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LEINSCER COMHDÁIL CINN **BLIANA** 2024

# A YEAR IN NUMBERS

159,000

**PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN RECEIVING WEEKLY COACHING** 

100+ HOURS OF LIVE TWEET COVERAGE **OF LEINSTER GAMES** 



GAMES RUN BY COMHAIRLE LAIGHEAN ACROSS ALL LEVELS 3,400

PARTICIPANTS COMPLETED THE INTRODUCTION TO COACHING **GAELIC GAMES COURSE** 

1,700+

NUMBER OF CLUB MENTORING **SESSIONS** 

1.7M







## **SEASON REVIEW**

## DIORALYTE O'BYRNE CUP

The Dioralyte O'Byrne Cup had to work around a tight three-week schedule, prompting the introduction of a new format to ensure the competition could run smoothly. The updated structure guaranteed every county, except for the Provincial Champions, at least two games, giving teams a valuable chance to gear up for the season ahead.

The competition delivered plenty of excitement, with Dublin and Longford earning their places in the Cup Final, while Louth and Wicklow battled it out in the Shield Final, a new feature of the tournament. Longford showed their strength once again, securing back-to-back wins in the Cup with a hard-fought victory. Over in the Shield Final, Louth made their mark as the first-ever winners of the Shield, capping off a memorable campaign for them.

The new format ensured every team had meaningful games, and the competition struck a balance between preparation and entertainment. It's a testament to all our county's ability to adapt whichenable us to deliver a successful tournament under tight timelines, while still providing plenty for fans and players to enjoy.

This year's O'Byrne Cup proved to be a great opportunity for counties to test players, trial tactics, and build momentum ahead of the main season, begging a raised eyebrow at their lack of presence this year.



## DIORALYTE WALSH CUP

The Dioralyte Walsh Cup had its fair share of challenges, with heavy fog in mid-January causing a temporary disruption. Despite this, the competition stayed on course and was completed as planned, thanks to the efforts of everyone involved.

The semi-finals brought plenty of excitement, with Wexford and Galway both stepping up to the plate. Wexford got the better of Kilkenny in a closely fought encounter, while Galway edged out Dublin to secure their spot in the final.

The final took place on the last Sunday in January at Netwatch Cullen Park, where Wexford delivered an impressive performance. They came out on top with a five-point win over Galway, capping off a strong showing in the tournament. The victory was a great boost for Wexford, giving them confidence and momentum heading into the league and championship season ahead.

Akin to its brethren on the football side of the competition these early season games provide a real testing ground for players and management teams alike

## DIORALYTE KEHOE CUP

The 2024 Dioralyte Kehoe Cup delivered an engaging and competitive campaign, with Down, Kildare, Meath, and Wicklow battling it out in a Round Robin format. The straightforward structure ensured that every match carried weight, with the top team at the end of the group declared the winner.

As in previous years, the final round of games proved decisive. Once again, it came down to Kildare and Meath to determine the ultimate destination of the Kehoe Cup. The stage was set for a thrilling contest, and the two teams delivered an exceptional display of hurling. In the end, it was the Lily Whites who emerged victorious, claiming a hard-fought three-point win to secure the Kehoe Cup for 2024.

## WALTER HANRAHAN – MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Leinster GAA Electric Ireland Minor Hurling Championship showcased a thrilling series of games, with 31 matches played across two competitive tiers. A total of 13 counties participated, demonstrating the depth and talent within the province.

Both Tier I and Tier 2 followed a Round Robin format.

In Tier I, teams competed for positions heading into the knockout stages, while in Tier 2, the top two teams advanced to the next phase of the competition.

A notable milestone occurred during the Round Robin stages, as Kerry achieved their first-ever victory in the Leinster Minor Championship, defeating Carlow by an impressive eight points. However, they narrowly lost their other two matches, falling to Laois by five points and to Kildare by three.

The knockout stages brought even more excitement. In preliminary games, Kildare and Offaly secured three-point victories over Westmeath and Laois, respectively. These results led to two quarter-finals, where the lowest-ranked Tier I teams, Wexford and Kilkenny, faced Offaly and Kildare. As anticipated, both Tier I teams demonstrated their strength, securing convincing wins to progress.

This year's revised All-Ireland series format guaranteed that all four semi-finalists would qualify for the national stage. However, the provincial championship still needed to be settled, beginning with the semi-finals. Dublin triumphed over Wexford by three points, repeating their Round Robin success, while Kilkenny mirrored their earlier performance against Galway, with a similar winning margin.

The stage was set for an exhilarating final between Dublin and Kilkenny on the last Saturday of May. In a dramatic conclusion, Kilkenny avenged their Round Robin loss to Dublin, lifting the Walter Hanrahan Cup for the 60th time with a hardfought four-point victory.

## THE ALL IRELAND SERIES

In the All Ireland series, Wexford and Galway had comfortable victories over Cork and Waterford respectively in the Preliminary Quarter Finals.

While in the Quarter Finals Clare overcame Wexford while Galway defeated Dublin – Galway repeated their Round Robin win.

Two enthralling Semi-Finals followed with both going to Extra Time; Tipperary prevailed against Galway -1-24 to 0-26, and Kilkenny got the better of Clare -2-23 to 2-20.

This led us to All Ireland Final Day on Saturday June 29th and an enthralling game in UPMC



Nowlan Park. In an extraordinary Final extra time was required to separate the sides. Played in front of a huge attendance, it was the Premier County who prevailed.

## LARRY MURRAY CUP – MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2024 Leinster GAA Electric Ireland Minor Football Championship delivered another enthralling season, featuring 22 games packed with drama, surprises, and exceptional football.

The Round Robin stage provided some unexpected outcomes, including a stunning fivepoint victory for Longford over Dublin. Meanwhile, Meath struggled to secure their place in the knockout stages, and Wicklow impressed with two wins in their group.

In the Preliminary Quarter-Finals, both Wicklow and Wexford extended their winning streaks, earning solid victories over Offaly and Meath, respectively. However, their Leinster campaigns came to an end in the Quarter-Finals, where Louth defeated Wicklow and Dublin overcame Wexford.

The Semi-Finals showcased high-quality football and nail-biting finishes. Longford and Louth engaged in a closely contested match, combining for 21 points, with Longford edging out Louth by a single point. The Kildare versus Dublin clash was equally dramatic. Despite Kildare appearing destined for the final, two last-minute goals from Dublin sealed a one-point win, ensuring their progression. The final would see the top two teams from the same group—Longford and Dublin—face off once again.

The Provincial Final took place on Monday, May 20th, 2024, at Glenisk O'Connor Park, where fans and TG4 viewers were treated to over 80 minutes of riveting action. As darkness fell and the clock neared 9:30 pm, Longford emerged victorious, winning by two points in a hard-fought battle.

This victory marked Longford's third Leinster Minor Championship title in recent years and their fifth overall, a testament to sustained effort and dedication. Success, as the Longford team proved, is never an overnight achievement.

## THE ALL IRELAND SERIES

The Leinster format remained consistent the past two years, but at the national level, a new threetiered structure was introduced:



#### TIER 1 - TOM MARKHAM CUP

This top tier included the provincial finalists, but unfortunately, Leinster's representatives, Longford and Dublin, both exited at the quarter-final stage. Longford fell to Armagh, while Dublin was defeated by Derry. Derry went on to retain their title, triumphing over Armagh in the final.

TIER 2 - PAUL MCGIRR CUP

Leinster was well represented in the second tier:

Wexford: Achieved victory over Monaghan in the Preliminary Quarter-Final but lost to Tyrone in the Quarter-Final.

Wicklow: Faced an early exit after losing to Cavan in the Preliminary Quarter-Final.

Louth: Also fell to Cavan in the Quarter-Final.

Kildare: Had a remarkable run, defeating Galway in the Quarter-Final and overcoming Donegal in the Semi-Final.

In the final, held at Pairc Tailteann, Kildare made history by becoming the inaugural winners of the Paul McGirr Cup, defeating Cavan with a scoreline of 2-12 to 1-10.

TIER 3 - SEAMUS HEANEY CUP

The third tier saw spirited performances from several Leinster teams:

Westmeath: Defeated Carlow in the Preliminary Round and went on to beat Tipperary in the Quarter-Final. They then secured a victory over Laois in the Semi-Final.

Offaly: Lost to Waterford in the Preliminary Round.

Laois: Beat Antrim in the Preliminary Round and Waterford in the Quarter-Final before falling to Westmeath in the Semi-Final.

Meath: Were defeated by Down in the Preliminary Round.

The final was a high-scoring affair where Westmeath faced Down. Despite a valiant effort, Westmeath narrowly lost, with Down securing victory with a score of 4-13 to 2-17.

These results reflect the depth of talent and competition in the All Ireland Minor Football Championship Series, with Leinster teams making significant impacts across all three tiers.

MINOR ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURES

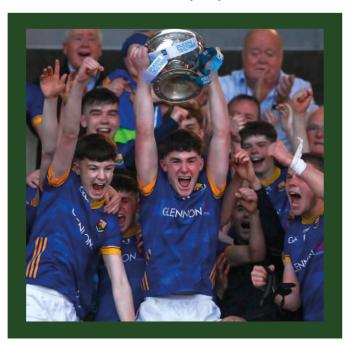
The 2024 All Ireland Championship structures for Minor Hurling and Football saw varying degrees of change, with Hurling adopting a more modest revision compared to the significant overhaul in Football.



#### MINOR HURLING STRUCTURE

The adjustments to the Minor Hurling Championship were relatively subtle. To accommodate changes in the latter stages of the competition, the Provincial Championships experienced either an earlier start date or a more condensed schedule.

For 2024, the top four teams from both Leinster and Munster advanced to the All Ireland Series, requiring four dates as opposed to two in 2023. This expanded format provided more opportunities for high-level competition but necessitated a more compact provincial calendar.



The Minor Football Championship underwent a more dramatic restructuring, introducing two additional tiers. The 11 counties in Leinster were divided as follows:

**TIER 1: PROVINCIAL FINALISTS** 

TIER 2: BEATEN SEMI-FINALISTS (2) AND BEATEN QUARTER-FINALISTS (2)

TIER 3: REMAINING FIVE TEAMS

While the expanded structure aimed to provide competitive opportunities across all tiers, a key takeaway was the extended time span, particularly for Tier 3. This prolonged schedule posed challenges, especially for dual players who compete in both football and hurling teams, not merely as squad members but as active participants. From a Leinster perspective, the timeline for Tiers 2 and 3 could be shortened by implementing a rolling draw. Instead of waiting for all five Tier 3 teams to be identified, games could commence as teams are confirmed, with two qualifiers progressing to the All Ireland Quarter-Finals. This approach would align the Tier 3 schedule with the Leinster Preliminary Quarter-Finals and Quarter-Finals, mirroring the format used in 2024.

Ultimately, the critical question remains: What is the desired outcome for the Minor Grade? This reflection will guide future changes to ensure the structures support the development, competitiveness, and well-being of players while optimizing the championship format.



SEMUS FLOOD CUP – U20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



The 2024 Leinster GAA EirGrid U20 Football Championship was no less thrilling than its Minor counterpart. In total the 24 games featured dramatic contests, remarkable upsets, and historic achievements.

The Round Robin stage showcased numerous tightly contested games, emphasizing the competitive balance across the teams:

Louth I-II, Offaly 2-6

Offaly 0-8, Kildare 1-4

Longford 0-10, Offaly 0-9

Kildare 2-6, Louth 0-11

Wicklow 0-12, Wexford 1-7

Dublin 0-13, Meath 1-7

Meath and Louth emerged from this phase at the expense of Laois and Wicklow, advancing to the Semi-Finals where they faced Kildare and Dublin, respectively.

The Semi-Finals brought further excitement and surprises. Louth achieved a historic victory over Dublin at Parnell Park, winning by four points, while Meath overcame Kildare with a five-point margin.

The Final, also held at Parnell Park, was a unique occasion as Louth sought to continue their fairy-tale run. However, Meath ultimately claimed the title, their first in 23 years, bringing an end to Louth's inspiring campaign. In the subsequent All Ireland Semi-Final, Meath narrowly lost to Kerry by a single point. Kerry, in turn, fell to Tyrone in the national final.

## SECONDARY COMPETITIONS

Similar to the Minor Football Championship, a second competition at this level took, both provincially and nationally.

## ANDREW CORDEN CUP (PROVINCIAL):

The five Leinster counties that did not advance to the knockout stages—Carlow, Longford, Offaly, Westmeath, and Wexford—competed for the Andrew Corden Cup. The final saw a Midlands clash, with Westmeath defeating Longford in a high-scoring contest, 3-9 to 2-11.

