACHES**  
**09 AWARD 1 COACHES**  
**01 AWARD 2 COACHES**

### HURLING

- 13s** 100 Players in 5 Teams  
Had 4 Games
- 14s** 38 Players in 2 Teams  
Had 15 Games and 20 Training Sessions
- 15s** 30 Players in 1 Team  
Had 12 Games and 18 Training Sessions
- 16s** 30 Players in 1 Team  
Had 12 Games and 18 Training Sessions
- 17s** 30 Players in 1 Team  
Had 6 Games and 6 Training Sessions

**13 ACADEMY COACHES**  
**05 AWARD 1 COACHES**  
**04 AWARD 2 COACHES**

## CAMPS

**36**



**Kellogg's C&G Camps**

**2** County C&G  
Easter Camps  
250 Participants

**2** Advanced  
C&G Camps  
100 Participants

## COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT **37** JUVENILE CLUBS

### COURSES

- 9** Foundation Courses **157**
- 2** Code of Best Practice **050**
- 2** Award 1 Child **020**
- 5** Award 1 Youth/Adult **088**
- 2** Club Coaching Officer Workshops **018**

### PARTICIPANTS

### COURSES

- 12** Player Pathway Courses **100**
- 10** Player Pathway follow up sessions with individual clubs
- 5** Primary Teacher Training Workshops **30**
- 1** GAA 15 Workshops **10**

### PARTICIPANTS



# LONGFORD 2017

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Longford from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Longford GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.



**22 PRIMARY SCHOOLS** **13 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School**  
**RECEIVING 8-16 WEEKS COACHING**



**9 SECONDARY SCHOOLS** **6 FOOTBALL**  
**SUPER GAME CENTRES** **180 PARTICIPANTS**

**T.Y. • 5 COURSES • 105 STUDENTS**

## TALENT ACADEMIES

### FOOTBALL

**14s** 47 Players from 16 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 2 Games and 6 Training Sessions

**15s** 35 Players from 14 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 4 Games and 12 Training Sessions

**16s** 33 Players from 10 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 3 Games and 18 Training Sessions

**17s** 30 Players from 11 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 2 Games and 6 Training Sessions

**30 ACADEMY COACHES**

**15 AWARD 1 COACHES**

**11 AWARD 2 COACHES**

### HURLING

**14s** 25 Players from 2 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 4 Games

**16s** 22 Players from 2 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 2 Games

**17s** 25 Players from 2 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 4 Games and 1 Training Session

**10 ACADEMY COACHES**

**05 AWARD 1 COACHES**

**02 AWARD 2 COACHES**



## COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT



**19 JUVENILE CLUBS**

#### COURSES

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
6 Foundation Courses	070
3 Code of Best Practice	053
1 Award 1 Youth/Adult	017
1 Club Coaching Officer Workshop	013
4 Player Pathway Courses	052
1 Player Pathway follow up sessions with individual clubs	014
2 Primary Teacher Training Workshops	033
1 GAA 15 Workshops	011

**6 U15 Football Development Squad S+C Sessions**

**12 U16 Football Development Squad S+C Sessions 12**

- S +C Work included in-pitch sessions
- 1st year coaching number of schools



# LOUTH 2017

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Louth from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Louth GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

## 68 71 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8-16 WEEKS COACHING



5 BOYS SCHOOLS



6 GIRLS SCHOOLS



60 MIXED SCHOOLS

24 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School  
70 Schools receiving GDA/GPO Coaching



## 19 SECONDARY SCHOOLS



2 BOYS SCHOOLS



4 GIRLS SCHOOLS



13 MIXED SCHOOLS

## TY 3 COURSES 81 STUDENTS

## SUPER GAME CENTRES 8 FOOTBALL • 690 PARTICIPANTS 2 HURLING • 125 PARTICIPANTS

# TALENT ACADEMIES

### FOOTBALL

**13s** 238 Players from 40 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 9 Games and 19 Training Sessions

**14s** 47 Players from 24 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 7 Games and 16 Training Sessions

**15s** 35 Players in 1 Team  
Had 10 Games and 23 Training Sessions

**16s** 37 Players from 20 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 7 Games and 21 Training Sessions

**17s** 44 Players from 22 Clubs in 1 Team

**14 ACADEMY COACHES**

**02 AWARD 1 COACHES**

**12 AWARD 2 COACHES**

### HURLING

**14s** 22 Players from 6 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 4 Games and 25 Training Sessions

**16s** 22 Players from 5 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 4 Games and 25 Training Sessions

**17s** 22 Players from 5 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 8 Games and 19 Training Sessions

**07 ACADEMY COACHES**

**06 AWARD 1 COACHES**

**01 AWARD 2 COACHES**

# CAMPS

## 35

Kellogg's  
Cúl Camps



**2** County C&G  
Easter Camps  
147 Participants

**2** Other Club  
Easter Camps

**3** Advanced  
C&G Camps  
90 Participants

# COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT



## 40 JUVENILE CLUBS

### COURSES

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
11 Foundation Courses	180
10 Code of Best Practice	212
4 Award 1 Youth/Adult	058
1 Award 2 Course	006
1 Club Coaching Officer Workshop	014
3 Primary Teacher Training Workshops	038
4 GAA 15 Workshops	035

### PARTICIPANTS

- 1 x Coaching Conference • 202 Attendees
- 1 x Youth Forum
- 2 x Inclusion Camps
- 3 x County Coaching Workshops • 165 Attendees
- 11 x All County Blitzes • 246 Hurling & Football Teams
- 26 x Club Together Festivals • 4038 Participants
- 435 x Club Interactions across 8 Regions



# MEATH 2017

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Meath from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Meath GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

**83** 115 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8-16 WEEKS COACHING



13613 TOTAL BOYS  
10500 COACHED



13717 TOTAL GIRLS  
9850 COACHED

36 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School  
84 Schools receiving GDA/GPO Coaching



**21** SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
7100 BOYS  
6900 GIRLS  
**TY** 5 COURSES  
200 STUDENTS

**SUPER GAME CENTRES** 3 FOOTBALL • 135 PARTICIPANTS  
1 HURLING • 40 PARTICIPANTS

## TALENT ACADEMIES

### FOOTBALL

- 13s** 200 Players from 43 Clubs in 6 Teams  
Had 3 Games and 4 Training Sessions
- 14s** 90 Players from 34 Clubs in 3 Teams  
Had 12 Games and 36 Training Sessions
- 15s** 50 Players from 28 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 10 Games and 36 Training Sessions
- 16s** 40 Players from 23 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 14 Games and 42 Training Sessions
- 17s** 35 Players from 18 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 12 Games and 46 Training Sessions

**20 ACADEMY COACHES**  
**12 AWARD 1 COACHES**  
**08 AWARD 2 COACHES**

### HURLING

- 13s** 80 Players from 19 Clubs (of 21) in 3 Teams  
Had 6 Games and 25 Training Sessions
- 14s** 60 Players from 16 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 8 Games and 35 Training Sessions
- 15s** 40 Players from 12 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 8 Games and 35 Training Sessions
- 16s** 35 Players from 10 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 8 Games and 36 Training Sessions
- 17s** 35 Players from 10 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 10 Games and 36 Training Sessions

**18 ACADEMY COACHES**  
**08 AWARD 1 COACHES**  
**02 AWARD 2 COACHES**

## CAMPS



**38**  
Kellogg's  
Cúl Camps

**2** Advanced  
C&G Camps  
80 Participants

## COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT



**48** JUVENILE CLUBS

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
20 Foundation Courses	350
5 Award 1 Youth/Adult	105
1 Award 2 Course	012
1 Club Coaching Officer Workshop	030
12 Player Pathway Courses	200
4 Player Pathway follow up sessions with individual clubs	020
4 Primary Teacher Training Workshops	070
5 GAA 15 Workshops	080



**NORTH MEATH PROJECT**  
**80** Boys • Weekly Coaching

**Coaching & Games Staff**







# OFFALY 2017

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Offaly from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Offaly GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

**45** 58 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8-16 WEEKS COACHING

**3393** BOYS COACHED **3431** GIRLS COACHED

**10** SECONDARY SCHOOLS **TY** 11 COURSES • 270 STUDENTS

**SUPER GAME CENTRES** 5 FOOTBALL • 200 PARTICIPANTS  
5 HURLING • 250 PARTICIPANTS

## TALENT ACADEMIES

### FOOTBALL

**13s** 70 Players from 16 Clubs in 3 Teams  
Had 3 Games and 9 Training Sessions  
**14s** 44 Players from 16 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 21 Training Sessions  
**15s** 42 Players from 16 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 21 Training Sessions  
**16s** 32 Players from 16 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 21 Training Sessions  
**17s** 35 Players from 16 Clubs in 1 Team

**12 ACADEMY COACHES**  
**08 AWARD 1 COACHES**  
**04 AWARD 2 COACHES**

### HURLING

**13s** 70 Players from 19 Clubs in 3 Teams  
Had 3 Games and 9 Training Sessions  
**14s** 44 Players from 19 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 21 Training Sessions  
**15s** 42 Players from 19 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 21 Training Sessions  
**16s** 35 Players from 19 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 21 Training Sessions  
**17s** 25 Players from 19 Clubs in 1 Team

**10 ACADEMY COACHES**  
**05 AWARD 1 COACHES**

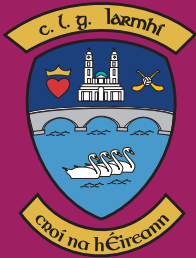
## CAMPS



**7**  
County C&G  
Easter Camps  
200 Participants

## COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
<b>10 Foundation Courses</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>1 Club Coaching Officer Workshop</b>	<b>020</b>
<b>11 Code of Best Practice</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>15 Player Pathway Courses</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>1 Award 1 Child</b>	<b>014</b>	<b>104 Player Pathway follow up sessions</b>	<b>1688</b>
<b>2 Award 1 Youth/Adult</b>	<b>038</b>	<b>with individual clubs</b>	
<b>1 Award 2 Courses</b>	<b>035</b>	<b>2 Primary Teacher Training Workshops</b>	<b>002</b>



# WESTMEATH 2017

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Westmeath from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Westmeath GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

**72** **73 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS**  
**RECEIVING 8-16 WEEKS COACHING**



**5700 TOTAL BOYS**  
**3200 COACHED**



**5420 TOTAL GIRLS**  
**2900 COACHED**

**10 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School**  
**16 Schools receiving GDA/GPO Coaching**



**13 SECONDARY SCHOOLS**  
**3320 BOYS**  
**4140 GIRLS**  
**TY 8 COURSES**  
**220 STUDENTS**

**SUPER GAME CENTRES** **3 FOOTBALL • 90 PARTICIPANTS**  
**4 HURLING • 100 PARTICIPANTS**

## TALENT ACADEMIES CAMPS

### FOOTBALL

**13s** 100 Players from 22 Clubs in 4 Teams  
Had 6 Games and 6 Training Sessions

**14s** 70 Players from 20 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 4 Games and 10 Training Sessions

**15s** 48 Players from 18 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 6 Games and 12 Training Sessions

**16s** 38 Players from 17 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 8 Games and 12 Training Sessions

**17s** 30 Players from 16 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 7 Games and 12 Training Sessions

**15 ACADEMY COACHES**

**13 AWARD 1 COACHES**

**04 AWARD 2 COACHES**

### HURLING

**13s** 45 Players from 14 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 5 Games and 9 Training Sessions

**14s** 38 Players from 13 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 5 Games and 10 Training Sessions

**15s** 30 Players from 11 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 5 Games and 10 Training Sessions

**16s** 24 Players from 12 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 6 Games and 12 Training Sessions

**17s** 35 Players from 10 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 6 Games and 10 Training Sessions

**14 ACADEMY COACHES**

**13 AWARD 1 COACHES**

**04 AWARD 2 COACHES**



**2 County C&G**  
**Easter Camps**  
**190 Participants**

**3 Other Club**  
**Easter Camps**  
**230 Participants**

**2 Advanced**  
**C&G Camps**  
**200 Participants**

## COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT **41** JUVENILE CLUBS

#### COURSES

<b>8 Foundation Courses</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>12 Code of Best Practice</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>3 Award 1 Youth/Adult</b>	<b>068</b>
<b>1 Club Coaching Officer Workshops</b>	<b>027</b>

#### PARTICIPANTS

#### COURSES

<b>12 Player Pathway Courses</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>22 Player Pathway follow up sessions</b> with individual clubs	<b>90</b>
<b>2 Primary Teacher Training Workshops</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>4 GAA 15 Workshops</b>	<b>65</b>

#### PARTICIPANTS



# WEXFORD 2017

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Wexford from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Wexford GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

**92** **102 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS**  
RECEIVING 8-16 WEEKS COACHING



**6676 TOTAL BOYS COACHED**



**5780 TOTAL GIRLS COACHED**

**21 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School**  
**16 Schools receiving GDA/GPO Coaching**



**22 SECONDARY SCHOOLS**



**17 BOYS SCHOOLS**  
**5 GIRLS SCHOOLS**



**TY 14 COURSES**  
**462 STUDENTS**

**SUPER GAME CENTRES** 2 FOOTBALL • 80 PARTICIPANTS  
4 HURLING • 120 PARTICIPANTS

## TALENT ACADEMIES CAMPS

### FOOTBALL

**13s** 150 Players from 45 Clubs in 6 Teams  
Had 3 Games and 8 Training Sessions

**14s** 52 Players from 28 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 19 Games and 10 Training Sessions

**15s** 48 Players from 24 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 22 Games and 10 Training Sessions

**16s** 48 Players from 22 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 22 Games and 10 Training Sessions

**17s** 50 Players from 31 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 38 Games and 6 Training Sessions

**27 ACADEMY COACHES**

**04 AWARD 1 COACHES**

**01 AWARD 2 COACHES**

### HURLING

**13s** 150 Players from 45 Clubs in 6 Teams  
Had 3 Games and 8 Training Sessions

**14s** 52 Players from 27 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 19 Games and 8 Training Sessions

**15s** 48 Players from 23 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 21 Games and 8 Training Sessions

**16s** 48 Players from 21 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 26 Games and 6 Training Sessions

**17s** 34 Players from 19 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 32 Games and 13 Training Sessions

**32 ACADEMY COACHES**

**14 AWARD 1 COACHES**

**02 AWARD 2 COACHES**

**60**

**Kellogg's GAA C&G CAMPS**



**6 County C&G Easter Camps**  
**550 Participants**

**4 Other Club Easter Camps**  
**350 Participants**

**8 Advanced C&G Camps**  
**384 Participants**

## COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT **48** JUVENILE CLUBS

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
<b>8 Foundation Courses</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>8 Player Pathway Courses</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>10 Code of Best Practice</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>6 Player Pathway follow up sessions with individual clubs</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>1 Award 1 Child</b>	<b>023</b>	<b>4 Primary Teacher Training Workshops</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>3 Award 1 Youth/Adult</b>	<b>020</b>	<b>6 GAA 15 Workshops</b>	<b>45</b>



# WICKLOW 2017

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Wicklow from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Wicklow GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

**100%** **83** **83 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS**  
**RECEIVING 8-16 WEEKS COACHING**



**8927 TOTAL BOYS**  
**8456 COACHED**



**8714 TOTAL GIRLS**  
**8214 COACHED**

**26 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School**  
**59 Schools receiving GDA/GPO Coaching**



**20** **SECONDARY SCHOOLS**  
**5243 BOYS** **4961 GIRLS** **TY** **4 COURSES**  
**60 STUDENTS**

**SUPER GAME CENTRES** **11 FOOTBALL • 264 PARTICIPANTS**  
**02 HURLING • 40 PARTICIPANTS**

## TALENT ACADEMIES CAMPS

### FOOTBALL

- 13s** 110 Players from 27 Clubs in 4 Teams  
Had 5 Games and 10 Training Sessions
- 14s** 50 Players from 19 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 6 Games and 17 Training Sessions
- 15s** 45 Players from 20 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 15 Games and 21 Training Sessions
- 16s** 40 Players from 11 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 11 Games and 20 Training Sessions
- 17s** 34 Players from 17 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 12 Games and 26 Training Sessions

**30 ACADEMY COACHES**  
**15 AWARD 1 COACHES**  
**11 AWARD 2 COACHES**

### HURLING

- 13s** 36 Players from 6 Clubs in 2 Teams  
Had 6 Games and 12 Training Sessions
- 14s** 22 Players from 6 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 8 Games and 16 Training Sessions
- 15s** 28 Players from 8 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 6 Games and 16 Training Sessions
- 16s** 23 Players from 5 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 5 Games and 10 Training Sessions
- 17s** 26 Players from 5 Clubs in 1 Team  
Had 10 Games and 16 Training Sessions

**10 ACADEMY COACHES**  
**05 AWARD 1 COACHES**  
**02 AWARD 2 COACHES**

**34** Kelloggs Cúl Camps

**2408 BOYS** **1532 GIRLS**

**2** County C&G Easter Camps  
**60 Participants**

**4** Other Club Easter Camps  
**545 Participants**

**4** Advanced C&G Camps  
**120 Participants**

## COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT



**45** **JUVENILE CLUBS**

### COURSES

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
9 Foundation Courses	138
5 Code of Best Practice	125
5 Award 1 Youth/Adult	050
1 Award 2 Course	023
3 Club Coaching Officer Workshop	033
16 Player Pathway Courses	162
60 Player Pathway follow up sessions with individual clubs	140
6 Primary Teacher Training Workshops	080
2 GAA 15 Workshops	040

**5 Qualified Tutors • 3 Tutors in Training**

**Garden County U7/9 Little Buds Go Games Programme**  
**1190 Footballers • 524 Hurlers**

**U11 Go Games Mini-Leagues Programme**  
**792 Footballers • 280 Hurlers**

**U14/15 SUPER GAMES CENTRE FOOTBALL for non-exam players**  
**3 Weeks • 180 Participants**

**U17 SUPER GAMES CENTRE FOOTBALL for non-exam players**  
**3 Weeks • 120 Participants**



# Allianz Cumann na mBunscol

This report covers our activities in Leinster schools from October 2106 to November 2017.

## Meetings

- a. General Meeting December 1st Keadeen Hotel Newbridge  
– 12 county reports given.
- b. A.G.M. 5th April 2107 Keadeen Hotel.
- c. Coiste Láir met on three occasions.

## Finances

- a. €35,000 from Coiste Laighean CLG – distributed to all 12 counties.
- b. Grants from Coiste Naisiunta Cumann na mBunscol.

## Cornmarket Awards

- a. Leinster Counties among the winners.
- b. Pat Trainor Award went to Dan O'Flaherty great supporter of CnMB Laighean.
- c. Jim Dempsey Wexford has stepped down as runai after many years of service.

## Coaching Seminars

- a. Paudie Butler conducted throughout seminars with teachers in St. Pats/DCU and throughout the province.

## Young Whistler Programme

- a. Offaly – seminar/workshop.
- b. Meath – seminar /workshop.
- c. Dublin – seminar / workshop.
- d. Thanks to David Gough.
- e. Young Whistlers refereed our Leinster Mini Games.
- f. Mini Sevens in Croke Park – Carlow & Dublin referees.

## Games Days – Blitzes

- a. Laois – Camogie – June 1st – Fiona Delaney.
- b. Carlow – Hurling – June 8th – Sean Hanafin.
- c. Kilkenny – Football – June 9th – Jim Fennelly.

## Handball

- a. Boys – Wexford – February 13th.
- b. Girls – Wexford – February 14th.
- c. Thanks to Colm Ó Tighearnaigh.

## Mini Games – Leinster Senior Championship

- a. 18 Days in total.
- b. 9 venues.
- c. Started on April 30th – ended on July 17th.
- d. Boys and Girls in all four codes.
- e. Some with two games on the day.
- f. Thanks the county CnMB officers.

## Twinning Project

- a. Leinster Football Final Day.
- b. Warwickshire visit.

## CLG Laighean

- a. Tom Ryan / Fiona Delaney represented Cumann na mBunscol delegates.
- b. Meetings attended.
- c. Reports given.
- d. We thank CLG Laighean who have been very supportive all year.

## Plans for year ahead

- a. Meeting in November.
- b. Young Whistler Courses.
- c. Indoor Hurling and Camogie.
- d. Coaching Seminar.

## Buíochas

- a. CnMB secretaries in 12 counties.
- b. Coiste Náisiúnta CnMB.
- c. CLG Laighean.
- d. Fellow Officers.

**Gerry O'Meara**  
**Rúnaí**



# Post-Primary Schools



## Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna Laighean

Des Halpenny, Chairman • Tadhg Doran, Secretary • Tom Crotty, P.R.O. • Larry Curtin, Leinster Council Rep.

### County Reps

Noel O'Neill (CW) • Brendan Cahill (DB) • Con Ronan (KE) • Niall Connolly (KK) • Ollie Hally (LS)  
James Breslin (LD) • Anthony Durnin (LH) • Ultan Fitzpatrick (MH) • Paddy Scales (OY)  
James McGrath (WH) • Donal Howlin (WX) • Jim Murphy (WW)

### Leinster Council

Shane Flanagan, Operations Manager  
Colm Clear, Learning & Development Manager  
Alan Mulhall, Leinster Provincial Games Development Manager (North)  
James Devane, Leinster Provincial Games Development Manager (South)  
Lester Ryan, Provincial Games Development Officer

### Leinster Schools Officers

Tom O'Donnell, Dublin & North Leinster Schools Officer  
Pat Henderson, South Leinster Schools Officer  
Tadhg Doran, Provincial Leinster Schools Officer

## Tuairisc an Rúnaí

Another school year draws to a conclusion! Our annual convention gives us an opportunity to reflect on what has been a busy year, both on and off the field of play. The 2016/17 school year had a number of highlights, while also presenting various challenges during the year.

St Kieran's College made it three in a row, capturing the SH "A" title, with St Peter's Wexford being crowned SF "A" champions. Naas CBS capped off a great year for the school by taking the SH "B" title, while extra time was needed for St Mary's CBS Carlow to land the SF "B" title. Our remaining senior competitions along with our Junior and Juvenile competitions provided their share of drama and excitement also. Similar to last year, we had a number of 'new' winners which is great to see. To all our winners, provincial and regional, I extend congratulations.

At All-Ireland level, despite many a great performance and close call we only saw one All Ireland Title come our province's way, with St Kieran's winning the Junior Hurling "A" title. All schools represented themselves and the province with great distinction. Unfortunately St Kieran's (SH "A"), St Fintan's Sutton (SH "C"), St Peter's Wexford (SF "A"), Pres DSL Bagenalstown (SF "C") and Oakland's CC (SF "D") all came up just short on All Ireland Final Day.

While our fixture schedule was complete, it must be noted that there was a number of challenges throughout the year – some

within our control and others not so much! The weather once again had a major impact on fixtures. A number of venues were unavailable/unplayable up to and including April. This once again showed the value of the various 3G/4G pitches. The availability of Abbotstown as a venue has been invaluable. While some schools/mentors still have reluctance when it comes to 3G pitches, I'm glad to say the majority realise their importance to the fixture administrators!

The teacher strike of 2016/17 also had a major impact on fixtures, with certain schools affected more than others. With the future somewhat unclear, this is something we need to take into consideration when planning for the forthcoming years. The number of walkovers/withdrawals during the year was disappointing to see. While some cases were no fault of anyone, I would encourage all to give careful consideration when entering competitions/deciding on grades etc.

