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CLÁR

- 5pm Meal
- 7pm
- Opening of Convention
Micheál Martin (Cathaoirleach, Loch Garman)
 - Minutes 2021 Convention
 - Annual Report
 - Adoption/Review of Comhairle Laighean Accounts
 - Na Rúin
 - Guest Speaker - Ciarán Carey
 - Oráid an gCathaoirleach
 - Election of Officers
 - Cathaoirleach - Taghmon-Camros
 - Oráid an gCathaoirleach Nua

DELEGATES

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

Átha Cliath	6	Ceatharloch	4	Cill Mhaintain	4	Cill Dara	5
Cill Chainnigh	4	Iarmhí	5	An Lú	4	An Mhí	6
Longphort	4	Laois	5	Loch Garman	5	Uibh Fhaili	4

AINMNIÚCHÁIN

CATHAOIRLEACH:	Derec Ceannt
LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH:	Mairtín Ó Broin
CISTEOIR:	Eamonn Ó Broin
OIFIGH CAIDHREAMH POIBLÍ:	Brendan Ó Muineog

NA RÚIN

That Rule 4.17 - **Players' Injury Fund – Official Guide Part 1**(page 69) be amended as follows:

(1) Amend the heading to read: **Insurance/Players' Injury Fund**

(2) Amend to read:

(a) **Players' Injury Fund**

Central Council may make arrangements for the provision of a Players' Injury Fund for registered playing members of affiliated units of the Association **within Ireland and Britain**. The Fund shall be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Fund as may be determined from time to time. A team shall not be permitted to participate in any competition or game whatsoever under the jurisdiction of the Association unless they are in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Injury Fund. Failure to fulfil a fixture as a result of such non-compliance shall result in the forfeiture of the game. Any member or unit of the Association found, following investigation by Central Council, to have made, or assisted in the making of, a fraudulent claim under the Fund shall be deemed to have discredited the Association and shall be liable to penalties set out in Rule 7.2(e).

(3) Amend to include the following paragraph:

(b) **Property & Liability Insurance**

Central Council shall centrally procure and administer Property and Liability Insurance and additional insurance covers as may be required and available for affiliated units of the Association within Ireland and Britain and shall seek to equitably apportion and collect the relevant insurance premiums across those units to the extent possible

MIONTUAIRISCÍ DE'N CHOMHDHÁIL BHLIAINTIÚIL - 17.1.2022

Padraig Uas. O Teachain (Cathaoirleach) presided at Leinster GAA Convention, held virtually, on Monday 17ú Eanáir 2022. Attending Convention were:- Deric O Ceannt (Leas-Cathaoirleach); Padraig O Laighneach (PRO); Colm O Fionnagain (Cisteoir); Sean O Maolmhuaidh (Liathroid Laimhe); Deaglan Mac A Bhaird (Cumann na mBunscol); Desun O hAilpin (Iarbhunscóileanna); Ciaran O Floinn (Ard Oideachais); Micheal O Faolain, Uinsionn O Broin (Ceatharloch); Tomas O Se, Mel O Fearghail (Ath Cliath); Micheal O Maolain, Labhras Mac Curtin (Cill Dara); Liam O Diomsaigh (Cill Chainnigh); PS O Ceallaigh, Risteard O Cinneide (Laois); Damien Edgeworth, Deric O Fathaigh (Longphort); Padraic O Conchuir, Daithi Mac Ruairi (Lu); Damien O Griffin, Cathal O Seoige (An Mhi); Dolores O Sleibhin, Seosamh O hUigin (Uibh Fhaili); Albert O Labhraí (Iarmhi); Maire Uí Foghlu, Cathal O Broin (Loch Garman); Fintan O Fainin, Padraig O Duinn (Cill Mhantain) and Micheal Mac Raghnaill (Runai).

Also attending Convention virtually were the following:-

Ceatharloch:	Micheal O Dorain, Seamus O Bolguidhir.
Ath Cliath:	Fionnbar O Mathuna, Cionnath O Suilleabhain, Sean Mac Coisdealbha, Sean Mac Nicholas, Micheal O Saomhar, Brian MacLachlann, Seosamh O Liathain.
Cill Dara:	Micheal O Gormain, Alan O Dunaigh, Christine Uí Murrá, Padraig O Dunaigh, Colm O Fearghail.
Cill Chainnigh:	Barra O hIci, Seamus Breathnach, Conor Deneiffe, Padraig Mac Aindreas.
Laois:	Mairtin O Broin, Tomas O Cleir, Brian O hAilin.
Longphort:	Gearoid O hAagain, Peadar O Raghallaigh, Eamon O Braonain, Albert O Cuanáigh.
Lu:	Roibeard O Donnchu, Colm O Mearaigh, Prionsias O Ciarain.
An Mhi:	Brian O Cairbre, Sean O Caomhanaigh, Mairead Uí Dubhshlaine.
Uibh Fhaili:	Colm O Cumain, Micheal O Duigeannain.
Iarmhi:	Seosamh O Dalaigh, Padraig O Dochartaigh, Caoimhin Mac Shiurthain, Prionsias O Meiscill, Padraig O Raghallaigh.
Loch Garman:	Diarmuid O hUilin, Micheal O hAonghusa-Cuilinn, Micheal Mairtin.
Cill Mhantain:	Mairtin Mac Gearailt, Mairtin O Colmain, Chris Uí Conchubhair, Alan O Smollain, Sean O Cionnaith,
Ex-Officers:	Mairtin O Sceallaigh, Nicolas O Braonain, SS Breathnach, Micheal O Dubhshlaine, Sean Mac Carthaigh, Liam O Neill, Padraig O Tomhnair, Sean O Broin.
Sub-Committees:	Daithi Denieffe (Club Planning); Aine Uí Cinneide (Scor); Edbhaird O Broin (Planning and Physical Development); Sean de Faoite (Europe); Sean O Bannain (Referees).
Staff:	Sean Mac Fachtna, Padraig Uí Cleir, Sile Ni Chuinn, Sean de Brun, Seamus O Dubhain, Tadhg O Dorain, Alan O Maolchathail, Colm O Chleir, Hannah Uí hOrain, Nollaig O Dubhshlaine.

Apologies for inability to attend had been received from Val O Maoleoin (Cill Chainnigh), Micheal Mac Aodh (Iarmhi); Caitriona Uí Dalaigh (Scor).

Oscailt

Padraig O Laighneach (PRO) opened Convention and introduced an Cathaoirleach.

Failtiu

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the delegates, sought and obtained permission to record the meeting - on proposition of Deric O Ceannt, seconded by Edbhaird O Broin.

He advised the meeting that Patricia Clear was on the call to deal with any technical issues that may arise. He thanked Patricia for her assistance to all sub-committees over the past few years.

Sympathy

At the outset, an Cathaoirleach paid tribute to Aisling Murphy – teacher – Kilcormac Killoughey Camogie player – who, in tragic circumstances, died the previous Wednesday. On behalf of Comhairle Laighean CLG, he extended condolences to the Murphy family. A moments reflection was observed.

Miontuairisci (25.1.2021)

Proposed by Micheal O Faolain, seconded by Sean Mac Coisdealbha.

Tuairisc an Runai.

Proposed by Chris O Conchubhair, seconded by Roibeard O Dochunna.

- An Runai thanked and complimented Clubs and Counties for their work and co-operation over the past difficult year in achieving the games programme that we did both at county and provincial level.
- He said that player retention must be priority for all of us - in providing a games schedule suitable for all our players at club level. Change of mind set required i.e. play games specific for the 18 – 20 age group during the week and accepting that a number of them will be playing adult at the weekend.
- He highlighted the important role Fixture Oversight Committees and Fixture Analysts will have going forward in assisting our goal of having a solid fixtures schedule
- Micheal O Gormain (Cathaoirleach, Coisde Co. Chill Dara) spoke on age grades suggesting a return to Under 18s.
- Deric O Fathaigh (Comhairle Laighean) spoke on the difficulties re O Byrne Cup and Third Level competitions being played in the January period.

Liathroid Laimhe

Sean O Maolmhuaidh (Liathroid Laimhe) stated that this Convention completed his 5 years on the Comhairle. He extended his appreciation to Padraig O Teachain, his predecessor Seamus O Bolguidhir and the Comhairle at large for their support during his term. He also thanked Aras Laighean staff for their assistance and courtesy. He advised that Padraig O Donnabhain (Laois) will be the Handball representative on the Comhairle for 2022.

Financial Report for year ending 30.9.2021

Presented by Colm O Fionnagain (Cisteoir) and Sean de Brun (Leinster Finance Manager).

- Padraig O Dochartaigh (Operations Manager Iarmhi) raised the issue of ticket commission which he said was significant.
- Mairead Ui Dubhshlaine (Runai Coisde Co. na Mi) and Deric O Ceannt (Leas-Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean) also contributed to the issue.
- An Cathaoirleach said he would raise the matter at An Coisde Bainisti Ard Chomhairle.

Election of Officers

On the proposition of Deric O Fathaigh, seconded by Mairtin O Colmain the following Officers were elected:-

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| (a) | Cathaoirleach: | Padraig O Teachain (Uibh Fhaili) |
| (b) | Leas-Cathaoirleach: | Deric O Ceannt (Loch Garman) |
| (c) | Cisteoir: | Colm O Fionnagain (Cill Mhantain) |
| (d) | PRO: | Padraig O Laighneach (Iarmhi) |

Following his re-election, An Cathaoirleach thanked the retiring members of Comhairle Laighean for their contributions to the Comhairle during their term.

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| (a) | Liathroid Laimhe: | Sean O Maolmhuaidh |
| (b) | Ceatharloch: | Micheal O Faolain |
| (c) | Laois: | PS O Ceallaigh |
| (d) | Longphort: | Deric O Fathaigh |
| (e) | Lu: | Padraig O Conchubhair |
| (f) | Iarmhi: | Micheal Mac Aodh |
| (g) | Loch Garman: | Maire Ui Foghlu |

Comhairle Laighean Bye Laws 2022

Comhairle Laighean Bye Laws approved on proposition of Roibeard O Duchonna seconded by Michael O Saomhar.

Cathaoirleach's Address

An Cathaoirleach then addressed Convention as per enclosed script.

Aon gno eile

- Micheal O Saomhar (Ath Cliath) paid tribute to the Officers and Staff for their dedication during a difficult year.
- Micheal O Duigeannain (Uibh Fhaili) thanked an Cathaoirleach, An Runai, Seamus O Dubhan and Alan O Maolchathail for their commitment in getting the GPO project to the interview stage.
- Cathal O Seoige (An Mhi) thanked an Cathaoirleach and Cultural Committee in having Scor 2020 completed and that it was a great year for Leinster taking 5 All Ireland titles in the Dome, Connacht Centre of Excellence.

Conclusion

In concluding Convention, An Cathaoirleach wished the 6 Club Provincial Champions all the best in the forthcoming AIB All Ireland Club series.

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| (a) | Club Senior Football: | Kilmacud Crokes (Ath Cliath) |
| (b) | Club Senior Hurling: | Shamrocks Ballyhale (Cill Chainnigh) |
| (c) | Club Intermediate Football: | Trim (An Mhi) |
| (d) | Club Intermediate Hurling: | Naas (Cill Dara) |
| (e) | Club Junior Football: | Clonbullogue (Uibh Fhaili) |
| (f) | Club Junior Hurling: | Mooncoin (Cill Chainnigh) |

The Convention Ended

Óráid ón gCathaoirleach

When reflecting on the past year, an initial reaction might be to say that it was a disaster. I think the word difficult would be more appropriate. We were restricted and compromised in many areas of our work – most notably with the lack of in-person meetings, reduced attendances at games, curtailment of infrastructure development and the delay to our extension of the GPO model to six remaining counties.

However, we are a games based organisation, and in that context, it has to be said that 2021 was a successful year. Not only did we get to complete our full programme of fixtures but we also got to complete the outstanding Championships from 2020. Full credit is due to all involved in ensuring our games programme was not curtailed in any way – despite the ongoing and ever changing difficulties.

In his own report, Michael Reynolds has highlighted the outcomes of the various competitions so I don't intend to repeat that now, other than to congratulate all the winners of our various Championships.

However, I think from a Leinster viewpoint it was highly significant and worth mentioning the achievement of both Meath and Offaly in winning the Minor and U20 All-Ireland football titles. And while they may not have won any silverware, I do wish to commend the performances of Kildare underage hurlers who made giant strides at both Minor and U20 level in 2021.

Football Championship

Much of the last number of months has been taken up with a debate about the future of the Senior Football Championship and while change is not only inevitable it is also necessary. But we must be realistic and not expect that motions coming before Congress will have all the answers. I believe we will see change at the upcoming Congress, but I also believe that whatever proposal is accepted we can expect further changes in the coming years. For that reason I believe that we need to amend the Official Guide to allow Central Council have more flexibility when it comes to making necessary changes, – changes that don't alter the substantive nature of a particular Rule. I would hope that Congress in 2023 will see the passing of a suitable motion that will allow for more flexibility in adjusting our Championships as required into the future.

Provision of Games

As already mentioned we are a games based organisation and the provision of games, especially for our club players, must be our Number One priority. An analysis of recent developments and initiatives by Comhairle Laighean throws up some very interesting findings. Before the implementation of the Leinster cross county leagues in 2016, only three counties, in the Province, provided playing activity for their underage players before St Patrick's Day. The introduction of U13 & U15 cross county leagues has resulted in over 800 additional games being staged annually across the Province.

This has also resulted in a demand within counties for additional games. The result is that whereas in 2016 an underage player might expect to get 8 games in his grade, across league and Championship, pre knockout, that has now jumped to an average of 11 games per grade with this activity spanning late February / early March and concluding in late October/ early November. We must also remember the majority of players don't make school or representative teams, so a good club games programme is vital so that every young player gets sufficient activity to maintain their interest and enjoyment of our games.

Go Games in the u7-u11 age group has also grown with most clubs now enjoying 7-10 game days in the majority of counties compared to only 5-7 game days in 2016

With the split season, there is now an even greater opportunity for counties to tailor their fixtures to ensure an even better games programme for both adult and underage players.

Games Development

Another fundamental element of our Association's activities is to ensure that every child is introduced to our games and gets an opportunity to experience and play them. This is not an easy goal to achieve, however, I do believe that, in this Province the curve is constantly moving in an upward trajectory. Since 2015 we have increased our games staff, outside of Dublin, from 44 to 99, and this number will continue to grow as we recruit staff for Carlow, Laois, Offaly, Westmeath, Longford and Kilkenny, – counties that were not part of previous projects. By increasing the number of Games Promotion Officers in our counties we release our Games Development Administrators to spend more time in clubs which don't have a requirement for a full-time GPO.

In this regard I wish to commend the excellent work being done by all of our Games Development staff across the Province, under the expert guidance of our Games Managers, Alan Mulhall and James Devane.

It is important to point out that the appointment of GPO's to clubs follows a very considered process. In each case, our Games Managers, Alan and James carry out a rigorous audit of the club, or group of clubs, to determine their requirements and consider what solution would be the best fit in their case. In some instances this may be a GPO, but in many cases a GPO is not the answer and so other supports are tailored to best address the specific needs of the club or clubs. I would also point out that analysis of the GPO model across the Province has shown that in the appropriate clubs, participation rates have increased and contrary to what might be believed, the number of volunteers willing to assist has also increased.

The comments of the Chairperson of Eire Óg Greystones at his club's AGM in 2021 could be echoed across the Province, when he stated that "One of the better appointments of this or any other year has been the appointment of a GPO. The club along with Leinster GAA through James Devane, have facilitated the appointment and I have nothing but the highest regard for the work he has put in, from providing training for the national and secondary schools in the locality, assisting with the nursery, coaching our young referees – an area we have been lacking in over the years, running coaching courses along with the county GDA and what I consider to be the single biggest initiative for the Club – enrolment in the Dermot Early Youth Leadership Initiative award. This provides Transition Year students with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, attain a third level award while still in TY and will go a long way to those involved securing their Gaisce award. I have no hesitation in saying I will be proposing to the incoming committee that we should be planning now for the addition of a second GPO as a priority."

He also states that membership has increased by almost 50% in just 12 months and the club has a record number of volunteer coaches.

The whole area of Games Development and Promotion in the Association has been a huge success. To maintain this success and effectiveness it is important to constantly review the elements that make it work so that they can evolve and become even better.

Changes are coming in relation to the whole area of Games Development and funding mechanisms, and Leinster GAA will continue to work constructively with the National Games Development Committee to facilitate these changes and enhance and improve games development right across the Province.