## LIAM CONNOR CUP (ALL IRELAND):

Westmeath continued their strong form in the Liam Connor Cup, defeating Limerick in the Semi-Final.

However, they narrowly fell short in the final, losing to Down.

This year's U20 Football Championship underscored the competitive nature of underage football within the Province and highlighted the value of secondary competitions in providing further development opportunities for emerging players.

### SEAN ROBBINS CUP – U20 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2024 Leinster GAA ONeills.com U20 Hurling Championship provided 21 games of thrilling action involving 12 counties, and after its conclusion it subsequently culminated in an historic All Ireland victory for Offaly.

The championship began with six teams in both Tier I and Tier 2. Tier I counties competed for knockout stage positions, while Tier 2 was divided into two groups. In Group 2 Kildare and Carlow advanced to the knockout rounds, eliminating Kerry. While in Group I Meath and Westmeath overcame newcomers Derry to secure their places in the next phase.

From the first knockout round, Kildare and Westmeath progressed to face Laois and Dublin in Round 2.

Offaly and Wexford, who had strong group-stage campaigns, awaited their opponents in the Quarter-Finals. Offaly had edged Dublin by a point and drawn with Galway in their Round Robin games. Wexford, meanwhile, had lost to Kilkenny and drawn with Laois.

In the Quarter-Finals, Offaly dominated their neighbors Laois, while Dublin overcame Wexford to book their Semi-Final places.

The Semi-Finals delivered a high level of both drama and excitement. Dublin, facing off against Galway live on TG4 avenged their Round Robin 16-point loss in stunning fashion. A dream start set the tone, and Dublin outplayed Galway for the entire match, ultimately winning by nine points.

On the other side of the draw Offaly hosted Kilkenny at Glenisk O'Connor Park, this clash was a nail-biter. Both teams had match-winning chances, with a saved penalty, a crossbar strike, and several missed opportunities shaping the game. Ultimately, Offaly edged out Kilkenny by a single point, keeping their title defense alive.

The final, held on May 22nd at Laois Hire O'Moore Park, drew a crowd of over 15,000. On the night Offaly displayed composure and determination to claim back-to-back titles, a significant achievement and a testament to their dominance at this level. The Offaly side's journey continued into the All Ireland Championship, where they faced and defeated surprise Munster winners Tipperary. In a near-capacity crowd at UPMC Nowlan Park, the Faithful County secured their first All Ireland U20 title in a thrilling game. This victory highlighted the importance of allowing players to develop at their own age level, free from the pressure of senior expectations.

### WHERE THE U20 GRADE STANDS

Debate persists over whether the U20 grade should be primarily developmental. While the current group format ensures competitive balance, it limits game time, with teams often guaranteed only two matches. Expanding schedules is challenging, particularly when players are also part of senior inter-county setups.

The 2024 championship underscored both the potential and the constraints of the U20 grade, offering insights for future improvements while celebrating the triumph of Offaly's outstanding young team.



## DELANEY CUP – SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2024 Leinster GAA Senior Football Championship largely mirrored the format and outcomes of 2023, but the season still delivered notable moments and exciting storylines. Wicklow recorded a richly deserved victory over Westmeath in the opening round, setting the stage for a competitive championship.

In the Quarter-Final, Kildare narrowly overcame Wicklow by a single point in a dramatic game, where a last-minute turnover from Wicklow came agonizingly close to delivering a major upset. Louth then defeated Kildare in the Semi-Final with a memorable performance to book their place in the final.

The championship final featured a rematch of 2023 between Dublin and Louth. While Dublin extended their dominance by winning their 13th consecutive Leinster title, Louth delivered a superb performance that underscored their growing stature in the competition.

Both Dublin and Louth progressed from the Provincial Final into the Sam Maguire Round Robin. Dublin topped their group, earning direct qualification to the All Ireland Quarter-Finals, while Louth secured second place in their group and defeated Cork in a Preliminary Quarter-Final in Iniskeen to advance.

In the All Ireland Quarter-Finals, Dublin's remarkable run came to an end in a thrilling contest against Galway, losing by a single point. Louth, on the other hand, fell to a formidable Derry side, marking the end of their campaign.

Meanwhile, Laois shone in the Tailteann Cup, advancing to the final with victories over Wicklow, New York, Kildare, and Antrim. In the final, Laois faced Down in an exciting decider. Down appeared in control for much of the game, but Laois struck a late goal to close the gap to just two points. Despite a frantic finish, the Mourne Men held on for victory, securing their place in the 2025 Sam Maguire Cup.

## BOB O'KEEFFE CUP – SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2024 Leinster GAA Senior Hurling Championship delivered drama and intrigue, with all six teams having something to play for heading into the decisive Round 5 on May 26th.

Antrim's victory over Wexford and Carlow's draw with Kilkenny ensured their clash in Corrigan Park held significant importance. A fiercely contested game saw Antrim secure their Bob O'Keeffe status for another year. Among the remaining teams, only Kilkenny were assured of advancing in the Championship.

In recent years, Wexford have enjoyed the upper hand against Kilkenny, adding anticipation to their UPMC Nowlan Park showdown. Meanwhile, over in Pearse Stadium, Galway and Dublin also faced a high-stakes game with their Championship hopes hanging in the balance. By the final whistle, the Provincial Final matchup was set: Dublin versus Kilkenny, with Wexford finishing in third place. Galway's Championship journey ended in disappointment for 2024.

Dublin's win in Pearse Stadium raised hopes for a



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potential breakthrough year in Leinster. However, Kilkenny delivered a clinical performance in the final, denying Dublin the opportunity to bridge the gap since their last title in 2013.

The action then shifted to the All Ireland series. Despite six of the nine counties that participated in the Joe McDonagh Cup supporting the removal of the All Ireland Preliminary Quarter-Finals, Congress opted to retain them. In those matches, Wexford secured a comfortable victory over Laois, while Cork dispatched Offaly with ease.

As the competition moved into the Semi-Finals, the unexpected became reality. In the first Semi-Final, Clare shocked Kilkenny with a commanding performance. The second Semi-Final delivered a historic moment as Cork ended Limerick's drive for five consecutive titles, proving their earlier victory in Páirc Uí Chaoimh was no fluke.

The Cork-Clare final, which included extra-time, was an extraordinary contest. It showcased hurling at its finest and will be remembered and celebrated for decades to come.

## SEAN MCCABE CUP – SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The first-round clash between Tinahely and Portarlington was the closest of the three opening games. Tinahely, buoyed by their ability to capitalize on goal-scoring opportunities, emerged victorious at Laois Hire O'Moore Park. Meanwhile, St. Loman's and St. Mary's Ardee recorded comfortable wins over Dunshaughlin and Abbeylara, respectively.

One of the standout moments of the championship came during the televised Saturday night quarter-final between Naas and Cuala at the newly renovated Cedral St Conleth's Park. The game showcased Kildare GAA's state-of-the-art facilities to a national audience. However, the match didn't deliver a fairytale ending for the home side, as Cuala claimed victory. The following day, St. Mary's Ardee and Tullamore secured their places in the semifinals, overcoming Rathvilly and Tinahely, respectively.

In Wexford, Castletown/Liam Mellows achieved a remarkable double by winning both the county senior football and intermediate 'A' hurling titles. Their quarterfinal football clash with St. Loman's was initially scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, but had to be postponed due to fog. When the game was eventually played the following Sunday, St. Loman's emerged as comfortable winners.

The semi-finals produced two gripping encounters. Cuala edged out Tullamore with a three-point victory, while St. Mary's Ardee claimed a dramatic one-point win over St. Loman's. The stage was set for an enthralling final at Croke Park. For much of the game, the Dublin club Cuala appeared to be in control, maintaining a six-point lead. However, St. Mary's mounted an incredible second-half rally, scoring two goals in quick succession to draw level and nearly take the lead, only to be denied by the post. In a thrilling conclusion, Cuala held their nerve to secure a one-point victory, becoming the first club to win both senior club championships—a historic and remarkable achievement.

## O'NEILL CUP – SENIOR CLUB HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2024 AIB Leinster GAA Senior Club Hurling Championship followed its traditional format and featured eight clubs. The quarter-finals provided a standout result as Castletown-Geoghegan recorded a convincing win over Kilkenny champions Thomastown. This victory set up a semi-final clash with Kilcormac-Killoughey, who had been pushed to their limits by Carlow champions St. Mullins. On the other side of the draw, St. Martin's overcame Naas, while Na Fianna pulled away from Clough-Ballacolla in the final quarter to secure their semi-final place.

The semi-finals were tightly contested and full of excitement. Castletown-Geoghegan looked poised to secure a place in the final for much of their game, but two late goals from Kilcormac-Killoughey dashed their hopes and sent the Offaly champions through. The other semi-final was equally thrilling. Na Fianna led at halftime with the wind at their backs but found themselves under intense pressure from St. Martin's in the closing stages. True to the old adage that goals win games, Na Fianna struck a crucial late goal to reclaim the lead and advance to the decider.

This led to the final and a double header at Croke Park on November 30th, alongside its football counterpart. The final lived up to the occasion, providing plenty of excitement and drama. Kilcormac-Killoughey were denied a critical goal when their effort struck the crossbar, a moment that could have significantly changed the game's momentum. Na Fianna capitalized on their opportunities and were deserved winners, becoming the second club to achieve the provincial senior double, mere hours after Cuala had accomplished the same feat.

## INTERMEDIATE CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's AIB Leinster GAA Intermediate Club Football Championship provided us with its customary exciting fare. The opening round saw Crettyard and Caragh secure home victories, while Garrycastle and Naomh Mearnóg delivered impressive wins on the road.

The quarter-finals followed a similar pattern, with Naomh Mearnóg and St. Mogue's capitalizing on home advantage to advance, while Garrycastle and Caragh continued their strong form with away wins.

The semi-finals featured Naomh Mearnóg against Garrycastle and Caragh facing St. Mogue's. Both home sides emerged victorious, with Naomh Mearnóg edging out Garrycastle by a single point and Caragh defeating St. Mogue's by six points to secure their places in the final.

The final, held at Parnell Park, was a thrilling and entertaining contest. Naomh Mearnóg showcased their skill and determination, ultimately retaining the championship title for Dublin with a commanding 13 points to 8 victory.

### TOMMY MURPHY CUP – INTERMEDIATE CLUB HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Similar to the the football, theAIB Intermediate Club Hurling Championship delivered all the excitement expected, with eight teams battling it out for the title.

In the quarter-finals, Bray Emmets, Rathnure St.Anns, Borris-Kilcotton, and Lisdowney came out on top, defeating Ratoath, Commercials, Father Daltons, and Clodiagh Gaels. These games set the tone for a thrilling championship, showcasing plenty of passion and skill.

The semi-finals didn't disappoint either, as Rathnure and Lisdowney secured hard-fought wins in tough conditions during Storm Bert. Both teams showed resilience and determination to book their place in the final.

The decider at Chadwicks Wexford Park was another classic Kilkenny-Wexford battle. It was tight for much of the game until Rathnure took charge midway through the second half, outscoring Lisdowney by eight points to one to claim the title. This victory was particularly sweet, as it marked the first Intermediate Club Championship win for a Wexford team, adding a proud new chapter to Rathnure's storied history.

## SEAN EIFFE CUP – JUNIOR CLUB FOOTBALLCHAMPIONSHIP

There is little doubt that 2024 Leinster GAA AIB Junior Club Football Championship delivered memorable moments, including a historic breakthrough for Barcelona Gaels, who became the first European team to win a game in the competition. They defeated Conahy Shamrocks in the opening round and came agonizingly close to a quarter-final upset against Kilcavan, leading for most of the game before narrowly losing by a single point.

Joining Kilcavan in the quarter-final wins were Dunsany, Ballinagar, and Ellistown, setting up an exciting semi-final stage. In the semi-finals, Dunsany emerged victorious over Kilcavan with a four-point win, while Ballinagar edged past Ellistown by a single point in a closely fought contest.

The final, held at Páirc Tailteann, saw Ballinagar, representing Offaly, deliver a commanding performance to claim the Junior Club Football title in convincing style. It was a fitting end to a championship that blended historic achievements, thrilling matches, and impressive displays of skill and determination from all involved.



## TOM RYALL CUP – JUNIOR CLUB HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Over the years, the Leinster GAA AIB Junior Club Hurling Championship has evolved into a competition where a distinct divide exists between the top-tier teams and those that are considered weaker. This contrast in strength has become increasingly apparent, with some teams dominating, while others struggle to compete at the highest level.