Our games would not be an event but for the venues and officials we use – because of the large programme of Gaelic Games – third level, second level, primary level, hurling, football, camogie, ladies football – it is not always as easy as anticipated to arrange venues and referees. That said, we are indebted to the clubs and county boards who make their facilities available to us, some often at short notice. Without the co-operation of these clubs/county boards we simply would not get our programme of games complete. Thanks to all the teachers and coaches who are helping to keep GAA alive and continuing to grow in our schools. Your time and work is appreciated.

It is important to regularly review our fixtures and formats. It is especially the case now that we are facing into the possibility of new age limits at club (and schools?) competitions. I'm glad to say that Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna Laighean and Leinster GAA Games Development are actively and regularly reviewing our competition structures etc.

The 2017-2018 School Year will see a change of structure for a number of our competitions. The Senior Football "A" and "B" is moving from straight knock out to groups format while the Senior Hurling "A" will have a 'back-door' route. As well as these changes we have introduced official First Year Hurling & Football Competitions. Hopefully all these changes will help enhance our competition and profile as well as providing much more game time for our students.

## Buíochas

- To Larry Curtin, Des Halpenny and all the members of the Comhairle
- To all our Schools for their involvement
- To the Games Development Staff across the province for their help and assistance
- To Schools, Clubs and Counties for the use of their facilities
- To all our match officials
- To Comhairle Laighean
- To the All Ireland Post Primary School Council
- To the various media outlets
- To Pat Henderson, Tom O'Donnell and all the Áras Laighean Team
- To our sponsors Top Oil for their on-going invaluable support

My congratulations to former Chairman of Leinster GAA, John Horan, on being elected as our next GAA President. John has come through the ranks primarily via the schools sectors and on behalf of Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna Laighean I wish him all the best during his term. Special mention also to our Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna Laighean committee for your work throughout the year. The 2016-2017 school year brought to a close Larry Curtin's term as Chairman. My thanks to Larry for his time, work and support during his term. Des Halpenny has stepped into Larry's shoes – I wish him well and look forward to working with him.

## Tadhg Ó Deorain

### Rúnaí





# Third Level Colleges

## Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean

Ciaran Flynn, Chairperson • Alan Coyne, Vice-Chairperson • Conor O'Shea, Secretary • Michael Hyland, Treasurer  
Aaron Clogher, PRO • David Gordon • Ian Mitchell

### Competitions

Intermediate Hurling League: GMIT

Junior Football Championship: DCU

The purpose of these competitions is to allow the students who do not play in Senior competitions to get meaningful games. The Intermediate Hurling League ran with great success this year and hopefully this meant that the students played meaningful games of hurling. The final was won by GMIT who defeated DCU Dóchas Éireann in the final in Abbotstown, NGDC. The Junior Football Championship was ran in a true knockout basis with seven teams entering. Three rounds were played and a spirited final was played in UCD between UCD and DCU Dóchas Éireann. In total 18 fixtures were made this year.

### Comhairle Laighean

I would like to thank Comhairle Laighean for their support throughout the year. Comhairle Laighean has always supported Higher Education GAA and we are thankful.

### Bursaries

Bursary awards were presented to active members of Gaelic Football, Hurling, Ladies Football and Camogie clubs this year again and I would like to congratulate all these recipients. Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean thanks Comhairle Laighean and its Coiste Traenalaí agus Forbairth. These bursaries are a great aid to our young Gaels and Comhairle Laighean must be applauded for continuing this scheme over the past sixteen years.

### In Conclusion

I have enjoyed my fourth year as Rúnaí Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean and I thank all who have worked with me this year. I am delighted to take over as Chairperson from Michael Hyland. Michael was always a dutiful Chairperson and he will be an excellent asset as Treasurer to CA Laighean.

I would like to thank all involved in Higher Education G.A.A. especially the players, volunteers and the Third Level Games Development Administrators.

I would like to thank our Referees who officiated the games. Without Referees, the games would simply not be played and it is important that we treat our officials with respect.

I would like to thank all those who maintain our pitches and make them available for games.

I would also like to thank our sponsors the Independent.ie. We very much appreciate the sponsorship and the support that the Irish Independent has given Higher Education G.A.A. as a whole.

I would like to thank and congratulate Michael Reynolds and all his team in Comhairle Laighean for their continued excellence in servicing the G.A.A. in Leinster.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members:

Cathaoirleach: Michael Hyland

Leas Cathaoirleach: Alan Coyne

Cisteoir: Tommy Flynn

P.R.O.: Aaron Clogher

Executive Members: Aaron Nugent & Odhrán Daly

I would like to thank all involved in Comhairle Laighean. Colm Clear and Shane Flanagan have been a great help to me and I would like to thank them. Brendan Connolly, our servicing officer, has been a great help to me and has guided me in my role as Rúnaí in Leinster. All involved in Higher Education G.A.A. appreciate the work being done and we wish Brendan continued success.

I would like to congratulate John Horan on his election as Uachtaráin-Tofa Chumann Lúthchleas Gael. John, in his role in Comhairle Laighean, was a tremendous help to Comhairle Ardoideachais. I would like to wish Conor O'Shea all the best as he succeeds me as the Rúnaí Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean.

Lastly, I would like to sympathise with all members who have suffered a bereavement in the year gone by.

Ba mhaith liom mo thuarascáil seo a mholadh as an gcruinniú.

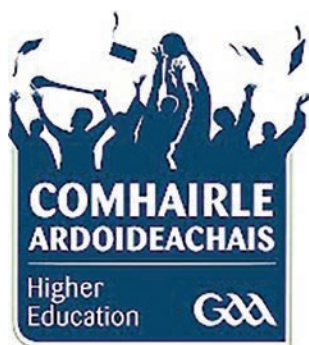
I would like to commend this report to the meeting.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Is mise le meas,

**Ciarán Ó Floinn**

**Rúnaí / Cathaoirleach**





# Leinster Tutor Trainer Group



## Leinster Tutor Trainer Group

Declan Smyth, Chairman • Gerard O'Connor, Secretary • Eamonn Barry • Sean Kelly • Eunan McCormack • Raymond C. Smyth  
Noel O'Sullivan • Sean O'Toole • Willie Coogan • Paul Gallagher • Sean Dempsey • Brian Ladden • Jim Ryan • Cyril Kevlihan  
Al O'Donoghue • Colm Clear • Donal McNally • Damian Quigley

The Leinster Tutor Trainer Group's primary role is to ensure delivery of coach education programmes and to maintain quality standards on a continuous basis with all of our tutor corps. Over the past 20 years the group has led out on Coach and Tutor Education across the Province with the result that we now have a comprehensive coach education programme, active in each County, delivered by tutors that have been trained within Leinster.

The Tutor Group also represents the province at national level in the design and implementation of coach and tutor programmes. Representatives of the group are actively involved at present with the other provinces and Croke Park in reviewing the current coach education programme. This review has taken a considerable amount of work and time over the last 12 months and continues at present.

Now ask yourself this, "why I would want to learn more about coaching on a coaching course when 80% of what I will learn I can find on the internet?" This information was relatively difficult to access in the past. Now, all you need is access to a laptop and an internet connection and, all that has limited you in the past, is readily available. However, 'content' knowledge is now no longer the power in coaching. Our courses have placed a greater emphasis on using that content more effectively, with an increase consideration for the 'who', 'how' and 'why' we coach. In addition, these courses provide a community of practice where coaches are encouraged to analyse, reflect and adapt – skills that are central to their continuous personal development.

Coaching by its nature is dynamic and ever evolving. The Leinster Tutor group strive to meet the demands placed by these challenges through education and ongoing support for those who coach our games.

Progress in Tutoring from January – December 2017:

### Master Tutor Meetings

- 5 Meetings
- 1 Planning weekend to develop Leinster coach education action plan
- Attended National Tutor workshop
- 3 meetings to progress Pilot Award 2

### Regional Meetings

- Held 2 regional tutor meetings
- Allocated tutors to Award 1 courses

## **Tutor Training**

- Uploading material on new Leinster tutors portal
- Managed Tutor assimilation process for 2 new tutors
- Delivery of Tutor Course to 22 participants

## **Provincial workshops**

- Over 150 workshops were rolled out in 2017

## **Foundation Award**

- Coordinated the delivery of 196 Foundation Courses

## **Award 1**

- Planned and coordinated 53 Award 1 Courses

## **Award 2**

- Supervised and delivered 1 Award 2 Child programme
- Supervised and delivered 5 Award 2 Youth/Adult programmes
- Planned coach graduation ceremony
- Critiqued Award 2 Child/Youth/Adult assessments
- Reviewed marking criteria for Award 2 programmes

## **Quality Assurance**

- Attended 2 meetings with Coaching Ireland

## **National Tutor Trainer Representative Group**

- 6 meetings to develop and review current Coach education programme

**Declan Smyth**  
Chairman

**Gerard O'Connor**  
Secretary



# Leinster Referees' Administration Committee Report

## Leinster Referees' Administration Committee

Donal Smyth (Meath), Chairman • John Bannon (Longford), Secretary  
Martin Barry (Carlow) • Aidan Shiells (Dublin) • Martin Whyte (Kildare) • Sean Breathnach (Kilkenny)  
Danny Gorman (Laois) • Tomas Moore (Laois) • Joe O'Brien (Longford) • Peter Bannon (Louth)  
Deirdre Kearney (Offaly) • Michael Gordon (Westmeath) • Seamus Whelan (Wexford) • Kieran Kenny (Wicklow)

I am honoured to present my first report as Chairman of the Leinster Referee's Committee Leinster Referee Administrator. First off, I would like to thank the respective County Referee Administrators in Leinster, who have worked so closely with me and in particular our Runaí John Bannon. Your advice and support over the last nine months have been invaluable

These are new roles for John and myself and it has been a very steep learning curve but has been made a whole lot easier with the experience of John and the aid of Cathoirleach Jim Bolger, Pat Lynagh and the Leinster CEO Michael Reynolds, Shane Flanagan, Colm Clear as well as the support of the Leinster Council.

To begin, I would like to thank Tom Quigley, Pierce Freaney and Noel O'Donoghue for all their work in the previous committee and for the years of commitment to refereeing. Thanks also to Julie, Patricia and Hannah and all the other staff at Aras Laighean who are vitally important to the Referee Administrators.

In the past number of months, we have instigated a number of new initiatives to help the development of referees in the province which I will deal with them later in the report.

Last year, we began a number of new initiatives with our Development Referees. We started with presentations on fitness and nutrition as well preparation for games in order to better prepare our newer referees for the increasing demands of the role. The training sessions were first run for the Development Referee's in Abbotstown before being made available to the whole Leinster Referee Squad. These sessions have been run on five occasions since November.

I want to thank Leinster Council for arranging these sessions, Coaching and Games for facilitating the sessions and especially Emmet Egan who has been invaluable with his professionalism, support and providing resources to make it all possible.

It is vitally important that we continue to provide the Development Referees and our National Referees the necessary support with education and skills which will allow them to ensure that they have done all they can so they can be ready to referee at National Level.

There have been improvements made to the fitness levels of individual referees and results rules examination from last year. This needs to continue, referee's fitness level is a basic requirement for the role and is the one area where the referee has total control. Referee's should be encouraged to continue to work on their fitness levels and pre-game preparations in order to ensure that they will be ready for whatever the game throws at them. We will continue to provide necessary resources provided that there are tangible results. Individual referees should also honestly ask themselves, if they done all they can to ensure that they can Referee at the highest level.

The Leinster Refereeing academy was not run during 2017 the intention to complete early in the new year with the introduction of a course completely different format. This course is aimed at Referees in the counties, who show potential and would benefit from attending the courses. This is for the benefit of club Referees allow them develop, is really targeted at Referees who may be considered for Provincial panel in a couple of years.

Recruitment continues to be a major issue around the counties and as such a number of questions need to be asked of every county board. Have we supported Referees in the county? Have we implemented policies that would attract people to Refereeing? Have we used all the resources we have available, PRO and websites, advertisement in the match programmes?

As an organisation, we need to increase the profile of Refereeing and the importance that they make to the GAA. I believe that more emphasis should be put on the importance of refereeing and the worth of well-trained and well-informed referees. We

# Leinster Referee Training in Abbotstown



## Leinster Referee Training in Abbotstown



should have a section on County websites for Refereeing, where the courses could be advertised, the rules of the games section, the Referee's handbook, and a question and answer section.

It is also important that clubs and counties understand that the standard of Refereeing is directly related to the quality of people that are recruited.

I am aware that there is a reluctance in some counties to appoint new people to Referee the "big games" and as a result fall back on the easier option of going with the tried and trusted person for the job. The difficulty with this policy is that we may lose some of our most promising Referees because they are not getting games or the chance to move up and take charge of the "big games". This policy affects the Provincial Development panel, because the Referees pathway dictates the level of games to be Refereed before been considered for the panel. How do we know if they are good enough unless we test them and find out?

Over the past number of years, the Association has run the campaign Give Respect Get Respect and the importance of this cannot be understated. But what surprises me is the fact that some of the Referee Administrators have indicated that there are have been issues in some Counties where at County Committee meetings there has been discussion in relation to Referees including naming the Referee. Other issues include clubs dictating who is Refereeing their games, if there are problems it is a matter for the Referee Administration Committee, their role is the grading, performance and development of Referees. These issues should be addressed at this forum. The importance of an advisor system in the County would inform the Administration Committee in relation to issues of importance, unless we identify issues we cannot fix them,

If we cannot respect the role and the Referee at this level in the county how can we expect it to be done at a basic level. We all see things in the GAA through the lens of our own clubs or county colours but this does not give us a right to abuse a Referee. Patrons of our games appears to ignore a player missing a 14m free in front of the goals, but feel free to abuse a Referee for giving a free 40m from goals, to which he has a different view to all others in the ground.

There is another major discussion needs to be had in relation to our games, both hurling and football, and that is the implementation of the rules of the game. There appears to be an appetite among supporters, managers, and players in relation to how a Referee should apply the rules. This is becoming constant refrain from the terraces let the game flow we have taken the physicality from the game. The question I want to ask are we telling Referees to ignore the rules of the game, and if we do that what are we creating?

If a player is 6'3" and 15 stone weight and because of his size is capable of bursting through tackles even though he is being fouled, and free is not awarded. What do we do with a player who is 5'8" and 11 stone and is been held and because of his size is not capable of breaking the tackle and free is awarded against him for over carrying. So, do we start rewarding foul play? The question people need to ask themselves do we want a game played by giants or skilful players or do we reward good play and punish foul play? This is a major issue for Refereeing going forward.

With regard to Tutoring which was addressed in last years report by the Chairman Tom Quigley, I am glad to inform the delegates that the Foundation course, which was was re-designed, has been running very successfully with a lot of input being taken on-board from the Administrators and Tutors.

I want to thank the tutors from the province who continue to provide the best tuition for established Referees, for their in-service training, and to those who are just starting out their journey. It should be the case across all counties that if a Referee has not yet completed the in-service training they should not be Refereeing. This should be encouraged as to promote the highest possible standards to referees and not allow their knowledge and skills to lapse.

All Referees should also continue to be members of clubs, complete all their required courses and be garda vetted.

Advisors continue to be a vital cog in the Development of Referees. The advice that is given is designed to provide Referees with guidance, encouragement and criticism to allow them learn from mistakes and how they might improve. I want to thanks all advisors for their work during the year in all weathers and conditions and ensuring the advisors forms are available to Referees and the Fixtures Committee.

Just to conclude my 1st Report to this convention. Having played for my club and county at a high level as well as being involved in coaching for Club and County, I can honestly say that Refereeing is the closest I can get to playing. There are huge positives to be involved in this aspect of the GAA. But it is one that does not appear to be valued at Club level and it is our responsibility to ensure that we have people Refereeing who are motivated and feel valued.

There is no doubt that within Leinster there is a huge interest in refereeing and the value it brings to our games. But it is the responsibility of individual Counties to bring the message to the clubs and to their delegates. The recruitment drive continues for Referees and advisors and contact should be made with the Referees Committee in the Counties. If delegates or County Boards need help or support John and myself are available and do not hesitate to contact us.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

**Donal MacGabhann**  
Chairman





# Hearings Committee Report



## Hearings Committee

Dick Butler, Chairman • John Byrne, Secretary • Joe O'Brien (Offaly) • Michael Murphy (Wicklow) • Francis Lynch (Meath) • John McMahon (Kildare) • Gerry Harrington (Dublin) • P J Kenny (Kilkenny) • Andy O'Brien (Wicklow) • Colm Crowley (Dublin) • Brian Rennick (Meath) • Michael Reynolds (Appeals only)

A Disciplinary Information evening was held in June which was attended by 72 interested members from almost all of the Leinster counties with main speakers George Cartright from CCCC and Liam Keane CHC sharing their knowledge and experiences with us. The disciplinary process will continue to be a learning module for us all and the more opportunities we allow ourselves to share information the more equipped we can be.

It is now 10 years since the formation of the Hearings Committee in its present format and clubs/players seeking to have a red card rescinded still need to realise that to succeed they require compelling evidence (ie, video in most cases). We would also like to remind our members that all requests for hearing or appeal must be signed in Irish by the appellant.

We still urge all Club officers to acquaint themselves with the Official Guide, see rule 3.1(b) in an effort to best represent their player/club in defending their position in any disciplinary case.

At the recent Leinster Conventions there have been changes to Bye Laws to enlarge Leinster Hearings Committee. It was a great pleasure to welcome all new members on board and we are now well equipped in numbers to hear cases and allow members to step out due to possible conflict in interest.

The committee met on 15 occasions since last Convention. We received 26 Hearing Requests, 3 were ruled out of order, 5 were withdrawn and we heard 18 cases. We received 21 Appeal Requests, 6 were ruled out of order, 1 was withdrawn and we heard 14 cases. We were involved in 2 cases at DRA and 2 with CAC. We brought one of the CAC cases to the DRA..

## Buíochas

To Michael Reynolds who has advised our committee with extreme expertise and honesty.

To Patricia Clear who continues to run our committee's administration in usually efficient and professional style. Her vigilance outside office hours continues with excellent co-operation.

To all Committee Members of the outgoing and incoming Committees for attending in great numbers even at short notice I wish to express a big thank you. Their dedication was shown throughout the full year.

To all members of the committee who made themselves available to represent us at Central and DRA level.

To Matt Shaw and Bernard Smith from Central Appeals Committee who were always ready to help out.

To Jack Anderson up to his retirement and his successor Rory Hannify for the great assistance given to us at all times. We appreciate all of the voluntary time and dedication given to the Association by the GAA and legal members of the DRA tribunals. We do not always get the results we desire at DRA but the opportunity to learn more about our workings is very valuable. We continue to emphasise the importance of us reading DRA decisions as it can only assist in us dealing with the rules of our Official Guide.

Go raibh maith agaibh.

**Dick Butler**  
Chairman

**John Byrne**  
Secretary



# Provincial Fixtures Analyst Committee Report



## Provincial Fixtures Planning Committee

Michael O'Brien, Chairman • Lester Ryan, Secretary • Chris O'Connor, Leinster Council Rep  
Ger Lennon (Carlow) • Breda McDermott (Carlow) • Declan Byrne (Louth) • Sean Carroll (Louth)  
John McNicholas (Dublin) • Pat Dunny (Kildare) • Ollie Keegan (Meath) • Eamon Dunican (Offaly)  
Davy Gavin (Westmeath) • Conor Denieffe (Kilkenny) • PJ Kenny (Kilkenny) • Micheal Martin (Wexford)  
Liam Delaney (Laois) • Bridget Kenny (Wicklow) • Peter O'Reilly (Longford)

## County Fixtures Programmes

The role of this committee is not to plan or develop a fixtures programme for the province, but rather to analyse how the fixture programme works or in some cases, does not. As the title name suggests, the committee analysed and discussed each county's fixtures programme. It was pleasing to see various members sharing ideas and proposing using shared information in the development of their county fixtures.

It is accepted by now that all counties are working towards the provision of an adequate number of meaningful games on regular basis, at the right time of year. The usual stumbling blocks of dual players, exams, County teams and numerous other considerations have to be factored in to a County plan. It was a topic which was debated at length on many occasions by our committee. The advent of the new "Super 8" structure in football and the round robin series in hurling provided plenty of debate & discussion at meetings. The "window" for club fixtures in April has county fixtures planners scratching heads somewhat, and taking a "wait & see" approach when it comes to county players involvement with clubs. As with the new inter-county championship fixtures, it remains to be seen how fixture planners will approach the new format.

In general, the majority of club competitions were finished in a timely fashion; however the involvement of dual clubs at the business end did prove problematic at times.

The advent of the Under 17 championship was welcomed, however it was broadly accepted that Under 19 club competitions may be problematic in terms of player demands and exam times.

There are a number of challenges on the horizon for the county fixture planner in the year ahead, how these changes will impact on the club competitions can only be measured at the end of 2018.

At underage level, the growth of the inter county leagues has benefit clubs greatly in prolonging their games programme and introducing a new level of competition for clubs. This has so far been a great success and should be encouraged to grow and develop.

## GAA Competitions Management System

Each of the Fixtures planners were invited to a training days in Croke Park. The focus of this training was on the GAA Competitions Management System reporting programme (For Fixtures Planners Reports). The training days proved very beneficial. Tutoring was carried out by Bernard Smith (Croke Park). Online training programmes are also in place for the benefit of the Fixtures Planners.

The role of the County fixtures planner is gradually becoming more recognised and accepted within the Counties. Counties that have embraced the position and are reaping the benefits of insightful reports in relation to the County fixtures programme, the new template will provide further ammunition for the planning of fixtures, particularly into 2018 & 2019.

A new template has been developed by Bernard, and demonstrated at our most recent meeting. It is expected that the accurate input of data and information from the county fixtures planners, will give valuable feedback for the years ahead.

### **Committee Observations/Recommendations**

Providing the perfect games programme that fits the requirements of every stakeholder is probably unattainable, however working toward that ideal will bring incremental improvements that will uniformly improve games programmes across the board. CCC's and Fixtures Review committees should endeavour make informed decisions regarding competition structures. It is recommended that lessons learned from the last number of years from the varied operation of the Fixtures Planners should be examined to determine the best way forward for the role.

### **Buíochas**

Special thanks to the National Fixtures Planning Committee, the Provincial Fixtures Planners, County Fixtures Planners, Bernard Smith and to all who have supported the Committee in our work to date. In particular, the committee wish to thank Lester Ryan for his commitment and work over the years on this committee, and wish him well for the future.

**Michael O'Brien**  
Chairman

**Lester Ryan**  
Secretary



# Club Leadership & Planning Committee Report



## Club Leadership & Planning Committee

Frances Stephenson (Cill Mhantáin), Chairperson • David Denieffe (IT Carlow), Secretary  
Brian O'Neill (Carlow) • Ken O'Sullivan (Dublin) • Colm Farrell (Kildare) • Val Malone (Kilkenny) • P.J. Kelly (Laois)  
Colm Murray (Longford) • Jason Plunkett (Meath) • James Murphy (Offaly) • Billy Boyle (Westmeath)  
Cathal Byrne (Wexford) • William Byrne (Wicklow) • Brendan Harpur

The Committee has met on a number of occasions in 2017 with a focus on developing a number of new initiatives linked with the GAA's Club Leadership Development Programme (CLDP). The Committee works with the National Officer Development Committee (NODC) and in particular Ruairí Harvey and Emmet Haughian in Planning and Training in Croke Park.