Drugs in Society

One area of concern that has been raised with me in recent months has been the use of drugs among young people in our society. Unfortunately, in recent years the use of so called recreational drugs, and in particular cocaine, has become prevalent across all areas of society, from the smallest rural village to the largest urban area. While it would be over-dramatic to say it is an epidemic, it is nonetheless a very concerning situation and GAA players and members are certainly not immune from this culture.

As the largest voluntary sporting organisation in the country and embedded in every community, all GAA units should play our part in creating awareness among our young people to the dangers of becoming involved in this habit. We can become part of the solution, to this problem, by engaging with the professionals in Government agencies and other community organisations to support and highlight the dangers of drug use, not just from a physical health viewpoint, but also the long term mental affects and the devastating affect drug use can have on an individual's family. We also need to emphasise the fact that money spent on drugs only goes to line the pockets of criminals who have no regard for the lives or welfare of anyone, other than themselves.

I would urge all GAA clubs to adopt the GAA Club Substance Use Policy which can be downloaded from GAA.ie website. A social media campaign accompanied by a poster in every dressing room in the country would certainly be a start in raising awareness and helping to combat the future spread of the use of drugs among our members.

Sympathy

Again during the past year we lost family members, friends and colleagues and we were unable to mourn in our traditional manner. To the families and communities of all our departed loved ones I extend my deepest sympathy. I would like to especially remember two former Council members; Joe O'Shaughnessy from Wexford and Jimmy Hogan of Offaly. Both men not only served Leinster well, but also their respective clubs of Castletown and Birr as well as their counties over many years.

The death of a child in any circumstances is something we find very difficult to comprehend, but the death of 13 year old Harry Byrne from Gowran last November following a freak accidental blow from a sliotar left us all numbed. As is always the case in the face of such tragedy the GAA community rallied around to support Harry's family and show our solidarity with them. I hope this was in some small way a help to his parents, Fergal and Annette, his brothers Sam and Jake, sister Aimee, extended family, friends, and all at St Kieran's College and Young Ireland GAA club, to whom we again extend our deepest sympathy. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Culture

Thankfully 2021 saw a return to Scór competitions at adult level and I wish to thank our Culture and Community Committee under Chairperson Catherine Daly for the tremendous work they did in ensuring the Leinster Finals took place. In particular I wish to thank Wolfe Tones GAA club in Meath not just for the use of their premises, but for the wonderful manner in which they hosted the event in difficult circumstances. The work of our committee paid off when Leinster brought home 5 All-Ireland titles from the finals held in The Connacht Centre of excellence. Well done to all involved.

Refereeing

Given all the restrictions in place, 2021 was another difficult year for referees. However, once again our match officials demonstrated great resilience and fortitude in ensuring that our games took place and great credit is due to them and their own teams of officials, without whom our Association would be in serious difficulty. We must continue to show them the respect they deserve.

I wish to thank our Referees Administration Committee and our Referees' Appointments Committee for the marvellous job they did in preparing the referees and ensuring that all of our games were adequately resourced. You will all have read Martin Whyte's extensive report on refereeing in the Leinster Convention report and I think it is sufficient to say that we all need to play our part in striving to recruit more referees for the playing of our games.

Like 2020 Handball, Games for All and Infrastructure were the areas that suffered more than any. But I know the resilience and commitment of the people involved will ensure that they bounce back stronger than ever when normality is restored.

Infrastructure

In relation to Infrastructure, it has been a frustrating time for Kildare, Meath and Louth as they try to make progress on much needed development and re-development of county grounds. I would hope that 2022 will allow them an opportunity to move their respective projects forward. These are certainly three developments that are important not just of the counties themselves, but the GAA as a whole and must be supported. We in Leinster will work with the National Finance and Infrastructure Committees to advance these projects. While these are three major projects that are in the pipeline, we must not forget other areas which have infrastructure deficits at the moment, Longford and Westmeath are without training centres, Carlow need dressing rooms in Fenagh, while Wexford and Westmeath have upgrades planned for Wexford Park and Cusack Park, respectively. All these projects need the support not just of Leinster, but also at National level and the support of Government funding.

Schools

Thankfully the schools programme at Second level got back on track and I'm delighted that games are continuing to be played and are more or less on track at this time. We also hope to see a full return to activity at primary level as the year progresses. This is a great credit to all involved and again demonstrates the commitment so many teachers have to the promotion of our games. We owe them a great debt of gratitude.

Staff

I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Aras Laighean, under the guidance of our CEO Michael Reynolds, and all of our staff across the province for the wonderful effort and sacrifices you made in keeping the show on the road in 2021. While things improved from the low of 2020, it was still not an easy time for any of us, but you all demonstrated your commitment to your job and ensured that Leinster GAA did not succumb to the virus.

Twinning Partners

While we are all too aware of the effects of Covid on our communities here in Ireland over the last two years, we also recognise the difficulties the situation has caused for our overseas units. Again activity was severely curtailed but I was delighted to see Amsterdam fulfil their Leinster Junior Club fixture recently against St Mark's from Dublin, while the Middle East are currently in the middle of an active playing season and Australasia also got back to playing games in 2021. And I again want to welcome representatives of our three overseas twinning partners who join us here at the Convention remotely.

This pandemic has been the greatest social disruptor of all time. It has underlined the importance of connectivity and given us all a new appreciation of the importance of social interaction – of community. The crucial role of our overseas units in this regard cannot be overstated. In my address last year I noted that as a member of the GAA you are part of something very special. Again this year that special togetherness, the shared respect, that spirit of collegiality has been hugely important – both in our overseas units and at home.

Looking Forward

Hopefully 2022 will bring a new horizon, and that we will get back to concentrating fully on what we do best, playing our games and promoting activity among our young people. In the meantime we will continue to work together, to look out for each other and to ensure that we take all the steps that may be required to consign the curse of Covid to the history books.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir agus ar aghaidh libh le chéile.

Padraig Ó'Teachain
Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean





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ATHBHREITHNIÚ AR SHÉASÚR

The year started with the unusual spectacle of five AIB Leinster Club Finals in January culminating in the AIB Leinster Club Senior Football Final in Croke Park.

This game was televised live on RTE 2 with Kilmacud Crokes turning on the style in the second half to comfortably win the McCabe Cup over Naas who themselves had a very successful year culminating in winning the All Ireland Intermediate Hurling Final which was played later in the same month - their Intermediate Provincial Hurling Final win was also in January.

Mooncoin, Kilkenny were Junior Hurling Winners while Clonbullogue, Offaly and Trim, Meath were Junior and Intermediate Football winners respectively.

Pre Season Tournaments

Late in 2021 Ard Chomhairle reversed a previous decision not to allow Pre Season Tournaments.

The time span was short but our counties rose to the challenge and with the assistance of favourable weather 34 games were played between January 8th - January 30th all successfully completed prior to the start of the Allianz Leagues.

Some don't agree with these competitions but many - apart from the Accident Fund element - see it as a constructive manner to arrange games in the lead into the Leagues - one way or another games will be arranged for that period.

If Leinster had the luxury of additional 3G pitches (sometimes known as 4 or 5G) with covered accommodation the playing of so many games would become much more of a formality.

When the Round Robin was completed in O' Byrne Cup, Kildare and Laois as Group winners respectively contested a very entertaining Semi Final, in Netwatch Cullen Park (19.1.2022). Following a draw after regulation time had elapsed we went straight to penalties. Laois came out the right side of a score line of 6 to 5.

Three days later the O'Moore County faced the other Group Winners, Dublin, at the same venue in the Final, with the Capital side having five points to spare in the end.

The Walsh Cup provided a number of exciting games and results.

In Round 1 for the first time in the Round Robin, a game was played at a Galway venue with Offaly making the trip to Ballinasloe.

In Round 2 Dublin had a very convincing win over Galway in Parnell Park.

In Round 3, it was no great surprise that Wexford and Kilkenny could not be separated, in keeping with recent iterations of the fixture.

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Kehoe Cup like the previous two competitions was Round Robin involving Carlow, Kildare, Meath and Westmeath but unlike the O' Byrne and Walsh Cups top of the League Table would take home the Cup.

Round 3 - Westmeath v Carlow - was in effect the Kehoe Cup Final with winner securing top spot and with it the title. And so it was the Lakesiders who travelled to Netwatch Cullen Park before emerging victorious.

Kehoe Shield provided games for our three remaining counties - Longford, Louth and Wicklow - run on the same format as Kehoe Cup.

In the Final game Wicklow overcame Louth to win the Shield.

Hanrahan Cup - Minor Hurling Championship

In the year under review pride of place in our Inter County Championships must go to the Offaly and Laois Minor Hurlers.

Whether you were in the 15,000 strong attendance in Laois Hire O'Moore Park Portlaoise or watching on TG4 the quality of the Final was simply outstanding. 1989 2000 and 1964 were the last occasions that Offaly and Laois lifted the Hanrahan Cup

respectively.

The structure of our Championship provided ample opportunity for our young hurlers to develop their skills as the year progressed.

Tier 3 consisted of 3 teams from each of Leinster and Ulster. Antrim and Westmeath topped the group to move on to the Knockout stages. Sadly almost half of the 15 games played could be deemed one sided.

Tier 1 was as close as you could have hoped for. Each team won a game thus score difference came into play.

1st = +4
2nd = 0
3rd = -4

In Tier 2 Offaly and Laois were somewhat ahead of Kildare. From the outside Laois taking Wexford's scalp was a surprise but in truth not so to the squad and team management as later events proved - having been in front for most of the game it was a long range effort that ended up in the back of the net that gave the home side a 2 point win.

And so to Semi Final Saturday. By that Saturday mid-afternoon Leinster had its first ever Laois-Offaly Final when Kilkenny and Dublin were defeated respectively. The counties agreed to toss. All and sundry headed to Laois Hire O'Moore Park Portlaoise on a beautiful Monday evening (16.5.2022). Brilliant family atmosphere, superb weather, top-class game, live on TG4, and when referee, Caymon Flynn, sounded the final whistle the Faithful County were victorious.

In 2021 Kildare minor hurlers were the story! In 2022 Offaly and Laois provided a unique final pairing. All involved brought credit to the Association. There is no substitute for hard and intelligent work. Offaly advanced to the All Ireland Semi Final. Laois headed to the Round Robin with Galway and Clare - the latter Munster Runners Up.

In the series the O Moore lads were very competitive, Galway winning by 3 points (home) and Clare winning by 6 points (away).

Subsequently, Offaly had a top class victory over Clare in the Semi Final (2-16) to (0-18) setting up a clash with Tipperary who ousted Galway (3-24) to (3-20) in the other Semi Final.





describe the quality of hurling played by 16 and 17 year olds. Great credit to everyone involved in the development of the skills and character of all their young players. At the end heartbreak for the Faithful County but what a year for the squad!

There are different views on the All Ireland Round Robin series. From a Leinster perspective the alternative may not be palatable.

Murray Cup - Minor Football Championship

Our Minor Football did not provide the same drama or entertainment as the Minor Hurling did. When the 15 Round Robin games were completed, Carlow, Dublin, Kildare, Laois, Longford, Offaly, Westmeath and Wicklow qualified for the Knockout stages.

Offaly comfortably reached the Semi Finals with two solid victories over Carlow and Laois. Wicklow reached the Semi Finals by virtue of two very good away wins over Westmeath (one point) and Longford (two points).

Dublin and Kildare as respective group winners were the other two Semi Finalists. They ultimately made the Final.

The Final was very intense - with contrasting halves. At half time playing against the wind, Kildare were a point to the good but second half was a totally different story with the Dubs dominating and running out comfortable winners.

Unfortunately neither team progressed beyond the All Ireland Quarter Final stage.

All non semi finalists participated in the Seamus Heaney Cup (providing the players at least one additional game). Meath were the winners defeating Wexford in the Final.

Robbins Cup - Under 20 Hurling Championship

Of all our Championships this Championship, because of the diversity in standards, is the most difficult to have a format suitable to all.

To assist the perceived weaker counties we introduced a League format competition – effectively to give the counties concerned an opportunity to have meaningful game time

prior to the Championship. The counties involved found the exercise very worthwhile.

The semi finalists from the previous year were guaranteed one game. The counties concerned have no difficulty getting quality challenge games. Nevertheless a number of them have suggested a possible alternative which is being addressed.

In the Championship Laois and Wexford made it to the Quarter Finals to be joined by Kilkenny and Offaly (two of the previous year's Semi Finalists). While Kilkenny were comfortable winners, Wexford and Laois served up a very exciting contest in Portlaoise with the Slaney Siders winning by the minimum.

Both Semi Finals, (May Bank Holiday), were carried live on TG4. Wexford and Dublin were first up. For their second game in a row Wexford won by the minimum. The other Semi Final went to extra time where the Cats won by the minimum against Galway.

The Final was as excitingly close as both Semi Finals with yet another game decided by one point - Kilkenny the victors.

In the All Ireland Final Kilkenny and Limerick provided yet another outstanding game at this level with the Leinster Champions shading it - yes you have got it, another one point margin.

Flood Cup - Under 20 Football Championship

The National Development League led into our Championship.

Longford, Westmeath and Offaly (All Ireland and Provincial holders) made it to Quarter Finals at the expense of Wexford, Wicklow and Louth respectively in Round One of the Championship.

In the Quarter Finals Offaly comfortable overcame Carlow and Dublin had 5 points to spare over Westmeath.

The other two Quarter Finals were much closer. Kildare survived by 2 points over Laois - Laois having a goal opportunity with virtually the last kick of the game. In Longford the width of the post ensured Meath's survival over Longford.

Both Semi Finals were very entertaining and

the results could have gone either way. In the end we had a Kildare-Dublin Final. With little or nothing between the sides the Lilywhites had 2 points to spare (0-17) to (0-15).

In the All Ireland series Kildare qualified for the Final when getting the better of Sligo. Tyrone defeated Kerry in the other Semi Final.

On a May Saturday in Avantcard Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada the Red Hand of Tyrone proved to strong for the Lilywhites.

What a Final it proved to be. Over 20,000 were in UPMC Nowlan Park on the first Sunday in July. Very difficult to adequately

Delaney Cup - Senior Football Championship

Semi Finalists were identical to that of 2021. Even the pairings were the same.

In getting to that stage Dublin had a very comfortable trip to Chadwicks Wexford Park. Westmeath easily accounted for neighbours Longford as did Meath over Wicklow and Kildare over Louth.

Kildare just about prevailed over Westmeath while Dublin cruised past Meath thus having a Leinster Final repeat of 2021.

Unfortunately the Final was effectively over within 15 minutes.

Dublin subsequently lost to literally the last kick of the game in the Semi Final to the Kingdom.

Meanwhile Kildare lost out to Mayo in the Qualifiers.

There was success for the province with Westmeath winning the inaugural Tailteann Cup. The Lakesiders had a superb win over Cavan at Headquarters. Westmeath have guaranteed themselves a place in the Sam Maguire of 2023. The joy and enthusiasm of all of Westmeath in the days immediately after the Final was a delight to see.

The commitment of all the participating counties to this competition augurs well for the future.

O'Keefe Cup - Senior Hurling Championship

Our Senior Hurling Championship provided many twists and turns.

Day One. Wexford and Galway drew while Dublin were somewhat fortunate to survive Laois' challenge.

Round Two. Dublin got the better of Wexford by a point in a game of 47 scores (0-24) to (0-23).

Third Day Out - with an injury time point from a free the Tribesmen got over the Cats.

Round Four - Galway, Kilkenny had wins over Laois and Dublin respectively while Westmeath and Wexford was the game of the day finishing all square. Thus all six teams had everything to play for in the Final Round.

Winners of Laois and Westmeath remained in the Championship for 2023 while 3 of the other 4 were playing for Championship positions - Leinster Final and 3rd place.

When the dust settled Westmeath remained in the Championship for 2023 while Laois were Joe McDonagh bound subject to whether or not Kerry won the Joe McDonagh Cup, it was a close run Final - Antrim just survived the Kingdom's come back.

With Galway defeating Dublin and Wexford having a rare championship success over Kilkenny in Nowlan Park it was Kilkenny and Galway who were Croke Park bound for the Leinster Final with Wexford finishing third. All four teams had finished level on points. The Dubs lost out on score difference.

The Cats survived by 5 points in the Final.

Wexford were comfortable winners over Kerry in the All Ireland Preliminary Quarter Final setting up a Quarter Final meeting with Clare. For most of the game it looked as if the Slaneiders could upset the odds but it was not to be.

In the other Quarter Final Galway were victorious over Cork.

In the Semi Finals Kilkenny and Limerick defeated Clare and Galway respectively.