Despite this clear tiered structure, the championship still witnessed a number of closely contested encounters that kept spectators on the edge of their seats. Notable matches included:

- Avondale vs Navan O'Mahoneys
- Burren Rangers vs Brownstown
- St. Lachtains vs Drumcullen
- St. Fechins vs Brownstown

These fixtures provided a thrilling spectacle, with each



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game bringing its own unique set of challenges for the teams involved.

As the championship progressed to the semi-final stage, Castletown Liam Mellows managed to edge past St. Fechins by a narrow margin of two points. In the other semi-final, St. Lachtains emerged as comfortable winners over Avondale, solidifying their place in the final.

The much-anticipated final took place on the second Sunday of December at SETU Carlow, offering an exciting conclusion to the championship. In a highly entertaining and close game, St. Lachtains were crowned champions, securing a hard-fought victory over Castletown Liam Mellows by the slimmest of margins just one point. This victory capped off a memorable championship, showcasing the passion and determination of all the teams involved.







## CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ & MARGAÍOCHT PR & MARKETING



#### PR & MARKETING

The year 2024 saw a significant increase in the workload required to provide comprehensive coverage of all our activities. The growing demand for high-quality coverage, both online and offline, reflects the popularity and importance the GAA continues to hold. However, the exponential rise in activity highlights the challenges facing the PR Committee as we move towards 2025. To put this growth into perspective, the number of Championship games held in 2017 was 80, compared with just under 120 in the year just passed. This represents a substantial increase in both coverage requirements and operational demands. Whether this level of expansion is sustainable is a challenge that we face not only ourselves but also on a county level in terms of what is now expected of PROs

#### **GRAPHICS & VIDEO**

In 2024 as with recent years graphics remained the backbone of our social media strategy. These graphics have been integral to Leinster GAA's communication success in recent years and continue to form a large portion of content shared across platforms. To ease the workload on county volunteers, particularly County PROs, Leinster GAA continued the practice of creating and distributing ready-to-use graphics for fixtures, results, and promotional content. In total, 550 graphics were produced and shared for both club and intercounty fixtures.

In addition to this, the production of in-house match programmes remained a key service, ensuring quality materials were available for supporters across 184 games. This service was well received by counties and patrons alike covering both the county and club seasons. Leinster GAA's commitment to providing real-time coverage was also evident, with over 100 hours of live tweeting carried out to ensure supporters, particularly those unable to attend matches, remained fully engaged throughout the year. These efforts have not gone unnoticed, as social media platforms recorded a 20% increase in followership, highlighting the growing connection between Leinster GAA and its supporters.

This year, alongside our graphic creation, for the first time particular focus was placed on enhancing our video output, reflecting a shift in audience preference towards short, engaging videos rather than traditional long-form highlights. The strategy to focus on snippet-style videos paid off significantly, with videos from the Senior Championships amassing over 1.7 million views and achieving an average of 1,300 likes per post. This success can be attributed to the outstanding work of Mark Forde and Paul Dargan, whose expertise and creativity ensured the content was both professional and highly engaging.

#### THE FUTURE

Looking ahead, the committee has identified the need to review and enhance match day operations from a marketing perspective. This initiative aims to elevate the match-going experience for supporters, ensuring that fixtures are more than just sporting events—they should be engaging, family-friendly occasions that reflect the importance of Leinster GAA to communities across the province. The committee will explore innovative strategies to modernize operations and further enhance the overall experience for patrons.

The 2024 season has been both demanding and rewarding. The growth in content output and engagement reflects the tremendous effort by the PR Committee and all involved in Leinster GAA's communications. As we look ahead there is no doubt that the increasing workload will need to be carefully managed. Building on this year's success, there will be continued efforts to grow our visibility in both the online and offline space ensuring Leinster GAA remains at the forefront of engagement with supporters.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the entire PR Committee, and in particular our PRO Brendan Minnock. Their efforts have ensured that Leinster GAA continues to promote its games and events with professionalism and creativity. Together, we will adapt, innovate, and build on the success of this year to meet the challenges of the future.





The role of the Leinster Fixtures Analysis Committee has grown over the last number of years. With the remit of reviewing the Leinster fixtures programme and providing support for our counties they have made some significant strides.

The major body of work performed by the Fixtures Analysis Committee in 2024 was reviewing the Leinster Club Championships. Thanks to the ongoing support of the Officers and the Council and under the direction of Chairman loe Daly, the fixtures analysis committee advised to condense the Leinster Club Championships footprint for 2024. Having reviewed all the fixtures over the past number of years, the major change we felt that could decrease the competition footprint was to move from a week on, week off format for football and hurling to playing both codes on the same week in the latter stages of the competition. This was a risk with so many dual clubs in the province, but thankfully we had only one clash and the feedback from the counties was extremely positive. As you can imagine, with any such significant change, this was not a simple undertaking, but anything which gives time back to the counties for the majority of our players is a very worthwhile exercise.

The other significant area of work where the Fixtures Analysis Committee concentrated this year was the provide more support to the County Fixtures Analysts. Counties were provided with a Fixtures Performance Statement to review their own fixtures internally. An education workshop was held to fine tune these Performance Statements and explain how they can be used to assist with the everyday running of fixtures. Thanks to our committee dividing up the province and each taking responsibility for assisting a number of counties, this exercise was performed in a very efficient manner which led to a 100% return rate. I am pleased to say that all our Leinster counties are performing extremely well under the chosen criteria. In the latter stages of the year, the Central Fixtures Analysis Committee held a fixtures conference in Croke Park for County Fixtures Analysts and the Chairpersons of County CCC's. With over fifty delegates in attendance this was one of the largest events run regarding fixtures in the last number of years. It was refreshing to see the openminded approach which prevailed throughout the day with ideas and solutions being shared across county and provincial boundaries.

Lastly in this section, our Fixtures Analysis Committee Chairperson, Joe Daly is now moving to Central Council and I would like to thank Joe for his work and dedication to improving fixtures in his time leading this committee.

	NO. GAMES	NO.TEAMS
Post Primary	2035	1194
Leinster Club Leagues	89	66
Leinster Inter- county Fixtures	120	67
Leinster Club Champi- onships	59	67
Total	2303	1394





2024 marked a significant year for Leinster GAA as it adopted a more hands-on approach to the Games for All initiative under the stewardship of the Provincial Games for All Committee. This strategic focus aimed to ensure inclusivity and equal opportunities in Gaelic games, reaching communities and individuals who might otherwise have limited access to the sport.

## ALL STARS COACHING PROGRAMS: A BEACON OF GROWTH

The most remarkable growth area in Leinster GAA clubs over the past two years has been the development of All Stars coaching programs, designed to include children of all abilities in Gaelic games. This initiative has expanded significantly, with 52 clubs across the province now hosting All Stars programs.

As a testament to the success and importance of these programs, Leinster GAA hosted the first-ever All Stars Experience Day at Croke Park on Tuesday, August 6th. This milestone event saw participation from 10 clubs across the province, showcasing the transformative power of inclusivity in sport. The event was part of the Play & Stay Croke Park Day, where 16 provincial staff members led dynamic and engaging coaching sessions tailored to the needs of All Stars participants. These sessions were further supported by dedicated club volunteers, reflecting the collective commitment to this growing initiative.

## SPECIAL SCHOOLS COACHING DAY

Building on the success of the All Stars initiative, Leinster GAA also organized a Post-Primary Special Schools Coaching Day at Croke Park. This event welcomed 12 schools from across the country, bringing together over 200 children for a day of tailored coaching sessions. The sessions were delivered by 24 Leinster coaching staff, who designed activities that were both inclusive and engaging, ensuring that every participant had the opportunity to enjoy and learn Gaelic games in a supportive environment.

#### WHEELCHAIR HURLING: A YEAR OF PROGRESS

Leinster GAA's commitment to inclusivity extended to the development of wheelchair hurling in 2024. Under the leadership of Shane Murphy, the Games Promotion Officer (GPO) for Offaly, the Leinster wheelchair hurling team received full-time support. Shane's dedication as the lead coach was instrumental in the team's development throughout the year.

The team's progress was evident in their performances, culminating in a memorable run to the All-Ireland Final against Munster. This achievement not only highlighted the players' skills and determination but also underscored the importance of sustained support and professional coaching in fostering excellence within inclusive sports initiatives.

Leinster GAA's proactive approach to Games for All in 2024 has laid a solid foundation for continued growth and inclusivity in the years to come. The success of the All Stars programs, special schools coaching days, and the wheelchair hurling team exemplifies the province's commitment to making Gaelic games accessible to everyone.

The Games for All Committee under the guidance of Brian Carberry and Pat Lynagh continue to lead from the front. Now, ably supported by the Games Development staff, it leaves us in a really positive position going forward. The hope is to continue building to ensure that every individual, regardless of ability, can experience the joy and camaraderie of Gaelic games.

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GAMES DEVELOPMENT

Under the leadership of Martin Byrne, Chairperson of the Leinster Games Development Committee, the last 12 months have been another exceptionally productive and busy period for the Games Development team at Áras Laighean and across the province. Significant progress was achieved in the areas of coach development, staffing, staff training, and events, all of which support the long-term goals of improving coaching standards, participation levels, and club structures across Leinster.

#### COACH DEVELOPMENT

Throughout 2024, coach development was a cornerstone of the committee's efforts. Two extensive Coach Developer courses were organised in March/April and September/ October, with thirty-seven county staff completing the programme. Each course involved six full days of intensive in-person training held at various locations across the province. Beyond the in-person requirements, participants also completed a series of off-course tasks to gain certification from the GAA and Sport Ireland Coaching. A standout innovation this year was the introduction of a hybrid model for Coach Developer courses, which allowed participants from Leinster's Overseas Twinning partners to join the programme. Over 20 overseas participants engaged in the course, combining online modules with in-person sessions held in Sydney and Paris in October. These sessions were led by highly respected coach educators, including Liam Moggan, Sean Kelly, and Paudie O'Neill. As a result, the newly qualified Coach Developers are now capable of delivering Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games courses and informal learning opportunities in their clubs, both in

Leinster and abroad. This achievement marks a major step forward in raising coaching standards across the board.

#### STAFFING

The implementation of the new Games Development Funding Model (2023–2026) has had a transformative effect on staffing levels across the province. Increased investment has enabled more meaningful engagement with clubs on the ground, particularly through the appointment of Participation Officers (POs) in some areas. POs work across a one-to-four club model, fostering stronger connections with schools and delivering targeted initiatives. Early signs of success include rising participation rates, improved relationships between schools and clubs, and a notable increase in club camp activity. Another key focus of this work is the development of coaching standards and robust club structures from nursery to senior level, achieved through the foundations of our TURAS program (our Coach and Club support initiatve)

The total number of Games Development staff per county is as follows:

COUNTY	NUM OF GAMES DEV STAFF	Sta 202 em
Kildare	18	for
Meath	15	inti Ser
Wicklow	14	of
Offaly	14	mir clea
Laois	14	wh
Wexford	12	Tra
Kilkenny	10	thr
Westmeath	10	ind str
Louth	9	Sta
Carlow	7	pro Thi
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## PO1 TRAINING PROGRAMME 2024

	DATE	ТҮРЕ
I	Mon 15th – Fri 19th Jan 2024	CPD (Continuous Professional Development)
2	Friday 2nd Feb 2024	CPD
3	Thurs 7th March 2024	Award 2 Dual
4	Monday 15th April 2024	Award 2 Dual
5	Wednesday 15th May 2024	CPD
6	Tuesday 4th June 2024	Award 2 Dual
8	Thurs 29th Aug 2024	Award 2 Dual
9	Monday 16th Sept 2024	CPD
10	Wednesday 16th Oct 2024	Award 2 Dual
11	Thursday 7th Nov 2024	CPD
12	Wednesday18th Dec 2024	Award 2 Dual



affing turnover has thankfully slowed somewhat during D24, however it still remains a challenge, due to full inployment levels and the appeal of travel opportunities r young people. To address this, the committee troduced two focused recruitment periods: March 1st and eptember 1st. These dates align with the seasonal nature the GAA calendar, allowing for smoother onboarding and inimising disruptions. This structured approach includes ear timelines for advertisement, interviews, and induction, hich has helped streamline the recruitment process.

Training and development for staff remained a priority throughout 2024. The year began with a comprehensive induction programme in January, setting the tone for a structured learning schedule that ran throughout the year. Staff members completed the GAA Award 2 coaching programme, with the final session held on December 20th. This achievement represents a major milestone, as every staff member who commenced the course is now an Award 2 certified coach. Such qualifications will ensure that staff are equipped to operate autonomously and effectively within their counties and clubs, contributing to the ongoing growth and professionalism of coaching within the province.