The stated aim of the CLDP is to provide the principal GAA Club Officers - Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO - with the basic knowledge and core leadership skills required to fulfil their roles effectively. The Committee has been involved in identifying and supporting associates in the province with the intended aim of rolling out this programme more fully in 2018. A key initiative undertaken was the development and piloting of the Pre-AGM module in Counties Meath, Kildare and Carlow. This module supports the club officers in planning, running and following the AGM. Its presentation to over 120 club officers in October 2017 was met with a very positive response and will be rolled out further in 2018. It is also planned to deliver other modules in the CLDP in 2018 including the module on IT. The Committee has also linked with the European County Board with the intention of delivering via webinar modules from the CLDP.

The Committee actively supports Club Planning and will be involved in facilitating this further in 2018.

The Committee welcomed the Club Bua initiative rollout by Comhairle Laighean.

The Committee in planning for 2018 will alongside the Club Planning and Leadership Development training and Club Facilitation aim to support:

- sharing of challenges and solutions amongst clubs
- supporting communities of club officers with clear steps to dealing with issues
- encouraging involvement and giving ideas to clubs to identify, develop, support and retain officers

Go raibh maith agaibh.

**Frances Stephenson**  
Cathaoirleach

**David Denieffe**  
Rúnaí



# Infrastructure, Safety & Insurance Committee Report



## Infrastructure, Safety & Insurance Committee

P.J. Kelly, Chairman • Michael Reynolds, Secretary

P.J. Murphy • David Tobin • Joe Bedford • Bill Kavanagh • Pat Henderson • Aidan O'Connor • Mick O'Toole  
Joe Shaughnessy • Eamonn Molloy • Padraic O'Connor • Padraic Murtagh

As Chairperson, it gives me great pleasure to present my annual report to Leinster Convention 2017.

2017 was a busy year for this committee as they continued the trend set from previous years. The Committee's responsibilities for 2017 included; assisting and supporting Clubs & Counties with their Club Physical Development(s) including Grant Applications, Strategic Club Planning Programmes, Land Acquisitions and facilitating Safety Inspections & Insurance queries.

In excess of one hundred Clubs shared a total of €887,800 in Development Grants, with Ard Chomhairle contributing €750,000 and to ensure the percentage set from previous years was maintained, Comhairle Laighean contributed €137,800. Educational entities shared a total of €45,000.

As in previous years the trend continued with Clubs seeking to purchase land to provide additional playing facilities. A number of Clubs completed transactions during 2017, with a large number of developments still in progress. In the main, the Association fortunately is acquiring such land at agricultural values however, it may be the perception that a small number of clubs have paid over the odds. For a variety of reasons including identity and economy of scale, it must be emphasised that purchasing additional land adjacent to a Club's present facilities is preferable to having to purchase elsewhere.

With the number and scale of developments increasing in recent years and likewise anticipated for the coming year(s) within our clubs and Counties throughout the Province, our allocation of funding is falling short of expectation. We feel the time has come that an additional allocation of capital provided to the Province is a necessity. We will certainly be putting forward a strong business case again in 2018 for extra funding to allow us continue assisting clubs with their development of facilities which are deemed necessary, fit for purpose and value for money.

On this note, members of our committee are in the final stages of drafting a guide 'Contractors Suppliers List' which is aimed to help clubs achieve continuity with and projects which are economically viable. The process therefore has more than one objective such as the evaluation of the competence, the ability in terms of skill, knowledge and awareness to perform within a purpose to specified standards and costings.

Some major projects were completed during the year and many others commenced, the highlight for me was in Offaly and great credit to all involved when they opened their Centre of Excellence, 'The Faithful Fields' on the main N52 just outside Kilcormac.

Laos have completed remedial works in O'Moore Park Stadium and are in the final stages of completing their adjoining Centre of Excellence. Kildare GAA is also progressing with their redevelopment of St Conleth's Park in Newbridge. Pearse Park in Longford has also turned a corner as planning permission was recently approved allowing safety works commence on their stand, completion date anticipated in time for their Leinster ¼ final fixture against Meath next May.

Although this will require significant financial resources to rebuild to the required standards, on reflection the professionalism demonstrated by Coiste Longfoirt in dealing with a potentially very dangerous situation is to be commended and tribute must

be paid to all involved. We also visited other Counties that have plans in place for their forthcoming projects in 2018 and we endeavour to continue providing support and advice in relation to same.

Overall it has been a busy year with development throughout the Province and from reviewing the allocation of the recent Sports Capital Funding; hopefully 2018 will also be a productive and rewarding year for all involved.

Our safety personnel had another busy year, as they continue to carry out general safety inspections in many Counties. As host Counties for Feile 2017, particular focus was in Counties Carlow, Wexford and Kilkenny. Close on 50 inspections were carried out by our committee members prior to the hosting of these games. Great credit to all involved and it was evident in most clubs that safety is to the fore. However, we highlighted some serious faults in a small number of grounds where immediate action was required and a follow up visits are planned for this coming year. Furthermore, our safety personnel will be visiting all Counties in the coming months with the view of delivering safety workshops and information sessions.

We have set the trend for the rest of the Country addressing safety issues at Féile venues and our safety checklist is now the template for other Counties across the provinces. Our vision now is to further enhance this initiative and help clubs and Counties promote a safety culture within their respective grounds and try getting all relevant personnel to value safety. It is in our own interest as an organisation to ensure that all units operate to the highest standards and while we tend to focus on the 'bigger games' it is important that we are Safety conscious at all levels.

From an Insurance perspective our Association faces ongoing challenges; from the Legal System in Ireland i.e. Notification period of 2 years, Award levels, the GAA's broad spread of locations, facilities & activities and the increasing engagement in Non-Core activity & facilities that support Non GAA Activity - We do a lot more than just Play Gaelic Games.

Although we commend and promote the development of our facilities that support our own activities, it must be acknowledged that our facilities also support Non GAA activity which is sometimes seen as a potential revenue stream. However, risk exposure is increased when Non GAA users are permitted access to our facilities and our Grounds.

Claims experience highlight we are failing to adequately manage facilities and activities adequately e.g.

- H&S statements insufficient or non-existent
- Recording keeping limited or non-existent
- Not requesting Proof of Insurance from Users
- Limited if any paper trail
- No Provision for Maintenance / Upkeep or Replacement

In Court – If It's Not Written It Didn't Happen.

The Associations Liability claims experience sees cost & numbers of incidents rising annually. It is believed that weakness in management of facilities & activities is a contributing factor. This worrying trend is threatening the future of our Association's ability to attain adequate insurance cover.

As a result our Liability Insurance fund loss of €700k in 2016 followed a loss of €700k in 2015. Pre 2015 €1.5m premium increase was absorbed by the fund which was not passed on to clubs.

Going forward our Insurance personnel from our committee will be largely teaming up with our safety team as part of delivering workshops and information sessions to all Counties. It is hoped that by communicating with and supporting clubs to this end will gradually reverse this alarming trend. I would strongly encourage all personnel to take ownership.

Special thanks to P.J., Mick, Aidan and Eamonn on the safety side of this committee. Also thanks to Dave, Joe, PJ, Bill, Pat and Joe on the infrastructure side and to the two Padraic's from an insurance perspective. As volunteers they all carried out their tasks in a professional manner and each and every one of them are a major asset to our Association.

Many thanks also to Michael Reynolds and staff at Aras Laighean who always provided our committee with excellent support, efficiency and were always available to help out.

A special thanks to our Cathaoirleach Jim Bolger and his Management team for their support and wise advice throughout the year and I look forward to working with everyone again for the coming year.

Best wishes and good health for 2018.

**P.J. Kelly**  
**Cathaoirleach**



# 'Games for All' Committee Report



## 'Games for All' Committee

Pat Lynagh, Chairman • Brian Carberry, Secretary  
Gerry Harrington • Tim Maher • Dermot Howlin • Elaine Banville • Val Malone

"Games for All" has gone from strength to strength over the past three years, with an excellent uptake in participation levels. The energy and creativity expended in engaging with our Coaching department as well as Local Sports Partnerships, Irish Wheelchair Associations and the Irish Special Schools Sports Council (ISSSC) has paid dividends and catapulted our "Games" to a very exciting level.

The principal components being; Wheelchair hurling, Disability football and Respect Initiative.

### Wheelchair Hurling

Wheelchair hurling facilitates those with disabilities to fully participate in GAA games and opens our games to people of all abilities. This ethos is part of the GAA's wider inclusion strategy which states that disability is not a barrier to sport. It's a sport that contains all of the skill, bravery and stamina of its on-field counterpart while also being able to impressively manoeuvre a wheelchair.

Hubs rather than Clubs are evolving within the province, with a steady uptake of players and involvement of volunteers. Training takes place in the community hall in Vicarstown, Co Laois (new Hub) on a regular basis.

As a game it is growing in popularity and we have some of the best exponents of the art of Wheelchair Hurling competing in the various venues throughout the four Provinces.

Our aim is to have a provincial wide representative from every county on the Leinster panel, and possibly in time a second Leinster team.

In partnership with Louth Local Sports Partnership and Irish Wheelchair Association we provided coaching in Muirhevnamore sports centre, Dundalk, for all ages. Unfortunately a similar coaching session planned for Drogheda in July had to be cancelled due to the local water crisis.

We had the official launch of the rules of Wheelchair Hurling by Aogan Ó Fearghail in Croke Park following a number of reviews.

### Success

The team has just completed a clean sweep of the League and Championship. The team finished the campaigns unbeaten, picking up a number of All Star and player of the year awards, also. They continue to improve and are a very committed unit with great levels of skill.

It is heartening to see the encouragement and support of their families as they compete.

## Disability Football (Games for All Football)

Throughout the four Provinces coaching has been taking place with the support of county Coaching staff and teachers in the many Irish Special Schools Sports Council (ISSSC) schools. The council is a voluntary organisation which provides sporting and cultural activities in schools, designated by the Department of Education and Science for pupils with mild general learning disabilities. Following a meeting of "Leinster Games for All" committee in 2015 the idea of a football tournament in Croke Park was mooted. This was acted upon at National level and through much collaboration with the Irish Special Schools Sports Council (ISSSC) and the GAA a fixture plan was implemented

On Monday September 26th 2016, students from the ISSSC competed in Croke Park for the first time. Again this September, 130 players, boys and girls from Connacht, Dublin, Munster, North & South Leinster and Ulster represented their schools. This now has been scheduled in as an annual fixture.

## Respect Initiative – 'Give Respect Get Respect'

Our target in Leinster is to have the "Give Respect – Get Respect" sign with the club crest on it, erected at the entry to all our club grounds.

In a time when racial abuse rises its head in our field games, when the Social Inclusion and Integration of all Ethnic Minorities, travellers, and respect for match officials is of the utmost importance to our great organisation the placing of this sign will help spread our message.

## Conclusion

A, special thanks goes to Martin Donnelly for his ongoing support and sponsorship of our games.

We are very grateful to Carlow IT, for hosting our Interprovincial Tournament, also Carlow county committee for their support. Also our National Committee for their encouragement and guidance.

To Comhairle Laighean for the continued support both financially and administratively.

Finally thanks to our chairman Pat Lynagh who is always so available and supportive in spite of his workload.

**Brian Ó Chairbre**  
Rúnaí

## M.Donnelly GAA Wheelchair Hurling Interprovincial All-Ireland Finals Knocknarea Arena, I.T. Sligo • Saturday, October 14th, 2017

Match 1	Connacht	7-4	Munster
Match 2	Ulster	3-5	Leinster
Match 3	Connacht	1-5	Leinster
Match 4	Munster	1-3	Ulster
Match 5	Connacht	0-4	Ulster
Match 6	Munster	2-3	Leinster
3rd / 4th Play-Off	Connacht	0-2	Munster
FINAL	Ulster	0-3	Leinster

## M.Donnelly GAA Wheelchair Hurling Interprovincial League Table 2017

Province	P	W	D	L	For	Against	Diff	Total
Leinster	12	12	0	0	60	20	40	60
Ulster	12	8	0	4	37	29	8	44
Connacht	12	2	1	9	14	48	-34	22
Munster	12	1	1	10	14	28	-14	18





# Health & Wellbeing Committee Report



## Health & Wellbeing Committee

Brian Carberry, Chairman • John McCarthy, Secretary  
Tommy Murphy (Carlow) • Clare O'Sullivan (Dublin) • J.J. Walsh (Kildare) • Conor Denieffe (Kilkenny)  
Tom Jones (Laois) • Aine O'hEochaidh (Louth) • Andy Fahy (Meath) • Liam Hackett (Offaly)  
Frank Mescall (Westmeath) • Frances Stephenson (Wicklow)

In early 2016 a need was identified to put in place in Leinster, Munster and Connaught provincial structures emulating the provincial committee already established in Ulster. The first meeting of Leinster Health & Wellbeing Committee chaired by Brian Ó Chairbre was held in Arás Laighean on 6th April 2016.

## Summary of Main Responsibilities

- Assisting County Health & Wellbeing Chairs to form Committees.
- Liaising with the National Committee.
- We arranged four Provincial meetings which were attended by at least two reps from each County H & W Committee.
- Action Plans and Progress Reports submitted from Counties
- Attended National Forums/Conferences..

## Activities - County Health & Wellbeing Committees

- Carried out training for tutors in their Counties.
- Delivered training for Healthy Club Officers.
- Launched County Critical Incident Plans, adopted by clubs
- Social Initiatives are becoming more creative and inclusive
- La na gClub, clubs held various events/activities on the day
- Healthy Club projects.
- Healthy food projects -schools and community participation.
- Safe Talk delivered at club and county level.
- County workshops/seminars.
- Mental Health Awareness evenings.
- Regular Co Committee H & W meetings
- Continued development of County H W C and structures.
- Developed close links with Local Sports Partnerships(LSP) and the HSE
- Advised and signposted on a number of occasions
- Submit annual report to County Convention.

## Action Plan for County Health & Wellbeing Committees

### Healthy Club Officer Training

- Ensure each county has trained Health & Wellbeing tutors.

### Critical Incident Response Plan. (CIRP)

- Nominate two members from either CHWC or County Executive to become Critical Incident Peer Supporters and attend new CIRP training in Croke Park.

### Support Phase 3 of the Healthy Club Project 2018

- Assist to recruit clubs in your county.

### Grow the number of people trained in safe TALK in each county

- Partner with delivery agency (HSE) to provide safe TALK training within the county.

### Social Initiative for counties

- Select an event for 2018 e.g. trip to Croke Park /match day event in county/trip to historic site/social evening etc.
- Complete Grant Application form - €500 available through Irish Life funding for the Social Initiative Event.
- Identify a group of older people within the county who would benefit socially, from participating in the activity.

### Promotion of new Gambling Awareness resources

- Inform club delegates at county board meetings and Healthy Club Officer training those new gambling resources (presentation and sample club policy) are now available.

## National Health & Wellbeing Committee

The National Health & Wellbeing Committee, in conjunction with the Community & Health section in Croke Park devise an action plan annually for each County Health & Wellbeing Committee. These contain clear objectives, ensuring that each county committee knows what is being asked of it and how to achieve it.

All Leinster counties attended the National Forum for County Committees and Healthy Clubs held in November 2017.

All counties were also represented at The Healthy Club Road Show held in March 2017.

## Buíochas

Sincere thanks to Oifigeach Comhairle Laighean and to all County Committees for their help and support. Thanks to National Committee and the Community & Health Section in Croke Park for their help and direction during the year. A special word of appreciation to Ronan Flynn, Health & Wellbeing Coordinator for his advice, encouragement and for his attendance at our meetings in Arás Laighean

**Brian Ó Chairbre**  
Cathaoireach

**Seán Mac Cárthaigh**  
Rúnaí



# Marketing & Public Relations Committee Report



## Marketing & PR Committee

Martin O'Halloran, Chairman • Cian Murphy, Secretary  
Jim Fennelly, Leinster Council Rep • Wayne Byrne • Paddy Darcy • Bob Doheny • Mary Foley • Liam Holton  
Brendan Minnock • Tom McLoughlin

### New Arrivals

The 2017 season saw a changing of the guard with the end of Pat Teehan's excellent three-year term in charge as Leinster GAA PRO and he was succeeded by the experienced former Meath PRO Martin O'Halloran. Martin has extensive GAA and media experience which will be of great benefit to him in his role.

A new Communications & Marketing Committee was put together by Leinster Chairman Jim Bolger which is packed full of expertise in this field. The new committee is: M O'Halloran (Cathaoirleach), Cian Murphy (Runáí), Brendan Minnock (Offaly), Mary Foley (Wexford), Wayne Byrne (Carlow), Bob Doheny (Louth), Tom McLoughlin (Meath), Liam Holton (Meath), Jim Fennelly (Kilkenny), Paddy Darcy (Kildare).

### New Website

The Council oversaw the revamp and unveiling of a new and improved leinstergaa.ie website. It was produced by Laird Design, based in Omagh and who for many years were involved with excellent work on behalf of the Ulster Council. Both Munster and Connacht Councils followed Leinster by also moving to work with Laird - who also look after the websites for Kildare and Offaly County Boards. There are plans to expand the reach of the Leinster website in 2018 – particularly in the area of promotional and educational video content.

### Social Media

The changing landscape of media consumption continues at a frightening pace, and demanding that, like our Counties, the Province reacts to this change in how information is shared and viewed. The 2017 season was another one of solid progress in terms of growing that audience primarily across Facebook and Twitter with more followers than ever before. We invested more financial resources in our social media outputs than in previous years and this helped with results.

### Green Flag

One of the great PR initiatives of the last 12 months has been the production of our quarterly ezine *Green Flag* which chronicles the work done by the Province across so many areas. Much credit is due to designer Mark Dignam of knockoutgraphics and chief contributor Brendan Minnock for the work done on this excellent production. It is distributed by email to all clubs in Leinster, all Leinster GAA Committees and Sub Committees and sits in a designated section on leinstergaa.ie. We'd encourage people to engage with it and help with content creation as we look to celebrate and chart the GAA promotional work taking place across Leinster.

## Go Games Promotion

Without fail, one of the best promotional days enjoyed by Comhairle Laighean every year is the annual two-day Go Games activity event at Croke Park. In the last 10 years the Council has enabled 30,000 Under 8 children from Clubs across Leinster to experience the thrill of getting to play on the hallowed turf of Croke Park, with family and friends cheering on from the stands. Croke Park is the GAA's greatest promotional asset and enormous credit is due to the visionary decision in Comhairle Laighean Coaching and Games to target this age group - as it really offers us a great opportunity to capture hearts and minds by throwing the doors open to this prestigious setting to young players starting out on their GAA journey. Over the course of April 10 & 11 in 2017 there were 98 games involving 129 clubs representing all 12 counties and more than 3,000 players aged U8 involved.

This year we used a special promotional budget of €5,000 to make sure the 3,000+ children also went home with Leinster GAA promotional material, GAA stickers and pencil cases. They also received a free jersey from national event sponsors Littlewoods Ireland. In 2017, we also decided to target all of those children from counties who were playing in the first round of the Leinster SFC by also sending them home with a match ticket to their county's opening game. This was done in the hope that they would encourage their parents and guardians to bring them. Sincere thanks is due to Patricia Clear in Áras Laighean for helping to co-ordinate this initiative of more than 1,000 tickets being distributed by hand on the day. Clearly, more work needs to be done to improve attendances in the early stages of the Championship and this is an initiative worth pursuing further.

## Match Programmes

In 2017, we entered into a trial agreement with Match Programme producers and distributors DBA to be the agents for Leinster GAA in our senior championships. DBA hold the national contract for this work with Croke Park, while also having a similar arrangement with Comhairle Connachta.

The reasons for this move were:

- To provide a uniform look, feel and quality to the match programmes in our flagship competitions.
- To ease the burden on county PROs by freeing them of the time and cost involved in match programme production – many of which traditionally struggle to cover their costs.
- To enable counties to still enjoy a financial dividend through a sales commission.

This was a significant move by Comhairle Laighean as it meant the Council absorbing all of the production costs involved in more than 20 Championship match programmes. This would not have been possible to do on the existing staff arrangements in the Council and required the project to be outsourced.

However, it was a successful trial that returned a final profit of more than €70,000 to the Council.

Our intention is to enable DBA to work closely with host venues and ensure that the best programme selling system is in place to maximise the potential for the host county and the Council.

Counties continue to produce programmes at club championship and underage competitions and for many it is a labour of love reflected in fantastic productions.

## Championship Promotion

The Council was represented by C Murphy at two meetings in Croke Park to work on Championship Marketing and Promotion in the countdown to summer.

The 2017 summer was headlined by a record breaking crowd of more than 60,000 at the Leinster hurling final between Galway and Wexford, while another crowd in excess of 60,000 attended the Dublin v Kildare Leinster football final.

Extensive campaigns for local radio and print as well as on line were in place to fan the flames of enthusiasm and anticipation which were caused by Wexford's great run and also a very popular football final between two Division 1 counties.

The Championships had received another hugely successful and well-attended media launch in May held in the Pearse Museum in Rathfarnham in Dublin. What again proved very popular was the video preview work captured at this launch and used online over subsequent weeks and months.

There were radio and social media campaigns right throughout the summer which helped keep Leinster matches in the spotlight.

The 2017 campaign was about putting the Championship 'at the heart of your summer' and is a theme worth pursuing as we seek to get more people to re-engage with the drama, colour, excitement and experience of being part of a GAA Championship day out.

## Pearse Medal and Media Awards

The second year of the Pearse medal for the footballer and hurler of the year in Leinster took place in December in Croke Park with Galway's Conor Cooney and Dublin's James McCarthy the winners. The same lunch also honoured Christine Murray (Kildare PRO) as County PRO of the Year in recognition of the great strides they have made in their social media work with Kildare clubs. Louth PRO Bob Doheny was awarded for the County Final Programme of the year – a mighty publication that also contained an excellent tribute to the anniversary of the Louth All-Ireland winners of 1957. Mary Foley represented Buffers Alley who were the Club Website of the Year winners.

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**HIGH KINGS OF LEINSTER**



*Pictured at the presentation of the inaugural Leinster GAA Beko 'Club Bua' awards at Croke Park at half time in the Leinster SHC final were (L-R): Tom Hunt and Pat Collins, Mullingar Shamrocks, Westmeath; Mary Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Fitzpatrick and Carmel Brennan, Clara, Kilkenny; Mary McCabe, Glen Emmetts, Louth; Amanda West and Michael Sweeney, St. Anne's, Dublin; Oliver Byrne and Gary McGillicuddy, An Tochar, Wicklow; Shane Kelly, Head of Sales & Marketing, Beko Ireland; Pat Teehan, Vice Chairman, Leinster GAA; Damien O'Brien and Barbara O'Connell, St. Colmcille's, Meath; Colm Cummins and William Forde, Edenderry, Offaly; Brian Ramsbottom and John Kelly, Park/Ratheniska, Laois; Paud and Moya O'Dwyer, Palatine, Carlow.*

## Beko Club Bua Award

The 2017 year also welcomed another new sponsor and initiative in the form of the Leinster GAA Beko Club Bua Award. On the back of a hugely successful media launch in April attended by Dublin footballer Diarmuid Connolly and Kilkenny hurler Cillian Buckley, this new scheme has been devised by Comhairle Laighean's Shane Flanagan and seeks to recognise and reward clubs engaged in best practice on and off the field. There were 24 clubs from across the Province who were selected and who shared in a prize fund of more than €40,000 of equipment from O'Neill's.