In an excellent Final only 2 points separated the sides. It was Limerick's All Ireland completing 3 in a row. Limerick had the better start, but in true Kilkenny style, the Cats recovered ensuring it was either side's game literally to the end. Roll on 2023.

All Ireland Junior Football

Kilkenny, New York, London and Warwickshire played in the All Ireland Junior Football Championship.

Semi Finals played in Abbotstown (8.7.2022) Kilkenny defeated London and while New York defeated Warwickshire.

In the Final in Croke Park (10.7.2022) Kilkenny were worthy winners.



STRUCHTÚIR, RIALÚ & COINNEÁIL IMREORA

With delight and perhaps with some trepidation we have faced into a full season. Trepidation that is, for fear Covid could become a difficulty for the third year, and also how the Split Season format would work.

On both fronts, the year was positive. Regarding the split season conclusions as to its success or otherwise are yet to be drawn! However from our viewpoint it would be fair to say it has thus far been a success.

At a Provincial Fixtures Analysts meeting in June the common thread from those in attendance was that Club players (in reality all players) had for once fixture certainty. Frankly such comments are a breath of fresh air.

Similarly, if we could develop a positive and real attitude to player retention it would be another massive benefit to remaining with the current season format.

The Intercounty scene was to say the least condensed. Be that as it may we face additional challenges in the year ahead.

The yearly calendar is not getting any longer but our demands for additional games does.

Presently, an Uachtarán, has established a Work Group to examine in the broad sense Age Grades and the possible implications.

It is heartening to note, that more and more, we are prepared to examine policy based on data.

Fundamentally our attitude towards participation v winning is a vital part of the jigsaw when it comes to the retention of players particularly the Upper Age cohort of juvenile.

Some counties are finding that not all Clubs wish to participate in for example, Under 19 or Under 20. This leads to a question for what reason?

Apparently some Clubs believe – or at least in some cases - that all their players in that cohort are getting sufficient games at adult level. This in itself raises the question what's a sufficient number of games?

For the many involved in Fixture Scheduling decoupling is a blessing and equally from a players perspective the welfare of tomorrow's adult players.

Examining the pupil/student age data must be a primary (no pun intended) part for policy development both at Club and the Educational Sectors.

- Pre Schooling
- Primary School
- Second Level
- Third Level

This appetite for an ever increasing number of games adds to the workload. It is now time to stop for a moment (at least) to access the situation at Club, School/College and Intercounty particularly up to and including 20 year olds.

Decoupling as with other measurers has helped in no small way in developing fixtures certainty and improving player welfare. Over the past number of years much debate has taken place re decoupling and the issue of player retention. I strongly suggest that player retention has nothing to do with age grades but rather our 'win at all costs' culture within our Association - how often have players up to the age been left in the dug out and the following years wondering where they have disappeared to. There maybe other factor(s) that are in play for a player to opt out but not getting creditable game time must be high on the list and also lack of enjoyment.

There was the outrageous situation this year where at Feile Peil at least one club attempted to get round the regulation re meaningful game time for the panel of 24 by attempting not to bring the full quota allowed. Equally disturbing is the growth in underage Tournaments at a cross county and even cross provincial level involving players at a very young age. One would have to wonder if any consideration is being given to child welfare in these circumstances.

Covid brought changes. A change it did not bring was a more constructive attitude to governance. While we are improving, trouble is never to far from the door! With Teams now viewed as a normal way to conduct some business at least, it should assist in more productive use of each person's valuable time especially when allied to the use of emails. With regard to the latter it is difficult to comprehend that some amongst us have such difficulty in the use of emails that we may trip ourselves up with technicalities.

Also from the point of view of Officer

Training recorded Training Modules with a facility to submit questions etc., would I hope assist all of us in better use of our time.

By the time this report is in the public domain we will have completed the first full year of the 'Split Season'. February - end of June was hectic for the inter county scene and will be added to in 2023. That said the certainty for Clubs cannot be overestimated.

There may be scope for some adjustment. But as I said in a previous reports the Calendar Year is still only 52 weeks, 365 days. At every turn there are proposals for round robin, back door, side door, front door structures - you name it we have got it and to add to the mix the weather does not appear to be improving or getting drier!

The workload on volunteers in all organisations is increasing. We are no different. Some of the workload is as a result of legislation which must be adhered too.

Sometimes we are our own worst enemies in that 'delegation' is not part of our vocabulary. If ever in doubt heretofore it is now time that delegation becomes the operative word.





AN TODHCHAÍ

In recent years considerable time, energy and debate has been afforded to Age Grades with particular emphasis on decoupling.

If I could indulge in utopia for a few lines: Would there be the requirement for much of the debate if:-

Players up to the age of 18 – 20 are seen as the future of our clubs rather than short term gain.

Accepted principle (in regulation if required) that underage players train only with their age group and a max of 2 year cohort with flexibility for a given requirement, but only with the Players Welfare the priority.

Examine our catchment areas and study population trends asking the following questions at each age such as;

- How many boys in our catchment area?
- How many boys in our catchment area play gaelic football (if applicable) hurling (if applicable)?
- How many boys in our catchment area who play Gaelic football get meaningful game time?
- How many boys in our cohort who play hurling get meaningful game time?

Why are we so concentrated on the adult side of our clubs in the present rather than concentrating on getting the most out of our juvenile sector planning for the future. If the numbers are not there then plan for an alternative. Recent studies on demographics will certainly open our eyes if studied and taken seriously.

If the Official Guide did not hamstring many possible options at various levels including the use of the word Championship (in this regard we the members of the Association have much soul searching to do) we would be in a better place!

With regards to the actual welfare of our players, the question must be asked have listened sufficiently to those with extensive knowledge in this area. Take for example Profesor Niall Moyna of DCU in January of 2014 he made the following statement with regards to the load being place upon our players;

'The loads and demands we are imposing, particularly on young, development bodies and even on developed players - because of their amateur status and lack of recovery - is leading

to an epidemic of chronic injuries'

If that wasn't enough cause for concern, the venerable Dr Con Murphy of Cork with his wealth of knowledge both of our Games and our Physiology said;

'There is no doubt that people are over training and that's because kids are involved in too many teams and it is very difficult for them to turn down the different managers'

Both of the above quotes lend further credence to the necessity of Decoupling now more than ever. Not only does it assist greatly with fixture certainty but also that of player welfare. In my opinion anything that can potentially further extend the playing career of our members is extremely important and should be a high priority for the whole organisation.

Let us for a minute put the debate into just a little context.

Young players play on multiple teams at the same time, Compete in several competitions and are expected to train fully with each team

Problems include player eligibility, scheduling of competitions, competition formats and lack of education

However, poor communication between different managers can also result in increased pressures, increased risk of overtraining, injury and ultimately burnout.

Innovation and breaking from the shackles of the Official Guide would be far more beneficial to clubs in retaining a second or more adult team.

It is still disappointing in this day and age to be hearing anecdotal evidence of comments regarding U19 Players being blocked from playing with their own age grade due to Adult Manager demands.

Such reports might even lend one to innocently ask who is actually in charge within our clubs. Strong governance would be able to withstand demands from managers such as this, admittedly this may not always be the case.

It was interesting on the Team Calls for Age Grades Feedback in Novemeber (Leinster) that counties reported that there was little

or no interest in the intercounty age grade. The Primary focus for all seemed to be solely around the club and yet there is a view by some of our membership that once the county exits U17 Inter County the players concerned may have very little competition activity until the following April or so. This certainly gives further food for thought!

BONNEAGAIR & AIRGEADAS

All facets of the economy saw many green shoots in 2022 compared particularly to 2020. Club physical development was no exception. However the latter part of the year raised several red flags.

Each and every Club plus County Committees must take note not only in the area of physical development but also with regard to Team costs.

I strongly advise that unless absolutely necessary physical development should not be a priority for the next few years, but rather consolidation. There is one exception to this - purchasing additional land should it become available and if required.

Grant aid can now be obtained from a number of sources other than Land Purchase. As a result of this it is perhaps opportune that as an Association we examine the present structure of club grants for development.

A recent trend has been for clubs to spend valuable income on the building of gyms with significant added cost in equipping same. In doing so we should carefully consider prior to these undertakings whether we have the correct expertise and insurance capabilities to run such developments once in situ.

In recent months at a National level Patrick O'Brien has been appointed Health and Safety Officer by Ard Chomhairle.

Patrick's expertise will be of invaluable assistance in the years ahead not only to ourselves in Comhairle Laighean but to all our Safety and Facilities Officers at all levels.

Covid 19 effectively put our Safety and Facilities Committee in cold storage for 2020 and 2021. When we became aware of Ard Chomhairle's plan to appoint a National Health and Safety Officer rather than reinventing the wheel we decided to await the appointment and hit the ground running for 2023.

Our Cathaoirleach, Eddie Byrne, kept the province's interests to the fore at national meetings.

For 2022, Ard Chomhairle has provided €1.02 million in Club Grants for the province - in reality covering three years.

Our own Financial Report gives little or no room to manoeuvre to add to the Fund - bearing in mind since circa 1990 the province

has always assisted a number of projects within the Education Sector.

2022 also saw the establishment of Audit and Risk Committees at County and Provincial level in order to have them operational for 2023.





FORBAIRT CLUÍCHÍ

Also in 2022, we thankfully had a welcome return to normality for the Games Development Team. This allowed us to progress with the appointment of GPOs to the remainder of the Counties within Leinster not yet up and running on the Programme. This was a major development for the new counties involved and from the feedback to date, has proven a great success. The demand for engagement with staff from clubs is very high and this provides our coaching staff in the counties a great platform to assist in the development of all aspects of Gaelic Games in our clubs. All of our success in this area is due to the work of Games Managers within Counties under the guidance of our own Provincial Games Managers Alan Mulhall and James Devane. I would like to thank them both and our Games Development Cathaoirleach Derek Kent who drove this area on yet again over the last 12 months.

Camp Activity

Our National Kellogg's Cúl Camp programme again proved to be a great success this year with **69,677** children attending our **454** camps. The Kellogg's Cúl Camps continue to be our flagship project in Coaching and Games with the reaction from parents and children alike extremely positive. The fact that children can go to a camp in any part of the province and have the same structure, standards and experience provides great comfort to parents. Once more the gear was very well received with the burning question on every child's lips being "What's the gear like next year?"

At the various breaks in the school year, our GPOs assist clubs in the running of their own club based camps. These camps complement the National Cúl Camps programme as they provide more activity at quieter times of the year. Over the course of this year, there was a total of **343** club camps run across the province. This consisted of **89** Easter Camps with **13,257** participants, **176** Summer Camps with **20,020** participants and **78** Halloween Camps with **1,864** participants.

Nursery

This year saw another growth in our nurseries for 4-6 year olds across Leinster. There are now **424** nurseries being run regularly in our clubs. The nursery is a great introduction to the movement skills of our

games and providing our youngest members with the opportunity to socialise and have fun in a safe environment. The nursery is such an important recruitment tool for clubs, not just for players, but for potential coaches and volunteers. Having a well-run, well-structured nursery attracts new people to get involved and every club should strive to have one.

Provision of Games

The games programmes in our counties for both child and youth stages has improved greatly over the last number of years. They are particularly well run with almost all counties now in a position to provide the recommended number of games for each age cohort internally in their own county. In some cases, where there is a small number of clubs in the weaker code, some counties have nurtured a very strong relationship with a neighbouring county to ensure that young players are provided games. Thanks to all counties who are putting the players first and facilitating this.

One area of concern we continue to have is around the Go Games. As mentioned previously it has been come to attention that slippages as occurring in the ethos of the Go Games and this is something which we at a Provincial Level intend to address very strongly in 2023. This is our young players first introduction to playing games and it should be an enjoyable all-inclusive experience for them.

Primary Schools

Primary school activity has once again been to the fore for all Leinster GAA staff. Our GPOs and GDAs are constantly engaging with both teachers and pupils over the course of the year. Our primary school activity is much more than providing coaching in schools. This year we provided activity in **980** schools through coaching sessions, fundamental movement sessions, mini leagues, teacher education and school teams assistance. Across the last 12 months we have provided more than **50,000** sessions in primary schools. Taking this into account we are very grateful to the school teachers and principals who provide our coaches with an open door policy in almost every school. I would also like to acknowledge Cumann na mBunscoil who provide a very extensive games programme for the senior classes in the schools and all the teachers who prepare

the teams for these competitions across all codes. We will have a more extensive look at the activity within this area a little later in the Report.

Post Primary

Due to the hectic nature of the Post Primary School year with exams, classroom-based assessments, school tours, school plays and other sports, the post primary school sector is proving to be our toughest nut to crack with regards to providing hands on coaching. However, from a games point of view, there has never been more activity. Between internal leagues and provincial and county competitions there are more games being provided with more school teams being entered than ever before. In recent years we have grown to 4 main age levels, First Year, Second Year, Junior and Senior competitions and now there are more and more counties providing internal competitions to compliment the provincial games programme. Similar to the Cumman na mBunscoil a more detailed Report of the Post Primary Games activity will follow later.

One of the bigger successes in this area has been with regard to the Future Leader Programme. The "Future Leaders Transition Year Programme" is a joint initiative from the GAA and the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). It is a cross-curricular programme comprising of a series of modules designed to encourage maturity, initiative, responsibility and leadership skills in pupils. The Programme gives pupils the knowledge and skills to support all roles required in the effective staging of Gaelic Games. As part of the Programme students are challenged to organise and run both on-field and off-field events for younger students.

The following pages list the Schools within our Province currently engaging in the Programme.



COMHDÁIL CINN
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LEINSTER GAA FUTURE LEADER SCHOOLS



COMHDÁIL CINN
BLIANA
2022

1. Ardee Community School
2. Ardscoil na Tríonóide
3. Ardscoil Ris
4. Ashbourne Community School
5. Athy College
6. Avondale Community College
7. Ballymakenny College
8. Banagher College
9. Beaufort College
10. Belmayne ETSS
11. Blakestown Community School
12. Boyne Community School
13. Bunclody Vocational College
14. Castelpollard Community College
15. Castlecomer Community School
16. Catholic University School
17. CBS Kilkenny
18. CBS Secondary School New Ross
19. Celbridge Community School
20. Clonkeen College
21. Clonturk Community College
22. Cnoc Mhuire Secondary School
23. Colaiste Bhríde Carnew
24. Coláiste Chill Mhantáin
25. Coláiste Chraobh Abhann
26. Colaiste Chu chulainn
27. Coláiste Cois Life
28. Colaiste Cois Siuire
29. Colaiste Eanna
30. Coláiste Eoin
31. Coláiste Ghlór na Mara
32. Colaiste Losagain
33. Colaiste Lorcain
34. Colaiste na hInse
35. Coláiste na Mí
36. Coláiste Naomh Cormac
37. Coláiste Pobail Osraí
38. Coláiste Rís
39. Creagh College
40. Cross and Passion
41. Curragh Community College (previously Curragh PPS)
42. De La Salle College Dundalk
43. Drogheda Educate Together Secondary School
44. Dunamase College
45. Dunshaughlin Community College
46. Edmund Rice College Dublin
47. Eureka Secondary School
48. FCJ Bunclody
49. Fingal Community College
50. Gaelcholáiste Cheatharlach
51. Gael-Choláiste Chill Dara
52. Gaelcholaiste na mara
53. Grange Community College
54. Grennan College
55. Hansfield ETSS
56. Hartstown Community School
57. Kennedy College
58. Kilkenny City Vocational School
59. Killina Presentation Secondary School
60. Loreto Abbey Dalkey
61. Loreto College Mullingar
62. Loreto College Swords
63. Loreto High School Beaufort
64. Loreto Secondary School , St Michael's
65. Lucan Community College
66. Malahide CS
67. Marist College Athlone
68. Maynooth Education Campus
69. Mercy College Coolock
70. Mercy Secondary School Ballymahon
71. Moate community school
72. Mount Sackville Secondary School
73. Mountmellick Community School
74. Mountrath CS
75. Moyle Park College
76. Mullingar Community College
77. Naas CBS
78. Naas Community College
79. North Wicklow ETSS
80. Oatlands College
81. Old Bawn Community School
82. Our Lady of Lourdes
83. Our Lady's School Terenure
84. Portlaois College
85. Presentation Secondary School Kilkenny
86. Ramsgrange Community School
87. Ratoath College
88. Rosary College
89. Sacred Heart School Tullamore
90. Salesian College
91. Scoil Aireagail
92. Scoil chaitriona
93. Scoil Dara
94. Scoil Mhuire
95. Scoil Ui Mhuiri
96. St Aidans CBS
97. St Benildus College
98. St Brendans CS Birr
99. St Ciarans CS, Kells
100. St Colmcilles CS
101. St Farnan's PPS
102. St Fergals College
103. St Joseph's Rush
104. St Joseph's Secondary Scholl, Drogheda
105. St Joseph's
106. St Joseph's College Lucan
107. St Joseph's Secondary School
108. St Josphe's Secondary School
109. St Kevin's College
110. St Kevin's Community College
111. St Kieran's College
112. St Mac Dara's
113. St Marys CBS Enniscorthy
114. St Mary's College Arklow
115. St Michael's College
116. St Michael's Loreto
117. St Patricks Classical School Navan
118. St Peter's College
119. St. Finians CC
120. St. Joseph's College
121. St. Joseph's Drogheda
122. St. Kevin's Community College
123. St. Leo's College
124. St. Mary's CBS Portlaoise
125. St. Mary's Secondary School
126. St. Mary's Holy Faith Glasnevin
127. St. Mary's Knockbeg College
128. St. Patricks Classical School
129. Stepside ETSS
130. Sutton Park School
131. Swords Community college
132. Templeogue College
133. Wexford CBS

Coach Development

We have always put a major focus on formal and informal coach development and with the opportunity to get back out into clubs this year has been no different. Since Covid the demand for coach development increased greatly and the courses we ran in 2022 in the table below demonstrates the thirst for learning among our coaches.