CONTENT	VENUE
Induction	Aras Laigheann
Club planning and Organisation AMS, Review roles, TURAS Workshop	Aras Laigheann
-Introduction, Communication & OTú -Role of the Coach	Aras Laigheann
-Technical Proficiency -Spot & Fix – Advanced Skills	Abbottstown Indoor Arena
Nursery Practicals Club Camps	Abbottstown GAA
Tactical Prowess -Coaching for Decision Making	SETU Carlow (Astro)
-Advanced Movement Skills -Physical Literacy	Ballinakill Laois
Sport Psychology Practices -Goal Setting -Emotional Intelligence -Commnication Skills	Abbottstown GAA
-Principles of Team Play	Abbottstown Indoor Arena
-TURAS club coaching post season review	Abbottstown GAA
-Creating a Learning Environment for the child -Psychological Focus -Lifestyle & Playing Facts & Rules	Aras Laigheann



#### KELLOGG'S CÚL CAMPS

The past year witnessed another highly successful Cúl Camp programme across the province, with an impressive 52,570 children attending 418 camps. These remarkable figures reflect the tireless efforts of Games Development staff in all counties, who were superbly supported by dedicated volunteers in our clubs. The commitment and teamwork displayed ensured that the programme continued to deliver a positive and engaging experience for young participants, fostering their love of Gaelic Games.

On a national level, the Cúl Camps remain as popular as ever, with attendance figures reaching 141,491. This highlights the enduring appeal of the programme as one of the GAA's flagship initiatives for youth development.

Former Carlow Games Manager, Sean Gannon, has been instrumental in providing real leadership and innovation in his role overseeing the Cúl Camps at a national level. Sean's support and guidance have been invaluable to staff across Leinster's twelve counties, ensuring that the camps remain wellorganised and continue to thrive year after year.

Looking ahead, challenges around staffing, rising costs, and a gradual decline in the child population will require careful consideration and planning. However, the unwavering passion and dedication of Leinster's Games Development staff for this vital project will undoubtedly see the success of the Cúl Camps endure. Their continued hard work and enthusiasm will ensure that the programme remains a cornerstone of youth participation and development in Gaelic Games.

#### COACHING CONFERENCE

The Leinster GAA Coaching Conference, held on June 8th in Croke Park, was another highlight of the year. Taking place on the day of the Leinster Hurling Finals, the conference brought together coaches from across the province for a day of learning, discussion, and practical demonstrations. Paul Rousse opened proceedings with an exploration of the rich history of Gaelic Games and its integral role in communities. His reflections highlighted the deep-rooted cultural impact of the GAA and the responsibility of coaches to nurture this legacy.

Michael Fennelly, Kilkenny's Performance Lead, delivered an insightful presentation on the importance of designing effective coaching sessions. He focused on the planning and structure required to maximise player development and team performance, while also underlining the critical role of interpersonal skills in coaching. His advice on communication, relationship-building, and motivational techniques resonated strongly with attendees, offering valuable strategies to inspire and lead teams.

Paul O'Brien followed with an engaging session on performance analysis in Gaelic Games, illustrating how data-driven decision-making can enhance team preparation, strategy, and execution. His presentation explored the methodologies and technologies available to coaches, offering practical guidance on integrating performance analysis into everyday coaching practices.

The day's practical sessions provided an opportunity for attendees to see coaching principles applied in real time. Jack Cooney and Jason Sherlock led a session focused on skill development and gamesbased coaching, with the Offaly Under-16 Footballers acting as participants. This was followed by a highly interactive demonstration from the Lavin brothers, tailored for coaches working with children up to the Under-11/12 age group. Their GameSense methodology was brought to life through gamesbased activities that combined fundamental skill development with an emphasis on fun, participation, and engagement.

As the year comes to a close, Leinster GAA Games Development can reflect on a period of meaningful progress and achievement. The dedication of the team, alongside the continued support of clubs and counties, has been instrumental in delivering highquality programmes that benefit players, coaches, and communities alike. With a focus on innovation, education, and sustainability, the foundations are firmly in place for the continued growth and success of Gaelic Games in the province.









INTRODUCTION COURSE TO GAELIC GAMES **191** 3,400 PARTICIPANTS 159,000 CHILDREN COACHED IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS



CÚL CAMPS 52,570 ATTENDEES

22,629 OF WHICH WERE GIRLS 44 44 AWARD 1 COURSES 633 PARTICIPANTS





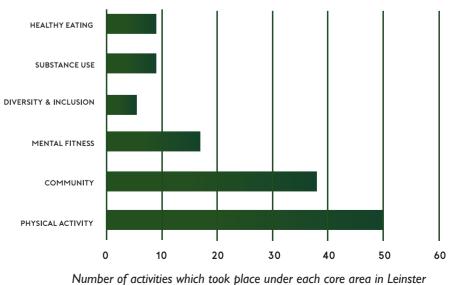


## COMHDÁIL CINN 2024

The Leinster Health and Wellbeing committee began 2024 under the stewardship of chairperson David Murray (Wicklow) alongside the chairpersons of the county committees as members. Aideen Howlin continued her role as GAA Community and Health Coordinator for Leinster supporting the committee and Clubs within Leinster both members and non-members of the Irish Life Health Club Programme.

The Irish Life GAA Healthy Club programme is the flagship programme in the multifaceted work of the GAA Community and Health Department. It aims to support GAA clubs and communities to achieve locally defined health and wellbeing goals that also reflect the national policy agenda for sport, physical activity, mental health, and preventative health. It has the potential to strengthen the GAA's inclusivity and role within communities by reaching a wider and more diverse audience. The Irish Life GAA Healthy Club programme first began in 2013 with a pilot phase involving 16 clubs. By Phase 6 (2024-26) it has engaged 606 clubs nationally.

In March 2024, phase 6 of the Healthy Club programme was opened to all Clubs across the island. Leinster saw an increase of 49% in the number of Clubs taking up this opportunity rising from 49 Clubs in phase 5 to 73 in phase 6. These Clubs were invited to Croke Park to take part in a programme orientation event availing of access to resources, experienced speakers and supporting information.



COUNTY	TOTAL HEALTHY CLUBS	PHASE 6 2023-2025
Carlow	7	2
Dublin	34	5
Offlay	21	10
Meath	36	13
Westmeath	14	5
Longford	4	I
Louth	19	10
Wexford	9	2
Wicklow	16	5
Kilkenny	18	9
Laois	15	7
Kildare	9	4

Up to December 2024, the phase 6 Clubs alongside those already active in the programme have been undertaking a wide variety of activities and initiatives. As the programme is only halfway through this phase, the full impact within Leinster will be known in August 2025 once all Clubs have done their full report.

These Clubs have generated opportunities for members and non-members to take part in over 120 activities.

These activities fall under the 6 core areas of the Irish Life GAA Healthy Club programme as demonstrated below.





GAA Healthy Club populations reached

PRIMARY AUDIENCE	NUMBERS REACHED
General Community	18,163
Club Members	9,022
Other	727
Individual(s) with disability	309
Older Adults (65+)	754
Individuals (Over 35)	563
LGBTQI+	874
Ethnic Minorities	46

This enormous body of work is delivered by Clubs and supported by the County Health and Wellbeing Committee which should be in place in each County. Unfortunately, within Leinster, there are still some inactive County Health and Wellbeing Officers as well as counties with no representation in this area at all despite being a requirement under rule. Direct support was provided to Dublin, Westmeath, Kildare and Longford through County meetings held by the Leinster Health and Wellbeing Committee for Clubs.A special word of thanks is extended to each Committee member in each county especially in these challenging times of volunteerism. Their experience and knowledge help build and develop community connections and ensure that Clubs are empowered and celebrated in their activities.

Many Counties in Leinster during 2024, unfortunately, faced tragic critical incidents. The County Health and wellbeing Committee in these counties act as a supporter and signposter to those directly impacted and should be acknowledged for the positive role they play during the challenges these times bring. Leinster Health and Wellbeing would strongly encourage all Clubs and Counties to adopt a Critical Incident plan which can be accessed online or through the County Health and Wellbeing Committee.

As with any action taken in the GAA, Clubs are the directors and drivers. While our games are the focal point of the GAA calendar, Healthy Clubs are active all year-round providing support, activities, opportunities and enjoyment for members and non-members alike. A recent GAA Healthy Club social return on investment report found that for every €I of investment a value of  $\in 19$  is generated. This report, also, indicated the mutually beneficial relationship between volunteering and participating the Irish Life GAA Healthy Club programme. Leinster Health and Wellbeing Committee would like to extend the sincerest thank you and congratulations to all the Healthy Club volunteers for bringing life to the GAA's message of Where we All Belong.

For 2025, the Leinster Health and Wellbeing Committee will transition to the Leinster Community and Health committee to better represent the breadth and depth of activity being completed in Leinster. This will, also, bring more alignment with the work in other provinces and the national department.

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## CHOISTE ÉISTEACHTA HEARINGS

## COMHDÁIL CINN 2024

## LEINSTER HEARINGS

The Leinster GAA Hearings Committee, under the leadership of Cathaoirleach Dick Butler and Rúnaí John Byrne, had a busy and challenging year in 2024, reflecting the critical role it plays in upholding fairness and adherence to GAA rules and procedures. The committee operates with three primary functions, which together ensure the integrity of disciplinary processes within the province:

- Adjudication on Disciplinary Matters: The committee addresses disciplinary cases within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Council when required.
- Hearing Appeals: It reviews appeals against decisions made by County Committees and other committees with plenary powers within counties.
- Defending Decisions: The committee defends its rulings when cases are escalated to the Central Appeals Committee (CAC) or the Disputes Resolution Authority (DRA).

In 2024, the Hearings Committee convened on 32 occasions, reflecting a significant workload. During the year, the committee handled 10 hearings and 30 appeals, demonstrating its ongoing responsibility in maintaining discipline and addressing disputes. Notably, seven cases were appealed to the Central Appeals Committee, and five cases progressed to the Disputes Resolution Authority.

An increase in appeals against County Competition Control Committees (CCCs) was observed this year, pointing to a potential trend requiring further examination. These appeals often present complex issues that demand careful deliberation, and the committee remains committed to ensuring that all parties are afforded a fair and thorough hearing.

However, a source of frustration has been the slow publication of DRA decisions on the SportsDRA website. This delay hampers the transparency and accessibility of outcomes, which are crucial for maintaining trust in the system.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The success of the Leinster GAA Hearings Committee in 2024 is a reflection of the unwavering dedication and professionalism of its members and collaborators. Their collective efforts ensured that fairness and transparency remained at the heart of all deliberations.

The committee members deserve particular recognition

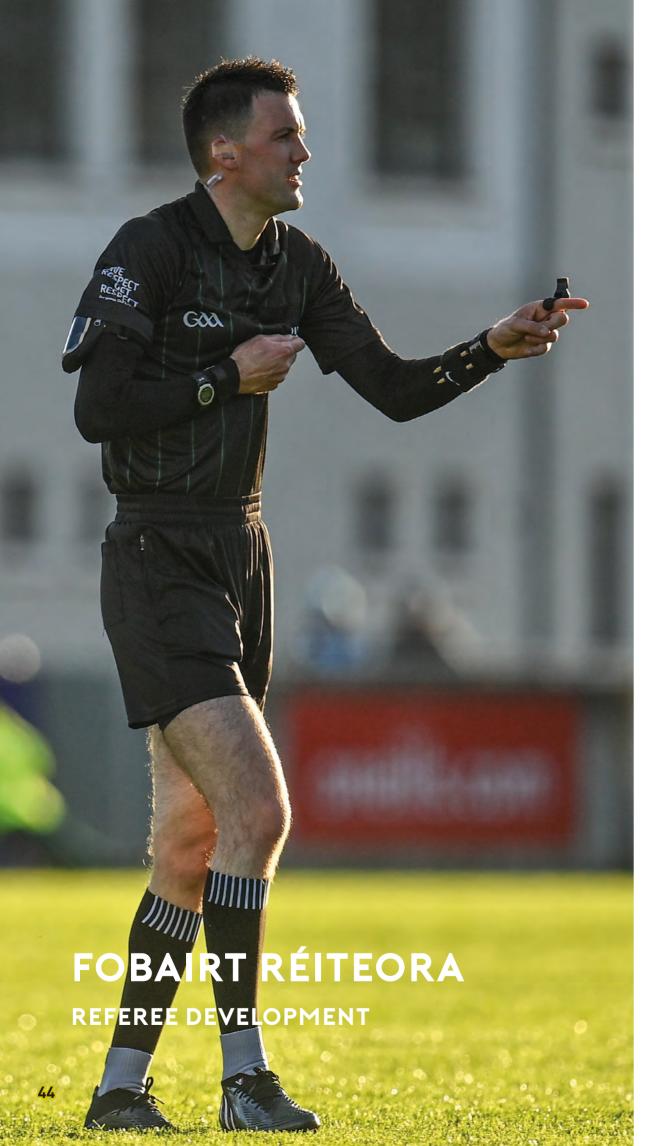
for their readiness to convene at short notice and for their steadfast commitment to impartiality and fairness in their work. Their dedication was matched by the representatives of the parties involved, who approached proceedings with respect and decorum, fostering a constructive atmosphere for resolving disputes.