The scheme will be held again in 2018 and will be enhanced to include a new section honouring the best Club Team Coaches. Our thanks is due to Beko Ireland for their support.

## Sponsorships

Bord na Móna sponsored our Leinster GAA Series for the O'Byrne, Walsh and Kehoe Cups in January which attracted big crowds as fans warmed up for the new season. These competitions are called the Accident Tournaments and used by Comhairle Laighean to establish a hardship fund for GAA members in need of special assistance and the on-going support of Bord na Móna is greatly appreciated.

Top Oil are into the second year of their backing of our Post Primary School competitions. This hugely important sector features more than 240 schools and in excess of 1500 matches. The finals were well attended, well-publicised and there was great coverage of the launch and draw for the 2017/18 competitions which are nearing completion in the New Year. We hope we can extend this partnership further.

## County Support

Throughout the year there is support, advice and assistance given to counties who seek our aid in the area of Public Relations, Media Management and Communications Guidance. A number of counties had difficulty filling the position of PRO (as do many clubs) – which is a reflection of the demands which exist on a job that has grown out of all proportion in the last 20 years.

## Conclusion

This has been another exceptionally busy and rewarding year for our Communications and Marketing team. It is vitally important that we continue to invest in the marketing and promotion of our Games at all levels. These are record breaking times with more people than ever before involved in playing our Games at juvenile level. The responsibility to keep these young people engaged and interested in the GAA is crucial. Our new committee only took office in March of 2017 and it is hoped they can have an even bigger impact on our promotional affairs in 2018.

**Martin O'Halloran**  
Chairman

**Cian Murphy**  
Secretary



# Scór Committee Report

## An Coiste Scór Laighean

Caitriona Uí Dhálaigh (Co. na hIarmhí), Cathaoirleach • Áine Ní Chinnéide (Co. Loch Garaman), Rúnaí  
Caitriona Ní Nuáin (Co. Cill Mhantáin), PRO.

D'éirigh go breá le Scór Laighean i 2016/2017. This year saw the development of a Leinster Scór Strategic Plan. The main aim of this plan is to increase participation in Scór activities throughout the province.

Once again successful Leinster semi-finals and finals took place this year, with Westmeath experiencing success on the double at Scór na nÓg Craobh na hÉireann in Belfast. Congratulations to Moate All White's Ballad Group on being crowned All Ireland Champions once again and to Emily Shaw who won the recitation competition representing The Downs.

At Scór Sinsir in Belfast, Ferbane, Co. Offaly and St. Joseph's, Westmeath took second and third place respectively in the quiz competition.

Scór Laighean paid tribute to outgoing officers Chairperson, Aidan Walsh and Secretary, Dónal Hickey. Dónal was thanked for his wonderful service to Scór Laighean where he acted as Secretary for more than forty years. Current Scór Laighean Officers are Chairperson: Caitriona Uí Dhálaigh, Co. na hIarmhí; Secretary: Áine Ní Chinnéide, Co. Loch Garaman and P.R.O.: Caitriona Ní Nuáin, Co. Cill Mhantáin.

Ba mhaith le Coiste Scór Laighean buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine agus club a thug cabhair dúinn i rith na bliana. Thanks to all clubs and counties who made their premises available for Scór events during the year. Míle Buíochas do gach duine a bhíonn ag obair ar son Scór sa chúige.

It was heartening to see a good attendance at the recent launch of Scór Laighean 2017/2018 in Áras Laighean. Music was provided on the night by musicians from Bannow/Ballymitty, Co. Wexford and Graigue/Ballycallan, Co. Kilkenny while Moate All White's, All Ireland winning ballad group entertained the audience with their singing. Presentations were made to outgoing officers Aidan Walsh and Dónal Hickey by Leinster Chairman, Jim Bolger who has shown a great interest in the promotion of Scór since taking office. It was also very encouraging to see National Chairperson and Secretary, Antóin MacGabhann and Siobhán Ní Chuana present. Thanks to Comhairle Laighean and the staff of Áras Laighean for helping to make the night a great success.

**Áine Ní Chinnéide**  
**Rúnaí Scór Laighean**

## Leinster Scór na nÓg Winners 2017

<b>Rince Fóirne</b>	<b>Biorra</b> (Uíbh Fháilí)
<b>Amhránaíocht Aonair</b>	<b>Orlaith Murray</b> The Downs (An Íarmhí)
<b>Aithriseóireacht</b>	<b>Emily Shaw</b> The Downs (An Íarmhí)
<b>Bailéad Ghrupa</b>	<b>Moate All Whites</b> (An Íarmhí)
<b>Leiriú Staitse</b>	<b>The Downs</b> (An Íarmhí)
<b>Ceol Uirlise</b>	<b>Borris Kilcotton</b> (Laois)
<b>Rince Seit</b>	<b>The Downs</b> (An Íarmhí)

## Leinster Scór Sinsear Winners 2017

<b>Rince Fóirne</b>	<b>Maynooth</b> (Cill Dara)
<b>Amhránaíocht Aonair</b>	<b>Paddy Hanley</b> St. Patrick's Ardagh (Longphort)
<b>Aithriseóireacht</b>	<b>Riona Lynch</b> St. Patrick's Ardagh (Longphort)
<b>Bailéad Ghrupa</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Ardagh</b> (Longfort)
<b>Leiriú Staitse</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b> (An Íarmhí)
<b>Ceol Uirlise</b>	<b>Bannow Ballymitty</b> (Loch Garman)
<b>Rince Seit</b>	<b>Bunbrosna</b> (An Íarmhí)

# Leinster Scór Sinsear Winners 2017



*Rince Seit: Bunbrosna, Co. Westmeath*



*Ceol Uirlise: Bannow Ballymitty, Co. Wexford*



*Léiriú Stáitse: St. Joseph's, Co. Westmeath*



*Bailéad Ghrúpa: St. Patrick's Ardagh, Co. Longford*



*Aithriseoireacht/Scéalaíocht: Ríona Lynch, St. Patrick's Ardagh, Co. Longford*



*Amhránaíocht Aonair: Paddy Hanley, St. Patrick's Ardagh, Co. Longford*



*Rince Foirne: Maynooth, Co. Kildare*



*St. Joseph's Quiz Team*



*Ferbane Quiz Team*





## Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe Laighean

Leinster GAA Handball had a very active year on both playing and coaching front. At adult Level Leinster captured two of the four Men's Open titles with Robbie McCarthy jnr. (Westmeath) leading the way. Robbie McCarthy finished runner up to Charlie Shanks (Armagh) in open 40-20 Championship but he won his sixth Open 60-30 title beating fellow Leinster player Eoin Kennedy (Dublin). Meath (Tom Sheridan / Brian Carroll) retained Open 60-30 Doubles title beating Eoin Kennedy / Carl Browne (Dublin) for the second year in a row. Robbie McCarthy resumed his dominance over Charlie Shanks claiming 2017 Golden Gloves title beating Charlie Shanks in the Final.

### Leinster Girls won the Girls team of 10 40-20 Title for the first time in 5 years

The team was made up of players from Laois, Kilkenny Kildare and Wexford managed by Gavin Buggy Leinster Coaching Officer, Seamus Brophy (Laois) and Carol Brennan (Kilkenny). Kilkenny (Amy Brennan, Sontae Jackson, Nathania Jackson and Noelle Dowling); Wexford (Jodie Keeling, Eva Creane, Cora Doyle, Cliodhna O'Connell); Laois (Una Brophy and Ruby McEvoy); Kildare Mollie Dagg.

### Leinster Girls won the Girls 60-30 team of 6 for the second year in a row

In Moycullen the Leinster Girls did the double for 2017 as their team of 6 claimed the 60x30 Girls Team event to add to their 40x20 Girls Team of 10 that they won earlier in the year.

The format sees 3 doubles pairings (U13, U15, U17) compete in 1x21 ace game, with points scored on an aggregate basis. With Ulster not fielding a team this year, the remaining three provinces played in a round robin format.

The standard of girl's handball has improved dramatically in the last 5-10 year, and this was evident on the day with some excellent performances and contests.

Leinster got the better of Connacht in the first match on an 87-38 score-line and in their second match Leinster defeated last year's winners Munster 85-45. The final match of the day was very close with little between both teams but Munster just edged Connacht at the end 62-60 to finish off a wonderful day of girl's handball.

#### Team

Girls U-13: Amy Brennan (Clogh, Kilkenny), Jodie Keeling (St. Joseph's, Wexford), Ellie Murphy O'Gorman (St. Josephs, Wexford)

Girls U-15: Róisín O'Keeffe (Kilfane, Kilkenny), Noelle Dowling (Mothel, Kilkenny), Abby Tarrant (Leixlip, Kildare)

Girls U-17: Mollie Dagg (Leixlip, Kildare), Cliodhna O'Connell (Coolgreany, Wexford)



2017 Leinster GAA Handball 60-30 Girls Team of 6



2017 Leinster GAA Handball 40-20 Girls Team of 10

## 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Adult 40-20 Championship

In 2017 there were 328 entries, up 320 on 2016. All 12 counties had entries.

County	No. of Players	County	No. of Players	County	No. of Players
Meath	15	Carlow	27	Dublin	37
Kildare	38	Kilkenny	83	Laois	29
Longford	2	Louth	9	Offaly	8
Westmeath	19	Wexford	44	Wicklow	17
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>328</b>				

Kilkenny had the largest entries followed by Wexford, Kildare and Dublin. Competition was completed by the end of March 2017. 46 Championship grades were completed but due to the change in GAA Handball Open Men's and Ladies championship format it was difficult to get Senior Men's and Ladies championship completed. Patricia Byrne (Wicklow) captured ladies Senior Singles title beating Niamh Dunne (Laois) in the final.

Kilkenny captured Men's Minor Singles (Eoin Brennan) and Men's Inter Doubles (Ciaran Neary/Brendan Burke). Dublin (Keith Burke) captured Men's Junior Singles with Meath (Peter Reilly & Joe Cummins) winning the Men's Junior Doubles. Wexford (Daniel Kavanagh) captured Men's Intermediate Singles and Wexford (Adam Walsh / Anthony Butler) won Men's Minor Singles.

In the ladies Championship Kildare won 3 Titles with Hannah Dagg winning Ladies Junior Title, with her sister Kate capturing the ladies Junior Doubles Title and Ellen O'Connor capturing lady's Junior B Titles. Wexford captured Ladies Minor Singles and Doubles. Cora Doyle winning the singles and partnered by Emma Sweeney she won the doubles. Unfortunately, there was only one entry in both Ladies Intermediate Singles and Doubles with both being from Laois.

### Winners by County

County	No. of Winners	County	No. of Winners	County	No. of Winners
Kilkenny	12	Dublin	8	Wexford	7
Kildare	6	Carlow	4	Westmeath	4
Laois	3	Meath	1	Wicklow	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>				

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## 2017 GAA Handball Adult 40-20 All-Ireland Finals

Leinster contested 31 All-Ireland Adult 40-20 Singles and Doubles Finals in Kingscourt Co. Cavan. Winning 12 Titles. Notably Men's and Ladies Junior Doubles Titles and were runners-up in 19 other grades.

For the First time in 4 years Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) did not win Open Singles losing the singles final to Charlie Shanks (Armagh).

All the major singles titles were won by other Provinces and 2 of the doubles titles were won by Leinster. Meath winning GAA Handball All-Ireland Junior Doubles and Kildare winning Ladies Junior Doubles Title.

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## 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Juvenile 40-20

There were over 100 entries in Leinster GAA Handball Juvenile 40-20 Championship. Kilkenny and Wexford had 24 each and remaining 10 Counties making up the rest. This was a very competitive championship with Kilkenny capturing 11 Titles, Wexford 6 Titles, Kildare and Laois 3 Titles each with Carlow winning One Title.

<b>BOYS Age Group</b>	<b>Players /County</b>	<b>GIRLS Age Group</b>	<b>Players /County</b>
Boys U12 Singles	Michael Brennan (Kilkenny)	Girls U12 Singles	Jodie Keeling (Wexford)
Boys U12 Doubles	Conor Horan/Bobby Doyle (Wexford)	Girls U12 Doubles	Farrah Ryan & Holly Wall (Carlow)
Boys U13 Singles	Thomas Sharkey (Kilkenny)	Girls U13 Singles	Una Brophy (Laois)
Boys U13 Doubles	Conor Holden/Sean O'Keeffe (Kilkenny)	Girls U13 Doubles	Nathania Jackson/Emma Manogue (Kilkenny)
Boys U14 Singles	Billy Drennan (Kilkenny)	Girls U14 Singles	Amy Brennan (Kilkenny)
Boys U14 Doubles	Conor Murphy/Mark Doyle (Wexford)	Girls U14 Doubles	Aine Duggan/Sontae Jackson (Kilkenny)
Boys U15 Singles	Jack Doyle (Kilkenny)	Girls U15 Singles	Abby Tarrant (Kildare)
Boys U15 Doubles	Jamie Maher/Padhraic Foley (Kilkenny)	Girls U15 Doubles	Emer Fitzpatrick/Lucy O'Connor (Laois)
Boys U16 Singles	Josh Kavanagh (Wexford)	Girls U16 Singles	Leah Doyle (Kildare)
Boys U16 Doubles	Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill (Kilkenny)	Girls U16 Doubles	Roisín O'Keeffe/ Edel Mulholland (Kilkenny)
Boys U17 Singles	Cillian Hogan (Kildare)	Girls U17 Singles	Molly O'Connor (Laois)
Boys U17 Doubles	Ciaran Power/Colm Parnell (Wexford)	Girls U17 Doubles	Clíodhna O'Connell/Eva Crean (Wexford)

## Leinster contested 14 Juvenile All-Ireland 40-20 Titles

The All -Ireland series caters for U14 – U17 age groups. Leinster won 9 of the 16 All-Ireland Titles available (5 Boys and 4 Girls) and were runners-up in four others. Notably boys U14 singles, Doubles and U16 Doubles and Girls U16 Doubles.

### Winners

1. GU15 Singles Kildare (Abby Tarrant) defeated Armagh (Cailiosa Ni Dhuill) 15-6, 15-7
2. GU16 Singles Kildare (Leah Doyle) defeated Tyrone (Mairead Fox) 21-10, 21-7
3. GU17 Singles Laois (Molly O'Connor) defeated Cork (Aoife Hurley) 21-10, 12-21, 11-0
4. GU17 Doubles Wexford (Clíodhna O'Connell/Eva Crean) defeated Tyrone (Claire Conway/Meabh McCrystal) 21-2, 21-1
5. BU14 Singles Kilkenny (Billy Drennan) defeated Monaghan (Tiarnan O'Rourke) 15-4, 15-1
6. BU14 Doubles Wexford (Conor Murphy/Mark Doyle) defeated Tyrone (Jonathan Owens/Jack Darcy) 15-2, 15-10
7. BU15 Singles Kilkenny (Jack Doyle) defeated Clare (Seanie Doyle) 15-13, 15-2
8. BU15 Doubles Kilkenny (Jamie Maher/Padhraic Foley) defeated Clare (Sean Coughlan/Cormac Murphy) 13-15, 15-5, 15-12
9. BU16 Doubles Kilkenny (Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill) defeated Monaghan (Justas Dambinskas/Konrad Kowal) 21-14, 21-12

### Runners-Up

1. GU16 Doubles Tyrone (Caitlin Conway/Elizabeth McGarvey) defeated Kilkenny (Roisín O'Keeffe/Edel Mulholland) 21-6, 21-7
2. BU17 Doubles Cork (Niall Delaney/Stephen O'Rourke) defeated Wexford (Ciaran Power/Colm Parnell) 21-3, 21-12
3. BU16 Singles Tyrone (Lorcan McBride) defeated Wexford (Josh Kavanagh) 18-21, 21-17, 11-1
4. GU15 Doubles Tipperary (Siobhan Prentice/Isabel Farnan) defeated Laois (Emer Fitzpatrick/Lucy O'Connor) 15-5, 2-15, 15-7

## Juvenile 40-20 Team Competitions

The 2017 40x20 Juvenile Team of 6/4 competitions took place in Salthill and Claregalway. In total six different counties took part with Kilkenny and Cork counties taking home the gold medals.

In the U12/13 competition Cork received a w/o from Tyrone in the first semi-final while Kilkenny overcame Galway in the second semi-final 73-48. The final was a very exciting match with little between both teams with the result in the balance right up to the last ace. Going into the final game Cork led 57-62 and they extended their lead by leading 10-2 before a very strong comeback by Kilkenny which resulted in them losing the last game 11-15 but winning the title by the slimmest of margins 73-72.

In the U14/15 competition Kilkenny had a comfortable win over Mayo in the semi-final 90-33 while Tipperary received a bye to the final. In the final the Kilkenny team just edged their Tipperary opponents on a score-line 70-67.

Finally, in the U16/17 competition Galway had a convincing win over Laois in the first semi-final 56-29 while Cork received a bye. In the final there was little between both team but Cork took the honours as they defeated the local Galway team 56-40.

Congratulations to all the players, coaches, parents and a special word of thanks to the Salthill and Claregalway clubs for their hospitality and refereeing on the day.

### **All-Ireland Under 12/13 Team of 6 Champions**

Final: Kilkenny: Kyle Jordan, Conor Holden, Daniel Hanrahan, Thomas Sharkey, David Holden, Ronan O'Brien, James Purcell, Michael Brennan.

### **All-Ireland Under 14/15 Team of 6 Champions**

Final: Kilkenny: Eoin O'Brien, Sean Barron, Sean Purcell, Ciaran O'Neill, Gearoid Phelan, John Doheny, Tom Holden, David Quinlan.

### **All-Ireland Under 16/17 Team of 4 Semi-Finalists**

Beaten Semi-finalists. Laois: Brian Brennan, Conor Mulhall, Thomas Walsh, Padraig Walsh.

### **2017 Leinster GAA Handball Adult 60-30 Championship**

#### ***Dedicated Cup a fitting tribute to a true Handball Legend – Michael 'Ducky' Walsh***

The presentation of the new cup, kindly donated by Ducky's Walsh's family, is a fitting tribute to a once-in-a-lifetime sports star who touched the lives of so many. No doubt he will be smiling down from above when the first ball is served out – and grinning as he figured out how he would win that title back one more time himself.

There were 234 adult entries in 2017 down from 248 in 2016. 11 Counties had players in the championship, Kilkenny leading the way with 61 entries followed closely by Wexford with 52 entries.

In the 2017 Leinster GAA Handball 60-30 Championship Wexford led the way winning 13 Titles followed by Kilkenny winning 11 and huge achievement for Offaly winning 7 titles. 9 counties won adult titles but no success in Louth. More of concern is the lack of 60-30 players from Laois and Longford not entering the 60-30 Championship.

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*Kilkenny - Team of Six 40-20 All-Ireland Winners 2017*

## 2017 GAA Handball Adult 60-30 All-Irelands

In 2017 GAA Handball Adult 60-championship Leinster 24 Titles and were runners up in 5 other grades. Pride of place must go to Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) winning sixth All-Ireland defeating fellow Leinster Player Eoin Kennedy (Dublin).

Robbie McCarthy becomes the first player to lift the Ducksy Walsh Cup, which was presented to Robbie by the Walsh family following a short video tribute to the great Ducksy Walsh.

Leinster captured the Senior Doubles title with Tom Sheridan/Brian Carroll (Meath) beating Eoin Kennedy/Carl Browne in an exciting final.

While Leinster have only one player at the moment capable of competing at the top level of Ladies Handball. That maybe about to change as Leinster players in the guise of Kilkenny players captured lady's Intermediate singles and doubles as well as Ladies Minor singles winner from Kildare.

For the first time in 2 years Leinster did not win either singles or doubles in Minor, Junior or Intermediate grades. Overall a hall of 24 Titles is a wonderful achievement.

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## 2017 GAA Handball Inter club 60- 30 Championship

11 Teams took part in 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Interclub 60-30 Championship – 5 Junior B, 3 Junior and 3 Open.

### Junior B: Ballymore Eustace Handball Club, Kildare

Team: Myles Carroll, Gary Balfe, Stephen Smullen, Jamie Travers, Brendan Higginbotham and Ivan Byrne

### Junior: Crinkle Handball Club, Offaly

Team: Conor O'Brien, Declan Cooke, Sean Ryan and Kevin Cooke

### Open: Kells Handball Club, Meath

Team: Robert Fox, Michael Sheridan, Gary McConnell, Brian Carroll and Tom Sheridan.

**Ballymore  
Eustace  
(Kildare) - 2017  
Junior B  
Interclub 60-30  
All-Ireland  
Champions**



**Kells (Meath) 2017 GAA Handball Open IC 60-30 Champions**

## 2017 GAA Handball All-Ireland Inter club 60-30 Finals

### *Kells HC, Meath & Ballymore Eustace Capture All-Ireland Club Titles*

Kells HC, Meath have captured the GAA Handball All Ireland 60x30 Senior club title for an incredible 6th time in as many seasons when they defeated Hospital, Limerick today Saturday 17th June at Mullingar on a convincing 84-25 score-line.

In the semi-final, the Kells club accounted for Williamstown of Galway 84-22 to set up a final with Munster championships Hospital. In the final the Kells club were convincing winners on an 84-25 score-line. Full report to follow.

The Junior title was won by the Broadford club. Moycullen (Galway) overcame the local Crinkle (Offaly) team in a very tight match that went in favour of the Connacht players 111-104. In the final the Munster championships proved too strong for the Moycullen team and Broadford took the title 91-69.

In the Junior B competition played Leinster champions Ballymore Eustace defeated Waterford side Friary/Abbeyside, who defeated Kingscourt (Cavan) in the semi-final 108-84. In the final the Kildare team was conformable winners against the Munster club on a score-line of 105-79.

## 2017 Leinster GAA Handball 60-30 boys team competition

Kilkenny and Wexford were the only entrants in U12/13 and U14/15 with Kildare replacing Wexford in the U17/18 grade. The winners are as follows:

### **2017 Leinster Final 60-30 Juvenile Boys Team of Six/Four Winners-Runner Up's**

U12/13: Team of 6 Kilkenny defeated Wexford

Kilkenny Team: Kyle Jordan, Ronan O'Brien, Harry Delaney, David Holden, Conor Holden and Michael Brennan

U14/15: Team of 6 Wexford defeated Kilkenny

Wexford Team: Tommy Connors, David Doyle, Joe Devejrs, Conor Murphy, Michael Shea and Conor Dobbs.

U16/17: Team of 4 Kilkenny defeated Kildare

Kilkenny Team: Conor Drennan, Tom Carroll, James Love and Kieran O'Neill

## 2017 GAA Handball All-Ireland 60-30 Boys Team of 6/4 Championship

The 2017 60x30 Juvenile Team of 6/4 competitions took place in the famous Kilfane club in Kilkenny. In total three different counties played with Kilkenny taking two titles home.

Unfortunately, there was no competition in U14/15 grade as Wexford were the only provincial winners.