Course Type	No. of Courses
Introduction to Gaelic Games	274
Award 1 Child	21
Award 1 Youth	30
Award 1 Adult	20
Total	345

Our informal coach development is built around our TURAS coach development mentoring programme. This is where our GDAs and GPOs engage with coaches on a regular basis in their own clubs and provide them with sample sessions and mentoring on the various aspects of coaching across the different age grades. This year we provided just under **1,500 informal coach development sessions** in clubs.

At this point, I think it is imperative that we mention and acknowledge the great work Colm Clear has done in during his time with us in Leinster. Colm has been a mainstay of the Coaching and Games Department since he joined us and has brought the Learning and Development area to a new level. His reputation as a Coach Developer and his diligence in other areas he was involved with in Leinster led to him being invited on a host of national committees and workgroups where he always contributed meaningfully. Colm is equally at home engaging with novice coaches, only new to the game or dealing in the academic world. It was this ability to make the audience in front of him, no matter what their background, feel comfortable that they were in an environment that they could engage and express themselves. We would like to thank Colm for everything over the years and wish him the very best in his new adventure where we are sure he will be another success.

Talent Academies

Over the last 12 months we have seen a growth in the number of teams our counties are entering in the talent academy games programme. This is a major positive as it provides more players the opportunity to be challenged in their development which ultimately helps clubs also. Clubs, schools and talent academies coexisting throughout the year is key to a player's development. Obviously, there will be a period where the more formal school and club competitions take priority, but this shouldn't hamper a player's development, everyone has to work together to ensure the player is continually developing throughout the year, not just for the next competition. As outlined previously this is most certainly not an easy fix. It is something that will require an attitudinal change to succeed however, good open communication from all involved is most definitely the best approach.

A comprehensive programme of games was put in place by National Development CCC across u14, u15 and u16 levels that allowed for the completion of development competitions such as the Adam Mangan Cup, The Gerry Reilly Cup, The Fr Manning Cup, The Michael Foley Cup and the Adrian Murray Cup. A big thank you must go to all competition founders and county and underage secretaries for their support in this area.



CLUICHÍ DO CHÁCH

It was another busy year also on the Games For All side of the house. This continues to be an area of great development within our organisation. Special mention must go to our Cathaoirleach Pat Lynagh and Runai Brian Carberry who continue to do trojan work not only within the Province but also at a National level.

Wheelchair Hurling

Thankfully this year also saw a return of the Wheelchair Hurling League and Championship Competitions.

Our first two fixtures in Omagh, Co Tyrone and Limerick City proved difficult in many ways. The team struggled for numbers, which resulted in an indifferent set of results. However, with a positive resurgence of enthusiasm and a full training schedule a marker was set for the home leg.

This year Tullamore, Co Offaly hosted the Leinster Provincial Fixture. It provided the perfect launch pad for an unbeaten day for the Province. Alongside the great results it was a special heartening occasion to see our Cathaoirleach present All Star Awards to two of our players.

Our final leg was in Banada, Co Sligo, this took us back to another set of unfamiliar results. However, this is sport and the important thing about such difficulties is how you respond to them.

Our players got just such an opportunity in the Final Competition of the year, the M. Donnelly All Ireland Interprovincial Final.

This was held on Sunday 20th November in Ashbourne Community School, Co Meath. This was a great success with a huge crowd in attendance. Guests of honour were the Minister for Sport, Dr Jack Chambers and our sponsor Mr M. Donnelly. This was a great occasion for Leinster as we had a full panel of players for the first time this year.

Unfortunately it was not to be our day as we were beaten twice to miss out on All Ireland glory. The day however, was not totally without success as we showed an exemplary attitude to compose ourselves and ultimately claimed the Shield with a win over Connacht.

From a Comhairle Laighean point of view one of the highlights of the year was when we hosted our successful team of 2018-22

at Croke Park during our Senior Club Finals. To be able to pay tribute in a small way to the dedication of Players, Coaches and Volunteers was fantastic and just reward for years of hard work. And, so it is onto to 2023 with much optimism.

“Football for All”

Through the Irish Special Schools Sports Council [ISSSC] the Interprovincial Finals take place each September in Croke park, however because of Garth Brooks concerts, the pitch was not available until November. Children with mild – general learning needs from fifteen different special schools across all Provinces compete in a 9 - a - side Gaelic Football Tournament. It's a very inclusive day for all involved.

Earlier in the year the ISSSC held a “Football for All” development day in O' Brien Park in Tullamore on the 24th of May from 11-1pm with a number of schools taking part.

Special thanks to all the teachers, volunteers and TY students involved.

The Future

While it has been a rewarding and exceptional experience for our committee, delivering a “Games for All” programme may require remedial interventions, primarily to maximise the player pool and enhance the potential of the team.

While we constantly engage with Sport Ireland, Local Sport Partnerships and the Irish Wheelchair Association the recruitment and retention of new players is an area that always can require more attention. I know from speaking to our Committee that they are of the belief that the game should be developed along the lines of our County and Club structures. This may include an under-age league, with a fixture programme to progressively and eventually blend players into the Junior/Senior County or Cross/County teams.

For this to happen a strong working relationship with the Games Development Teams in each County is paramount. For example, we have been involved with Wheelchair Summer camps over the years. More recently in August this year for the IWA Multi Sport Club for children with physical disabilities in Our Lady's School Terenure, Dublin. If we can then look at pathways for these

Young Players to stay with our games and ultimately continue playing into adulthood, it is something that would be of real merit. If we can build on the existing good work that is ongoing around the Province in terms of inclusion and support, we can possibly look to develop such ideas into the future.





CULTÚR AGUS SCÓR



Scór na nÓg

Scór na nÓg resumed in early 2022. County Finals were held across the province. Semi-finals were held in The Downs, Co. Westmeath and Birr, Co. Offaly on March 26th and 27th with participation from all counties. St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club in Lordship hosted a most successful Leinster Final in their very impressive clubhouse. Thanks to Louth G.A.A. for their sponsorship towards this event. A great afternoon of entertainment was provided following which the 2022 Leinster Champions were announced;

Rince Foirne:

Cill Chormaic / Cill Achaidh, (Kilcormac/Kiloughey) Uibh Fhailí

Amhránaíocht Aonair:

An Mhí: Clann na nGael: Sara Ní Chonaill

Aithriseoireacht/Scéalaíocht:

Cill Mhantáin: Eiméid Charn an Bhua (Carn Emmets) Abbey Ní Dheoráin

Bailéad Ghrúpa:

Loch Garman: Banú / Baile Uí Mhitigh (Bannow Ballymitty)

Nuachleas:

An Iarmhí: Béal Átha na nGabhar (Ballinagore)

Ceol Uirlise:

Cill Mhantáin: Eachroim (Aughrim)

Rince Seit:

Lú: Naomh Máirtín (St. Martin's)

Tráth na gCeisteanna:

An Longfort: Cill Eo Óg (Killoe Óg)

Babhtáí Ceannais na hÉireann were held once again in the impressive INEC, Killarney. Congratulations to Sara Ní Chonaill of Meath who was crowned All Ireland Champion in the solo-singing category.

An Coiste Scór Naisiúnta are currently holding online meetings with clubs from each province. They also are holding online workshops to familiarise GAA personnel with all Scór categories.

Every effort is being made to promote Scór in the province and members of An Coiste Cultúir agus Pobail are available to assist with counties and clubs.

This year the Leinster Final of Scór Sinsir

were held in Kells Theatre on Saturday October 22nd. A venue that was fitting of some fantastic performances across the board. The standard was extremely high as members from across all 12 Counties battled it out for Provincial glory and the chance to compete in the All Irelands in Castlebar.

After an enthralling day the following winners were confirmed;

Rince Foirne:

Biorra (Birr) Uibh Fhailí

Amhránaíocht Aonair:

An Iarmhí: Béal Átha na nGabhar (Ballinagore); Seán Ó hOireachtaigh

Aithriseoireacht/Scéalaíocht:

Cill Mhantáin: Cros Baile Coimhín (Blessington) Síle Ní Neachtain

Bailéad Ghrúpa:

Uibh Fhailí: An Clarach (Clara)

Nuachleas:

An Iarmhí: Béal Átha na nGabhar (Ballinagore)

Ceol Uirlise:

Átha Cliath: Cuala (Cuala)

Rince Seit:

An Iarmhí: Baile Uí Chumaoil (Ballycomoye)

Tráth na gCeisteanna:

Uibh Fhailí: Éadan Doire (Edenderry)

Nuachleas:

Cill Mhantáin: Eiméid Charn an Bhua (Carn Emmets)

My thanks once again must go to our hard working Committee under the guidance of Cathaoirleach Caitríona Uí Dhálaigh and Rúnaí: Áine Ní Chinnéide. To say they have worked tirelessly would be an understatement but on behalf of the Council as a whole you have our thanks.

Ba mhaith le Coiste Cultúir agus Pobail CLG Laighean buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine agus club a thug cabhair dúinn i rith na bliana. Thanks to all clubs and counties for their assistance during the year. Special thanks to our adjudicators. Míle Buíochas do gach duine a bhíonn ag obair ar son Scór agus an Ghaeilge sa chúige.

Go n-éirí go geal le Scór i mbliana!

IARBHUNSCOILEANNA

Thankfully this year we are reporting on a year where games and competitions ran to schedule. After two fractured years, 2022 saw our programme return as normal. Some schools were impacted by Covid – particularly in the early part of the year – but this was in a small number of cases. On March 17th, this year for the first time, both Senior Football and Hurling ‘A’ All Ireland Finals were staged in Croke Park. Leinster was represented in both finals with Naas CBS and St. Kieran’s College being part of this fabulous occasion. Over 1,700 games were played in the last academic year with a strong focus placed on First Year Games. Here, the aim was on getting as many as possible transferring from participation in Cumann na mBunscol games to games in the Post Primary Sector. If students can maintain a playing interest in our games in First Year in particular it is probable they will continue to play throughout their term in Secondary School, thereby increasing the likelihood they will continue to play for their club. Playing for their school in Croke Park is not something every student can achieve but enjoying competitive games while playing with their school friends is something all can aim for and partake in.

Overview of Competition Winners

Congratulations to all schools for their level of engagement and skill levels shown across all competitions and in particular we congratulate the various winners in each section across each age grade. Summarising Senior ‘A’ Football, pride of place goes to Naas CBS who triumphed in Leinster and went on to win the All Ireland Final in Croke Park on St. Patrick’s Day. After a narrow defeat in their previous appearance, this year they had a great victory over St. Brendan’s College Killarney in a hugely entertaining game to become first-time winners of the Hogan Cup. In Senior ‘B’ Football, Gorey CS were putting up impressive score lines from an early stage. After success in Leinster, they went on to defeat Garbally College in the All-Ireland semi-final with Patrician High School Carrickmacross defeated at the final hurdle as they claimed the Paddy Drummond Cup. Leinster also had the winning school in the ‘C’ competition with Heywood CS claiming the Dr. Eamon O’Sullivan Cup with a five point win over Ennistymon CBS. Gallen CS Ferbane came out on top in Leinster at ‘D’ level but were narrowly defeated in the semi final by Our Lady’s College Belmullet – this game played in Bekan, the Connacht Centre of Excellence.

Turning to hurling, Good Counsel College came out on top after a comprehensive victory over Dublin South Schools in the Leinster Final. That put them into the All Ireland semi final where they were defeated by the eventual winners Árdscóil Rís Limerick. St. Kieran’s College also progressed to the All Ireland series and after fine victories over Gort CS and St. Joseph’s SS Tulla, they suffered a narrow defeat to their Munster opposition in the show case decider in Croke Park on March 17th. Coláiste Mhuire Johnstown came out on top in Senior Hurling ‘B’ after victory over St. Brendan’s CS Birr in the Leinster Final played in Rathdowney. Their All Ireland semi final was played in Coolderry where after extra time, Colaiste Bhaile Chlair Galway emerged with a two point victory. In SH ‘C’, Coláiste Naomh Cormac Kilcormac went all the way to claim national honours. Templeogue College were their opposition in the Leinster Final with Ennistymon CBS the opposition as the Offaly School claimed the Michael Cusack Cup with a late goal proving crucial. Coláiste Éamann Rís Callan won provincial honours at ‘C1’ level with victory over Oatlands College, Dublin. Full competition summary attached. To all our winners we say ‘well done’ and to the schools defeated in finals or along the way, your day will come!

First Year/Games Generally

The last academic year a strong emphasis was placed on First Year games and maximising participation among this grouping. In the early part of the school year, in conjunction with County Games Development Personnel, schools were encouraged to run ‘house leagues’ giving students an early opportunity to become involved in their school. With many coming from participating in Cumann na mBunscol games, giving young players an early positive experience of games in the Post Primary sector is a good start to encouraging involvement right throughout their school lives. From ‘house leagues’ this led to Regional Blitzes in the early part of the year with this again coordinated at county level. Effectively Super Games Centres as an avenue for players to become involved in games. In the second half of the year, First Year games were then coordinated provincially divided into three sections:-
Br. Hubert Cup (Football - Leinster – excl. Dublin)
Tom Quinlan Cup (Football – Dublin)
Larry Doyle (Hurling – All Leinster)

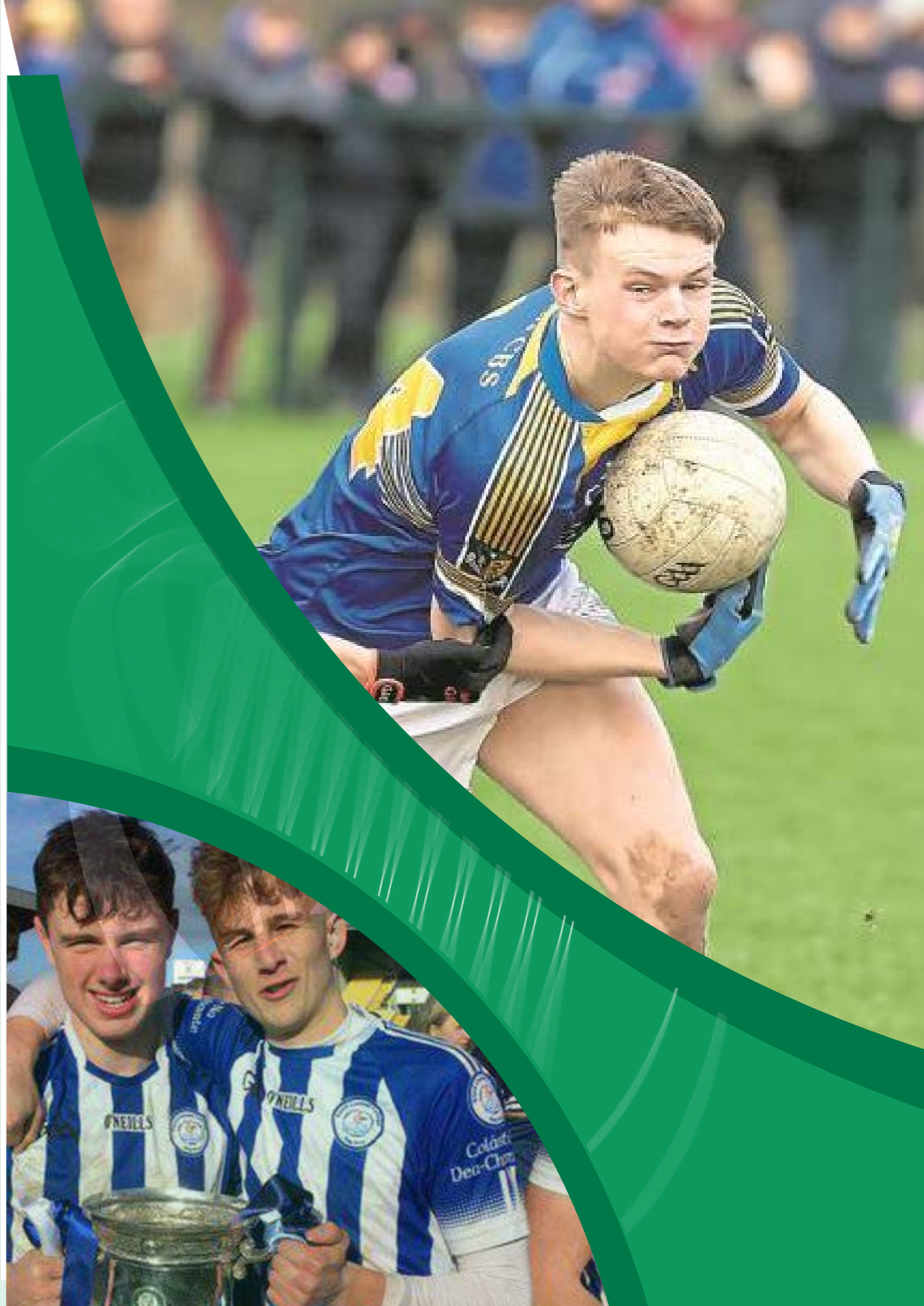
Each section was further sub divided into Tournaments of 12 with geography and relative standard/school size the basis for formulation of groupings. This generated significant activity leading to 55 finals in April and May. The following table summarises the number of First Year games played in our Provincial Programme (with many more also played at county level) – the table also summarises games played across each Region covering Senior, Junior and Second Year (in 2021/22 academic year):-

Region	No. Games
Provincial	180
Dublin	486
South Leinster	432
North Leinster	429
First Year Games	253
Total	1870

Unfortunately, disciplinary issues are becoming more prevalent. The number of red card incidents has increased significantly this year. While our games are very competitive and sometimes ‘on the edge’, everyone involved must aim to do more to help ensure our games are played fairly at all times. Suspensions can have serious consequences and for any player that might miss out on the opportunity to play in a final, it is hugely disappointing for the player himself, his family, his school and all involved with the team. All with influence are asked to work hard to improve this area.