The support and engagement of the Central Appeals Committee members were also instrumental, with their courteous and professional approach playing a key role throughout the year. Rory Hannify, his team, and the panel members of the Disputes Resolution Authority carried a significant workload, demonstrating their expertise and maintaining high standards despite the growing demands placed on them.

Special gratitude is extended to Patricia Clear, whose exceptional dedication and meticulous work have been invaluable to the smooth operation of the committee. Her contributions underscore the level of commitment required to meet the challenges of this vital role.

Looking ahead, the Leinster GAA Hearings Committee remains steadfast in its mission to uphold the principles of fairness, transparency, and adherence to GAA rules. As the disciplinary landscape continues to evolve, the committee is determined to refine its processes and address emerging challenges to ensure its vital work continues to serve the GAA community effectively.







As we reflect on 2024 and prepare for the challenges of 2025, the introduction of new playing rules dominates the refereeing landscape. While these changes are designed to enhance the game, they pose significant challenges for referees, particularly at the club level. At a time when recruiting and retaining referees remains a critical issue, these additional complexities may further discourage new entrants.

## REFEREE RECRUITMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

To address the ongoing shortage of referees, the Leinster GAA Referee Development Committee launched a Referees' Academy in 2024. This initiative is aimed at nurturing the next generation of referees by identifying individuals with the potential to excel in this demanding role. All counties were asked to submit lists of promising new referees, and the academy is now under the stewardship of an experienced sub-committee comprising Barry Kelly, Maurice Deegan, David Fedigan, Niall Ward, John Bannon, and Martin Whyte. With three former All-Ireland referees contributing their expertise, we are confident that academy participants will benefit immensely from their guidance.

## NATIONAL PANEL ADDITIONS

This year, Leinster added three referees to the national panel, a testament to the province's ongoing commitment to excellence in officiating. We welcome Matty Redmond and Alan Kinahan to the hurling panel and Andrew Smith to the football panel. While this progress is encouraging, the shortage of hurling referees remains a pressing concern, not only in Leinster but across all provinces. Addressing this imbalance will require a concerted effort in the years ahead.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND SUPPORT

The Committee's work would not be possible without the dedication of key individuals. I extend my sincere thanks to Martin Whyte, and John Bannon for their unwavering support and to Hannah Horan for her tireless efforts in coordinating refereeing activities. Special thanks are due to County Administrators, whose contributions often go unacknowledged, and to Jamie Queeney, whose training and motivational talks have been a breath of fresh air. His ability to inspire and prepare referees for the challenges they face has been invaluable. I also wish to thank the members of the Referee Development Committee: Pat Lynagh, secretary John Bannon, Eddie Byrne, and Seamus Whelan. Their commitment and hard work underpin the success of our initiatives and ensure that refereeing continues to evolve in Leinster.

## ACTION NEEDED

As we move forward, I urge incoming County Chairpersons to prioritise refereeing within their counties. Increased support and resources are essential to overcoming the recruitment challenges and ensuring the ongoing development of match officials. The role of the referee is vital to the integrity of our games, and it is incumbent upon us all to provide the necessary support for their success.

With continued collaboration and innovation, I am confident that we can navigate the challenges of the coming year and ensure the growth and sustainability of refereeing within Leinster GAA.





## **BONNEAGAIR** INFRASTRUCTURE

Under the leadership of Jason Plunkett, the Leinster GAA Infrastructure Committee had a busy and productive year in 2024, marked by significant progress in facilities development, sustainability, and strategic planning.

A key highlight of the year was the seminar on 3G/4G Synectic Pitches, held on June 27th at Oatlands College in Blackrock, Co. Dublin. The event, hosted by Tony Patterson Sports Fields, focused on the upcoming 2031 ban on microplastics in pitch materials. It provided invaluable insights for clubs and units planning future developments, and its success was ensured by the active participation of attendees.

Sustainability remained a core focus throughout the year. New fertiliser specifications were introduced to align with environmental regulations, promoting sustainable pitch maintenance and prioritising player safety and field quality. Additionally, significant progress was made in upgrading pitch lighting to LED, with many clubs embracing the initiative to meet 500 lux standards. This improvement not only facilitates intercounty hurling but also reduces reliance on weekendonly fixtures, providing greater scheduling flexibility.

The redevelopment of Cedral St. Conleth's Park in Kildare emerged as a major milestone. As the first county project completed under the LSSIF, it stands as a model of provincial and national collaboration, delivering a top-tier venue for Kildare and beyond. Congratulations are extended to outgoing Chairperson Mick Gorman and all involved in bringing this project to fruition.

In terms of funding, 2024 was a landmark year. A total of €1.4 million was allocated to 190 clubs for land purchases, reflecting Leinster GAA's commitment to supporting grassroots development. The streamlined online application system for capital grants proved highly effective, easing administrative workloads. . However, concerns remain about the sustainability of the current grants structure, a matter for our incoming management and finance committee to address.

The committee also encouraged the adoption of the corporate trustee model, urging clubs to complete their vesting process. This step ensures essential legal and financial protections for clubs, particularly when undertaking significant capital projects. Furthermore, the rollout of comprehensive safety statement support by Croke Park has strengthened safety compliance across facilities.

Acknowledgment must be given to those whose efforts underpin these achievements. Sincere thanks



go to the National Finance Team—Stephen, Adrian, David, and Aisling—and the Insurance and Safety team of Sinead, Patrick, and Ciara, whose contributions as always were invaluable.

Looking ahead, Leinster GAA remains committed to improving its infrastructure while maintaining the highest standards of safety and sustainability. Alongside our Chairperson Jason we continue to represent Leinster GAA in discussions around the integration of GAA, LGFA, and Camogie, identifying opportunities and challenges to ensure a unified future.

The dedication and hard work shown by clubs, counties, and individuals throughout the year has been instrumental to these successes. Together, we look forward to building on this progress and securing a bright future for Leinster GAA.



Lastly it was with sadness, during the year, we lost one of our most loyal and dedicated members, Bill Kavanagh of Kilclonfert and Dicksboro, who passed to his eternal reward.

Bill was a true gentleman in every sense, known for his unwavering support, kindness, and courtesy. He was ever helpful to those around him, always offering guidance and assistance with a warm smile and genuine commitment to the GAA community. His presence and contributions over the years will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know and work alongside him.

To his beloved wife, Geraldine, and their family, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.



Our Higher Education GAA clubs continue to provide a home away from home for third level students pursuing further education, along with a strong support network and connections for those who may be leaving home for the first time. Involvement in student sport and extracurricular activities is prioritised by institutions as an ideal way to aid students assimilation into their new environment, and in third level institutions around the province, the college GAA Club plays a vital role in doing this. Each week of term, thousands of students engage in Gaelic Games and our programme of fixtures from October to December (Leagues) and January to February (Championships) provide a short competitive window of competition for players in the sector.

What is also being produced consistently, and just as importantly as the next generation of players for our clubs and counties, are the next generation of coaches, referees and administrators, whose involvement in actively running their third level clubs and engaging with our games during their college years sets them up to take on active roles in our clubs and counties for years to come. 2024 saw a very welcome return to the Provincial Bursary Scheme in Leinster, for the first time since the scheme was suspended during Covid-19. We presented Bursaries to 47 Full Time Higher Education students worth a combined €28,750, with a mix of male and female players, coaches, administrators and match officials awarded bursaries this year. This crucial support assists our members in third level who spend their evenings and weekends participating in our games, often in lieu of taking up part time employment, and is a fitting reward to all who receive it for their continued dedication to our games at a time of their lives that financial challenges can be particularly acute for them and their families. Applications for the 2024/25 bursaries have now closed and the recipients of the awards will be contacted early in 2025 regarding the presentation of their bursaries.

In 2025 Leinster Higher Education GAA will be represented in the Sigerson Cup by Maynooth University, UCD, TUS Midlands, TU Dublin and DCU Dochas Éireann, while in the Fitzgibbon Cup we have Maynooth University, UCD and DCU Dochas Éireann. In total 80 teams from Leinster HE Clubs will take part in our Championships over the coming weeks, with unsurprisingly the highest participation levels in the 5 Universities in the greater Dublin region all with student populations in excess of 15,000, namely DCU Dochas Éireann (17 teams - 10 football and 7 hurling), TU Dublin (12 - 8/4), UCD (11 - 6/5), Maynooth (8 - 5/3) and Trinity College (6 - 3/3). Following these are regional institutions who are fielding fewer teams



but from a smaller base: SETU Carlow (5 - 3/2), Dundalk IT (5 - 4/1) and TUD Midlands (4 - 2/2). Marino Institute of Education, Royal College of Surgeons and TUD Tallaght all field in Football and Hurling, while TUD Blanchardstown, Law School, Cadets, Drogheda IFE, DLIAT field in Football.

I want to thank all those who continue to ensure that Higher Education remains an integral part of the GAA makeup, particularly the officers of Coiste Feidhmiúcháin an Comhairle Ardoideachais, our servicing officers in Croke Park Ciaran Kearney and Taidhg Geoghan, and the staff at Aras Laighean whose support is much appreciated. I thank Leinster GAA for their continued support and commitment to the Bursary Scheme, especially Derek Kent for his ongoing support of our sector and Michael Reynolds, Jamie Queeney and John Haughney for their work and support on the promotion and administration of the bursary scheme. We have a team of people working full time promoting Gaelic Games on our campuses, some of whom are also engaged in Games Development activities in their counties.We now have GAA Development Officers working in ten of our Leinster Third level institutes, with a combination of Sports Development staff, volunteers and students promoting and organising our games on the other campuses and I want to thank them all for their ongoing enthusiasm and dedication to their roles, which can involve many late evenings in the winter months ensuring that our students have every opportunity to participate in Gaelic Games.

I also want to pay special tribute to the match officials who continue to make themselves available to officiate at games, often during the day and at a time of year when it might be easier to decline such appointments, for their continued dedication also. I want to acknowledge the sponsor of Higher Education GAA Electric Ireland, for their commitment and promotion of the games and particularly for their excellent social and broadcast media, and streaming of many top class games during the winter months. Our sector is in a good place at the moment, with a lot of excellent work and support, sometimes unseen and unheard, going on in campuses around the province, but which will in time reap a rich harvest for years to come. Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh siad!



The last year has been another busy year with huge involvement across both codes and across four competition categories - Senior, Junior, Second Year and First Year. The games provided through Leinster Council then complimented in many cases by provision of additional games on a local / county basis. While school life is very busy, the provision of games is an important outlet for students with getting the balance right between number of games and impacting on academic work, something that feedback is always taken on. Weather conditions this year in particular made getting facilities for games very difficult with 3G pitches in many cases key in terms of keeping competitions to schedule. Looking forward, playing additional games on astroturf surfaces may be common place. While there are many challenges to games generally in the sector, the level of cooperation from schools make it possible, creating a great focus for students beyond examinations and their academic work.

## OVERVIEW OF COMPETITION WINNERS 2023/24

Thanks to all schools for their level of engagement throughout the year. At the beginning of the year, all schools set out to win their respective competition be that at 'A' or 'D1' level. For schools that won ultimate honours, we congratulate them while also complimenting beaten finalists and all teams that prepared for and took part in competition. Summarising senior competitions that led to an All Ireland series, St. Kieran's College had another fantastic year retaining the Senior 'A' Hurling All Ireland Croke Cup in Croke Park on the St. Patrick's Day weekend – coming out on top with an extra time win over St. Raphael's College, Loughrea - Banagher College edged the Leinster 'B' Final with their game against Heywood CS going to extra time.

In the All Ireland semi final Banagher went down to Waterford opposition Blackwater CS. Cistercian College Roscrea claimed the 'C' Leinster title beating Colaiste Eanna in the final and then progressing to the All Ireland Series. Here they were beaten by a very strong Scoil Pol Kilfinane from Limerick. At 'D' level, Killina Presentation S.S. beat Ramsgrange CS to take the Leinster title. Killina then travelled to Fethard for their All Ireland semi final where they lost out to St. Mary's Newport.

In football, Naas CBS maintained their impressive run in Leinster 'A' Competition appearing in their sixth consecutive final. This year completing 3-in-a-row with a hard-earned victory over Colaiste Choilm Tullamore. In the All Ireland semi final Naas were beaten by Munster first time winners Mercy Mounthawk, Tralee.