In the U12/13 competition Cork had a good win over an improving Monaghan side in the first semi-final, while local side Kilkenny received a bye in the other semi-final. In the final the strong Kilkenny side just proved too powerful for the Munster team and in the end, they won the final on a score-line 84-54.

In the U16/17 competition Kilkenny received a walkover from Waterford in this grade.

Congratulations to all the players, coaches and a special word of thanks to the Kilfane club for their hospitality and referring on the day.

### **GAA Handball 60x30 All Ireland Juvenile Boys Team of 6/4 - Results**

#### **Boys U12/13 60x30 Team of 6**

**SF 1:** Cork (Cameron O'Sullivan, Cian Cronin O'Neill, Ben Sullivan, Hayden Supple, John Cronin, Eoin Daly, Darragh Henley) defeated Monaghan (Aidan Cunningham, Aidan McGeough, Fergal Magee, Diarmuid O'Riordan, Matas Sadauskas, Oisín McKeown)

**SF 2:** Kilkenny (Kyle Jordan, Ronan O'Brien, Harry Delaney, David Holden, Conor Holden, Michael Brennan) Bye

**Final:** Kilkenny (Kyle Jordan, Ronan O'Brien, Harry Delaney, David Holden, Conor Holden, Michael Brennan) defeated Cork (Cameron O'Sullivan, Cian Cronin O'Neill, Ben Sullivan, Hayden Supple, John Cronin, Eoin Daly, Darragh Henley) 84-54

#### **Boys U16/17 60x30 Team of 4**

**Final:** Kilkenny (Conor Drennan, Tom Carroll, James Love, Kieran O'Neill) W/O Waterford (Jake Moore, Rury Cusack, Daniel Treen, Aidan Organ) scr.

## Feile na nGael 2017 (Handball)

The John West sponsored national Féile na nGael Handball competition has once again proved to be an exceptional day of Handball as the counties top young Under 14 Handballers provided great entertainment and skills for all the spectators and clubs who travelled in their droves to venues across Carlow and Wexford.

It was the second largest Féile of all time with over 60 teams taking part in 40x20, 60x30 and One Wall grades with team numbers well up on the last few years. Whilst the main aim of this weekend is enjoyment and participation Saturday's evening finals provided a fitting climax to the day. It was Galmoy (Kilkenny) who came out on top in the Boys 40x20 Division 1 final, defeating Tuamgraney (Clare) in the decider, whilst Kilkishen (Clare) won the Girls 40x20 Division 1 final when they overcame Lahorna (Tipperary). In the Girls Div. 2 the title went to the west with Micheal Breathnach (Galway) winning it and finally Boherbue (Cork) won the Girls Div. 3. The Boys titles went to Fermoy (Cork) Div. 2, Cullohill (Laois) Div. 3, Boherbue (Cork) Div. 4, Kingscourt (Cavan) Div. 5, Ballydesmond (Cork) Div. 6.

In the 60x30 event a very enjoyable day was had in Castlebridge where Kilfane (Kilkenny) saw off Ballina (Tipperary) 28-22 to win the Div 1 grade with the local team from Castlebridge (Wexford) taking the Div 2 title when they defeated St. Patricks (Cavan) 42-21.

The first ever One Wall Féile Boys competition was won by the Mayobridge team (Down) when they overcame Laochra Láimhe (Limerick) while in the Girls final the Laochra Láimhe team defeated Mayobridge.

Leinster GAA Handball would like to thank all the venues Bagenalstown, Castlebridge, Coolgreany, Davidstown, Garryhill, Horeswood, St. Martins, St. Josephs and Tinryland for their hospitality and especially all the volunteers at each venue who ran everything so smoothly on the day. We also thank all the coaches, parents, the National & Local Féile organising committee's, but most important of all the players for contributing to such a brilliant day of Handball that will live long in their memories.

## 2017 GAA Hardball

### Hardball joy for Leinster Players

Meath's Brian Carroll & Tom Sheridan claimed their fourth Hardball Senior Doubles title with victory over Dublin's Eoin Kennedy & Carl Browne in Mullingar on Saturday last.

The Meath duo, one of the most successful doubles teams in GAA Handball started at a blistering pace and raced to a 21-2 victory in the first before the Dublin duo could find their form. The second was a tighter affair with Dublin coming more into the game and a number of quality rallies ensued. Meath were not going to be denied and were too strong on the day as they closed out the game and captured their fourth title on a 21-2, 21-15 score line.

Kilkenny's Eoin Brennan and Jack Doyle overcame Mayo's Patrick Murphy and Lorcan Conlan in a three-game thriller on a 21-6, 8-21, 21-14 score line to secure the Minor Hardball Doubles title.

Elsewhere it was a double success for Meath as they also captured the Junior Doubles title as Peter Reilly and Joe Cummins teamed up to defeat Limerick's Denis Donegan and Shane Murphy in Thurles coming through in three games 19-21, 21-6, 21-19.

Also in Thurles, the Intermediate Hardball Doubles title went to Leaside as Cork's Michael Hedigan and Donnacha O'Dea defeated Kilkenny's William and Daniel Love as they also went to a third game finally capturing the title on a 21-6, 9-21, 21-19 scoreline. Success for Carlow in Junior Hardball.

Carlow's Martin Mullins defeated Kerry's Jack O'Shea in the Junior Singles 21-7, 21-4.



*Brian Carroll and Tom Sheridan (Meath) – 2017 GAA Hardball Open 60-30 Doubles Champions*

## 2017 Leinster Juvenile 60-30 handball

There were 50 juvenile entries in 2017 Leinster juvenile 60-30 championship but worrying no entry in Girls U13 Singles and only one entry in Girls U17 Doubles. All remaining titles were hard earned. Kilkenny and Wexford both won 9 Titles, Kildare winning 2 and Laois a Carlow winning one each.

### Boys' Singles Winner

U12 Conor Horan (Wexford)  
U13 Harry Delaney (Kilkenny)  
U14 Billy Drennan (Kilkenny)  
U15 Eoin O'Brien (Kilkenny)  
U16 Jack Holden (Kilkenny)  
U17 Colm Parnell (Wexford)

### Runner Up

Michael Brennan (Kilkenny)  
Miley Connors (Wexford)  
Tommy Connors (Wexford)  
David Doyle (Wexford)  
Daniel Farrelly (Meath)  
Robert Dowling (Kilkenny)

### Boys' Doubles Winner

U12 Shane Kehoe/John Connors (Wexford)  
U13 Luke Flannigan/Dominic Bolster (Kilkenny)  
U14 Mark Doyle/Ben Keeling (Wexford)  
U15 Diarmuid Moore/Dean O'Neill (Wexford)  
U16 Josh Kavanagh/Cian Kehoe (Wexford)  
U17 Robert Cogley/Ciaran Power (Wexford)

### Runner Up

Cian Blackburn/James Jordan (Meath)  
Johnny Goggins / Killian Whelan (Wexford)  
Sean Barron/Adam O'Shea (Kilkenny)  
Tom Holden/Cillian Lawrence (Kilkenny)  
Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill (Kilkenny)  
Jimmy Cooke/Finn Dempsey (Offaly)

### Girls' Singles Winner

U12 Jodie Keeling (Wexford)  
*U13 No competition*  
U14 Amy Brennan (Kilkenny)  
U15 Abby Tarrant (Kildare)  
U16 Mollie Dagg (Kildare)  
U17 Cora Doyle (Wexford)

### Runner Up

Emer Barron (Kilkenny)  
  
Danielle Kinsella (Wexford)  
Ellie Murphy O'Gorman (Wexford)  
Kellyann Ryan (Kilkenny)  
Laura Donovan (Carlow)

### Girls' Doubles Winner

U12 Farrah Ryan/Holly Wall (Carlow)  
U13 Aisling Conney/Lauren Power (Kilkenny)  
U14 Sontae Jackson/Aine Duggan (Kilkenny)  
U15 Lauren McGuigan/Aoife Brophy (Laois)  
U16 Noelle Dowling/Roisin O'Keeffe (Kilkenny)  
U17 Clodagh White/Lucia Merrigan (Wexford)

### Runner Up

Una Duggan/Aoibhe Ryan (Kilkenny)  
Alannah Wogan/Elizabeth Walsh (Wexford)  
April Moran/Becky O'Neill (Wexford)  
Niamh Millar/Hannah Cullen (Wexford)  
Cliodhna O'Connell/Leanne Boland (Wexford)  
Leinster Nominated

## 2017 GAA Handball Juvenile 60-30 Finals

The All-Ireland series have a total 16 titles available from U14 – U17 boys and Girls singles and doubles. In all 15 finals were played as there was only one entrant in Girls U15 Doubles. Unfortunately, no competition for Lauren McGuigan/Aoife Brophy (Laois). Leinster captured 11 Titles, Wexford winning six, Kilkenny three and Kildare 2., and were runners up in the remaining two finals.

## Leinster GAA Handball 60-30 Juvenile All Ireland Final winners and Runners up

### Winners

1. GU14S Kilkenny (Amy Brennan) defeated Tyrone (Cloda Nic Con Midhe)
2. GU15S Kildare (Abby Tarrant) defeated Monaghan (Louise McGinnity)
3. GU16S Kildare (Mollie Dagg) defeated Tyrone (Mairead Fox)
4. GU17S Wexford (Cora Doyle) defeated Limerick (Aisling Shanahan)
5. GU17D Wexford (Clodagh White/Lucia Merrigan) defeated Limerick (Keri Murphy/Ciara McCarthy)
6. BU14S Kilkenny (Billy Drennan) defeated Tipperary (Rory Grace)
7. BU14D Wexford (Mark Doyle/Ben Keeling) defeated Cork (Kealan Murphy/Gearoid Healy)
8. BU15D Wexford (Diarmuid Moore/Dean O'Neill) defeated Tyrone (Brian McAleer/Jack Darcy)
9. BU16S Kilkenny (Jack Holden) defeated Cork (Darragh Ducey)
10. BU16D Wexford (Josh Kavanagh/Cian Kehoe) defeated Cork (Cian O'Driscoll/Anthony O'Connell)
11. BU17D Wexford (Robert Cogley/Ciaran Power) defeated Cork (Niall Delaney/Brooklyn Hickey)

### Runners-up

1. GU16D Tyrone (Caitlin Conway/Elizabeth McGarvey) defeated Kilkenny (Noelle Dowling/Roisin O'Keeffe)
2. BU17S Cavan (Conor Owens) defeated Wexford (Colm Parnell)



## 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Wall Ball Championship

### 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Wall Ball Finals

Over 30 Entries took part in 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Wall Adults Singles Championship. This is second year of a two-year trial to gauge interest in Wall Ball Championship and entries are limited to one entry per county per grade. The Adult finals were held in Clough-Ballacolla (Laois) on Sunday 25th June. The following are the results.

#### Winners

Grade	County	Names
Men's Open	Kilkenny	Peter Funchion
Men's B	Carlow	Kevin Barrett
Men's C	Louth	Billy Caddell
Masters	Laois	Kevin Brennan
Ladies Open	Laois	Niamh Dunne
Ladies B	Kildare	Ellen O'Connor
Ladies C	Kilkenny	Margaret Purcell

Over 17 Entries took part in 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Wall Juvenile Singles Championship. Juvenile Championship is limited to U15 and U17 Boys and Girls. Entries were limited to one entry per grade for each county. The finals were held in Muine Bheag College, County Carlow and the results are as follows.

### 2017 Leinster Juvenile Wall Ball Championship Winners & Runner Ups

	Winner	Runner-Up
Girls U15	Noelle Dowling (Kilkenny)	Abbey Tarrant (Kildare)
Girls U17	Laura Donovan (Carlow)	
Boys U15	Jack Doyle (Kilkenny)	Tomas O'Donohue (Carlow)

Both adult and Juvenile winners represented Leinster in the All-Ireland finals in Mount Talbot HC, Roscommon. Saturday 15th July 2017.

## Talbot's Inch launch Michael Ducksy Walsh Tournament

### 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Wall Ball Finals

On Wednesday 22nd June night, Talbot's Inch Handball Club, launched the upcoming Doubles tournament to celebrate the career of the legendary Michael Ducksy Walsh. Scheduled to take place on Saturday July 29th, the event has attracted the attention of the handball community across Ireland and on the day the best 60 x 30 players in the country will descend on Kilkenny.

Walsh who passed away last August left the entire handball community numb with grief. He was a winner of an incredible 38 Senior All-Ireland titles including a record 16 Senior Softball titles, his name will forever be synonymous with the sport. Further details on the tournament will follow in due course.

## 2017 GAA Handball Wall Ball Nationals

### *Success for leinster Players in 2017 Breaffy House Hotel Wall Ball Nationals*

While leinster did not have any luck in ladies and Men's Open Finals on Saturday 1st July 2017. In the remaining adult & juvenile semi-finals and finals took place as the titles from 13&Under to Over 70 were decided to bring the action to a close.

In the Ladies grade Ellen O'Connor (Kildare) captured the title

Kilkenny's Kyle Jordan claimed a brilliant 16-14 comeback win over Galway's Mikey Kelly in the B13&U grade, having trailed for the entire match bar the closing 90 seconds.

Kilkenny also took the B15&U title as Billy Drennan produced some sensational performances, including a 31-1 final win over Wexford's Josh Kavanagh, in a repeat of the 2016 13&U final.

The third major boys title of the day for Kilkenny Boys 17&U title went to Eoin Brennan, who defeated Roscommon's Michael Egan 19-11 in the final. In the same girl's grade, Armagh's Megan McCann held off a mid-game comeback from Kildare's Leah Doyle to eventually win 18-11.

## **The 2017 GAA Handball Myclubshop.ie 60-30 Irish Nationals**

The 2017 GAA Handball Myclubshop.ie 60x30 Irish Nationals took place over the weekend of the 22nd & 23rd July in Wexford venues. This event attracted record numbers again this year with almost 200 players involved. Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) captured the Senior Title in All Leinster Final beating Gavin Buggy (Wexford) in 2 games to 15. In The ladies, Senior Singles Caitriona Casey (Cork) beat Martina McMahon (Limerick) in the best of 3 games. All Adult 60-30 players acknowledged the success of the event and in particular praised the Wexford Handball community for coming out in force to support the event. Leinster had a significant number of winners to copper leinster as a stronghold of the 60-30 handball game.

## **The 2017 Leinster GAA Handball U11 60-30 Fun day**

On Saturday 16th September Leinster GAA Handball held an U11 handball fun day in 4 venues in Leinster. In Fahy's Cross, Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) brought the Ducksy Walsh Cup for the players for photographs and pass on playing tips and challenging local players for a tip around. Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) attended no Na Fianna (Dublin) and impressed all players demonstrating skills and trick shots. The same with Gavin Buggy (Wexford) in St. Mary's Wexford and Michel Gregan (Wicklow) in Tinahely. A big thank you to the Senior players. It is hoped to make this an annual event. All the young players really enjoyed themselves and met some of the top 60-30 players in the country.

## **2017 Leinster Second Level Colleges Handball**

Thanks to the Trojan work every year by Tadhg Doran Leinster GAA, Leinster Second Level Colleges have representatives in GAA Handball All-Ireland Series. He begs, cajoles and mentors to get games played. Players are entered in Colleges names but Handball is mainly managed by retired Teachers and parents.

## **2017 Leinster Second Level College 40-20 Winners**

GJD: April Moran/Niamh Miller (Bridgetown VC)  
GJS: Mollie Dagg (Col Chiarain, Leixlip)  
GSS: Leah Doyle (Confey College, Leixlip)  
GSD: Dearbhail O'Keeffe/Roisin O'Keeffe (Grennan College, Kilkenny)  
BJS: Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS)  
BJD: Mark Doyle/Conor Dobbs (Wexford CBS)  
BIS: Jack Holden (Grennan College, Kilkenny)  
BID: Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill (Castlecomer CS)  
BSS: Conor Owens (O'Carolan Col, Nobber)  
BSD: Eoin Brennan/Jack Doyle (St. Kieran's, Kilkenny)

## **2017 GAA Handball Inter Club 40-20**

There were record entries in 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Inter Club 40-20. There were 11 entries in Junior B, 4 entries in Junior and 2 entries in Open Championship.

Ballymore Eustace (Kildare) and St. Brigid's (Dublin) reached the Junior B final with Ballymore winning the title. In the junior competition Tinryland (Carlow) captured the title for the second year in a row beating Kells Handball Club (Kilkenny) in the final. Kells Handball Club (Meath) captured the open title beating St. Josephs Handball Club (Wexford)

The 2017 GAA Handball season came to a close today Saturday 2nd December with the 40-20 Interclub All Ireland Championships. In the Open grade Kells (Meath) took the premier title for the fourth time and took a rare double as they also won the 60-30 Open title back in June. Meath defeated Breacach (Tyrone) in the final on a 70-49 scoreline.

The Open competition was played in Mullingar and in the first semi-final Breacach had a tight win over Mallow (Cork) 87-60 while Kells received a bye in the other semi-final. The final was a very tight match up to the last game. First up was Breacach

Conor McElduff versus Garry McConnell, this was a very tight match up but the Breacach player just edging both games on a score-line 15-11 & 15-14. In the second match the Kells pairing of Tom & Dylan Sheridan overcame Pól Clarke & Shane O'Neill 15-10, 15-7, this meant Kells were leading 55-47 going into the last singles match. In the final match Brian Carroll played Johnny Woods, Woods put up a great fight but it was no match to the experience Meath man and Carroll powered on to take the game 15-2 and the match 70-49.

The Junior competition was played in Leixlip with Kilworth (Cork) defeating Saval (Down) in the first semi-final while Tinryland (Carlow) overcame St. Brigid's Curraghboy (Roscommon) in the other semi-final. The final was very exciting with the minimum of margins between both teams but at the end Tinryland just edges it after one of the Kilworth players got injured.

Finally, in the Junior B competition which was played in Curraghboy, Roscommon. In the first semi-final Ballydesmond (Cork) defeated Breacach (Tyrone) 90-50 while in the second semi-final Ballymore Eustace (Kildare) overcame Newport (Mayo) 60-28. In the final the Leinster champions were just too strong for their Munster opponents with Ballymore Eustace defeating Ballydesmond 60-22.

## GAA Handball 40-20 All Ireland Interclub 2017 Results

### OPEN in Mullingar, Westmeath

- Semi Final 1: Breacach (Tyrone) defeated Mallow (Cork) 87-60
- Semi Final 2: Kells (Meath) Bye
- Final: Kells (Meath) defeated Breacach (Tyrone) 70-49

### JUNIOR in Leixlip, Kildare

- Semi Final 1: Kilworth (Cork) defeated Saval (Down)
- Semi Final 2: Tinryland (Carlow) defeated St. Brigid's (Roscommon)
- Final: Tinryland (Carlow) defeated Kilworth (Cork)

### JUNIOR B in Curraghboy, Roscommon

- Semi Final 1: Ballydesmond (Cork) defeated Breacach (Tyrone)
- Semi Final 2: Ballymore Eustace (Kildare) defeated Newport (Mayo)
- Final: Ballymore Eustace (Kildare) defeated Ballydesmond (Cork)

Finally, I would like to offer from Leinster GAA Handball sympathy to all families who suffered bereavements over the past year.

**Pádraig Ó Riain**  
Administrator



Carlow GAA Handball Summer Camp 2017



**Robbie McCarthy**  
2017 GAA Handball Open Singles Champion



**Kildare – All-Ireland Winners 40-20**



**Tinryland**  
**Leinster 40x20 Junior Inter Club Champions 2017**



**2017 Leinster GAA Handball Convention in Na Fianna, Dublin**

# 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Results

## 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Adult 40-20 Championship

No.	Grade	Winner	County	Runner Up	County
1	Mens Minor Singles	Eoin Brennan	Kilkenny	Ben Devlin	Louth
2	Mens Minor Doubles	Adam Walsh / Anthony Butler	Wexford	Conor Condon/Eoin Brennan	Kilkenny
3	Mens U21 Singles	Kevin Diggins	Kildare	Keith Armstrong	Wexford
4	Mens U21 Doubles	Brian Mahon/Emmet Landy	Kilkenny	Padraig Cooney/Shane Dunne	Kilkenny
5	Mens Junior B Singles	Aaron Geoghegan	Carlow	Myles Carroll	Kildare
6	Mens Junior B Doubles	Jonathan Westlake/Rob Farrelly	Dublin	Diarmaid Burke/Anthony Martin	Kilkenny
7	Mens Junior Singles	Keith Burke	Dublin	Kevin Barrett	Carlow
8	Mens Junior Doubles	Peter Reilly & Joe Cummins	Meath	Pauric Buggy/Tomás Lennon	Laois
9	Mens Inter Singles	Daniel Kavanagh	Wexford	Jerome Willoughby	Wicklow
10	Mens Inter Doubles	Ciaran Neary/Brendan Burke	Kilkenny	Dan Fenlon/Ollie Ryan	Carlow
11	Mens O35 A Singles	Gavin Buggy	Wexford	Conor O'Brien	Offaly
12	Mens O35 A Doubles	Gavin Buggy/Barry McWilliams	Wexford	No Opponent	
13	Mens O35 B Singles	Fergal McWilliams	Wexford	David Stanners	Wexford
14	Mens O35 B Doubles	John Morrissey/Noel Doherty	Kilkenny	Fergal McWilliams/David Stanners	Wexford
15	Mens Masters A Singles	Ollie Ryan	Carlow	Adrian Benson	Dublin
16	Mens Masters A Doubles	No Entries			
17	Mens Masters B Singles	Conor Maxwell	Dublin	Robert Byrne	Wexford
18	Mens Masters B Doubles	Gavin Grace/Daragh Ward	Kildare	David Redmond/John Roche	Wexford
19	Mens Silver Masters A Sgl	Canice Quigley	Kilkenny	Pat Quaile	Wicklow
20	Mens Silver Masters A Dbl	Eddie Burke/Joe Walsh	Kilkenny	No Opponent	
21	Mens Silver Masters B Sgl	William Holden	Kilkenny	Damien Kelly	Wexford
22	Mens Silver Masters B Dbl	Willie Holden /David Bourke	Kilkenny	Joe Mulvanney/Gerry Whyte	Westmeath
23	Mens Golden Masters A S	Egin Jensen	Dublin	John Ryan	Carlow
24	Mens Golden Masters A D	Robbie McCarthy Snr/Mike Naughton	Westmeath	Michael Dowling/Padraig Maguire	Kildare
25	Mens Golden Masters B S	Brendan Higginbotham	Kildare	Joe Brennan	Laois
26	Mens Golden Masters B D	Joe Brennan/James Doyle	Laois	Brian Gardner/Joe Warren	Dublin
27	Mens Emerald Masters A S	Robbie McCarthy Snr	Westmeath	Mickey Dowling	Kildare
28	Mens Emerald Masters A D	Martin Lalor/Philly Parsons	Kilkenny	Martin Clancy/Tom Kane	Carlow
29	Mens Emerald Masters B S	Anthony Mulligan	Westmeath	Tom Byrne	Wexford
30	Mens Emerald Masters B D	Anthony Mulligan/Brendan Menton	Westmeath	Tom Byrne/Nicky Casey	Wexford
31	Mens Diamond Masters A S	John Rossiter	Carlow	Sean Ryan	Carlow
32	Mens Diamond Masters A D	Sean Ryan/John Rossiter	Carlow	Eamonn Sunderland/Mick Doyle	Carlow
33	Mens Diamond Masters B S	Joe Anthony	Kilkenny	Gerry Murphy	Kilkenny
34	Mens Diamond Masters B D	Gerry Murphy/Joe Anthony	Kilkenny	Brendan Murphy/Miley Byrne	Wexford
35	Mens Ruby Masters Singles	Eugene Kennedy	Dublin	Jimmy Neary	Kilkenny
36	Mens Ruby Masters Doubles	Eugene Kennedy/Vinny Farrelly	Dublin	Tony Campbell/Dermot Howard	Kildare
37	Mens Over 70 Singles	Ned Flynn	Dublin	Dermot Howard	Kildare
38	Mens Over 70 Doubles	Ned Flynn/John Molloy	Dublin	Jim Dooley/Ptr	Kilkenny
39	Ladies Minor Singles	Cora Doyle	Wexford	Dearbhail O'Keeffe	Kilkenny
40	Ladies Minor Doubles	Cora Doyle/Emma Sweeney	Wexford	Sorcha Delaney/Dearbhail O'Keeffe	Kilkenny
41	Ladies Junior B Singles	Ellen O'Connor	Kildare	Margaret Purcell	Kilkenny
42	Ladies Junior B Doubles	Aoife Walsh/Karen Walshe	Kilkenny	Orla Foy & Joan Tierney	Westmeath
43	Ladies Junior Singles	Hannah Dagg	Kildare	Meadhbh Ní Dhalaiagh	Dublin
44	Ladies Junior Doubles	Hannah Dagg/Kate Dagg	Kildare	Sabrina Hughes/Audrey McCormack	Dublin
45	Ladies Inter Singles	Niamh Dunne	Laois	No Opponent	
46	Ladies Inter Doubles	Niamh Dunne/Ciara Dowling	Laois	No Opponent	
47	Ladies Senior Singles	Patricia Byrne	Wicklow	Niamh Dunne	Laois