Handball

After an enforced two-year break, this year saw Handball Competitions take place once again. 60 x 30 Competitions ran in September and October with Leinster Finals in Garryhill Carlow – Girls Finals on Oct. 12th with Boys Finals on October 13th (results summary attached below). Kilkenny and Wexford dominated the winners listing but a feature this year was the number of ‘non-traditional’ schools that took part.



While they didn't claim ultimate honours, it was refreshing to see schools participating for the first time. Access to facilities can be an issue for schools and in this respect, 'One Wall' Competitions could have a role in developing the game. One Wall games can be played relatively easily in standard school gyms which could provide an avenue for additional players to sample and enjoy the game.

Buíochas

For a such an extensive Games Programme to run successfully it requires an extensive cohort of people and work. As a result I would like to take a moment to offer my Buíochas on behalf of Comhairle Laighean; Firstly to our Cathaoirleach John Rouse and Runaí Noel Delaney alongside the members of Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna Laighean as a whole. Ye are the driving force behind it all and the work carried out so often goes unseen.

To all within the Schools from Teachers to Co-Ordinators and everything in between, growth within school built our organisation and the work of you and your colleagues helps to keep it there.

To the County Games Staff and Fictures Co-Ordinators alongside our many Presenters of Trophies. The games themselves would either not happen or be meaningless without your input. For your ever ready attitude I thank you. To the Clubs and Counties for the continued

use of your facilities which again without none or at least a vast majority of these games would not occur. Lastly to our Referees and Match Officials as with all of our activity without yourselves none of this could take place.

A thank you once again to each and everyone of you for another busy School campaign.

Getting competitions played and completed this year has made everyone more appreciative of the role extra-curricular activities play in school life. Obviously huge learning goes on in the classroom but many life-lessons are experienced on the playing fields too. Providing these game outlets is an important responsibility and as such opportunities to develop and enhance the playing experience for all players and all schools are to be welcomed through feedback.

Whether schools have very large or relatively small numbers, it is important all are provided with meaningful games and competition. We look forward to 2023 as we continue to work with schools and develop the games programme.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

This Year thankfully was a busy one for Cumann na mBunscoil activity within the Province. For instance our Mini Games during the Senior Championships made a welcome return. In total they occurred across 12 match days, with both Boys & Girls taking part in games in all 4 codes.

It is a major focus for is all here in Comhairle Laighean that the adequate support is given to Cumann na mBunscoil. To this end in 2022 we saw €35,000 distributed across all Counties. This allied to the substantial supports already in place through our Games Development Programmes should hopefully ensure the continued growth and success our games within Primary schools.

One of the most pleasing aspects of this activity was the Young Whistler Programme.

Seminars and Workshops were held in both Wicklow and Dublin throughout the year, for this a special thanks must go to David Gough.

These Young Whistlers refereed all of our Mini Games during the Leinster Senior Championships. Not only this but they also oversaw the Mini Sevens in Croke Park. With an eye to the future the success of this and similar programmes is paramount for our association to thrive. As such I would like to commend those involved and encourage other counties to take a similar lead into 2023 and beyond.

A major thanks must go to Gerry O'Meara and his Committee who continue to work tirelessly within our Schools. It is fair to say that throughout our organisations history, one of the significant reasons for its growth has been down to just such work.

This year once again saw two central Blitz days held within the Province, with the Hurling Day in Carlow and Football in Dublin. A big thank you to facilitators Sean Hanafin and Michael Smyth respectively for organising two successful events.

Alongside this we also saw the return of our Handball activity with the Boys taking place in Carlow last February while the Girls equivalent took place in both Carlow and Dublin in the same month.

The work of such Committees is in a sense never ending and I know that they are currently in the process of planning for another busy year in 2023. There is hopes

to expand the Young Whistler Programme, Increase the Games Programme, Hold a Coaching Seminar, Expand Rounders and much much more.

CHOISTE ÉISTEACHTA

Our Rules and Regulations are never far from the public eye. Presently there is ongoing work in adopting the structure of the Official Guide to being more user friendly.

Equally it would serve all of us well to simplify our Disciplinary Structures to the extent that there must be no room for the use of technicalities to avoid a penalty for infraction(s). There is a considerable difference in being 'cleared' of an infraction to 'getting off'.

Irrespective of changes there is an onus on all of us to be honourable and honest in dealing with any awkward situation and providing best practice, integrity, and leadership to the present and upcoming generations.

If the above was taken into consideration the work of our Hearings Committee under the guidance of Michael Delaney need not be as burdensome.

However, this is not the case as such it was a busy year on the hearings front, with 37 appeals being received with 22 of this total being heard due to the remainder being deemed out of order for not meeting the required criteria.

The Committee also had 5 Hearing requests, 10 CAC Appeals and 5 DRA cases.

Due to the nature of the workings of the committee many meetings were called at very short notice. I thank the committee members for their dedication to ensure each request was heard within the required timeframe and fair procedures applied. It does beg the question that position of these volunteers is not always fully considered when some of these late notice Hearings/ Appeals fall into the "chancing one's arm" category.

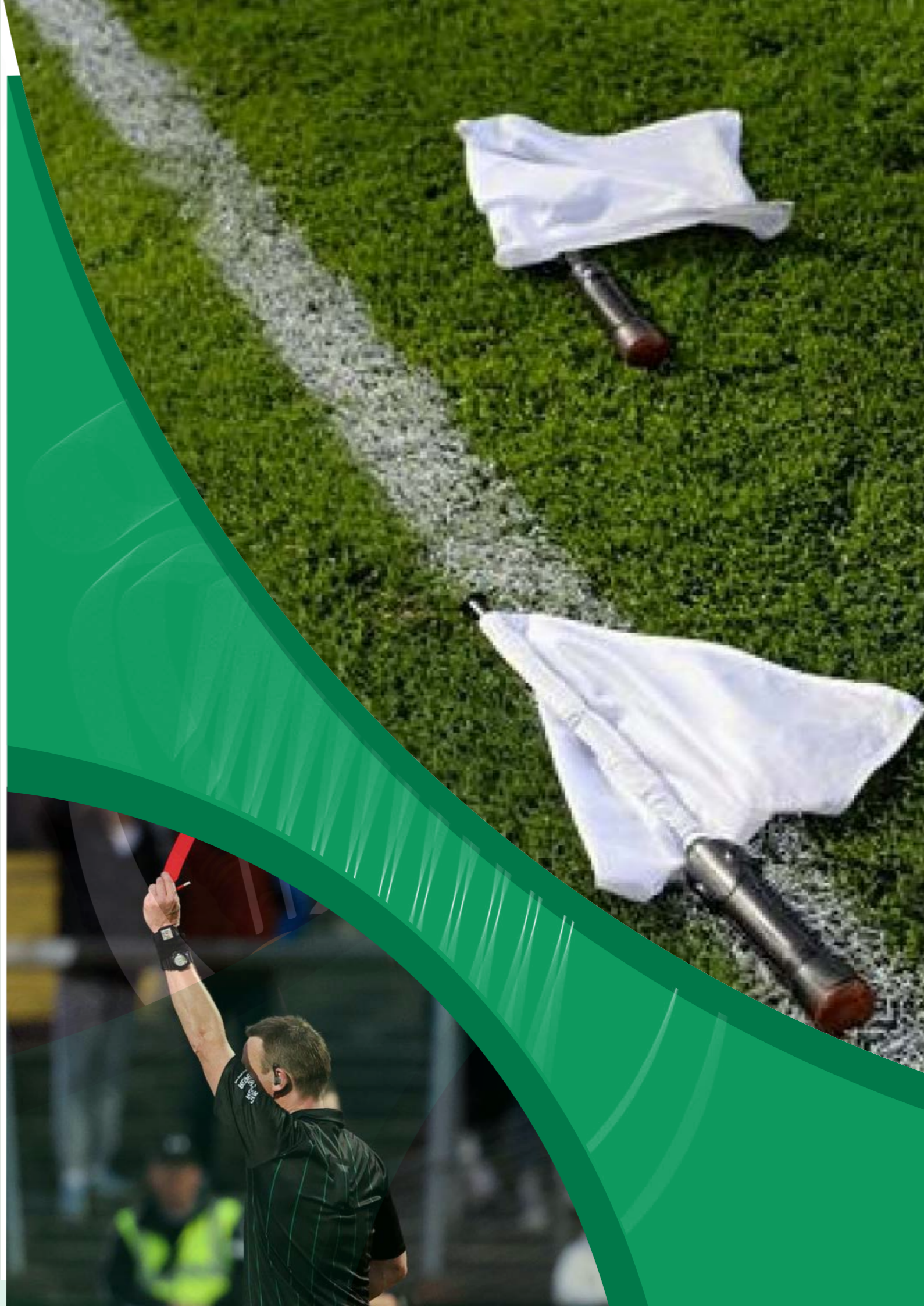
A massive thanks must also go to Margaret Doyle Runáí and Patricia Clear whose outstanding work and commitment cannot be overstated. Without her support this committee would not function in such an efficient manner.

Thanks also to Hannah Horan who stepped into the breach when Patricia was on holidays.

There has been considerable debate/ comment on Discipline and Respect - respect for Match Officials, Players, Officers,

Spectators etc. We can discuss/debate without fail but will it make a difference? i.e. until society moves from an attitude that only the other person(s) do wrong and accept decisions.

Examples of our difficulties in observing cases taken to Hearings, Appeals, CAC and DRA, is the complete lack of acceptance. Match Officials are expected to be experts on everything but for the appellant many of them do not know where to start.



FORBAIRT RÉITEORA

The area of Development of Referees is a key focus of all of us here at a Provincial level. We are extremely lucky to have a diligent Committee operating in this area under the guidance of Martin Whye. With his Committee operating alongside that of the Apointments Team lead by John Bannon and Pat Lynagh I am hopeful for the role of the Official in the future within Leinster.

To all our referees, both hurling and football, a huge thanks for sticking to the task and I am glad to report that we have some very good young referees coming through the ranks.

This year, because of the age limit, we lost three very experienced referees who contributed greatly to our Association over a long number of years – Maurice Deegan, John Hickey and Cormac Reilly. We owe a great debt to these three outstanding referees who also gave exemplary service on the national level. I want to congratulate Fintan Pierce (Offaly football) and Conor Daly (Kildare hurling) who have been recently promoted to the national panel.

Fixtures are proving a bit of a headache due to the condensed season – really testing the fitness levels of our referees. Leinster being the largest province, is the most challenging to manage. Four officials are needed for all games and this can be problematic in the early rounds of the Championship. The biggest challenge is the recruitment of new referees particularly at club level. If we don't get them at club-level then we don't have development referees coming through to the province. So, the knock-on effect will hamper our efforts to recruit and improve refereeing. In this regard I appeal to County Boards to take a greater interest in refereeing. In some counties the Referee Administrator is sometimes a lone figure in trying to 'keep the show on the road'. In some instances when a County Chair is selecting committees, the Referee Administrator is sometimes the last position to be filled. I ask those in charge to please give refereeing choices (candidates) the prominence it deserves.

In the past year we have upped preparation and fitness of our development referees by having regular training and fitness tests in Abbotstown; seminars with our leading referees and tutoring referee recruits to enable them to become fitter and better referees. I would like to thank Paul Divilly who has come on board to provide some extra strength and fitness expertise to the panel of referees

County	Adult Games	Underage Games	No Active Referees	Recruitment	Referees Lost	Referees Shared Other Counties	Also Doing LGFA & Camogie
Carlow	420	400	32	0	3	0	8
Dublin	900		147	15	12		70
Kildare	1170	1230	56	0	10	3	25
Kilkenny	545	927	45	0	2		29
Laois	475	325	38	2	3	0	13
Longford	249	290	20	0	5	5	9
Louth	540	538	27	11	6	4	21
Meath	900	2400	43	7	2	6	6
Offaly	569	785	42	5	2	2	13
Westmeath	490	395	40	12	0	0	20
Wexford	803	982	58	18	11		33
Wicklow	346		42	0	10	0	10
Total	7407	8272	590	70	66	20	257

Lack of discipline among players and officials in recent times has resulted in a number of unsavoury incidents -these need to be stamped out. When a referee acts, we must ensure that punishment is handed out and served. County Board committees should act honourably in these matters. Clubs and counties will go to great lengths to exonerate their players even though it is obvious a serious offense has occurred. To me this shows a lack of respect towards referees and officials. The standards we set in our Clubs need to be rooted in the GAA motto of 'give respect, get respect'.

As part of our campaign the National Referees Committee are inviting all county administrators and county Chairpersons to a seminar in Croke Park on 4th February 2023. We like all administrators and chairpersons to take this invitation very seriously and attend this meeting. We hope this will bring a greater understanding of refereeing matters to all stake holders. Donal Smyth our National Referee Manager has already issued an invitation to every county.

Attached above are details for 2021 in the following areas:-

- list of games played in each county
- number of referees in each county
- number of our referees who referee camogie and ladies' football

I know Martin would in particular like to commend the County Administrators for their hard work as referee administration is very difficult and time consuming. Also a special mention must go to our own Julie Quinn who keeps the Committee on the 'straight and narrow' with her tremendous organisational abilities.

And finally, thanks to Colm Clear again, who greatly contributed to our fitness training sessions and fitness tests. The connection between coaching and games creates an even better understanding of the role of referees.





CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ & MARGAÍOCHT

The start of the year saw us off to a busy front on the PR & Marketing front as we hit the ground running with our Pre-Season Tournaments. We streamed a multitude of games in these competitions to varying degrees of success. I would like to thank all those who helped in this regard to our Commentators and Camera Crews and in particular to BeoSport, who were our partners in this area at the time.

Since then, the Nemeton run company has ceased to operate in this area. As such we are looking at ways we can move back into streaming and continue to promote our games to best effect. It is something we hope to have up and running early in the new year.

Since 2017, Beko, official partner of Leinster GAA has given over €160,000 worth of training equipment to clubs the length and breadth of the province. This year we again asked you to nominate your Beko Club Champions, recognising people who display real dedication and commitment and who always go above and beyond for their local GAA club and community. The response was phenomenal! The stories of hard work and sacrifice poured in and 12 lucky champions, one per County were selected as the winners. I am delighted to introduce you to our 2022 Winners:

From a game's perspective, as highlighted already throughout this report, it was an extremely busy year. I would like to make special mention here to our PRO Pat Lynagh and the PRO's in each County in the Province.