Ashbourne CS had an impressive run through Leinster and made it all the way to the All Ireland 'B' Final. Here, they were beaten by Abbey VS Donegal in Clones by a six point margin. Mercy SS Ballymahon claimed the 'C' Leinster title with victory over Gaelcholaiste Reachrann in St. Lomans Mullingar. In the All Ireland semi final Ballymahon took on Tarbert Comprehensive – losing by a single point after extra time to the eventual All Ireland winners. Gallen CS Ferbane were very impressive throughout their Leinster campaign beating Mountmellick CS in the final. They were equally impressive in the All Ireland series beating CBS Dungarvan and Scoil Mhuire Buncranna to claim ultimate honours.

Congratulations to all winners and competitors across the various competitions. To First Years playing in Larry Doyle, Br. Hubert and Tom Quinlan Cups, we particularly hope you enjoyed your first exposure to games in the sector.

Full competition summary can be viewed at the rear of this document

### FACILITIES

This year in particular, weather / pitch conditions were difficult at many stages throughout the year. In many instances, astroturf pitches were the only option for getting games played. While schools in most cases prefer playing on grass, it is becoming increasingly more difficult for this to be the case at certain times. While clubs and county facilities host a huge number of games, it is understandable that after a period of ongoing poor weather, pitches become unavailable - and in many instances, unavailable for their own club training and games. Whatever supports can be looked at to enhance facilities would be very worthwhile. If additional 3G Facilities and/or enhanced drainage for existing facilities could be developed, it would greatly enhance the school's programme. Games being postponed is frustrating and the greater degree of certainty can be put in place around fixture planning, this facilitates more certainty around planning within schools which is integral to their scheduling.



#### **DEMANDS ON PLAYERS**

Senior Cycle students in particular have many demands on their time. For students that partake in games, time management is important as they plan for their various activities. In September / October, generally counties are reaching the concluding stages of their county championships. For students lucky enough to make it through to semi finals / finals with their club, they can have extra demands as games get underway in schools. For players then that are selected for County Minor and U20 trials, this again is another demand. Obviously players want to play for their county so it is a privilege to get such an opportunity. In many instances with students involved on many teams and under many team managements, good communication between all stakeholders is key. A student should not be a situation left to decide whether to go to this activity or that activity - and stressing over the potential consequences of missing one or the other. Again, good communication is vital. When schools games get up and running they can be an excellent avenue for personnel involved with county squads to see their players in action. While trials are an important aspect of selection for county minor teams, no better place to form an opinion regarding the potential a player might have than in a competitive school game. Club, school and county is the pathway for players to develop and reach their full potential. All Teachers, Coaches and Team Managers that students/players meet on that journey must acknowledge the role each other plays and work together for the betterment of each individual player.

#### **ONLINE MEETINGS WITH COUNTIES**

September 2024 saw another successful series of online meetings involving each county. Here, it allowed for schools / teachers to give feedback and help raise any issues that may be arising in their particular situation. Games Development Personnel and County Officers were on the call in many instances by way of developing communication lines between all involved. This proved very beneficial and worthwhile again and is something that will likely be an annual feature on the calendar. Following on from those meetings, counties were encouraged to hold an in-person meeting to further develop communication lines between all stakeholders.

#### HANDBALL

Over the years, Handball has been catered for at post primary level through provision of  $60 \times 30$ and  $40 \times 20$  competition at separate times of the year. A challenge for handball in the school sector is access to facilities / handball courts. With that in mind, outline plans are being drafted to offer One Wall Handball Competition to schools in 2025/26 and that that's where the focus would lie over the next number of years. Potentially all schools could have access to a One-Wall court in their school gym. Some additional basic marking lines could make many gyms an ideal facility for the game and open to the possibility of One Wall Handball being developed as part of a class PE programme. Provision of competition on a provincial level may be on a local / regionalised basis with full detail to be finalised.

## SUMMARY STATS. FROM 2023/24 ACADEMIC YEAR

# 234 SCHOOLS AFFILIATED ACROSS ALL COMPETITIONS

REGION / COMPETITION	NO. GAMES
PROVINCIAL	198
DUBLIN	581
SOUTH LEINSTER	458
NORTH LEINSTER	457
FIRST YEAR	341
TOTAL	2,035

The success of Post Primary Games this year wouldn't have been possible without the support and hard work of so many people. A big thank you goes to Schools Chairman Paddy Scales and the members of Comhairle larbhunscoileanna Laighean, including the CCC, who were always on hand to tackle any issues that came up. Their guidance and commitment made sure everything ran smoothly throughout the year.

We're also hugely grateful to the GAA School Coordinators and teachers who worked with us so closely, as well as the Provincial Schools Officers, Leinster staff, County Games Managers, Fixtures Coordinators, and County Games Development Personnel. Their efforts behind the scenes played a massive part in making the program a success. The County Presenters who stepped up to present trophies at the various finals added a special touch to those occasions.

Thanks are due to the clubs that opened their facilities to us for games and to the groundsmen who made sure everything was ready and in top condition. We'd also like to acknowledge the people in counties who facilitated matches at County Grounds and County Centres of Excellence. Of course, the referees and

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NO. TEAMS *
77
384
286
241
206
1,194

match officials deserve huge credit for their professionalism and ensuring every game was played fairly. A special nod as well to the All-Ireland Post Primary School Committee and anyone else who helped out in any way – your support is always appreciated.

Post Primary Games play such an important role in helping players grow and develop, building on the work done in clubs and through County Panels for those lucky enough to be selected. It's vital that everyone involved works together to give these young players the best chance to reach their potential, both on the pitch and in the classroom. With everyone pulling in the same direction, we're giving them every chance to succeed.



## BLIANA 2024

2024 marked the busiest year yet for the counties of Cumann na mBunscol Laighean with all counties reporting an action packed schedule of events at the recent review meeting in November. High participation rates in Leinster schools was recorded across all counties. This can be attributed to the diligent work of teachers but also to the strong club school link that has developed. Cumann na mBunscol Laighean wish to take this opportunity to thank Comhairle Laighean and its counties for providing support and funding to allow for the promotion of Gaelic Games in primary schools. Below is a summary of some of the activities carried out around the counties.

## HALF TIME GAMES

The half time mini-games play an important part in the CnmB calendar. The opportunity to play for your county is a huge honour and for many of the boys and girls their first time to put on their county colours. For the 2024 season, 19 half time games took place around the county grounds. CnmB Laighean wish to thank the counties and their stadium/ground staff for facilitating our games and providing this opportunity for the future stars. I extend a huge thanks to Michael Reynolds, John Haughney and Patricia Clear from Leinster Gaa who assist in the administration of these games. Without this support the games would not be possible. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the teachers who give their time voluntarily and help with the teams and prepare them for their moment in the spotlight.

## CARLOW LIFT AND STRIKE

The Carlow Lift & Strike is a central event in the CnmB calendar. Now over 20 years in existence, the blitz day provides boys from around the province to display the core skills of hurling in a fun but competitive manner. This year, on June 13th, six counties competed in the competition with an extremely high standard of skill. Thanks to Sean Hanafin and the Carlow teachers who coordinate this event at a busy time in the CnmB calendar.

## LAOIS CAMOGIE BLITZ / FOOTBALL BLITZ

As part of CnmB Laighean's desire to promote all codes of gaelic games in the province, the establishment of blitzes to give children the opportunity to represent their schools and counties was a key target. Laois CnmB have taken on this goal and has established a blitz in camogie and football. The laois camogie blitz has taken place for over 5 years and proved to be popular in the counties. This year, Laois CnmB established a boys football blitz with 8 counties taking part. Thanks to the teachers of Laois CnmB for taking on this responsibility.

## YOUNG WHISTLER COURSES

The young Whistler programme is an important part of CnmB activities as young boys and girls are trained to referee school's games. These boys and girls referee internal school games, lunchtime leagues and when the opportunity arise, intercountry half time mini games. The ideals of Give Respect, Get Respect are espoused in these young officials. Thanks to the intercountry referees who give up their time to tutor the young whistlers. Thanks to the Gaa Children's office who provide kits and whistles to the young whistlers.

## DUBLIN GIRLS FOOTBALL BLITZ

The Leinster CnmB girls blitz took place in Parnell Park this year for the first time. 8 counties took part in the blitz with exception skill shown by the participants. Well done to the girls who took part in the blitz. Thanks to the Dublin teachers who coordinated the events.

## HANDBALL

For the first time, the Leinster CnmB Handball finals took place in Croke Park. With record numbers of participants from around the province. CnmB Laighean and the counties have made a strong effort to promote handball in the last couple of years and are reaping these rewards. A sincere thanks to teachers John Walsh and Aishling O' Keeffe who organised the blitz.





Once again Scór 2024 saw participation from all counties in the province. Thanks to all Irish and Cultural Officers for their work in promoting Scór in each county.

Scór Sinsear was held in the spring and once again the All Ireland Final was held in the INEC, Killarney. Following semi-finals in Birr, Co. Offaly and Oulart, Co. Wexford, Craobh Laighean Scór Sinsear was held in The Downs, Co.Westmeath. The club were fantastic hosts on the day.

Those who qualified to represent Leinster at All Ireland Scór Sinsear 2024 in Killarney in May were as follows:





**RINCE FOIRNE:** Uíbh Fhailí: Biorra (Birr)

AMHRÁNAÍOCHT AONAIR: Baile Átha Cliath: CLG Scoil Uí Chonaill



BAILÉAD GHRÚPA: Uíbh Fhailí – Baile na Maor (Ballinamere)



NUACHLEAS: Cill Mhantáin: Eiméid Charn an Bhua (Carnew Emmets)



**RINCE SEIT:** An Iarmhí: Naomh Seosamh (St. Joseph's)



– Aoife Maguire



AITHRISEOIREACHT/ SCÉALAÍOCHT: Uíbh Fhailí – Baile na Maor (Ballinamere) – Joanne Troy



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



TRÁTH NA GCEISTEANNA: Uíbh Fhailí: Éadan Doire (Edenderry) 2. Loch Garman: Naomh Muire Ros Láir (St. Mary's Rosslare) 3. An Mhí – CLG de Bhulbh Tón (Wolfe Tone's)



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Ultimately Leinster emerged with no All Ireland title. However, congratulations to Edenderry who were one of three teams to qualify for the stage round of the quiz. Unfortunately they were pipped at the post.

Scór na nÓg Laighean has just concluded with the All Ireland scheduled for January 25th in Monaghan. Following two successful semi finals in Oulart, Co. Wexford and Tullamore, Co. Offaly, Craobh Laighean 2024 was held in Summerhill, Co. Meath. We look forward to excellent performances from Leinster at the upcoming All Ireland. Those who will represent Leinster are as follows:

## **RINCE FOIRNE:**

An Longfort: An Baile Mór, (Ballymore)

## AMHRÁNAÍOCHT AONAIR:

An Iarmhí: Seamróga an Mhuilinn Chearr (Mullingar Shamrocks) Dara Mac Cába -Darragh Mc Cabe

## AITHRISEOIREACHT/SCÉALAÍOCHT:

An Iarmhí: Na Dúnta (The Downs)- Alanna Corroon

## BAILÉAD GHRÚPA:

An Iarmhí: An Móta Uile-Bhán (Moate All-Whites)

## NUACHLEAS:

An Iarmhí: Na Dúnta (The Downs)

## **CEOL UIRLISE:**

An Iarmhí: Bun Brosnaí

## **RINCE SEIT:**

An Iarmhí: Na Dúnta (The Downs)

## TRÁTH NA GCEISTEANNA:

Áth Cliath: Cumann Uí Dhuibhir (O'Dwyers), 2. An Iarmhí: Na Dúnta (The Downs), 3.An Longfort: Cill Eo Óg (Killoe Óg) 2.

Additionally, representatives from the province participated in a Scór rules forum at Croke Park, with updates and revised rules expected to be published soon, ensuring the continued evolution of the competition.

The Coiste Cultúir agus Pobail, led by Cathaoirleach Caitríona Uí Dhálaigh and supported by Rúnaí Áine Ní Chinnéide, along with members Ciarán Mac Raghnaill, Dearbhla Ní Dhálaigh, and Cathal Seoighe, expressed their gratitude to all clubs, counties, and adjudicators. Their collective efforts have preserved and celebrated the traditions of Scór and the Irish language.

Míle Buíochas le gach duine, agus go n-éirí go geal le Scór 2025!







#### SENIOR INTERCOUNTY

As we approach the new year, the new format for the Allianz Hurling League is just around the corner. Finding a league structure in hurling that avoids the risk of onesided games has always been a challenge, and this new format isn't entirely unfamiliar—it's similar to one we've seen before. Counties had their say, and now we're ready to afresh. I'd encourage everyone to give this format time, assessing it over a few years rather than rushing to conclusions. The link between Division IB and Division 2 will be particularly important and worth keeping an eye on.