## 2017 Leinster GAA Handball All-Ireland 40-20 Singles & Doubles

### Winners

1. MBS Dublin (Conor Maxwell) defeated Tipperary (Brian O'Brien)
2. EMAS Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) defeated Antrim (Thomas Maguire)
3. DMAS Carlow (John Rossiter) defeated Tipperary (Billy Mullins)
4. DMBS Kilkenny (Joe Anthony) defeated Down (Brian Havern)
5. RMS Dublin (Eugene Kennedy) defeated Monaghan (Michael McCarron)
6. LJBS Kildare (Ellen O'Connor) defeated Tyrone (Michelle Warren)
7. Junior Meath (Joe Cummins/Peter Reilly) defeated Limerick (Tómas Donegan/Paul Hedderman)
8. SMBD Kilkenny (Willie Holden/David Bourke) defeated Tyrone (Kenny Curran/Finbarr Fullen)
9. DMAD Carlow (Sean Ryan/John Rossiter) defeated Monaghan (Peter Larkin/Martin McEntee)
10. DMBD Kilkenny (Joe Anthony/Billy Love) defeated Down (Brian Havern/Peter McSherry)
11. O70D Dublin (Ned Flynn/John Molloy) defeated Cavan (Patsy Hand/Greg Sheridan)
12. LJD Kildare (Hannah Dagg/Kate Dagg) defeated Limerick (Katie McCarthy/Siobhan Lehane)

### Runners-Up

1. LJS Tyrone (Eilise McCrory) defeated Kildare (Hannah Dagg)
2. LMS Armagh (Megan McCann) defeated Wexford (Cora Doyle)
3. GMAS Cork (John Herlihy) defeated Dublin (Egin Jensen)
4. SMBS Monaghan (Michael Clerkin) defeated Kilkenny (William Holden)
5. MAS Kerry (Dominick Lynch) defeated Carlow (Ollie Ryan)
6. JBS Antrim (Jordan O'Neill) defeated Carlow (Aaron Geoghegan)
7. JS Monaghan (Gavin Coyle) defeated Dublin (Keith Burke)
8. IS Cork (Tadhg Carroll) defeated Wexford (Daniel Kavanagh)
9. MS Cork (Taghdh O'Neill) defeated Kilkenny (Eoin Brennan)
10. U21S Clare (Colin Corbett) defeated Kildare (Kevin Diggins)
11. SS Armagh (Charly Shanks) defeated Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy)
12. O35AS Antrim (Ricky McCann) defeated Wexford (Gavin Buggy)
13. Boys Minor: Cork (Tadhg O'Neill/David Walsh) defeated Wexford (Adam Walsh/Anthony Butler)
14. Intermediate: Tyrone (Shane O'Neill/Sean Kerr) defeated Kilkenny (Ciaran Neary/Brendan Burke)
15. U21D Tyrone (Johnny Woods/Ryan Mullan) defeated Kilkenny (Brian Mahon/Emmet Landy)
16. O35AD Kerry (Dominick Lynch/John Joe Quirke) defeated Wexford (Gavin Buggy/Barry McWilliams)
17. SMAD Antrim (Paddy Crothers/John McGarry) defeated Kilkenny (Eddie Burke/Joe Walsh)
18. GMAD Tipperary (John O'Donoghue/Eddie Corbett) defeated Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy/Mike Naughton)
19. Ladies Minor: Clare (Bridin Dinan/Ella Donnellan) defeated Wexford (Cora Doyle/Emma Sweeney)

## 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Adult 60-30 All-Ireland Singles

### Winners

1. Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) defeated Dublin (Eoin Kennedy)
2. U21S Kilkenny (Brian Mahon) defeated Tyrone (Ryan Mullan) -
3. JBS Wicklow (Chris Doyle) defeated Cork (Shane Flynn)
4. O35AS Offaly (David Hope) defeated Kerry (Dominick Lynch)
5. SMAS Kilkenny (William Holden) defeated Cavan (Jimmy McKeon)
6. GMAS Carlow (John Ryan) defeated Cork (John Herlihy) GMBS Kildare (Brendan Higginbotham) defeated Tyrone (Kenny Curran)
7. EMAS Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy Snr) defeated Cavan (Michael G Brady)
8. EMBS Wexford (Tom Byrne) defeated Kerry (Pat Lacey) RMS Carlow (John Rossiter) defeated Donegal (David Mulhern)
9. O70S Wexford (Jim Doyle) defeated Cork (Pat O'Brien)
10. LMS Kildare (Leah Doyle) defeated Clare (Catriona Millane)
11. LJBS Dublin (Meadhbh Ní Dhallaigh) defeated Sligo (Aoife Quinn)
12. LIS Kilkenny (Aoife Holden) defeated Roscommon (Fiona Tully)

### Runners-Up

1. JS Kerry (Jack O'Shea) defeated Carlow (Daniel Fenlon)
2. DMBS Sligo (Mick Murphy) defeated Wexford (Brendan Murphy) 21-20, 21-11
3. SMBS Limerick (Pat Murphy) defeated Meath (Michael Sheridan) 8-21, 21-20, 21-9

## 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Adult 60-30 All-Ireland Doubles

### Winners

1. Final: Meath (Brian Carroll/Tom Sheridan) defeated Dublin (Eoin Kennedy/Carl Browne)
2. JBD Wicklow (Chris Doyle/Jerome Willoughby) defeated Kerry (Cian Counihan/Daire Keane)
3. O35AD Offaly (David Hope/Noel Murphy) defeated Kerry (Dominick Lynch/JohnJoe Quirke)
4. MAD Wexford (Gavin Buggy/John Roche) defeated Tipperary (Paul Mullins/Eddie Farrell)
5. MBD Offaly (Brian Doherty/Conor O'Brien) defeated Tipperary (Willie Cahill/Kevin Timmons)
6. SMAD Meath (John Leahy/Tom Sheridan) W/O Cavan (Jimmy McKeon/Joe Lynch)
7. SMBD Westmeath (Joe Mulvanney/Mike Naughton) defeated Tyrone (Kenny Curran/Finbar Fullen)
8. GMBD Kildare (Brendan & Billy Higginbottom) defeated Tipperary (Willie Burke/Brendan Ryan)
9. LJBD Dublin (Maedbh Ni Dhalaigh/Lisa McKenna) defeated Limerick (Leanne O'Brien/Brigid Quish)
10. LID Kilkenny (Aoife Holden/Ailish O'Shea) defeated Roscommon (Fiona & Aoife Tully)

### Runners-Up

1. U21D Tyrone (Sean Kerr/Ryan Mullan) defeated Kilkenny (Brian Mahon/Emmet Landy)
2. O35BD Tipperary (Kevin Dempsey/Noel Moroney) defeated Offaly (Sean Ryan/Kevin Cooke)

## 2017 Leinster GAA Handball Adult 60-30 Championship

No.	Grade	Winner	County	Runner Up	County
1	Minor Singles	Adam Walsh	Wexford	Adam Butler	Wexford
2	Minor Doubles	Adam Walsh/Anthony Butler	Wexford	Eoin Brennan/Conor Condon	Kilkenny
3	U21 Singles	Bryan Mahon	Kilkenny		
4	U21 Doubles	Brian Mahon/Emmet Landy	Kilkenny		
5	Junior B Singles	Chris Doyle	Wicklow	Myles Carroll	Kildare
6	Junior B Doubles	Chris Doyle / Jerome Willoughby	Wicklow	Jonathan Westlake/James Smith	Dublin
7	Junior Singles	Daniel Fenlon	Carlow	Stephen Quinn	Meath
8	Junior Doubles	(David Kenny) John Murphy/Eugene Kelly	Wexford	Keith Kavanagh / James Gregan	Wicklow
9	Inter Singles	Peter Funchion	Kilkenny	Daniel Kavanagh	Wexford
10	Inter Doubles	Peter / Patrick Funchion	Kilkenny	Daniel Kavanagh/Paul Carty	Wexford
11	Senior Singles	Gavin Buggy	Wexford	Brian Carrroll	Meath
12	Senior Doubles	Ciaran Neary/Nicolas Anthony	Kilkenny	Brian Carrroll / Tom Sheridan	Meath
13	O35 A Singles	David Hope	Offaly	Brian Manogue	Kilkenny
14	O35 A Doubles	David Hope / Noel Murphy	Offaly		
15	O35 B Singles	Noel Holohan	Wexford	J.R. Finn	Wexford
16	O35 B Doubles	Sean Ryan / Kevin Cooke	Offaly	Alan O'Neill/J.R Finn	Wexford
17	Masters A Singles	Gavin Buggy	Wexford	Ollie Ryan	Carlow
18	Masters A Doubles	Gavin Buggy / John Roche	Wexford	Ollie Ryan / Sean Ryan	Carlow
19	Masters B Singles	Conor O'Brien	Offaly	Gavin Grace	Kildare
20	Masters B Doubles	Brian Doherty / Conor O'Brien	Offaly	John Morrissey/Joe Daly	Kilkenny
21	Silver Masters A Singles	William Holden	Kilkenny	Noel Murphy	Offaly
22	Silver Masters A Doubles	John Leahy/Tom Sheridan	Meath	Willie & Noel Holden	Kilkenny
23	Silver Masters B Singles	Michael Sheridan	Meath	Sean Ryan	Offaly
24	Silver Masters B Doubles	Joe Mulvanney/ Mike Naughton	Westmeath	P.J. Tobin / Jamie Travers	Kildare
25	Golden Masters A Singles	John Ryan	Carlow	John Leahy	Meath
26	Golden Masters A Doubles	Robbie McCarthy Snr / Kevin Flanagan	Westmeath	Egin Jensen/Frank Daly	Dublin
27	Golden Masters B Singles	Brendan Higginbottom	Kildare	Stephen Murphy	Wexford
28	Golden Masters B Doubles	Brendan & Billy Higginbottom	Kildare		Wexford
29	Emerald Masters A Singles	Robbie McCarthy Snr.	Westmeath	Mickey Dowling	Kildare
30	Emerald Masters A Doubles	Philly Parsons / Johnny Brennan	Kilkenny	Martin Clancy/Mick Doyle	Carlow
31	Emerald Masters B Singles	Tom Byrne	Wexford	Kevin McKenna	Dublin
32	Emerald Masters B Doubles	Miley Byrne/Aidan Sinnott	Wexford	Stephen Murphy/Brendan Murphy	Wexford
33	Diamond Masters A Singles	Tony Breen	Wexford	Johnny Brennan	Kilkenny
34	Diamond Masters A Doubles	Jimmy Reilly/Anthony McConnell	Meath	Sean Ryan/Tom Kane	Carlow
35	Diamond Masters B Singles	Brendan Murphy	Wexford	Miley Byrne	Wexford
36	Mens Ruby Masters Singles	John Rossiter	Carlow	Eugene Kennedy	Dublin
37	Mens Ruby Masters Doubles	John Rossiter/Andy Ryan	Carlow	Tony Campbell/Dermot Howard	Kildare
38	Mens Over 70 Singles	Jim Doyle	Wexford	Jim Dooley	Kilkenny
39	Mens Over 70 Doubles	Pat Ryan/John Molloy	Dublin		
40	Ladies Minor Singles	Leah Doyle	Kildare	Dearbhail O'Keefe	Kilkenny
41	Ladies Minor Doubles	Dearbhail O'Keefe/Sorcha Delaney	Kilkenny	Holly Hynes/Emma Sweeney	Wexford
42	Ladies Junior B Singles	Maedbh Ni Dhalaigh	Dublin	Margaret Purcell	Kilkenny
43	Ladies Junior B Doubles	Maedbh Ni Dhalaigh / Lisa Mc Kenna	Dublin	Margaret Purcell/Caoimhe O'Shea	Kilkenny
44	Ladies Inter Singles	Aoife Holden	Kilkenny	Niamh Dunne	Laois
45	Ladies Inter Doubles	Aoife Holden/Ailish O'Shea	Kilkenny		
46	Ladies Senior Singles	Ciaran Mahon	Kilkenny	Aoife McCarthy	Westmeath
47	Ladies Senior Doubles	Ciara Mahon/Mary Phelan	Kilkenny		
48	Junior C Singles	David Stanners	Wexford	Cathal McNamee	Offaly
49	Junior C Doubles	J.R. Finn /Alan O'Neill (Wexford)	Wexford	James Stanners/David Stanners	Wexford
50	Ladies Junior C Singles	Andrea Cooke	Offaly	Natasha Patrizi	Westmeath
51	Ladies O35 B Singles	Christina Donoghue	Offaly	Serina Dempsey	Offaly



# President's Award Leinster Recipients

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## 2004

Paddy Kelly (MH)  
Paddy Flanagan (WM)  
Kevin O'Brien (WW)  
John Doyle (WX)  
Con Ryan (D)  
Miriam Malone (KE)  
Michael Walsh (KK)

## 2005

William Price (D)  
John Cullen (WX)  
Bro. Denis Minihane (OY)  
Paddy Collins (WM)  
Patsy Kiernan (D)  
John Nevin (CW)

## 2006

Martin Quigley (WX)  
Kevin Heffernan (D)  
Tadhg de Brun (D)  
George Delaney (WW)  
Margaret Delaney (LS)  
Donal Hickey (D)  
Marcus de Burca (D)  
Jimmy Bergin (KK)

## 2007

Tommy O'Brien (KK)  
Podge Butler (KK)  
Gerry Buckley (WM)  
Pat Holland (LH)  
Bro. Bosco Mulhare (LS/CW)  
Lulu Carroll (LS)

## 2008

John Ryan (LD)  
Fr. Moling Lennon (CW/KE)  
Michael Noel Byrne (OY)

## 2009

Fr. Michael Cremin (WM)  
L.V. Conway (CW)  
Peter Keogh (WW)  
Ned Quinn (KK)

## 2010

Tommy McLoughlin (LD)  
Charlie McAllister (LH)  
Mary Donohue, (LS)  
Cathal Friel (WW)  
Christopher Hughes (D)

## 2011

Fintan Ginnity (MH)  
John Curtis (WX)

## 2012

Brian Finnegan (WW)  
Tommy Nally (KE)  
Fitzhenry Family, Duffry Rovers WX)  
Martin Meagher, Carlow IT (3rd Level)  
Rosemount GAA Club (WM) Social Initiative

## 2013

Michael Mulhaire (LS)  
Noel Murphy (D)  
Michael Dowling (LS)  
Peter Rice (WX)  
Seán Gavin (CW)

## 2014

Máire Ní Cheallaigh (DB)  
Maureen Kincaid (OY)

## 2015

Har Ramsbottom (LS)  
Kevin Loughlin (MH)

## 2016

Ned Flynn (WH)  
Paddy McMahon (LH)

## 2017

Ann Gannon, Summerhill (MH)  
Matt Purcell, Baltimore Eustace GAA Handball Club (KE)  
John Sheridan, Kilmacud Cokes GAA Club (DB)  
Ger Proctor, Cuchulainn Rounders Club (CW)

# GAA Volunteers' Awards Leinster Roll of Honour

## Leinster Hall of Fame

2003	Michael "Ducksie" Walsh (Kilkenny)	Seán Óg Ó Ceallachán (Dublin)
2004	Leinster Camogie Team of the Century	Paddy Flanagan (Westmeath)
2005	Brian Smith (Meath)	Kevin Heffernan (Dublin)
2006	Tony Doran (Wexford)	Sean Boylan (Meath)
2007	Pat Henderson (Kilkenny)	Eugene McGee (Longford)
2008	Damien Martin (Offaly)	Seamus Aldridge (Kildare)
2009	Pat Critchley (Laois)	Frank Lynch (Louth)
2010	Jimmy Gray (Dublin)	Kevin O'Brien (Wicklow)
2011	Eddie Keher (Kilkenny)	Cyril Hughes (Carlow)
2012	David Kilcoyne (Westmeath)	Matt Connor (Offaly)
2013	Pat Dunney (Kildare)	Mick Carty (Wexford)
2014	Paddy Quirke (Carlow)	Jack Kenna (Laois)
2015	Don Hyland (Wicklow)	Des Barry (Longford)
2016	Mick Jacob (Wexford)	Trevor Giles (Meath)
2017	Brian Whelehan (Offaly)	Des Dolan (Westmeath)

## Comhairle Laighean Website Award

2007	Tara Rowan, Jeff Sheridan & Brendan Cummins (Meath GAA)
2008	Chris Lynam (St. Brigid's GAA Club, Dublin)
2009	Brian Ramsbottom and David Kelly (Park-Ratheniska GAA Club, Laois)
2010	Paddy Bates and Gerry O'Sullivan (Ballyboden St. Enda's GAA Club, Dublin)
2011	Fearghal Gogan and Aidan McHugh (Dunshaughlin GAA Club, Meath)
2012	Fergus McNally and Noel Manning (St. Jude's GAA Club, Dublin)
2013	Marc Cunningham and Anthony Rowan (The Downs Club, Westmeath)
2014	Colm Devaney, Jimmy Halpin, John Dowd (Emmet Og GAA Club, Longford)
2015	Brian Ramsbottom (Park-Ratheniska GAA Club, Laois)
2016	St. Colmcille's GAA Club (Meath)
2017	Mary Foley (Buffers Alley GAA Club, Wexford)

## Comhairle Laighean Match Programme Award

2004	Alan Aherne (Wexford)	2011	Ronan Lynch (Louth)
2005	Brendan Cummins (Meath)	2012	Ronan Lynch (Louth)
2006	John Duffy (Longford)	2013	Tomás Moore (Laois)
2007	Mary Foley (Wexford)	2014	Martin O'Halloran (Meath)
2008	Mary Foley (Wexford)	2015	Martin O'Halloran (Meath)
2009	Brendan Cummins (Meath)	2016	Martin O'Halloran (Meath)
2010	Mary Foley (Wexford)	2017	Bob Doheny (Louth)

## Comhairle Laighean County P.R.O. of the Year

2016	Seamus Reade (Kilkenny)	2017	Christine Murray (Kildare)
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## Comhairle Laighean Pearse Medal (Player of the Year)

2016	Jonjo Farrell (Kilkenny)	Diarmuid Connolly (Dublin)
2017	Conor Cooney (Galway)	James McCarthy (Dublin)

# Comhairle Laighean Clár na gCluichí 2018

			VENUE	DATE		
<b>PEIL SINSIR</b>						
1	Laois	v	Wexford	Innovate Wexford Park	12.05.2018	
2	Louth	v	Carlow	O'Moore Park Portlaoise	13.05.2018	
3	Offaly	v	Wicklow	O'Moore Park Portlaoise	13.05.2018	
Quarter-finals						
4	Laois/Wexford	v	Westmeath	t.b.c.	26/27.05.2018	
5	Louth/Carlow	v	Kildare	t.b.c.	26/27.05.2018	
6	Offaly/Wicklow	v	Dublin	t.b.c.	26/27.05.2018	
7	Longford	v	Meath	t.b.c.	26/27.05.2018	
Semi-finals						
8		4	v	5	Croke Park	10.06.2018
9		6	v	7	Croke Park	10.06.2018
Final		8	v	9	Croke Park	24.06.2018

## IOMÁINT SINSIR

Round 1	Offaly	v	Galway		12.05.2018
	Dublin	v	Kilkenny		13.05.2018
Round 2	Kilkenny	v	Offaly		20.05.2018
	Wexford	v	Dublin		20.05.2018
Round 3	Offaly	v	Wexford		26.05.2018
	Galway	v	Kilkenny		27.05.2018
Round 4	Wexford	v	Galway		02.06.2018
	Dublin	v	Offaly		03.06.2018
Round 5	Kilkenny	v	Wexford		09.06.2018
	Galway	v	Dublin		09.06.2018
Final				Croke Park	01.07.2018

## FÉ 21 BLIAIN IOMÁINT BORD GAIS

SECTION A - Round 1					
1	Ulster	v	Carlow	Abbotstown	26.05.2018
2	Laois	v	Dublin	t.b.c.	26.05.2018
SECTION A - Round 2					
3		1	v	2	t.b.c.
2	Wicklow	v	Meath	t.b.c.	28.05.2018
Quarter-Finals					
4	Galway	v	Offaly	t.b.c.	13.06.2018
5	Westmeath	v	Winners 3	t.b.c.	13.06.2018
Semi-Finals					
6	Winners 5	v	Wexford	t.b.c.	20.06.2018
7	Kilkenny	v	Winners 4	t.b.c.	20.06.2018
Final		6	v	7	t.b.c.
					04.07.2018

# IOMÁINT MÍONÚIR ELECTRIC IRELAND

TIER 1 - Round 1				
1	Dublin	v	Kilkenny	12.05.2018
2	Wexford	v	Laois	12.05.2018
TIER 2 - Round 1				
1	Meath	v	Offaly	12.05.2018
2	Kildare	v	Antrim	12.05.2018
TIER 3 - Round 1				
1	Westmeath	v	Carlow	12.05.2018
2	Down	BYE		
TIER 1 - Round 2				
1	Kilkenny	v	Wexford	19.05.2018
2	Laois	v	Dublin	19.05.2018
TIER 2 - Round 2				
1	Offaly	v	Kildare	19.05.2018
2	Meath	v	Antrim	19.05.2018
TIER 3 - Round 2				
1	Westmeath	v	Down	19.05.2018
2	Carlow	BYE		
TIER 1 - Round 3				
1	Laois	v	Kilkenny	25.05.2018
2	Dublin	v	Wexford	25.05.2018
TIER 2 - Round 3				
1	Offaly	v	Antrim	25.05.2018
2	Meath	v	Kildare	25.05.2018
TIER 3 - Round 3				
1	Carlow	v	Down	25.05.2018
2	Westmeath	BYE		
Preliminary Quarter-Finals				02.06.2018
A	1st Tier 3	v	4th Tier 2	
B	2nd Tier 3	v	3rd Tier 2	
C	3rd Tier 3	v	2nd Tier 2	
D	1st Tier 2		BYE to Quarter-Finals	
Quarter Finals				16.06.2018
1	D	v	4th Tier 1	
2	C	v	3rd Tier 1	
3	B	v	2nd Tier 1	
4	A	v	1st Tier 1	
Semi Finals (Format of Draw to be decided at next CCC Meeting)				23.06.2018
Final				30.06.2018

Counties exiting the Leinster Minor Hurling Championship at Preliminary Quarter Final stage or earlier may enter the Knock Out stages of the Celtic Challenge.