The workload has been heavy upon you all this year, it is work that does not go unnoticed by us here at a Provincial level. To watch as Counties continue to innovate and find new ways of interacting with supporters and telling the story of the GAA is inspiring. I hope that despite the hectic nature of the role that you find enjoyment in knowing that you too are playing your part for your County.

County	Club	Winner
Carlow	Naomh Eoin	Michael Whelan
Dublin	Starlights	George McAllister
Kildare	Two Mile House	Deborah Coleman
Kilkenny	St Lachtains	Shiela Kileen
Laois	Castletown	Gerry Gaughan
Longford	St Vincents	Enda McGahern
Louth	St Nicholas, Drogheda	Paul Hackett
Meath	Na Fianna	Aidan Donoghue
Offaly	St Broughans LGFA	Mark Daly
Westmeath	Drumraney Camogie	Sharon Behan
Wicklow	Kiltegan	Martin Nolan
Wexford	Buffers Alley	Mary Foley

This year was another busy one for our Health & Well Being Committee under the guidance of John McCarthy and Brian Carberry. They have led from the front for a lot, including with the Healthy Club Project. 160 clubs are participating in the Healthy Club Project from Phase 1 to Phase 5. Growth, development, and progression of project continues and at present fifty-five clubs have reached phase 5 of the HCP.

Individual County Boards are also carrying out a multitude of work in this area. Below is just a small example of this;

- **Wicklow** – Sign Language. This initiative creates awareness of the challenges faced by those with hearing difficulties and encourages greater social inclusion by promoting use of Gaelic Games sign language in clubs.
- **Wicklow** - Health and Wellbeing Board Initiative. This aims to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing supports through the promotion of the 24/7 support and crisis helplines.
- **Carlow** - Drugs Ruins Lives. Carlow GAA/Carlow Garda initiative aimed at tackling drug abuse. Flyers distributed to all clubs with the Health, Education, Enforcement and drug -driving (HEED) message emblazoned on the literature.
- **Meath** - Healthy Club Officers Gathering. Nutritionist Dr Aisling O'Donnell, delivered A nutrition programme for Adult Players (all codes). Since taken up by some Clubs.

As and from 10th October 2022 Aideen Howlin has taken up the position of Community and Health Regional Coordinator – Leinster. Congratulations to Aideen on her appointment and we wish her all best wishes going forward.

Sincere thanks to the National Committee for their support and assistance. Thanks to Collette Coady, Health & Wellbeing Coordinator for her attendance at our Comhaire Laighean meetings and her continued help and assistance.

Higher Education GAA Clubs provide games and competitions for many of our young adults as they leave the Post-Primary level. The Higher Education GAA Club is much different to our home clubs. It provides a hub for students to engage with each other positively away from home. The games at Leinster and the games that are offered at the national level are important aspects of the development of the GAA person. Many students will dedicate four years of their lives to their studies. This means that we, the GAA, must provide games and competitions to our students for the time that they are studying.

Higher Education is an integral part of the GAA makeup, and this must be reflected in how we shape the GAA in 2023 and beyond. The purpose of our provincial competitions is to allow the students who do not play in the National Senior competitions to get meaningful games. The Junior Football Championship and the Intermediate Hurling League are excellent competitions that ensure we have great participation at the Leinster level.

I would like to thank our Cathaoirleach Ciarán Flynn who has done immense work in this area during the last year. The success of our games would not be possible without all those involved in Higher Education G.A.A. especially the players, volunteers and the Games Development Administrators. As with all our games they would not be possible without our officials as such again I would like to put on record my appreciation to all who officiated within the Province this year. I would also like to thank our sponsor, Electric Ireland. We very much appreciate the sponsorship and the support that Electric Ireland has given Higher Education G.A.A.

Thank you to Ciarán Kearney our servicing officer in Croke Park does a great job in getting all our competitions played at a time of the year when most pitches are not available. Ciarán has guided me in my role as Cathaoirleach in Leinster and all involved in Higher Education G.A.A. appreciate the work being done and we wish Ciarán continued success.

FAOI DHEIRADH

Buíochas

Another year has come to pass. To the many for their contribution throughout the year our appreciation.

To the Aras Laighean Crew - another year of commitment. During the year as referenced a number of times above Colm (Learning and Development Manager) took up a lecturing position in SETU (Carlow). Colm's contribution since the mid 1990's to Comhairle Laighean has been immense. You only need look at the number of areas within which his name appears in this report to know the breadth of his reach. We wish him every success in this new role.

Here we go again! Another three years. Another Term of Office. On January 14th 2023 our present Cathaoirleach, Pat Teehan completes his term of office. Pat steered the province through the Covid era – 2020 – 2021 and guided us back to normality in 2022.

On behalf of everyone associated with Comhairle Laighean CLG, I thank him for his contribution at club, county, provincial and national level and wish him every success in his quest to be the next president of the GAA in the coming months.

January 14th - Derek Kent becomes our Cathaoirleach. Derek comes with a wealth of experience and his stewardship over the past three years fronting Games Development is second to none. I wish him every success during this term.

Colm and Pat complete the Officer line up. To them we all appreciate your commitment and dedication in their respective roles.

Sympathy

We extend the sympathy of Comhairle Laighean to the families, former officers and supporters of Leinster GAA who have died this year.

This year we lost, Pádraig Ó Flannagain, Iarmhi, a dear friend to Comhairle Laighean. Paddy took great pride in the presentation of our Convention, luckily we have his son Kevin to carry on the tradition and I would like to thank him for taking up the mantle. A fitting tribute to the contribution Paddy made to Cumann Luthchleas Gael follows later in this report.



Micheal Mac Raghnaill

Micheal Mac Raghnaill
Runaí Comhairle Laighean



SCÉALTA Ó THAR LEAR

Middle East

Middle East GAA are proud to be twinned with Leinster GAA.

Formed in 2013, our county board oversees all Gaelic Games activity throughout the Middle East region, encompassing the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, and Bahrain.

The Middle East GAA season typically runs from August – April, avoiding the hot summer periods in the Gulf region. Following a pause of all activities in March 2020 due to Covid-19, St. Patrick's Day 2022 saw the completion of the first iteration of the Middle East League and Championship in the post-pandemic era. A number of local tournaments were held at various stages throughout the season, culminating in the final event of the season in March 2022, where approximately 2,000 members from across the region gathered in Abu Dhabi for the weekend.

GAA activity continues to flourish, and August 2022 saw the resumption of all activities once again after the summer break. Over the course of the season, 15 clubs will compete in the Arab-Irish Chamber of Commerce Middle East League and the P4ML Middle East Championship, complemented by various juvenile events in the region including Cúl Camps held during the summer. Rounds 1 & 2 of the season will be completed before December 2022, with the remainder of the season to be completed in early 2023.

Middle East GAA extends its sincere gratitude to all at Leinster GAA, and in particular the support received from Cathaoirleach Pat Teehan. One of the most challenging aspects for our unit is the provision of referees for games of a very high-standard, and we thank all of the Leinster GAA referees for their assistance, without whom our tournaments would not be possible. On this occasion, we also acknowledge the contribution of Colm Clear, who was a constant source of help and guidance for Middle East GAA during his time with the association.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Bord Contae na Méan Oirthire

Europe

It is my privilege to give you an update on the comings and goings of Gaelic Games Europe community over the last 12 months. We have faced down the same obstacles as you faced, a global pandemic, an unwarranted and unwelcome war and uncertain economic climate. Like a farmer trying to save the hay, the GAA is about rolling up our sleeves, roping in the whole community and working late into the night. Community, Hard work and Inclusion are in our DNA.

We are truly thankful of your continuing support. On behalf of Europe, I would like to thank our outgoing Chairperson Pat Tehane, Secretary Michael Reynolds, and a special mention to Colm Clear for all his guidance over the years, we are forever in your debt gentlemen.

This year we have managed to get back to a full schedule of games at adult level including our first finals since 2019 with the hurling and Camogie in Amsterdam and the Football finals in A Coruna in Spain. We also took another step forward in our youth development and ran our first Feile tournament. Expanding our participation in the Leinster Junior Club Championship to both Hurling and Football may seem like a small token it means so much to us. Having played in Parnell Park myself last year in the Football Championship and to hear a crowd chant "Amsterdam", will be a memory I will take to my grave.

A quick summary of some of the highlights over the last year, it would be the Galician sub region coaching 4,000 kids in Gaelic football, the county getting back to pre-covid player registration levels, the 1st European Feile and sitting with David Denieffe, a Kilkenny man, the Irish ambassador to France Niall Burgess, a Laois man, drinking a O'Hara's, a Carlow beer, in the Irish embassy in Paris chatting about how we get football or hurl into the hand of every child in France.

I would like to take this time to invite you all, if you ever felt inclined to experience our games in Europe to reach out to us, we would only love for you to see the passion and pride a German, Italian or Czech feels putting on their club colours

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Seán Ó Murchú

Cathaoirleach

Australasia

The Gaelic Football & hurling Australasia (GFHAA) is delighted to share an overview of our 2022 activities to the Leinster Council. Like every International unit of the GAA, the 2-year break in games due to the Covid pandemic was a challenging time for GFHAA however we resumed in February with two invitational tournaments and saw the season draw to a close just a few weeks ago up on the Gold Coast, Queensland.

A summary of events is listed below, and we are confident most of these will take place again in 2023. We are particularly delighted to confirm our first ever Féile competition will take place in early March in Adelaide, hosted by South Australia GAA. More than 400 youths will travel from 3 different states including W.A., Victoria & N.S.W as well as a large number from South Australia playing our national games. This first ever Féile has been a couple of years in the making and the Covid delays are now forgotten as we look forward to March and the beginning of what we hope will be a long running annual youth event for all clubs across the continent and New Zealand.

Our annual convention saw some new personnel elected to Board positions however the meeting was informed by Secretary Gerard Roe that he intended to retire by March 2023 after more than 3 decades of service. We were all shocked but fully support his decision and his legacy will be long recalled on pitches and in clubs across Australia & New Zealand. The process to appoint his successor is underway in cooperation with Leinster Council and the GAA and we expect to be announcing the successor in a few weeks.

Our games development efforts continue abated with a new club Catalpa Na Fianna formed in W.A. and 2 clubs in Victoria i.e. Geelong & Young Melbourne building numbers across the 4 codes especially Australian born players. Referee training courses were delivered across all states and in New Zealand and quite a few other club development initiatives were delivered.

Most of our states were able to run their own individual state league and championships despite challenging weather conditions and despite a lot of clubs losing players (returning to Ireland post pandemic travel), we are already seeing an increased influx of new players from home and expect our player numbers to rise significantly in 2023.

The GFHAA State Championships took place after a 2-year break in Melbourne in October. Gaelic Games Victoria hosted the games at La Trobe University grounds and we were fortunate to host Uachtárain CLG Larry McCarthy, LGFA C.E.O. Helen O'Rourke, Leinster Chairperson Pat Teehan & International GAA Chairperson Niall Erskine for the weekend and their presence there and support for the board and our activities gave us great confidence that we can continue to build our association and its activities here.

We would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of Pat and his colleagues on the Leinster Council. They have been tremendous support and the partnership is very important to all in the GFHAA and we look forward to continued success together.

We hope you have a successful Convention and wish you all the best of luck in 2023. Finally, we also would like to wish Pat the best of luck in the upcoming election for Uachtárain CLG.

Beir Bua & Gach Rath.

Paraic McGrath
P.R.O. GFHAA



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Paddy Flanagan

“A Man For All Seasons”

With thanks to Damien Maher

While he was in his 92nd year, the late Paddy Flanagan was in rude health, so there was a great sense of shock and sadness when news of his untimely passing emerged on Tuesday, April 19. Among so many things, Paddy was great man for quotes and immediately a line from Tennyson, used by him so often, struck me when I learned of his passing: “Ours not to reason why, ours but to do and die.”

Paddy Flanagan was a wonderful footballer for Westmeath, a great administrator and someone who gave so much to the GAA. He admired the oft-quoted John F Kennedy and perhaps a line from the former US President also applies: “Ask not what your county can do for you, ask what you can do for your county.”

In paying tribute to Paddy Flanagan during a very eloquent graveside oration, Westmeath County Committee Chairman, Frank Mescall used the above JFK line and I can think of nothing more appropriate to describe Paddy's outstanding contribution to the Association he loved.

I was lucky enough to have met Paddy generally every week for most of the past decade, while he was compiling words and statistics for his weekly GAA musings in the Westmeath Topic. He was a unique character and for a man of his longevity, he brought so much energy and enthusiasm to the task, remaining passionate about Gaelic games to the very end.

Paddy Flanagan had strong links with Leinster Council GAA and his work with match programmes for so many years was legendary. From the mid 1970s until the late '90s, he edited Leinster Championship programmes and was honoured for his fine work by deservedly winning six GAA McNamee Awards. His passion for writing about Gaelic games never waned and for much of the last decade, he contributed a weekly GAA Musings column to the Westmeath Topic Newspaper. Prior to that, for 50 years, he wrote a Westmeath Examiner column, Gaelic Gleanings, under the pseudonym Aindreas O, which gave an insight into the kind of person he was. Passionate. Genuine. Real. His words never failed to make an impression.

Paddy was a legendary GAA figure and was truly a colossus in Westmeath GAA circles. He was someone people respected, revered and trusted and he earned that trust by what he gave to the cause; his commitment to the GAA was total and Paddy was not only big in stature, he majored in achievement, too.

He was selected at full back on the Westmeath Team of the Millennium (a campaign ran by the Westmeath Topic Newspaper) and in 2004 he was among the inaugural winners of a GAA President's Award.

Paddy's work as PRO in Westmeath for three decades was simply outstanding. His dedication to having match programmes looking and reading the very best quite rightly earned him recognition. He also served as County Board Secretary for a decade and a half (1949-'64), another noteworthy achievement. He also served as secretary of his beloved club, St Loman's, Mullingar during this period and found time to play at full back for both club and county.

He took such pride in his club's relatively recent rise to glory and when they won three senior titles in a row, he celebrated afterwards in TEG Cusack Park with his son, Kevin and grandson, Sean, who scored a crucial goal in that final. His club's appearance in the Leinster SFC final in 2017 was another proud moment for Paddy and it took a truly remarkable comeback from Kildare's Moorefield (who scored 1-3 in added time) to deny them glory.

Paddy was also Leinster Council Treasurer between 1993 and 2000, while he served on the provincial body's Communications Committee for many years. His knowledge and skills were always in demand, but it wasn't just about talent, Paddy had the work ethic to back it up. He was resilient to the very end and was busy working on his GAA Musings column on the week of his passing.

Paddy loved sport in general and admired the boxer Muhammad Ali. In his younger days, Paddy could have cut a career in that sport. He was no shrinking violet and I'd imagine, during his playing career, the opposing full forward earned his score.

“If my mind can conceive it, and my heart can believe it – then I can achieve it,” was one of Ali's famous quotes. It could easily be applied to how Paddy approached things during a very busy and active lifetime.

He will be remembered as a scholar, a raconteur, a proud St Loman's GAA and Westmeath man, and a great admirer and supporter of Comhairle Laighean CLG. Outside of that, Paddy was also a dedicated and devoted family man.

Paddy's favourite moment was probably Westmeath's one and only Leinster SFC triumph in 2004, but the county's 2015 win over Meath in

the Leinster Championship was a proud day for him also. He took immense pride in the All-Ireland successes by Westmeath at minor and under 21 football levels in 1995 and 1999, respectively.