When it comes to the senior hurling championships, maybe it's time to take another look at the three lower tiers. A bit of a shake-up might bring some new energy and excitement to those competitions.

On the football side, the work of the Football Review Committee came to fruition at the special Congress on November 30th. Huge credit goes to Jim Gavin and his team for their efforts since being appointed. They put in the hard yards, with widespread consultation, top-notch presentations, and plenty of trial games to fine-tune their ideas. The changes they've introduced are a big step forward.

We've had plenty of great games this year, from juvenile right up to inter-county, but we can't ignore the drop in attendances at inter-county matches. One positive outcome from the special Congress is that Central Council now has the authority to tweak things if needed, based on advice from the Standing Committee on Rules and the Rules Advisory Committee. This flexibility will be key as we settle into the new system.

Looking ahead, it's important that we approach these changes with a positive mindset. They're aimed at making Gaelic football more exciting and attractive, both for players and fans. Let's all get behind them and work together to ensure our games continue to thrive and draw the crowds they deserve.

## NATIONAL HEAD OF HURLING

2025 will see the appointment of the new National Head of Hurling, an exciting and crucial step for the future of our game. This role holder, along with the National Hurling Development Committee and all the stakeholders involved, has an important role to play in shaping the future of hurling.

It's my hope that under the leadership of the New Head of Hurling, this group will take a practical and focused approach to the development of hurling at all levels, ensuring it remains not just a sport, but a vital and celebrated part of Irish culture—a status recognised by UNESCO. Hurling's unique heritage and its importance to our communities' demand nothing less than a committed and collaborative effort.

To achieve this, genuine support from everyone involved—clubs, counties, coaches, and players—is essential. Together, with a unified and enthusiastic approach, we can build on the strong foundations of the game and ensure its growth and vibrancy for generations to come. This is not just about protecting our past but actively shaping the future of hurling as a defining element of who we are.

#### DEMOGRAPHICS

Important work continues in the area of Demographics for the island, led by Peter Horgan, the National Strategy, Insights, and Innovation Manager. This effort is proving to be more than just informative—it's offering a valuable glimpse into the future of our games and communities. The insights being uncovered have the potential to guide us in making decisions that will shape the next generation of players and supporters.

However, this work will only be truly impactful if we move beyond simply acknowledging the efforts of those producing these valuable reports. The real challenge lies in how we, at every level—club, county, provincial, and national—use this information to adapt and evolve. It's about ensuring that our juvenile structures are shaped by this data to achieve two key goals: maximum participation and maximum retention of young players.

The opportunity here is immense. By aligning our juvenile strategies with the realities and projections revealed through this demographic research, we can not only safeguard the future of Gaelic Games but also strengthen their role in communities across the island. This work demands collaboration, innovation, and a willingness to adapt. With the right commitment, these insights can serve as a powerful tool to inspire growth, inclusion, and a lifelong connection to our games.

## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF GAELIC GAMES

An extensive report, commissioned jointly by the GAA, LGFA, and Camogie Associations, was conducted by Sheffield Hallam University's Sport Industry Research Group. This marks the first time such a comprehensive analysis of this nature has been undertaken on behalf of our associations—a groundbreaking step in showcasing the broader impact of Gaelic Games.

The findings are striking. Gaelic Games activity is responsible for generating nearly 11,000 jobs across the



country, while also contributing €192.6 million annually to the state through direct and indirect taxation. These figures underline the significant economic and social value of our games and their central role in communities nationwide.

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The hope now is that these findings can act as a catalyst for securing increased state investment in our associations. Such support would not only help sustain and grow Gaelic Games but would also amplify their positive impact on communities, creating opportunities and strengthening connections across the island. This report is a powerful reminder of what our games contribute—and the potential they hold for even greater benefits with the right backing.

#### **PROVINCIAL CLUB FIXTURES**

This year's provincial club championships were played on a tighter schedule than ever before, running from November 2nd/3rd to December 8th—a six-week stretch that was originally intended to last just five. Over this compact timeline, an impressive 59 games were completed, navigating the challenges posed by dual clubs, sister clubs, and permission players.

Despite the intensity, we made it! However, the journey wasn't without its hiccups. A bout of dense fog on one Tuesday evening forced a one-week delay in the conclusion of our Junior Hurling Championship. Adding to the pressure, the All-Ireland Club Hurling semi-finals were scheduled just a few days later, on December I 3th/I 4th, further emphasizing the challenges of the calendar.

The preparation of fixture schedules—be it at national, provincial, or county levels—requires meticulous forward planning, often finalized many months in advance. This long-term approach allows clubs to organize themselves both on and off the field, a necessity given the demands of the modern game. With that in mind, our 2025 provincial club championships are set to stretch further into December, a decision that may present new challenges as we adapt to this evolving landscape.

Looking ahead, potential changes to the senior intercounty calendar may prompt all of us—clubs, counties, and provinces alike—to engage in some serious soulsearching. Balancing the integrity of competitions with the needs of players, clubs, and communities will be an ongoing challenge, but one we must face collectively.

#### 125 YEARS

In 2025, Comhairle Laighean will mark a momentous milestone—125 years of history, growth, and service

to Gaelic Games in the province. Over the past century and a quarter, Leinster has witnessed profound changes in Ireland's social, cultural, and political landscape, with Gaelic Games playing a central role in reflecting and shaping the identity of our communities.

This landmark anniversary offers an opportunity not just to celebrate our rich history but to also reflect on the countless individuals, clubs, and communities who have contributed to the development and success of Leinster GAA. From the earliest days of organizing competitions in a fledgling nation to the modern era of inclusive, vibrant games that unite people of all ages and backgrounds, Comhairle Laighean has been a steadfast pillar in Irish life.

To mark the occasion, a series of commemorative events and initiatives are being planned to honor the legacy of the past 125 years while looking ahead to an exciting future.

### CONDOLENCES

Before concluding this year's report, I would like to pause and remember all those from our GAA community who have sadly passed away over the last 12 months. Whether they were players, mentors, officials, volunteers, or devoted supporters, each one left an indelible mark on their club, county, and community. Their contributions and passion for our games will never be forgotten.

Ar dheis dé go raibh a n-amacha dílse

#### **BUÍOCHAS**

As we take a moment to reflect on another year of busy and productive activity, I want to express our heartfelt appreciation to everyone involved in making it all happen. From the youngest players in the nurseries to the adult players, coaches, administrators, officials, all the media outlets, and our supporters, each one plays a vital role in the ongoing success of our association. It truly takes a community, and everyone's contributions—big and small —are essential to keeping things moving smoothly.

I also want to extend a special thank you to our colleagues at the national level and in the other provinces. Your collaboration and support continue to strengthen the bonds within our wider network, and I'm grateful for your commitment.

Lastly, a sincere note of appreciation to the staff and officers of Comhairle Laigheann. Your dedication and tireless efforts throughout the year have been unwavering, and your commitment to supporting our province does not go unnoticed. Thank you for all the hard work you put in to ensure everything runs seamlessly and successfully. Here's to another year of continued teamwork and success!





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Micheal Mac Raghnaill Runaí Comhairle Laighean





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## HALL OF FAME

## GAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE JOHN O'GORMAN - WEXFORD

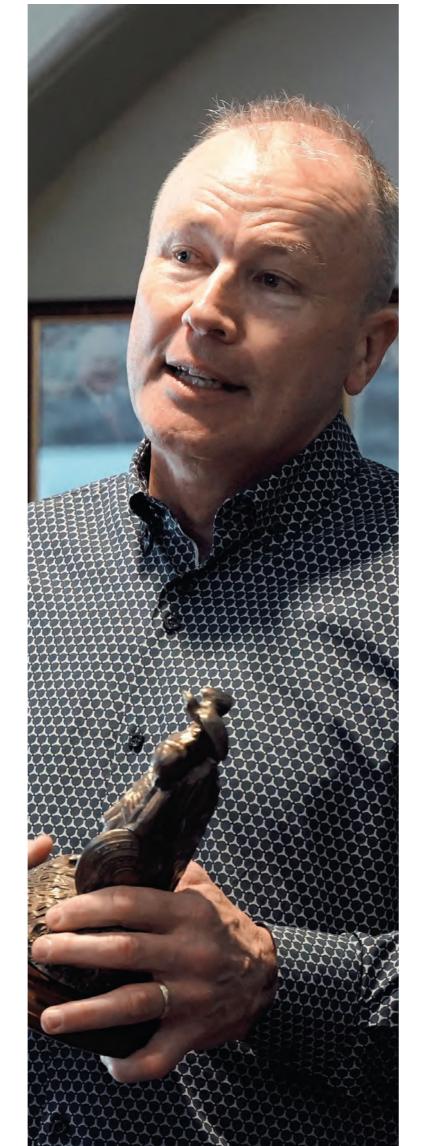
John O'Gorman hailing from Taghmon-Camross in Wexford, never appearing to be under pressure, O'Gorman seemed to cruise through his games with a composure that left him one of the top full-backs in Leinster during his period in the number three jersey for his county.

Having made his league debut in 1983, his career continued through to 1997 with some 19 championship appearances, giving incredible service to his county. He also represented Leinster on the Railway Cup winning team of 1988.

An excellent fielder of the ball, his athleticism saw him control the area in front of goal, and he made if hard for any full-forward to get into the game.Virtually every game he went out in, there was a consistent and composed display, while he also possessed excellent skill levels when in possession of the ball.

He was always able to produce the best whenever required and proved an inspirational figure over a long period of time. He was the complete full-back. It was a pity that major success eluded him through such a distinguished career.





## GAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE TOMMY CAREW (KILDARE)

Tommy Carew, Leinster Hurling Hall of Fame inductee, made his inter-county debut on October 24, 1965, in the NHL at St. Conleth's Park, playing right half-forward for Kildare against his brother Seamus, who lined out at right half-back for Wicklow. Tommy marked the occasion with a point, starting a career spanning 83 competitive appearances for Kildare, where he scored an impressive 210 points (35 goals and 105 points).

Tommy's career highlights include four All-Ireland medals: Junior in 1966, Intermediate in 1969, and two All-Ireland 'B' titles in 1974 and 1980. He also won a NHL Division 2 medal in 1969, scoring 2-3 in the final against Westmeath. His stellar performances helped secure Kildare's senior status, notably scoring in the 1969 All-Ireland Intermediate final win over Cork in Thurles.

He played every position except goalkeeper for Kildare, including a memorable midfield partnership with his brother Tony in the 1970-71 NHL quarter-final against Tipperary. Tommy's contributions shone in key moments, such as Kildare's shocking win over Dublin in the 1976 Leinster SHC and a narrow semi-final loss to Wexford, where his midfield brilliance was evident.

At the club level, Tommy, alongside brothers Tony and Seamus, was instrumental in Coill Dubh's success. After early triumphs in underage and junior competitions, Coill Dubh claimed their first Kildare SHC title in 1987, with Tommy playing a pivotal role. He added two more SHC medals in 1990 and 1993 and even starred in the Intermediate final victory in 1995 at the age of 48.

Tommy was also an accomplished footballer, winning an All-Ireland U-21 title in 1965 and playing in Leinster SFC finals for Kildare, later serving as a selector during Mick O'Dwyer's tenure. A remarkable dual-sport athlete, Tommy Carew's legacy as a servant of Kildare GAA endures.