Tier 1 Counties are playing for position - all 4 qualify for Quarter Finals

Tier 2 & 3 Counties are playing for position Preliminary Quarter Finals - all of them.

Venues Round Robin - Home/Away except games involving Ulster teams

Preliminary Quarter Finals - Tier 3 Teams - Home Venue

Quarter Finals Tier 1 Teams - Away except v Ulster (Neutral)

Semi Finals Home and Away - continuation of existing home/away arrangements - except if Ulster team involved.

Final Neutral Venue

## PEIL SOISIR

1	Longford	v	Cavan	Longford	22.05.2018
2	Longford/Cavan	v	Meath	Meath	12.06.2018
3	Wicklow	v	Kildare	Wicklow	22.05.2018
4	Wicklow/Kildare	v	Louth	Wicklow/Louth	12.06.2018
Final	2	v	4	Croke Park	24.06.2018

# PEIL MÍONÚIR ELECTRIC IRELAND

## GROUP 1 - Round 1

Dublin	v	Louth	07.05.2018
Westmeath	v	Meath	07.05.2018
Wicklow	v	Offaly	07.05.2018

## GROUP 1 - Round 2

Offaly	v	Westmeath	23.05.2018
Meath	v	Dublin	23.05.2018
Louth	v	Wicklow	23.05.2018

## GROUP 1 - Round 3

Wicklow	v	Westmeath	30.05.2018
Offaly	v	Dublin	30.05.2018
Louth	v	Meath	30.05.2018

## GROUP 1 - Round 4

Westmeath	v	Louth	27.06.2018
Meath	v	Offaly	27.06.2018
Dublin	v	Wicklow	27.06.2018

## GROUP 1 - Round 5

Offaly	v	Louth	03.07.2018
Wicklow	v	Meath	03.07.2018
Westmeath	v	Dublin	03.07.2018

## GROUP 2 - Round 1

Kildare	v	Wexford	07.05.2018
Laois	v	Longford	07.05.2018
Carlow	BYE		07.05.2018

## GROUP 2 - Round 2

Wexford	v	Laois	23.05.2018
Carlow	v	Kildare	23.05.2018
Longford	BYE		23.05.2018

## GROUP 2 - Round 3

Laois	v	Carlow	30.05.2018
Longford	v	Wexford	30.05.2018
Kildare	BYE		30.05.2018

## GROUP 2 - Round 4

Kildare	v	Laois	27.06.2018
Carlow	v	Longford	27.06.2018
Wexford	BYE		27.06.2018

## GROUP 2 - Round 5

Wexford	v	Carlow	03.07.2018
Longford	v	Kildare	03.07.2018
Laois	BYE		03.07.2018

## Semi Finals

A	Winners Group 1	v	Runners-Up Group 2	07.07.2018
B	Winners Group 2	v	Runners-Up Group 1	07.07.2018

## Final

14/18.07.2018

## Shield Semi Finals

A	3rd Group 1	v	4th Group 2	07.07.2018
B	3rd Group 2	v	4th Group 1	07.07.2018

## Shield Final

14/18.07.2018

- If two teams tie for Qualifying positions – the outcome of the game between them decides otherwise score difference.
- If three or more teams tie for Qualifying positions – score difference will decide.
- Home & Away arrangements as heretofore apply to Semi Finals only
- All Group Games at Home Venue
- Minor Final and Shield Final double header at Neutral Venue.

# FÉ 20 BLIAIN PEIL

Top 2 Teams from each group qualify for Quarter Finals (6 teams with the winners of each of the Groups of 4 Bye to Semi Finals). Home and Away arrangements as heretofore apply to Quarter Finals and Semi Finals. Final at Neutral Venue.. All Groups games are at Home Venues

GROUP 1 - Round 1				
1	Longford	v	Dublin	28.05.2018
2	Westmeath	v	Wexford	28.05.2018
GROUP 2 - Round 1				
1	Kildare	v	Laois	28.05.2018
2	Wicklow	v	Meath	28.05.2018
GROUP 3 - Round 1				
1	Carlow	v	Offaly	28.05.2018
2	Louth	BYE		28.05.2018
GROUP 1 - Round 2				
1	Dublin	v	Westmeath	04.06.2018
2	Wexford	v	Longford	04.06.2018
GROUP 2 - Round 2				
1	Laois	v	Wicklow	04.06.2018
2	Meath	v	Kildare	04.06.2018
GROUP 3 - Round 2				
1	Louth	v	Carlow	04.06.2018
2	Offaly	BYE		04.06.2018
GROUP 1 - Round 3				
1	Wexford	v	Dublin	16.06.2018
2	Longford	v	Westmeath	16.06.2018
GROUP 2 - Round 3				
1	Meath	v	Laois	16.06.2018
2	Kildare	v	Wicklow	16.06.2018
GROUP 3 - Round 3				
1	Offaly	v	Louth	16.06.2018
2	Carlow	BYE		16.06.2018

## GROUP REGULATION:

If two teams tie for Qualifying positions – the outcome of the game between them decides otherwise score difference.  
 If three or more teams tie for Qualifying positions – score difference will decide

Quarter Finals	22/23.06.2018
Semi Finals	30.06.2018
Final	07.07.2018

# Cluichí Laighean 2017

## BORD NA MÓNA O'BYRNE CUP SENIOR FOOTBALL

7/1	Kildare	(1-15)	Longford	(0-12)	Newbridge
8/1	Dublin	(1-15)	DCU Dochas Eireann	(0-11)	Parnell Park
8/1	Wexford	(2-14)	UCD	(1-17)	Enniscorthy
8/1	Offaly	(5-18)	IT Carlow	(0-04)	Tullamore
8/1	Meath	(2-22)	Wicklow	(0-09)	Navan
8/1	Laois	(1-15)	DIT	(0-07)	Crettyard
8/1	Westmeath	(0-11)	Louth	(1-09)	Mullingar
8/1	Carlow	(3-17)	Maynooth University	(0-16)	Carlow
11/1	UCD	(2-09)	Dublin	(1-10)	Parnell Park
11/1	Wexford	(2-06)	DCU Dochas Eireann	(0-10)	Enniscorthy
11/1	Kildare	(4-24)	IT Carlow	(0-01)	Hawkfield
11/1	Longford	(2-11)	Offaly	(0-09)	Newtowncashel
11/1	Meath	(2-15)	DIT	(0-10)	Navan
11/1	Laois	(2-17)	Wicklow	(1-08)	Greystones
11/1	Louth	(1-13)	Maynooth University	(1-08)	Darver
11/1	Westmeath	(2-15)	Carlow	(1-15)	Carlow
14/1	Laois	(1-16)	Meath	(2-13)	Stradbally
15/1	Dublin	(1-12)	Wexford	(1-09)	Enniscorthy
15/1	DCU Dochas Eireann	(0-18)	UCD	(1-09)	Belfield, UCD
15/1	Kildare	(3-11)	Offaly	(0-08)	Tullamore
15/1	Longford	(5-11)	Carlow IT	(4-06)	Longford
15/1	DIT	(1-10)	Wicklow	(1-07)	Blessington
15/1	Westmeath	(2-19)	Maynooth University	(3-10)	Athlone
15/1	Louth	(3-14)	Carlow	(2-12)	Dowdallshill
22/1	Dublin	(0-16)	Kildare	(2-08)	Newbridge
22/1	Louth	(1-14)	Meath	(0-10)	Navan
29/1	Dublin	(2-16)	Louth	(1-10)	Drogheda

## BORD NA MÓNA WALSH CUP SENIOR HURLING

4/1	Dublin	(2-17)	Carlow	(1-13)	Parnell Park
5/1	Kilkenny	(0-21)	DCU Dochas Eireann	(0-12)	MW Hire Dunmore
8/1	Galway	(1-30)	DIT	(0-12)	Ballinasloe
8/1	Laois	(3-18)	NUI Galway	(0-22)	Rathdowney
8/1	Antrim	(1-18)	Westmeath	(0-12)	Kinnegad
8/1	Wexford	(5-31)	UCD	(1-08)	Gorey
8/1	Offaly	(3-12)	Meath	(2-10)	Trim
8/1	IT Carlow	(4-17)	Kildare	(2-14)	Newbridge
11/1	Dublin	(2-26)	UCD	(0-21)	Parnell Park
12/1	Galway	(1-20)	NUI Galway	(0-13)	Ballinasloe
15/1	Laois	(4-27)	DIT	(1-17)	Rathdowney
15/1	Kilkenny	(6-27)	Antrim	(0-09)	Abbottstown
15/1	Westmeath	(1-14)	DCU	(0-13)	Kinnegad
15/1	Wexford	(3-20)	Carlow	(0-14)	Carlow
15/1	Offaly	(3-14)	IT Carlow	(0-23)	Birr
15/1	Meath	(1-19)	Kildare	(1-18)	Navan
18/1	IT Carlow	(4-18)	Meath	(4-17)	Dunganny
18/1	NUI Galway	(1-24)	DIT	(0-18)	Abbottstown
18/1	UCD	(3-15)	Carlow	(1-18)	Carlow
19/1	Wexford	(1-17)	Dublin	(0-17)	Hollymount
22/1	Galway	(1-19)	Laois	(0-16)	Rathdowney
22/1	Kilkenny	(4-18)	Westmeath	(0-18)	Mullingar
22/1	Antrim	(6-17)	DCU	(1-22)	UUJ, Jordanstown
22/1	Offaly	(2-22)	Kildare	(2-20)	Hawkfield
28/1	Galway	(4-37)	IT Carlow	(0-15)	Pearse Stad. Galway
29/1	Kilkenny	(0-15)	Wexford	(0-14)	New Ross
5/2	Kilkenny	(0-20)	Galway	(0-18)	Kilkenny

## BORD NA MÓNA KEHOE CUP SENIOR HURLING

15/1	Maynooth University . . . . (4-17)	Louth . . . . . (3-08)	Darver
15/1	Wicklow . . . . . (5-16)	DCU St Patricks . . . . . (4-07)	Bray Emmets
15/1	Trinity College . . . . . (5-17)	IT Tallaght . . . . . (0-12)	Bohernabreena
19/1	Trinity College . . . . . (1-16)	DCU St Patricks . . . . . (1-12)	Santry Avenue
22/1	Maynooth University . . . . (7-26)	Longford . . . . . (1-15)	Longford
22/1	Wicklow . . . . . (5-31)	IT Tallaght . . . . . (2-07)	Greystones
29/1	Louth . . . . . (3-18)	Longford . . . . . (0-13)	Longford
29/1	Wicklow . . . . . (3-16)	Trinity College . . . . . (1-13)	Greystones
29/1	DCU St Patricks . . . . . (0-00)	IT Tallaght conceded . . . . (SCR)	
5/2	Maynooth University . . . . (1-23)	Wicklow . . . . . (2-11)	Arklow

## EIRGRID LEINSTER GAA U-21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

22/2	Westmeath . . . . . (2-08)	Meath . . . . . (0-12)	Mullingar
22/2	Wexford . . . . . (1-16)	Carlow . . . . . (0-08)	Carlow
1/3	Louth . . . . . (1-13)	Wicklow . . . . . (0-09)	Abbottstown
1/3	Dublin . . . . . (2-14)	Westmeath . . . . . (0-06)	Mullingar
1/3	Longford . . . . . (2-06)	Kildare . . . . . (0-10)	Hawkfield
1/3	Offaly . . . . . (1-06)	Wexford . . . . . (0-06)	Gracefield
8/3	Laois . . . . . (2-13)	Louth . . . . . (1-08)	Portlaoise
15/3	Offaly . . . . . (2-09)	Laois . . . . . (2-08)	Carlow
22/3	Dublin . . . . . (2-10)	Longford . . . . . (0-09)	Mullingar
29/3	Dublin . . . . . (2-14)	Offaly . . . . . (0-08)	Portlaoise

## ELECTRIC IRELAND LEINSTER GAA MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

8/4	Kilkenny . . . . . (3-22)	Westmeath . . . . . (0-04)	Mullingar
8/4	Laois . . . . . (2-22)	Offaly . . . . . (0-14)	Portlaoise
8/4	Kildare . . . . . (3-17)	Carlow . . . . . (1-15)	Newbridge
8/4	Meath . . . . . (4-28)	Wicklow . . . . . (0-23)	Trim
15/4	Kilkenny . . . . . (1-20)	Wexford . . . . . (0-11)	Kilkenny
15/4	Dublin . . . . . (1-11)	Laois . . . . . (1-08)	Parnell Park
15/4	Offaly . . . . . (1-15)	Kildare . . . . . (1-09)	Newbridge
15/4	Meath . . . . . (2-18)	Westmeath . . . . . (0-06)	Ashbourne
29/4	Laois . . . . . (1-19)	Meath . . . . . (1-14)	Portlaoise
29/4	Wexford . . . . . (2-17)	Offaly . . . . . (1-13)	Wexford
13/5	Dublin . . . . . (0-20)	Wexford . . . . . (1-14)	Parnell Park
13/5	Kilkenny . . . . . (6-21)	Laois . . . . . (0-09)	Portlaoise
2/7	Kilkenny . . . . . (3-15)	Dublin . . . . . (1-17)	Croke Park

## LEINSTER SPECIAL UNDER 17 HURLING COMPETITION

12/4	Offaly . . . . . (W/O)	Westmeath . . . . . (SCR)	
12/4	Kildare . . . . . (W/O)	Louth . . . . . (SCR)	
12/4	Meath . . . . . (W/O)	Wicklow . . . . . (SCR)	
19/4	Kilkenny . . . . . (0-22)	Wexford . . . . . (0-14)	Taghmon
19/4	Dublin . . . . . (1-20)	Offaly . . . . . (0-15)	Parnell Park
26/4	Wexford . . . . . (3-18)	Kildare . . . . . (2-06)	Hawkfield
26/4	Offaly . . . . . (6-27)	Meath . . . . . (0-05)	Dunganny
20/5	Dublin . . . . . (2-20)	Wexford . . . . . (0-17)	Parnell Park
21/5	Kilkenny . . . . . (2-17)	Offaly . . . . . (0-11)	Birr
18/6	Dublin . . . . . (3-17)	Kilkenny . . . . . (2-10)	Portlaoise



## ELECTRIC IRELAND LEINSTER GAA MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

17/4	Offaly	(3-18)	Wexford	(0-06)	Enniscorthy
22/4	Offaly	(0-13)	Westmeath	(1-04)	Tullamore
22/4	Dublin	(1-15)	Meath	(1-13)	Parnell Park
22/4	Louth	(2-11)	Laois	(0-15)	Portlaoise
22/4	Longford	(1-19)	Wicklow	(3-08)	Longford
22/4	Kildare	(2-13)	Carlow	(0-09)	Carlow
6/5	Laois	(0-11)	Meath	(0-10)	Navan
6/5	Wexford	(2-14)	Wicklow	(3-07)	Wexford
7/5	Carlow	(2-12)	Westmeath	(0-17)	Mullingar
20/5	Kildare	(1-14)	Laois	(2-06)	Newbridge
20/5	Dublin	(6-12)	Longford	(0-05)	Parnell Park
20/5	Louth	(0-15)	Offaly	(1-11)	Drogheda
21/5	Wexford	(1-12)	Carlow	(2-08)	Carlow
4/7	Louth	(4-10)	Wexford	(2-15)	Wexford
5/7	Dublin	(1-16)	Kildare	(0-14)	Newbridge
16/7	Dublin	(2-19)	Louth	(0-12)	Croke Park

## LEINSTER GAA SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

23/4	Meath	(3-20)	Kerry	(2-17)	Navan
23/4	Laois	(1-23)	Westmeath	(2-17)	Portlaoise
30/4	Kerry	(0-20)	Westmeath	(2-12)	Mullingar
30/4	Laois	(3-25)	Meath	(2-13)	Navan
14/5	Laois	(2-21)	Kerry	(3-15)	Tralee
14/5	Westmeath	(1-18)	Meath	(0-19)	Mullingar
27/5	Offaly	(4-15)	Westmeath	(1-20)	Mullingar
28/5	Wexford	(3-25)	Laois	(1-17)	Portlaoise
28/5	Galway	(2-28)	Dublin	(1-17)	Tullamore
10/6	Wexford	(1-20)	Kilkenny	(3-11)	Wexford
18/6	Galway	(0-33)	Offaly	(1-11)	Portlaoise
2/7	Galway	(0-29)	Wexford	(1-17)	Croke Park

## LEINSTER GAA SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

21/5	Laois	(4-15)	Longford	(0-16)	Portlaoise
21/5	Louth	(1-19)	Wicklow	(1-14)	Parnell Park
21/5	Carlow	(2-17)	Wexford	(2-13)	Carlow
3/6	Dublin	(0-19)	Carlow	(0-07)	Portlaoise
4/6	Kildare	(1-21)	Laois	(1-07)	Tullamore
4/6	Meath	(0-27)	Louth	(3-09)	Parnell Park
11/6	Offaly	(0-10)	Westmeath	(0-10)	Tullamore
17/6	Westmeath	(3-17)	Offaly	(0-15)	Mullingar(Replay)
17/6	Kildare	(2-16)	Meath	(0-13)	Tullamore
25/6	Dublin	(4-29)	Westmeath	(0-10)	Croke Park
16/7	Dublin	(2-23)	Kildare	(1-17)	Croke Park

## LEINSTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

24/5	Meath	(2-18)	Kildare	(1-19)	Navan
24/5	Louth	(2-11)	Longford	(0-15)	Longford
7/6	Louth	(2-11)	Wicklow	(0-10)	Drogheda
7/6	Meath	(1-17)	Wexford	(0-10)	Navan
25/6	Meath	(0-19)	Louth	(0-10)	Croke Park

## LEINSTER CLUB SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 1 FINAL

28/5 Buffers Alley ..... (2-18) Kilcormac Killoughey .... (1-16) O'Moore Park, Portlaoise

## LEINSTER CLUB SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 2 FINAL

1/9 Ballinkillen ..... (1-14) Dunnamaggin..... (0-16) Netwatch Training Centre, Fenagh

## LEINSTER CLUB SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 3 FINAL

6/6 Windgap ..... (1-10) Shanahoe ..... (0-07) Innovate Wexford Park

## LEINSTER CLUB SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 4 FINAL

28/5 St Patricks Wicklow..... (3-13) Ballyboden St Endas..... (2-10) Bord na Mona O'Connor Park

## BORD GAIS ENERGY LEINSTER GAA U-21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

24/5	Westmeath	..... (2-20)	Meath	..... (0-12)	Trim
31/5	Westmeath	..... (1-21)	Laois	..... (0-21)	Mullingar AET
31/5	Carlow	..... (1-21)	Kildare	..... (2-14)	Newbridge
31/5	Wexford	..... (4-21)	Offaly	..... (2-09)	Wexford
31/5	Kilkenny	..... (0-21)	Dublin	..... (0-16)	Kilkenny
21/6	Kilkenny	..... (1-21)	Westmeath	..... (1-11)	Mullingar
21/6	Wexford	..... (3-16)	Carlow	..... (1-12)	Wexford
5/7	Kilkenny	..... (0-30)	Wexford	..... (1-14)	Kilkenny

## LEINSTER GAA INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

12/7 Kilkenny ..... (1-26) Wexford ..... (1-08) Kilkenny

## AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

29/10	Portlaoise (LS)	..... (1-10)	Rhode (OY)	..... (0-10)	Tullamore
29/10	Rathnew (WW)	..... (2-06)	Newtown Blues (LH)	..... (0-09)	Drogheda
29/10	St Columbas, Mullinaghta (LD)	(1-14)	Eire Og (CW)	..... (1-07)	Longford
12/11	Rathnew (WW)	..... (1-13)	St Vincents (DB)	..... (1-09)	Aughrim
12/11	Moorefield (KE)	..... (1-09)	Portlaoise (LS)	..... (0-11)	Portlaoise
12/11	St Lomans, Mullingar (WH)	(1-12)	St Columbas Mullinaghta (LD)	(1-11)	Longford
12/11	Simonstown Gaels (MH)	. (1-12)	Starlights (WX)	..... (0-08)	Wexford Park
26/11	St Lomans (WH)	..... (0-13)	Simonstown Gaels (MH)	. (1-08)	Mullingar
26/11	Moorefield (KE)	..... (2-13)	Rathnew (WW)	..... (2-07)	Aughrim
10/12	Moorefield	..... (1-14)	St Lomans.....	(2-10)	Portlaoise

## AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

5/11	Kilcormac Killoughey (OY).	(2-15)	Castletown Geoghegan (WH)	(1-12)	Tullamore
5/11	Mt Leinster Rangers (CW)	(0-19)	Camross (LS)	..... (0-13)	Portlaoise
5/11	Cuala (DB)	..... (2-20)	Dicksboro (KK)	..... (1-16)	Parnell Park
19/11	Kilcormac Killoughey (OY)	. (2-21)	Mt Leinster Rangers (CW)	(0-10)	Tullamore
19/11	Cuala (DB).	..... (3-17)	St Martins (WX)	..... (0-15)	Parnell Park
3/12	Cuala (D).	..... (1-23)	Kilcormac Killoughey (OY)	(1-09)	Portlaoise

## AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

4/11	Kiltale (MH)	..... (1-22)	The Harps (LS)	..... (1-15)	Navan
4/11	St Patricks, Ballyragget (KK)	(0-24)	Ardclough (KE)	..... (1-08)	Newbridge
4/11	Glenealy (WW)	..... (2-12)	Thomas Davis (DB)	..... (2-10)	Parnell Park
18/11	St Patricks, Ballyragget (KK)	(2-20)	Kiltale (MH)	..... (2-10)	Navan
18/11	Glenealy (WW)	..... (1-14)	St Annes, Rathangan (WX)	(2-08)	Aughrim
2/12	St Patricks Ballyraggett (KK).	(0-19)	Glenealy (WW)	..... (1-15)	Kilkenny

## AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

21/10	Killanerin (WX) . . . . . (1-12)	Rathcline (LD) . . . . . (0-06)	Lanesboro
21/10	O'Connells GFC (LH) . . . . (2-10)	Kilbride (CW) . . . . . (1-08)	Castlebellingham
22/10	Durrow (OY) . . . . . (2-17)	Mullinavat (KK) . . . . . (3-05)	Kilcormac
28/10	Emo (LS) . . . . . (3-09)	Hollywood (WW) . . . . . (1-13)	Hollywood
4/11	Emo (LS) . . . . . (2-17)	Ballyboughal (DB) . . . . . (3-14)	Emo (AET)
4/11	Curraha (MH) . . . . . (2-07)	O'Connells (LH) . . . . . (0-12)	Castlebellingham
4/11	Killanerin (WX) . . . . . (0-10)	Raheens (KE) . . . . . (0-08)	Gorey
4/11	St Marys R'fortbridge (WH) (1-13)	Durrow (OY) . . . . . (1-07)	Durrow
11/11	Ballyboughal (DB) . . . . . (1-12)	Emo (LS) . . . . . (0-13)	Ballyboughal (REP)
11/11	Killanerin (WX) . . . . . (0-13)	St Mary's R'fortbridge (WH) (2-04)	Gorey
18/11	Ballyboughal (DB) . . . . . (3-07)	Curraha (MH) . . . . . (0-15)	Ballyboughal
26/11	Killanerin (WX) . . . . . (0-13)	Ballyboughal (DB) . . . . . (0-11)	Wexford Park

## AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

7/10	Crossabeg/Ballymurn (WX) (0-15)	Ballon (CW) . . . . . (2-05)	New Ross
7/10	Laragh (WW) . . . . . (1-09)	Kilcavan (LS) . . . . . (1-08)	Aughrim
7/10	Erin Rovers (OY) . . . . . (0-20)	Sean Connollys (LD) . . . . (2-09)	Pullough
7/10	Glen Emmets (LH) . . . . . (3-12)	Conahy Shamrocks (KK) . (1-04)	Jeninstown
21/10	Crossabeg/Ballymurn (WX) (1-12)	Man O'War (DB) . . . . . (2-01)	Enniscorthy
21/10	Meath Hill (MH) . . . . . (0-14)	Glen Emmets (LH) . . . . . (0-11)	Drogheda
21/10	Multyfarnham (WH) . . . . (1-10)	Laragh (WW) . . . . . (0-05)	Aughrim
28/10	Erin Rovers . . . . . (1-16)	Ballymore Eustace . . . . . (0-13)	Pullough
4/11	Multyfarham (WH) . . . . . (1-07)	Crossabeg Ballymurn (WX) (0-09)	Bellefield
4/11	Erin Rovers (OY) . . . . . (4-08)	Meath Hill (MH) . . . . . (2-10)	Pullough
18/11	Multyfarnham (WH) . . . . (2-06)	Erin Rovers (OY) . . . . . (0-05)	Mullingar

## AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

14/10	Erins Isle (DB) . . . . . (1-20)	Maynooth (KE) . . . . . (0-09)	O'Toole Park
14/10	Naomh Brid (CW) . . . . . (W/O)	Arklow Rock Parnells (WW) (SCR)	
14/10	Fr Daltons (WH) . . . . . (2-11)	Naomh Moinne (LH) . . . . (0-09)	Ballymore
14/10	Navan O'Mahonys (MH) (7-18)	Wolfe Tones (LD) . . . . . (3-06)	Edgeworthstown
21/10	St Mogue's Fethard (WX) (2-11)	Naomh Brid (CW) . . . . . (0-09)	Fenagh
25/10	Fr. Daltons (WH) . . . . . (1-15)	Balinamere (OY) . . . . . (0-14)	St Lomans
28/10	John Lockes (KK) . . . . . (4-20)	Navan O'Mahonys (MH) . (2-12)	Paddy OBrien Pk
28/10	Erins Isle (DB) . . . . . (2-11)	Trumera (LS) . . . . . (2-07)	O'Toole Park
4/11	St Mogue's Fethard (WX) (1-19)	Erins Isle (DB) . . . . . (3-07)	O'Toole Park
4/11	John Lockes (KK) (KK) . . . (2-17)	Fr Daltons (WH) . . . . . (0-07)	St Lomans
11/11	St Mogue's Fethard (WX) (1-17)	John Lockes (KK) . . . . . (2-11)	Wexford Park

## LEINSTER GAA SPECIAL CLUB JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

01/11	Broadford, Kildare . . . . . (2-12)	Pearse Og, Louth . . . . . (0-12)	Johnstownbridge
01/11	St. Patricks Tullow, Carlow (3-09)	Moylagh, Meath . . . . . (1-08)	Moylagh
01/11	Wolfe Tones, Longford . . . (1-08)	Clara, Offaly . . . . . (0-10)	Clara
15/11	Broadford, Kildare . . . . . (3-10)	St. Patricks Tullow, Carlow (0-07)	Hawkfield
15/11	Ballypickas, Laois . . . . . (4-05)	Wolfe Tones, Longford . . . (3-05)	Edgeworthstown
29/11	Ballypickas, Laois . . . . . (0-12)	Broadford, Kildare . . . . . (0-05)	Newbridge

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St. Joseph's, Drogheda  
Greenhills College

## LAIGHEAN THUAIDH

Sen. F "B"	Dunshaughlin C.C.	Gallen C.S., Ferbane
Sen. F "C"	Ratoath College	Moyné C.S.
Sen. F "D"	Oaklands C.C.	Colaiste na hInse
Sen. F Lge "A"	Colaiste Eoin	Colaiste Mhuire, Mullingar

Sen. H "C"	Boyne C.S.	Portlaoise C.B.S.
Sen. H "C1"	Clonaslee V.S.	Dunshaughlin C.C.

Juv. F "A"	Marist Athlone	Col Mhuire Mullingar
Juv. F "B"	St. Mary's Sec. Sch., Edenderry	St. Joseph's, Rochfortbridge
Juv. F "C"	Cnoc Mhuire, Granard	Ratoath College
Juv. F "D1" (15-a-side)	St. Farnan's P.P., Prosperous	Ardsc. Chiarain, Clara
Juv. F "D1" (11-a-side)	Colaiste Clavin	Lanesboro C.C.

Jun. F "A"	St. Mary's Sec. Sch., Edenderry	Marist, Athlone
Jun. F "B"	St. Joseph's, Drogheda	Col. Choilm, Tullamore
Jun. F "C"	O'Carolan Col., Nobber	Mercy Sec. Sch., Ballymahon
Jun. F "D"	Col. Na hInse	Killina Pres. Sec. Sch.

Juv. H "B"	Mountrath C.S.	Heywood C.S.
Juv. H "C"	St. Joseph's, Rochfortbridge	Boyne C.S.
Juv. H "C1"	St. Finian's College	

Jun. H "B"	Naas C.B.S.	Banagher College
Jun. H "C"	St. Fergal's, Rathdowney	Col. Naomh Cormac
Jun. H "C1"	Ratoath College	Tullamore College

## LAIGHEAN THEAS

Sen. F "B"	St. Mary's, Carlow C.B.S.	F.C.J., Bunclody
Sen. F "C"	Pres DLS, Bagenalstown	Gaelch. na Mara/ Col. C. Mhantain
Sen. F "D"	Col. Eoin, Hacketstown	Col. Lorcaín, Castledermot
Sen. F "D1"	Piper Hill College	Enniscorthy V.C.
Sen. F Lge	St. Peter's, Wexford	Patrician, Newbridge

Sen. H "C"	Pres. D.L.S., Bagenalstown	Col. Bhríde, Carnew
Sen. H "C1"	Duiske College	St. Mary's, Carlow C.B.S.

Juv. F "A"	Good Counsel College	St. Mary's, Knockbeg College
Juv. F "B"	St. Kieran's, Kilkenny	Gorey C.S.
Juv. F "C"	Heywood C.S.	Pres. D.L.S., Bagenalstown
Juv. F "D" (15-a-side)	Col. Mhuire, Johnstown	Ramsgrange C.S.
Juv. F "D" (11-a-side)	Duiske College	Selskar College

Jun. F "A"	Naas C.B.S.	Sc. Mhuire, Clane
Jun. F "B"	Col. Iosagain, Portarlinton	Gorey C.S.
Jun. F "C"	Col. Eoin, Hacketstown	Heywood C.S.
Jun. F "D1"	Sc. Chonglais, Baltinglass	Col. Mhuire, Johnstown
Jun. F "D2"	Selskar College	Kilkenny City V.S.

Juv. H "B"	St. Mary's C.B.S., Enniscorthy	Gorey C.S.
Juv. H "C"	Wicklow Schools	Pres. D.L.S., Bagenalstown
Juv. H "C1"	Duiske College	Ramsgrange CS

Jun. H "B"	St. Mary's C.B.S., Enniscorthy	Col Mhuire, Johnstown
Jun. H "C"	Grennan Col., Thomastown	Col Eamann Ris, Callan
Jun. H "C1"	New Ross C.B.S.	Tullow C.S.

## HANDBALL – BOYS

### Colleges 60 x 30

U-19 Singles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-19 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-17 Singles	Grennan College
U-17 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-15 Singles	Kilkenny C.B.S.
U-15 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.
First Yr. Doubles	Col. Mhuire, Johnstown

### Colleges 40 x 20

U-19 Singles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-19 Doubles	Col. Eamann Ris, Callan
U-17 Singles	St. Kieran's, Kilkenny
U-17 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-15 Singles	Kilkenny C.B.S.
U-15 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.

## HANDBALL – GIRLS

### Colleges 60 x 30

U-19 Singles	Grennan Col., Thomastown
U-19 Doubles	Grennan Col., Thomastown
U-16 Singles	Col. Chiarain, Leixlip
U-16 Doubles	Pres. Sec. Sch., Kilkenny
First Yr. Singles	Castlecomer C.S.

### Colleges 40 x 20

U-19 Doubles	Grennan Col., Thomastown
U-16 Singles	Col. Chiarain, Leixlip
U-16 Doubles	Pres. Sec. Sch., Kilkenny

## Dublin - Leinster GAA Senior Football Champions 2017



Back L-R: Mark Schutte, Brian Fenton, Dean Rock, Ciaran Kilkenny, James McCarthy, Paddy Andrews, Eoghan O'Gara, Evan Comerford, Con O'Callaghan, John Small, Ciaran Reddin, Eric Lowndes, Michael Fitzsimons, Bernard Brogan, Denis Bastick, Kevin McManamon.

Front L-R: Eoin Murchin, David Byrne, Brian Howard, Darren Daly, Stephen Cluxton, Philip McMahon, Cian O'Sullivan, Shane Carthy, Niall Scully, Jack McCaffrey, Paul Mannion.

## Dublin - Leinster GAA Minor Football Champions 2017



## Galway - Leinster GAA Senior Hurling Champions 2017



Back L-R: James Skehill, Pádraig Brehony, Daithí Burke, Joseph Cooney, Matt Donohoe, Conor Cooney, Niall Burke, Greg Lally, Gearoid McInerney, Pádraic Mannion, Colm Callanan, Sean Loftus, Thomas Monaghan, Conor Whelan, Joe Canning.

Front L-R: Cathal Mannion, David Glennon, Jason Flynn, Rónán Burke, Johnny Coen, Shane Maloney, Adrian Tuohy, David Burke, Aidan Harte, John Hanbury, Eanna Burke.

## Kilkenny - Leinster GAA Minor Hurling Champions 2017



Back L-R: Eoin O'Shea, James Brennan, Brian Staunton, Killian Egan, Adrian Mullen, John Dowd, Niall Brennan, Jim Ryan, Conor Heary, Darragh Walsh, Jesse Roberts, Conor Flynn, Sean Ryan, Ben Maher, Luke Murphy, Eoghan Moylan, Ross Connolly, Ted Drea, Evan Shefflin.

Front L-R: John Manogue, Eoin Cody, Tommy Ronan, Michael Carey, Niall Brassill, Mikey Butler, Jordan Molloy, Jack Kelly, Daithi Barron, Dean Mason, Oisín Phelan, Richie Hennessy, Sean Boyd.

## Meath - Leinster GAA Junior Football Champions 2017



Back L-R: Paddy Kennelly, Conor Moriarty, Adam Lynch, Neil Shortall, Jason Scully, Jamie McDonnell, Conor Farrell, Adam Flanagan, Niall Jones, Ben Brennan, Luke Moran, Robbie Bourke, Jordan Browne, Declan Smyth, Damien Healy.

Front L-R: Jamie Reilly, Paul Lynch, Ciaran O'Rourke, David Toner, James Conlon, Daire Rowe, Cathal McConnell, Kevin Traynor, Stephen Coogan, Michael Flood, Johnny Lynch, Willie Carry, Joe Sweeney Kevin Ross.

## Dublin - Leinster GAA U-21 Football Champions 2017



Back L-R: Cillian O'Shea, Oisín Kelly, Callum Pearson, Darragh Spillane, Seán McMahon, Cormac Howley, Andy Foley, Aaron Elliott, Donal McElgorm, Andrew McGowan, Darren Byrne, Declan Monaghan, Cillian Power, Dan O'Brien, Con O'Callaghan, Darren Gavin, Aaron Bradshaw.

Front L-R: Seán Rocks, Colm Basquel, Aaron Byrne, Stephen Smith, Glenn O'Reilly, Eoin Murchan, Tony O'Sullivan, Cian Murphy, Aaron Duffy, Brian Howard, Ben Shovlin, Tom Fox, Seán Bugler, Chris Sallier.



## Kilkenny - Leinster GAA Intermediate Hurling Champions 2017



Back L-R: Darragh Phelan, Eamon Egan, Colum Prendiville, Ger Teehan, James Power, Edmond Delaney, David Prendergast, Martin Power, Paul Holden, Sean Carey, Liam Hickey, David Aylward, Robbie Donnelly.  
 Front L-R: Barry Whelan, Niall Doherty, Damien Walsh, Martin Keoghan, JP Treacy, Victor Costello, Cormac Fleming, Darragh Brennan, Tom Phelan, Niall Walsh.

## Kilkenny - Leinster GAA U-21 Hurling Champions 2017



Back L-R: Conor Hennessy, Darren Brennan, Liam Dunphy, Shane Walsh, Tommy Walsh, Conor Delaney, James Burke, Luke Scanlon, Jason Cleere, Darren Mullen, Richie Leahy, Niall McMahon, Ryan Bergin.  
 Front L-R: James Bergin, Conor Doheny, Michael Cody, Liam Blanchfield, Sean Morrissey, Pat Lyng, Alan Murphy, Billy Ryan, John Donnelly, Kevin Crowley, Eoin Kenny.

## Dublin - Bord na Móna O'Byrne Cup Winners 2017



Back L-R: Gary Sweeney, Niall Scully, Ross O'Brien, Tom Shiels, Michael Deegan, Shane Cunningham, Seán Newcombe, Evan Comerford, Eoin O'Brien, Maitias Mac Donncha, Robbie Gaughan, John Brian Carthy, Conor McHugh, Shane Clayton, Gavin Ivory, Ross Hazley.

Front L-R: Ross McGowan, Paul Hudson, Emmett O Conghaile, Jason Whelan, Ciarán Reddin, Niall Walsh, Conor Mullally, Shane Boland, Killian O'Gara, Colm Basquel.

## Kilkenny - Bord na Móna Walsh Cup Winners 2017



Back L-R: Liam Blanchfield, Luke Scanlon, Pat Lyng.

Middle L-R: James Maher, Richie Reid, Paul Murphy, Sean Morrissey, Conor O'Shea, Evan Cody, Lester Ryan, Michael Walsh, Joey Holden, Alan Murphy, Richie Leahy.

Front L-R: Michael Malone, Ollie Walsh, Robert Lennon, Kieran Joyce, Eoin Murphy, Johnjo Farrell, Richie Hogan, Conor Fogarty, Conor Martin.

## Maynooth University - Bord na Móna Kehoe Cup Winners 2017



## Cuala (Dublin) - AIB Leinster GAA Club Senior Hurling Champions 2017



Back L-R: Simon Timlin, Colm Cronin, Conaill Kelly, Colum Sheanon, Ros Tierney, Nicky Kenny, Stephen Butler, Sean Brennan, Evan Hanley, Shane Stapleton, Donal Lane, David Treacy, Óisín Gough, Con O'Callaghan, Dara Twomey, Sean Treacy.

Front L-R: Niall Carty, Shane Murphy, Darragh O'Connell, Cian O'Callaghan, John Sheanon, Paul Schutte, Brian Fitzgerald, Cillian Sheanon, Justin Byrne, Cian Waldron, Jake Malone, Sean Moran.

## St. Patrick's Ballyragget (Kilkenny) - AIB Leinster GAA Club Intermediate Hurling Champions 2017



Back L-R: Billy Morrissey, Jack Ryan, Richie McEvoy, Alan Ruth, Barry Staunton, Sean Mooney, John Butler, Robbie Healy, Paddy McEvoy, Kevin Kelly.

Middle L-R: Conor Bolger, Eoin Bergin, Jody Phelan, Eoin Delaney, Ger Staunton, Shay Ryan, Seirse Kenny, John Phelan, Geoff Morrissey, Paddy Brennan, Paddy Gannon, John Mooney, Stephen Staunton, Michael Kenny.

Front L-R: Mark Staunton, Oisín Brennan, Conor Delaney, Bill Staunton, Michael Gannon, Michael Brennan, James Gannon, Geoff Brennan, Joe Brennan.

## St. Mogue's Fethard (Wexford) - AIB Leinster GAA Club Junior Hurling Champions 2017



Back L-R: Ricky Rowe, Ruairi Tubrid, John Tubritt, Joe Sutton, Ciaran Dwyer, Kevin Rowe, Richard Waters, Garret Foley (c), Daire Barden, Conor O'Donoghue, Mark Wallace, Mikey Dwyer, Eddie Power, Shane Tubrid, Paul Foley, Kieran Furlong, Bryan Power.

Front L-R: Sean Sutton, Jimmy Sutton, Daniel Mullan, Brian O'Donoghue, Martin Power, John Rice, Sean Foley, James Dillon, Graham O'Grady, Darren Foley, Adam Swan, Christopher Molloy.

## Moorefield (Kildare) - AIB Leinster GAA Club Senior Football Champions 2017



Back L-R: Ryan Moore, James Murray, Adam Sweeney, Eoin O'Connor, Liam Healy, Daire Dunne, Aaron Masterson, Ronan Sweeney, Tom Kinsella, Liam Callaghan, Ian McDonnell, Evan Kavanagh, Aaron Mullins, Mark Dempsey, Niall Hurley Lynch.

Front L-R: Kevin Murnaghan, Mark Murray, David Whyte, Jack Whyte ( Mascot ), Ian Meehan, Eddie Heavey, Daryl Flynn (Capt), Éanna O'Connor, Seán Healy, Mark McDermott, Lee Murphy, Colin Barrett.

## Kilanerin (Wexford) - AIB Leinster GAA Club Intermediate Football Champions 2017



## Multyfarnham (Westmeath) - AIB Leinster GAA Club Junior Football Champions 2017



Back L-R: Heiner Von Bunau, Eoin Weir, Cormac Davey, James Kidd, Jason Tighe, Stephen Sweeney, Max Brady, Daniel Loughrey, Henry Reilly, Ronan Wallace, James Greene, Sean Kiernan, Thomas McGivney, Donal McCabe, Cian Yourell, Mark Reynolds, Darragh O'Connor, Rory Boyce.

Front L-R: Adam Loughrey, James Keary, Ciaran Madden, Ger Feerick, Brian McLoughlin, Paul Heavin, David Wallace (Captain), Sean Rock, Ciaran McCabe, David Kelly, Anthony McGivney, Mark Fallon, Stephen Moran, Ian McGovern.

## Meath - Leinster U-17s Football Competition Winners 2017



Back L-R: Ruairi Crawford, Jack O'Connor, Adam Ryan, Paddy Matthews, Nathan Dunne, Micheal Murphy, Patrick McDermott, Cian McBride, Liam Byrne, Lee Brown, Rónán Brady, Conal Courtney, Shane Walsh, Barry O'Connell, Colm Doherty, Conor Harford, Fergal Waters, Micheal Gavin, Dermot Kelly, Matthew Costello.

Front L-R: Sean Bannon, Peter Martyn, Craig Munnelly, Ronan O'Leary, Dylan Keating, Oran Smullen, Eoin Martin, Sean Ryan, Johnny Woods, Keith Curtis, Jack McMahon, Alan Mulvany, Eimhin Power, Aaron Lynch, Jordan Morris.

## Buffers Alley (Wexford) - Leinster GAA Club Senior Hurling League Division 1 Winners 2017



Back L-R: Aidan O'Connor, David Hughes, John Farrell, Barry Kenny, Pat Kenny Jnr, Ross Donohoe, Paul O'Leary, Bobby Kenny, John Lee Meyler, Darren O'Brien, Walter Gahan, Alan Doyle, Tomas O'Leary, Ciaran Murphy, Conor Kenny, Darragh Butler, Eddie Flynn, Diarmuid O'Hanlon, Colm Óg Doran, Sean Foxe, Ger Murphy.

Front L-R: Robbie Kirwan, Páidí Kinsella, John Furlong, Páidí Reidy, Kevin Roche, Cormac Foley, Jim Hughes, Sean Óg Whelan, Ciaran Kenny, Sean Murphy, Owen Dempsey, Shane Grannell, Rob O'Leary, Willie Doran, Domhnall McArdle, Fintan Farrell.

Mascots: Rory Hughes, Cormac Foxe, Eanna Kirwan.

## Ballinkillen (Carlow) - Leinster GAA Club Senior Hurling League Division 2 Winners 2017



Back L-R: Liam Nolan, Niall Murphy, Tomás Kinsella, Damien O'Neill, Sean Brennan, James Kinsella, Lauren Kinsella, David English, Shane Nolan, Darren Dalton, Sean Whelan, Thomas Dowling, Ciarán Whelan, Eoin McDonagh, Michael Doyle, Jimmy Meaney, Nicky Roberts.

Front L-R: Mark Tracey, Dion Wall, Craig Wall, John Hughes, Micheál Ryan, Owen Roberts, Andrew Gaul, Sean Murphy, Sean Minchin.

## Windgap (Kilkenny) - Leinster GAA Club Senior Hurling League Division 3 Winners 2017



## St. Patrick's (Wicklow) - Leinster GAA Club Senior Hurling League Division 4 Winners 2017



## Dublin - Leinster U-17s Hurling Competition Winners 2017



Back L-R: Sam Beirnes, Conor Scully, Conor Berigan, Joey Mowlds, Andrew Dunphy, Mark Grogan, Mícheál Murphy, Eddie Gibbons, Ciarán Murphy, James O'Connell, Luke McDwyer, Mark Sweeney, Seán Clerkin, Andrew Carroll, Tadhg Dunbar, Seán Kinsella.

Front L-R: Enda O'Donnell, Kevin Burke, Kevin Kirwan, Lee Gannon, Billy Ryan, Liam Murphy, Kevin Desmond, Tommy Kinnane, Herkus Svinginskas, Alex Hatt, Tom Aherne.



## Kildare - Leinster GAA Minor Hurling League Cup Winners 2017



Back L-R: Rian Boran, Richie Hogan, Aaron Deegan, Liam O'Flynn, Paudie O'Neill, Seán Cullen, Seán MacDonncha, Harry Carroll, Luca Conroy, Ruairí Goodfellow, Aran Thornton, James Dolan, Kevin Aherne, Seán Whelan, Ciarán Neville, Fionn Kelly, Al Bergin, Ian Blackburne.

Front L-R: Eoghan Prizeman, Paul Hogan, Mikey Barea, Ciarán Tobin, Philip Tierney, Mark Doyle, Brian Stynes, Brian Tobin, Rian Monaghan, Daragh Doyle.

## Wexford - Leinster GAA Minor Hurling League Shield Winners 2017





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