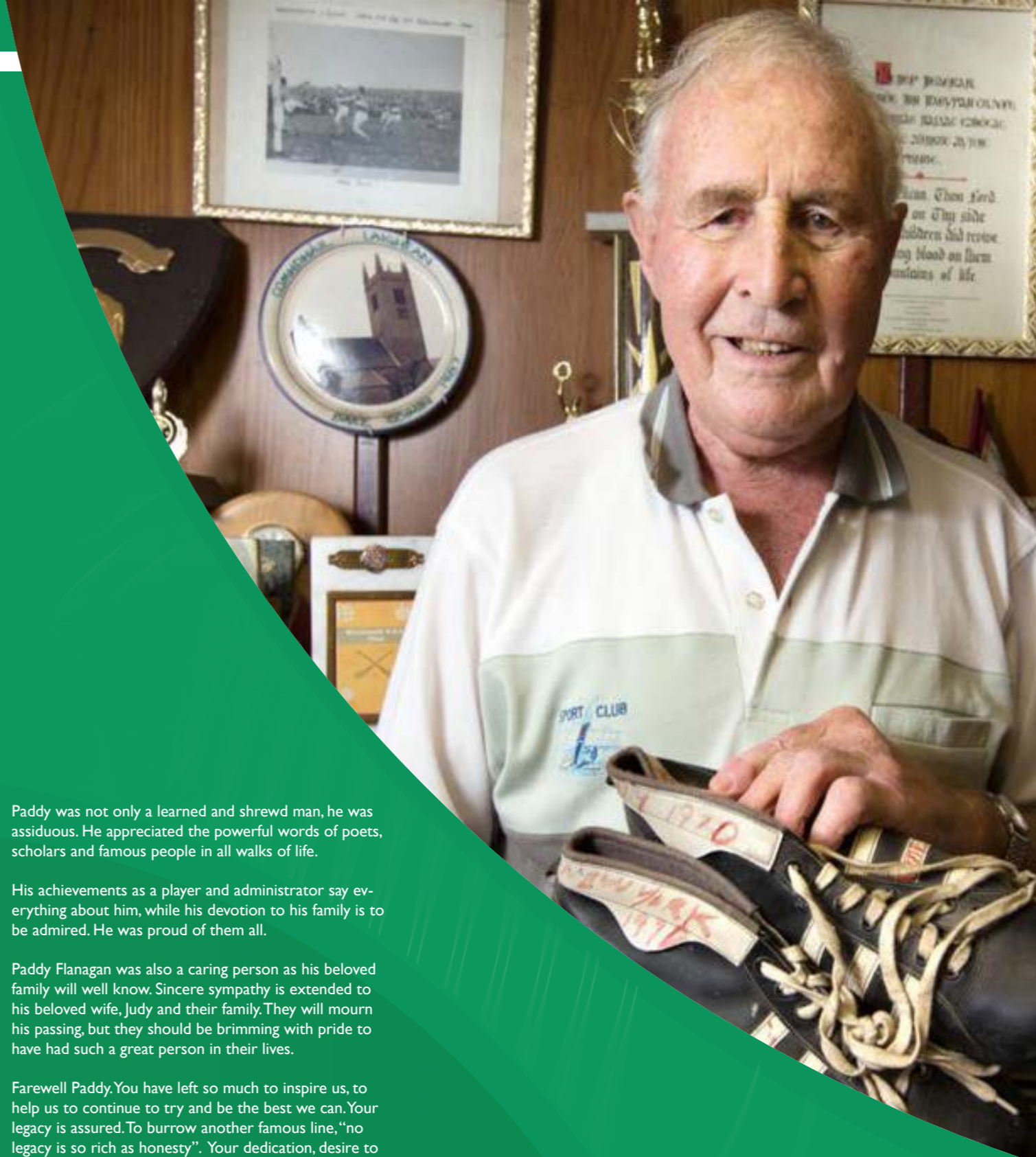
He was always keen to know “what's happening” in the GAA world and about the work with underage development. He saw this as key to the county's future. Paddy felt players could be worked with and developed even if it took a lot of time to do so. He had a vision for big, athletic men long before Limerick became such a great team in hurling in recent years.

When one considers the kind of forward-thinking Paddy possessed, all one needs to do is pick up the Flanagan Cup, bought by him for the Westmeath senior football winners back in 1963 when he was County Secretary. Club players in Westmeath have always aspired to winning that wonderful trophy for as long as I can remember and it will stand as a legacy to Paddy for many more years to come. His hope was that young players would follow their dreams and reach their full potential and what a prize he has left for those who choose to do so.

Though passionate about Westmeath, Paddy admired the achievements of Dublin and Kerry in football and indeed, the resilience of Mayo. He appreciated the great skills of hurling and admired teams from the likes of Kilkenny, Tipperary, Galway, Limerick and Clare. He predicted Limerick's emergence as a force before it happened, telling me how impressive he thought they were in terms of their physicality and skill set.

Paddy loved nothing more than to talk about great championship matches and of course for many years he went to the Leinster and All-Ireland finals in Croke Park.

Paddy was meticulous at County Convention time and had the flags of each club decorating whatever venue it was. Symbols were important to him and he took pride in doing it correctly. How appropriate that Mullingar businessman Milly Walsh had his flags flying at half-mast on the day of Paddy's funeral.



Paddy was not only a learned and shrewd man, he was assiduous. He appreciated the powerful words of poets, scholars and famous people in all walks of life.

His achievements as a player and administrator say everything about him, while his devotion to his family is to be admired. He was proud of them all.

Paddy Flanagan was also a caring person as his beloved family will well know. Sincere sympathy is extended to his beloved wife, Judy and their family. They will mourn his passing, but they should be brimming with pride to have had such a great person in their lives.

Farewell Paddy. You have left so much to inspire us, to help us to continue to try and be the best we can. Your legacy is assured. To burrow another famous line, “no legacy is so rich as honesty”. Your dedication, desire to succeed and be your best to the very end is what I will always remember.

“Always win the games you should” - that was Paddy's motto and perhaps a fitting epitaph. He can rest easy; he has earned his place in heaven.

Finally, in words he often liked to use in different tributes and obituaries over the years: The great Selector in the sky has called Paddy home. There was a vacancy at full back and who better to fill it?

“I lionta Dé go gcastar sinn”.



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SEAN GREVILLE - WESTMEATH

This year Sean Greville is our 2022 Inductee into the Leinster GAA Hurling Hall of Fame. With 126 Inter County appearances and a place on the Westmeath Team of the Millennium he is one of Westmeath's most experienced hurlers.

Sean made his debut in 1973 and would go on to claim 3 All Ireland B medals in 1975, '84 and '91. He was also part of the famous 1986 team who secured promotion to Division 1 of the National League and has a Railway Cup winners medal from 1988. The Raherny man is a worthy recipient of this year's award.



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HUGH KENNY - WICKLOW

Hugh Kenny is one of the most decorated players within Wicklow. The Baltinglass man had a career that would be the envy of many a footballer. He was part of a phenomenal Club side that dominated the Wicklow Championship in the 1980's and 90's. During this time, he won 8 Senior County titles, including an exceptional year in 1990 which saw the Baltinglass side claim both Leinster and All Ireland glory.

Hugh was a resolute full back who held forth at the edge of the square for Wicklow over a 10+ year period. In a career of many highlights one of the standouts was when the Garden County claimed the 2002 All Ireland Junior Football Championship with a win over Kerry in O'Moore Park. This was the East Coast side's first win at the grade in 66 years.

Once retired Hugh switched focus towards the Development of our games both on and off the field. He has become a highly respected coach at all levels, including managing his native County in the early 2000's. One of the highlights of his coaching career was being involved in the backroom team of Sean Boylan's successful 2008 International Rules Team.



CLG Laighean Clár na gCluichí 2022

O'Byrne Cup SF 2022

8th Jan – Kildare (0-19) Westmeath (0-8)
 8th Jan – Wexford (6-10) Laois (0-13)
 8th Jan – Dublin (2-12) Offaly (0-13)
 8th Jan – Longford (2-13) Louth (0-14)
 12th Jan – Wicklow (1-11) Wexford (1-7)
 12th Jan – Offaly (1-16) Longford (2-12)
 12th Jan – Dublin (3-19) Louth (1-10)
 12th Jan – Laois (1-12) Meath (0-9)
 13th Jan – Kildare (4-19) Carlow (1-10)
 15th Jan – Meath (1-15) Wexford (1-10)
 15th Jan – Offaly (0-15) Louth (2-6)
 15th Jan – Laois (2-14) Wicklow (1-11)
 19th Jan – Laois (0-9) Kildare (1-6)
Penalties Laois (6) Kildare (5)
 22nd Jan – Dublin (1-13) Laois (0-11)

Kehoe Cup SH 2022

16th Jan – Westmeath (1-21) Meath (0-16)
 16th Jan – Carlow (1-25) Kildare (1-19)
 23rd Jan – Carlow (2-22) Meath (0-19)
 23rd Jan – Westmeath (6-21) Kildare (0-20)
 30th Jan – Kildare (CONC) Meath (0-0)
 30th Jan – Westmeath (1-14) Carlow (0-10)

Walsh Cup SH 2022

9th Jan – Dublin (2-27) Antrim (1-21)
 9th Jan – Galway (2-19) Offaly (0-19)
 9th Jan – Wexford (1-28) Laois (1-16)
 16th Jan – Kilkenny (1-27) Laois (0-24)
 16th Jan – Offaly (3-18) Antrim (0-21)
 16th Jan – Dublin (3-29) Galway (0-19)
 22nd Jan – Galway (1-23) Antrim (1-17)
 22nd Jan – Wexford (2-25) Kilkenny (2-25)
 23rd Jan – Dublin (2-23) Offaly (1-20)
 29th Jan – Dublin (2-29) Wexford (0-19)

Kehoe Cup SH Shield 2022

16th Jan – Wicklow (1-20) Longford (1-10)
 23rd Jan – Louth (2-23) Longford (0-13)
 30th Jan – Wicklow (1-19) Louth (0-15)

Electric Ireland Leinster Minor Hurling Championship 2022

Tier 3

5th March – Meath (2-10) Westmeath (0-16)
 5th March – Antrim (0-12) Carlow (0-7)
 9th March – Down (4-9) Derry (3-10)
 12th March – Antrim (1-21) Westmeath (3-12)
 12th March – Meath (4-14) Down (1-11)
 12th March – Carlow (3-22) Derry (1-9)
 26th March – Westmeath (3-13) Down (1-10)

Peadar O Liathain Cup

Round 1

30th April – Carlow (6-18) Westmeath (0-9)
 7th April – Meath (2-14) Carlow (1-16)

Electric Ireland Leinster Minor Football Championship 2022

19th March – Dublin (5-14) Louth (1-1)
 19th March – Laois (3-7) Westmeath (0-10)
 19th March – Longford (1-11) Meath (1-10)

19th March – Kildare (3-12) Offaly (0-5)
 19th March – Carlow (1-8) Wexford (1-4)
 2nd April – Westmeath (1-12) Louth (0-11)

2nd April – Dublin (2-15) Laois (0-4)

2nd April – Kildare (2-12) Longford (1-8)
 2nd April – Offaly (3-6) Meath (2-8)

2nd April – Wicklow (2-13) Wexford (0-5)
 20th April – Longford (2-11) Offaly (0-8)

20th April – Laois (4-19) Louth (0-12)

20th April – Kildare (2-12) Meath (1-10)

20th April – Dublin (2-14) Westmeath (0-11)

20th April – Wicklow (1-12) Carlow (3-4)

27th April – Offaly (5-16) Carlow (2-7)

27th April – Wicklow (2-9) Westmeath (2-8)

4th May – Offaly (2-20) Laois (1-6)

4th May – Wicklow (0-8) Longford (0-6)

11th May – Dublin (2-13) Offaly (2-4)

11th May – Kildare (2-18) Wicklow (0-10)

18th May – Dublin (2-10) Kildare (0-8)

26th March – Antrim (4-18) Derry (0-6)

26th March – Carlow (4-17) Meath (1-12)

3rd April – Meath (5-9) Derry (0-2)

9th April – Antrim (3-16) Meath (1-9)

9th April – Westmeath (6-26) Derry (0-2)

9th April – Carlow (2-18) Down (0-8)

16th April – Westmeath (4-12) Carlow (1-15)

16th April – Down (2-12) Antrim (1-15)

Tier 1

26th March – Wexford (3-21) Dublin (2-23)

9th April – Kilkenny (2-17) Wexford (2-12)

16th April – Dublin (3-14) Kilkenny (2-16)

Tier 2

26th March – Offaly (3-23) Kildare (0-8)

9th April – Laois (4-22) Kildare (0-10)

16th April – Offaly (1-20) Laois (1-17)

Prel Q-Finals

23rd April – Antrim (1-14) Kildare (0-6)

23rd April – Laois (2-15) Westmeath (0-17)

Quarter-Finals

30th April – Offaly (3-22) Antrim (0-11)

30th April – Laois (2-13) Wexford (3-8)

S-Final

7th May – Laois (1-15) Kilkenny (0-15)

7th May – Offaly (3-18) Dublin (1-15)

Final

16th May – Offaly (0-21) Laois (0-13)

CLG Laighean Clár na gCluichí 2022

Seamus Heaney Cup 2022

11th May – Laois (4-6) Carlow (1-12)
11th May – Meath (3-15) Louth (2-4)
11th May – Westmeath (4-13) Longford (2-14)
18th May – Meath (4-13) Westmeath (1-5)
19th May – Wexford (1-11) Laois (1-10)
25th May – Meath (2-12) Wexford (0-5)

O'Neills.com Leinster U-20 Hurling Championship 2022

18th March – Antrim (0-23) Down (2-9)
2nd April – Kildare (1-18) Meath (1-12)
2nd April – Laois (3-21) Antrim (0-12)
2nd April – Westmeath (2-18) Carlow (1-13)
9th April – Wexford (2-17) Westmeath (0-12)
9th April – Laois (1-21) Kildare (0-16)
19th April – Wexford (0-17) Laois (0-16)
20th April – Kilkenny (3-21) Offaly (1-16)
2nd May – Wexford (1-15) Dublin (1-14)
2nd May – Kilkenny (1-28) Galway (1-27)
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9th May – Kilkenny (1-13) Wexford (0-15)

EirGrid Leinster U-20 Football Championship 2022

6th April – Longford (4-9) Wexford (1-7)
7th April – Westmeath (4-12) Wicklow (2-13)
7th April – Offaly (3-7) Louth (0-13)
14th April – Dublin (1-15) Westmeath (1-10)
14th April – Kildare (2-16) Laois (3-11)
14th April – Offaly (4-13) Carlow (0-6)
16th April – Meath (1-11) Longford (0-13)
21st April – Kildare (2-11) Offaly (0-15)
21st April – Dublin (4-12) Meath (1-14)
28th April – Kildare (0-17) Dublin (0-15)

Leinster Senior Hurling Championship 2022

Round 1

16th April – Wexford (1-19) Galway (1-19)
16th April – Kilkenny (5-23) Westmeath (1-19)
16th April – Dublin (1-20) Laois (2-15)

Round 2

23rd April – Dublin (0-24) Wexford (0-23)
23rd April – Kilkenny (2-34) Laois (1-14)
23rd April – Galway (3-37) Westmeath (1-17)

Round 3

1st May – Galway (1-24) Kilkenny (3-17)
1st May – Wexford (6-21) Laois (0-12)
1st May – Dublin (0-27) Westmeath (1-16)

Round 4

14th May – Galway (2-37) Laois (0-21)
14th May – Wexford (0-21) Westmeath (2-15)
14th May – Kilkenny (3-25) Dublin (0-17)

Round 5

21st May – Wexford (1-22) Kilkenny (1-18)
21st May – Galway (0-27) Dublin (0-21)
21st May – Westmeath (5-24) Laois (1-18)

Final

4th June – Kilkenny (0-22) Galway (0-17)

Leinster Senior Football Championship 2022

Round 1

24th April – Louth (5-10) Carlow (0-10)
24th April – Wexford (1-15) Offaly (1-11)
24th April – Wicklow (5-15) Laois (4-12)

Q-Finals

30th April – Westmeath (3-13) Longford (0-14)
30th April – Dublin (1-24) Wexford (0-4)
1st May – Meath (4-13) Wicklow (1-12)
1st May – Kildare (2-22) Louth (0-12)

Semi-Finals

15th May – Kildare (1-21) Westmeath (2-15)
15th May – Dublin (1-27) Meath (1-14)

Final

28th May – Dublin (5-17) Kildare (1-15)

AIB Leinster Club S.F.C. 2022

22nd Oct – Palatine (CW) (2-14) St Patricks (WW) (0-8)
23rd Oct – St Mary's Ardee (LH) (3-7) Colmcilles (LD) (1-7)
23rd Oct – Portarlinton (LS) (1-11) Castletown (WX) (0-10)
6th Nov – Kilmacud Crokes (DB) (3-14) Naas (0-14)
6th Nov – Portarlinton (LS) (3-19) Palatine (CW) (0-9)
6th Nov – Ratoath (MH) (0-11) Rhode (OY) (0-9)
6th Nov – The Downs (WH) (1-17) St Mary's Ardee (LH) (0-12)
19th Nov – The Downs (WH) (2-12) Ratoath (MH) (0-17)
19th Nov – Kilmacud Crokes (DB) (1-12) Portarlinton (LS) (0-4)
4th Dec – Kilmacud Crokes (DB) (1-12) The Downs (WH) (0-8)

AIB Leinster Club I.F.C. 2022

22nd Oct – St Mogue's (WX) (2-10) The Heath (LS) (0-11)
22nd Oct – Mullinavat (KK) (2-6) Bracknagh (OY) (1-7)
22nd Oct – Cooley Kickhams (LH) (2-13) Ballymahon (LD) (0-6)
23rd Oct – Greystones (WW) (1-14) Fenagh (CW) (0-6)
5th Nov – Mullinavat (KK) (3-9) Shandonagh (WH) (0-15)
5th Nov – Dunshaughlin (MH) (2-19) Ballyteague (KE) (0-10)
5th Nov – Cooley Kickhams (LH) (1-13) Naomh Barrog (DB) (0-11)
5th Nov – St Mogue's (WX) (1-11) Eire Og Greystones (WW) (0-11)
19th Nov – St Mogue's (WX) (0-7) Mullinavat (KK) (0-5)
19th Nov – Dunshaughlin (MH) (0-14) Cooley Kickhams (LH) (0-6)
3rd Dec – St Mogue's (WX) (1-15) Dunshaughlin (MH) (2-11)

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AIB Leinster Club J.F.C. 2022

- 22nd Oct – Clonmore (CW) (1-16) Grattan Og (LD) (1-10)
- 22nd Oct – St Abban's Adamstown (WX) (1-10) Stabannon Parnells (LH) (0-11)
- 22nd Oct – Ballycommon (OY) (4-6) Erins Own (KK) (2-5)
- 22nd Oct – Laragh (WW) (3-9) Amsterdam (EUR) (2-8)
- 22nd Oct – Straffan (KE) (0-20) Barrowhouse (LS) (0-10)
- 5th Nov – Clonmore (CW) (3-5) Straffan (KE) (0-8)
- 5th Nov – Multyfarnham (WH) (2-6) Ballycommon (OY) (1-6)
- 5th Nov – Castletown (MH) (2-19) Laragh (WW) (0-7)
- 5th Nov – St Abban's Adamstown (WX) (2-7) Garristown (DB) (1-8)
- 19th Nov -St Abbans (WX) (0-8) Multyfarnham (WH) (0-7)
- 19th Nov – Castletown (MH) (0-10) Clonmore (CW) (0-7)
- 3rd Dec - Castletown (MH) (0-12) St Abbans (WX) (0-12)

AIB Leinster Club JHC 2022

- 29th Oct – Mountmellick (LS) (3-17) Burren Rangers (CW) (0-11)
- 29th Oct – Kilcoole (WW) (1-13) Amsterdam (EUR) (1-11)
- 29th Oct – St Fechins (LH) (1-18) Dunderry (MH) (0-10)
- 29th Oct – Ringtown (WH) (1-16) Clonguish Gaels (LD) (1-12)
- 29th Oct – Eire Og Corra Choill (KE) (2-15) Shamrocks (OY) (1-16)
- 12th Nov – Black & Whites (KK) (2-20) Ringtown (WH) (0-17)
- 12th Nov – Commercials (DB) (1-17) Mountmellick (LS) (0-10)
- 12th Nov – Horeswood (WX) (0-20) Eire Og Corra Choill (KE) (0-13)
- 12th Nov – St Fechins (LH) (1-18) Kilcoole (WW) (1-6)
- 26th Nov – Commercials (DB) (2-7) Black & Whites (KK) (0-10)
- 26th Nov – Horeswood (WX) (1-8) St Fechins (LH) (1-4)
- 10th Dec - Horeswood (WX) (1-18) Commercials (DB) (3-11)

AIB Leinster Club SHC 2022

- 12th Nov – Naas (KE) (4-21) Shinrone (OY) (0-18)
- 13th Nov – Kilmacud Crokes (DB) (2-18) Clough Ballacolla (LS) (1-12)
- 13th Nov – St Mullins (CW) (1-19) Ferns St Aidans (WX) (1-17)
- 13th Nov – Ballyhale Shamrocks (KK) (5-25) Castletown Geogheghan (WH) (0-15)
- 27th Nov – Ballyhale Shamrocks (KK) (3-22) Naas (KE) (1-16)
- 27th Nov – Kilmacud Crokes (DB) (1-24) St Mullins (CW) (1-12)
- 4th Dec - Shamrocks Ballyhale (KK) (2-22) Kilmacud Crokes (DB) (2-19)

AIB Leinster Club IHC 2022

- 12th Nov – Bray Emmetts (WW) (0-17) St Lazarians Abbeyleix (LS) (0-16)
- 12th Nov – Trim (MH) (0-16) Danesfort (KK) (0-15)
- 12th Nov – Tullamore (OY) (1-17) Fr Daltons (WH) (0-10)
- 12th Nov – Naomh Barrog (DB) (1-25) Oulart The Ballagh (WX) (2-22) –
Penaties – Naomh Barrog 3 Oulart The Ballagh 2
- 26th Nov – Bray Emmetts (WW) (0-14) Naomh Barrog (DB) (0-7)
- 26th Nov – Trim (MH) (1-21) Tullamore (OY) (1-9)
- 10th Dec - Bray Emmets (WW) (0-17) Trim (MH) (0-11)



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PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

Senior Football 'A' / Br. Bosco Cup
Senior Football 'B'
Senior Football 'C'
Senior Football 'D'
Senior Football 'D1'
Senior Football 'A' (Group Teams)
Senior Hurling 'A' / Corn Uí Dhúill
Senior Hurling 'B'
Senior Hurling 'C'
Senior Hurling 'C1'
Senior Hurling 'C1' Sect 1
Senior Hurling 'A' (Group Teams)
Senior Hurling 'A' League
Nth Leinster Senior Hurling 'B' Lge
Sth Leinster Senior Hurling 'B' Lge
Junior Football 'A'
Junior Football 'B'
Junior Football 'C'
Junior Football 'D'
Junior Hurling 'A' Phase 1
Junior Hurling 'A1' Phase 1
Junior Hurling 'A1'/'A1' Phase 2
Junior Hurling 'B'
Junior Hurling 'C'
2nd Yr Football 'A'
2nd Yr Football 'B'
2nd Yr Football 'C'
2nd Yr Football 'D'
2nd Yr Hurling 'A'
2nd Yr Hurling 'A' - League
2nd Yr Hurling 'B'
2nd Yr Hurling - Group Teams

WINNERS

Naas CBS
Gorey CS
Heywood CS
Gallen CS, Ferbane
Tullamore Collge
Wexford Schools
Good Counsel College
Coláiste Mhuire Johnstown
Coláiste Naomh Cormac
Coláiste Éamann Rís, Callan
Coláiste an Atha Kilmuckridge
Dublin South Schools
Kilkenny CBS
Maynooth SLS
St Brendan's CS Birr
Naas CBS
Ardee CS
Ardscoil Rath Iomghain
St. Oliver's P.P., Oldcastle
St. Kieran's College
St. Brendan's C.S., Birr
St. Kieran's College
Coláiste Mhuire Johnstown
St. Fergal's College, R/downey
Good Counsel College
Gorey CS
Cnoc Mhuire Granard
St. Oliver's PPS Oldcastle
St. Kieran's College
St. Kieran's College
Col Mhuire Johnstown
Offaly Schools

RUNNER-UP

Maynooth SLS
Skerries CC
St. Mac Dara's CC
Templeogue College
Coláiste Abbain Adamstown
Louth Schools
Dublin South Schools
St. Brendan's CS, Birr
Templeogue College
Oatlands College
Moate CS
Dublin North Schools
St. Peter's College
Naas CBS
Coláiste Choilm Tullamore
Ardscoil Rís
St. Kieran's College
Gaelcholáiste Reachrann
Kildare Town C.S.
Kilkenny CBS
Castlecomer C.S.
Kilkenny CBS
Ardscoil Rís
Boyne CS
Maynooth SLS
St. Declan's College
Portlaoise CBS
Templeogue College
Kilkenny CBS
Kilkenny CBS
Col Mhuire Mullingar
Laois Schools

DUBLIN COMPETITION

Senior Football 'A'
Senior Football 'B'
Senior Football 'C'
Senior Football 'D'
Senior Football 'D1' Section 1
Senior Hurling 'B'
Senior Hurling 'C'
Senior Hurling 'C1' Section 1
Senior Hurling 'C1' Section 2
Junior Football 'A'
Junior Football 'B'
Junior Football 'C'
Junior Football 'D'
Junior Football 'D1' Section 2
Junior Football 'D1' Section 3
Junior Hurling 'A'
Junior Hurling 'B'
Junior Hurling 'C'
Junior Hurling 'D'
Junior Hurling 'D1' Section 1
Junior Hurling 'D1' Section 2
2nd Yr Football 'A'
2nd Yr Football 'B'
2nd Yr Football 'C'
2nd Yr Football 'D'
2nd Yr Football 'D1' Section 1
2nd Yr Football 'D1' Section 2
2nd Yr Football 'D1' Section 3
2nd Yr Hurling 'A'
2nd Yr Hurling 'B'
2nd Yr Hurling 'C'
2nd Yr Hurling 'D'
2nd Yr Hurling 'D1' Section 1

WINNERS

St. Aidans CBS
Skerries CC
St. Mac Dara's CC
Templeogue College
St. Finian's CC Swords
Templeogue College
Oatlands College
Confey College, Leixlip
Old Bawn CS
Ardscoil Rís
Terenure College
Gaelcholaiste Reachrann
Confey College, Leixlip
Tallaght CS
St. Finian's CC Swords
Ardscoil Rís
Maynooth S.L.S.
St. David's C.B.S.
Lucan CC
Colaiste Chillian
Col. Ghlor na Mara
Maynooth S.L.S.
St. Declan's College
Old Bawn CS
Templeogue College
Col. Ghlor na Mara
Coláiste de hÍde
New Cross College / Swords CC - shared
Colaiste Eoin
Terenure College
Malahide CS
Lusk CC
Ardgillan CC

RUNNER-UP

St. Benildus College
Salesian Col. Celbridge
St. Kevin's College
Confey College, Leixlip
Coláiste Chillian
St. Colmcilles CS
Skerries CC
Scoil Chaitriona
Lusk CC
Maynooth S.L.S.
St. Colmcilles C.S.
Blackrock College
St. Joseph's Sec. Sch., Rush
Adamstown CC
Swords CC
St. Fintan's H.S., Sutton
Colaiste Eanna
Portmarnock C.S.
Gaelcholaiste Reachrann
Confey College, Leixlip
Ardgillan College
Ardscoil Rís
Malahide CS
Coláiste Cois Life
Ardgillan College
Firhouse CC
O'Connell School
St. Fintan's H.S., Sutton
St. Declan's College
St. Paul's Raheny
Old Bawn
Luttrelstown CC

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SOUTH LEINSTER COMPETITION

Senior Football 'A' League

Senior Football 'B' League

Senior Football 'B'

Senior Football 'C'

Senior Football 'D'

Senior Football 'D1' Section 1

Senior Football 'D1' Section 2

Senior Football 'D1' Section 3

Senior Hurling 'C'

Senior Hurling 'C1' Section 1

Senior Hurling 'C1' Section 2

Senior Hurling 'C1' Section 3

Junior Football 'A'

Junior Football 'B'

Junior Football 'C'

Junior Football 'D'

Junior Football 'D1' Section 1

Junior Football 'D1' Section 3

Junior Hurling 'B'

Junior Hurling 'C'

Junior Hurling 'C1' Section 2

2nd Yr Football 'A'

2nd Yr Football 'B'

2nd Yr Football 'C'

2nd Yr Football 'D'

2nd Yr Football 'D1' Section 1

2nd Yr Football 'D1' Section 2

2nd Yr Hurling 'B'

2nd Yr Hurling 'C'

2nd Yr Hurling 'C1' Section 1

2nd Yr Hurling 'B'

2nd Yr Hurling - Group Teams

WINNERS

Coláiste Mhuire Mullingar

Dunshaughlin CC

Cnoc Mhuire Granard

O'Carolan College Nobber

Gallen CS Ferbane

Tullamore College

Lanesboro CC

Coláiste Naomh Cormac

Mercy SS, Kilbeggan

Moate CS

St. Mel's, Longford

Ardee C.S.

Mercy Sec. Sch., Ballymahon

St. Oliver's P.P., Oldcastle

Col. na hInse

Portlaoise College

Banagher College

Boyne C.S.

Killina Pres. Sec. Sch.

Grennan College/Sc. Aireagail, Ballyhale

Ashbourne CS

Gaelcholaiste Cheatharloch/Pres. Col., Carlow

St. Pat's Navan

Ardee C.S.

Cnoc Mhuire Granard

St. Oliver's PPS Oldcastle

Coláiste na Mí

Colaiste Mhuire Mullingar

Boyne C.S.

St. Peter's College, Dunboyne

Mountmellick CS

Offaly Schools

RUNNER-UP

Marist College, Athlone

Cnoc Mhuire Granard

Dunshaughlin CC

St. Mary's DS Drogheda

Boyne CS

Coláiste na Mí

Gaelcholáiste Cill Dara

St. Joseph's SS, Rochfortbridge

Castlepollard CC

Gallen CS, Ferbane

Ashbourne C.S.

Dundalk D.L.S.

St. Mary's Col., Dundalk

Mountmellick C.S.

Castlepollard C.C.

Coláiste na Mí

Mountrath C.S.

Coláiste Naomh Cormac

St. Joseph's SS, Rochfortbridge

Sc. Mhuire, Clane

Mountmellick C.S.

Avondale C.C.

Marist Athlone

St. Joseph's SS, Rochfortbridge

St. Mary's DS Drogheda

Gallen CS Ferbane

Ardscuil Phadraig Granard

Mountrath CS

St. Fergal's College Rathdowney

St. Finian's College, Mullingar

St. Mel's College

Laois Schools

FIRST YEAR COMPETITION

Br. Hubert Cup / Football

Black Division

Blue Division

Green Division

Grey Division

Pink Division

White Division

Red Division

Yellow Division

Tom Quinlan Cup / Football

Yellow Division

Grey Division

Green Division

Red Division

Blue Division

Larry Doyle Cup / Hurling

Pairc Tailteann Group

Nowlan Park Group

Wexford Park Group

Cusack Park Group

Parnell Park Group

Dr Cullen Park Group

St Conleth's Park Group

60 X 30 HANDBALL (OCT. 2022)

FIRST YEAR COMPETITION

Boys Senior Singles

Boys Senior Doubles

Boys Intermediate Singles

Boys Intermediate Doubles

Boys Junior Singles

Boys Junior Doubles

Boys First Year Singles

Boys First Year Doubles

Girls Senior Singles

Girls Senior Doubles

Girls Junior Singles

Girls Junior Doubles

Girls First Year Singles

WINNERS

Portlaoise CBS

Coláiste Bhríde Carnew

Coláiste Mhuire Mullingar

St. Mary's DS, Drogheda

St. Ciaran's CS, Kells

Columba College Killucan

Bridgetown College

Moyne CS

Lusk CC

Coláiste Chiliaian

Ardscuil Ris

New Cross College

St. Joseph's Sec. Sch., Rush

St. Patrick's Cl. Sch. Navan

Coláiste Ghlór na Mara

Kilkenny CBS

St. Mary's CBS Enniscorthy

Coláiste Cois Life

Duiske Col / Col Pobail Osraí

St. Paul's Monasterevin

WINNERS

Kyle Jordan

Noah Manogue & Conor Doyle

Niall Drennan

John Hayes & Cathal Buckley

Conor Doyle

Andrew Brennan & Rian Dowling

Shane Doyle

Steve Hoyne & Enda Cunningham

Jodie Keeling

Emer Barron & Nathania Jackson

Katie Jordan

Emily Phelan & Niamh Drennan

Shauna Hayes

RUNNER-UP

Cnoc Mhuire Granard

Presentation College Carlow

Good Counsel College

FCJ Bunclody

Mercy SS Kilbeggan

St. David's SS Greystones

Banagher College

Coláiste Eoin, Hacketstown

Lucan CC

Clonturk C.C.

St. Colmcille's C.S.

Chanel College

St. Paul's, Raheny

Heywood CS

Presentation Col. Carlow/GCC

St. Peter's College

Colaiste Mhuire Mullingar

St. Joseph's SS Rush

Portlaoise CBS

St. Farnan's PP Prosperous

RUNNER-UP

Grennan College, Kilkenny

St Kierans College, Kilkenny

CBS Kilkenny

St Kierans College, Kilkenny

Wexford CBS

CBS Kilkenny

St Kierans College, Kilkenny

St Kierans College, Kilkenny

Selskar College, Wexford

Coláiste Abhainn Rí, Callan, Kilkenny

Grennan College, Kilkenny

Presentation Secondary School Kilkenny

Presentation Secondary School Kilkenny

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