David Ormonde of Na Fianna Clonard GAA Club, Wexford, is presented with the Leinster award by Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Larry McCarthy and Claire Liston,

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PRESIDENTS AWARD



## 2004

Paddy Kelly (MH) Paddy Flanagan (WM) Kevin O'Brien (WW) John Doyle (WX) Con Ryan (D) Miriam Malone (KE) Michael Walsh (KK)

## 2005

William Price (D)

John Cullen (WX)

Paddy Collins (WM)

Patsy Kiernan (D)

John Nevin (CW)

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Bro. Denis Minihane (OY)

## 2008

John Ryan (LD) Fr. Moling Lennon (CW/KE) Michael Noel Byrne (OY)

### Fr. Michael Cremin (WM) L.V. Conway (CW) Peter Keogh (WW) Ned Quinn (KK) Ger Murphy, St. Olaf's (DB) Education

## 2012

Brian Finnegan (WW) Tommy Nally (KE) Fitzhenry Family, Duffry Rovers WX) Martin Meagher, Carlow IT (3rd Level) Rosemount GAA Club (WM) Social Initiative

### Michael Mulhaire (LS) Noel Murphy (D) Michael Dowling (LS) Peter Rice (WX) Seán Gavin (CW)

## 2016

Ned Flynn (WH) Paddy McMahon (LH) Initiative

#### Ann Gannon, Summerhill (MH) Matt Purcell, Baltimore Eustace GAA Handball Club (KE) John Sheridan, Kilmacud Cokes GAA Club (DB) Ger Proctor, Cuchulainn Rounders Club (CW)

## 2020

Nick Fitzgerald – Kildalkey (MH)

Denis Carr, St. Oliver Plunketts/ Eoghan Ruadh GAA (DB) Linda Kenny, Burren Rangers Hurling & Camogie (CW) The Dempsey Family, St. Joseph's GAA (LS)

## 2024

David Ormonde – Na Fianna Clonard GAA Club (WX) LGFA - Mary O'Connor, St Brigids (DB) Camogie - Patsy Hetherton, St Vincents (DB) Education - Jerry Grogan, Cuman na mBunscol (DB)

## 2006

Martin Quigley (WX) Kevin Heffernan (D) Tadhg de Brun (D) George Delaney (WW) Margaret Delaney (LS) Donal Hickey (D) Marcus de Burca (D) Jimmy Bergin (KK)

## 2010

Tommy McLoughlin (LD) Charlie McAllister (LH) Mary Donohue, (LS) Cathal Friel (WW) Christopher Hughes (D)

## 2014

Máire Ní Cheallaigh (DB) Maureen Kincaid (OY)

## 2007

Tommy O'Brien (KK) Podge Butler (KK) Gerry Buckley (WM) Pat Holland (LH) Bro. Bosco Mulhare (LS/CW) Lulu Carroll (LS)

## 2011

Fintan Ginnity (MH) John Curtis (WX)

## 2015

Har Ramsbottom (LS) Kevin Loughlin (MH)

## 2018

Jack Napier, Bray Emmets (WW) Margaret O'Leary-Lacey, Buffers Alley, (WX) Camogie

## Mick Spain, Drumcullen (OY)

2019

Kathleen Colreavy, Naomh Mearnóg (DB) LGFA Tony Breen, (WX) Handball Ciarán Ó Feinneadha, Na Gaeil Óga (DB) Gaeilge Br James Dormer, (DB/ WX) Education 2023

## 2022

Tommy Murphy, Round Towers GAA Club and Kildare GAA (KF)The Rock family, (DB)

Mary Foley, Buffer's Alley GAA Club (WX) LGFA - Elena Byrne, Dunamaggin GAA Club (KK)

## **LEINSTER GAA**

# A GLO BAL IMAPACT

In a small park in Dubai, under the blazing desert sun, a group are playing Gaelic football. The pitch may be different, and the heat more intense, but the passion for the game feels just as fierce as on a rainy day in Dublin. Thousands of miles away, in Berlin, a similar scene is unfolding: a group of young players is practicing their hurling skills on a temporary pitch marked out in a public park. And in Sydney, a GAA match draws a crowd of both Irish immigrants and curious locals alike, all captivated by this fast-paced and uniquely Irish sport.

For many, Gaelic games might seem like a sport confined to the shores of Ireland, but a growing global community is proving otherwise. Gaelic football, hurling, and camogie are thriving in unexpected places, from the heat of the Middle East to the cities of Europe and the vast expanses of Australasia. Behind this international success story is the unwavering support of Leinster GAA, whose dedication to the overseas development of Gaelic Games has helped bring this Irish tradition to a global stage.

Through partnerships with Gaelic Games Europe, Middle East GAA, and Australasia GAA, Leinster GAA has become a vital support for these far-flung clubs. providing the knowledge and resources necessary to develop and grow the games. But it's more than just technical expertise – it's about keeping the heart and spirit of the GAA alive in places where the Irish community gathers, where homesickness fades a little with every kick of a football or swing of a hurl.

For Jamie Queeney, Leinster GAA's Learning and Development Manager, the connection between Leinster and its overseas partners isn't just professional – it's personal. As a former player and now coach, he understands the deep bond that GAA fosters within communities, whether they're in Meath or Qatar.

"Gaelic Games have always been about more than sport," Jamie says. "They're about community, identity, and belonging. We see this as especially true for our overseas partners. When you're far from home, the GAA club becomes a place of connection. Our role at Leinster GAA is to make sure that wherever Gaelic Games are played, they're done to the highest standard. We're there to offer whatever support is needed – from coach development to organizing games and competitions."

This sense of community is echoed by the clubs in Europe, the Middle East, and Australasia. The challenges of running a Gaelic Games club outside of Ireland are many: limited access to facilities, extreme

weather, and the constant turnover of players as people move for work or study. Yet with Leinster GAA's support, these challenges become more manageable, allowing clubs to not only survive but thrive.

Across Europe, from Paris to Prague, Gaelic Games are steadily growing in popularity. What started as a handful of clubs formed by Irish expats has evolved into a thriving network that includes players from all backgrounds. Gaelic Games Europe (GGE) oversees the development of Gaelic football, hurling, and camogie across dozens of countries, coordinating leagues and competitions that stretch across the continent.

However, the geographical spread of the clubs makes it difficult to maintain a uniform standard across the board. This is where Leinster GAA steps in. Regular workshops for coaches, support for Coach Developers, referee training, and games development programmes ensure that Gaelic Games in Europe are not only expanding in numbers but also improving in quality. Coach Developer training and upskilling is one project that Leinster GAA has supported this Summer/ Autumn. In total, 10 new Coach Developers will add to the 5 currently operating across the region. This will provide greater capacity to deliver courses and training across the vast expanses of the continent, ultimately improving the quality and standards of Gaelic Games. GGE Coaching Officer Anna Marie O Roure commented on the recent training "It was rewarding and inspiring. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and fully participated in the tasks. Liam Moggan and Sean Dempsey were just out on another planet and we just wanted to be in their world. Even the non English native speakers were in awe of both of them. It was surreal as much as it was real"



## LEINSTER GAA DIORALYTE O'BYRNE CUP

Round I	2nd Jan	Wexford (4-15) Wicklow (2-12
Round I	3rd Jan	Kildare (2-17) Carlow (0-10)
Round I	3rd Jan	Offaly (1-11) Laois (0-12)
Quarter Final	6th Jan	Wexford (3-9) Kildare (1-7)
Quarter Final	6th Jan	Dublin (0-11) Offaly (0-10)
Quarter Final	6th Jan	Longford (0-9) Westmeath (0-
Quarter Final	6th Jan	Meath (2-13) Louth (1-7)
Semi Final	13th Jan	Longford (2-6) Meath (0-8)
Semi Final	l 3th Jan	Dublin (5-17) Wexford (1-11)
Final	20th Jan	Longford (1-12) Dublin (0-9)

## LEINSTER GAA DIORALYTE O'BYRNE SHIELD

Quarter Final	6th Jan	Wicklow (1-12) Carlow (0-13)
Semi Final Semi Final	l 3th Jan I 3th Jan	Louth (2-12) Westmeath (0-12 Wicklow (1-20) Laois (0-20)
Final	10th Feb	Louth (1-18) Wicklow (2-10)

## LEINSTER GAA DIORALYTE WALSH CUP

Round I	4th Jan	Laois (2-18) Offaly (0-18)
Round I	4th Jan	Dublin (2-31) Westmeath (1
Round 2	7th Jan	Galway (4-15) Offaly (1-11)
Round 2	9th Jan	Kilkenny (5-22) Carlow (0-0
Round 3	l 4th Jan	Galway (6-29) Laois (2-20)
Round 3	l 4th Jan	Wexford (3-20) Carlow (0-1
Round 3	l 4th Jan	Dublin (3-21) Antrim (1-02)
Semi Final	20th Jan	Wexford (0-18) Kilkenny (2-
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## LEINSTER GAA DIORLAYTE KEHOE CUP

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Round I	I 4th Jan	Kildare (4-27) Wicklow (0-6)
Round 2	20th Jan	Kildare (2-17) Down (0-15)

Round 3/Final 27th Jan Kildare (1-22) Meath (1-19)

## LEINSTER GAA ELECTRIC IRELAND MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP - WALTER HANRAHAN CUP

Tier 2 Group 2 Round I	23rd March	Kildare (4-11) Laois (0-15)
Tier 2 Group 2 Round I	23rd March	Kerry (1-17) Carlow (1-9)
Tier 2 Group I Round I	23rd March	Westmeath (8-27) Wicklow (0-3)
Tier 2 Group I Round I	23rd March	Offaly (1-11) Meath (1-8)
Tier 2 Group I Round 2	30th March	Meath (I-17) Wicklow (I-14)
Tier 2 Group I Round 2	30th March	Offaly (3-17) Antrim (I-17)
Tier 2 Group I Round 3	6th April	Wicklow (0-4) Antrim (4-19)
Tier 2 Group I Round 3	6th April	Westmeath (3-23) Meath (0-4)
Tier 2 Group 2 Round 2	6th April	Kildare (2-16) Carlow (0-14)
Tier 2 Group 2 Round 2	6th April	Laois (4-8) Kerry (1-12)
Tier I Round I	20th April	Dublin (0-18) Wexford (0-15)
Tier I Round I	20th April	Kilkenny (4-24) Galway (1-14)
Tier 2 Round 4	20th April	Westmeath (1-27) Antrim (2-14)
Tier 2 Round 4	20th April	Offaly (3-30) Wicklow (1-7)
Tier I Round 2	27th April	Galway (2-16) Dublin (1-14)
Tier I Round 2	27th April	Wexford (2-20) Kilkenny (1-20)
Tier 2 Round 5	27th April	Laois (3-12) Carlow (0-15)
Tier 2 Round 5	27th April	Kildare (2-15) Kerry (1-15)
Tier 2 Round 5	27th April	Antrim (1-24) Meath (1-20) A.E.T.
Tier 2 Round 5	27th April	Offaly (2-15) Westmeath (1-13)
Tier I Round 3	4th May	Galway (3–19) Wexford (1–15)
Prelim Quarter Final	4th May	Kildare (1-20) Westmeath (1-17)
Prelim Quarter Final	4th May	Offaly (4-16) Laois (4-13)
Tier I Round 3	5th May	Kilkenny (0-12) Dublin (0-17)
Quarter Final	10th May	Kilkenny (4-16) Kildare (0-15)
Quarter Final	11th May	Wexford (3-15) Offaly (0-14)
Semi Final	18th May	Dublin (1-17) Wexford (2-10)
Semi Final	18th May	Kilkenny (4-18) Galway (1-12)
Final	25th May	Kilkenny (1-13) Dublin (1-9)

## LEINSTER GAA PEADAR O'LAITHAIN CUP

Semi Final	4th May	Carlow (3-20) Wicklow (0-9)
Final	l I th May	Antrim (2-20) Carlow (2-7)

## LEINSTER GAA EIRGRID U-20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP -SEAMUS FLOOD CUP

Round I	26th March	Laois (3-8) Carlow (0-10)
Round I	26th March	Louth (1-11) Offaly (2-6)
Round I	26th March	Wicklow (0-12) Wexford (1-
Round I	26th March	Kildare (1-15) Longford (0-1
Round I	26th March	Dublin (1-15) Westmeath (0
Round 2	2nd April	Laois (1-9) Wexford (0-9)
Round 2	2nd April	Wicklow (3-11) Carlow (0-7
Round 2	2nd April	Louth (3-14) Longford (2-12
Round 2	2nd April	Offaly (0-8) Kildare (1-4)
Round 2	2nd April	Meath (0-18) Westmeath (2
Round 3	9th April	Longford (0-10) Offaly (0-9)
Round 3	9th April	Kildare (2-6) Louth (0-11)
Round 3	9th April	Laois (2-12) Wicklow (0-6)
Round 3	9th April	Wexford (4-11) Carlow (2-
Round 3	9th April	Dublin (0-13) Meath (1-7)
Quarter Final	l 6th April	Meath (4-8) Laois (1-10)
Quarter Final	I 6th April	Louth (2-11) Wicklow (1-9)
Semi Final	23rd April	Louth (1-13) Dublin (1-9)
Semi Final	23rd April	Meath (2-9) Kildare (0-10)
Final	29th April	Meath (3-13) Louth (0-12)

## LEINSTER GAA ANDREW CORDEN CUP

Quarter Final	l 6th April	Carlow (3-10) Offaly (0-10)
Semi Final Semi Final	23rd April 23rd April	Longford (0-13) Wexford ( Westmeath (3-9) Carlow (
Final	30th April	Westmeath (3-9) Longford



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Tier 2 Group 2 Round 2 Tier 2 Group 2 Round 3		Kildare (4-16) Kerry (0-6) Kildare (2-16) Carlow (2-10)	
Tier I Group I Round 3		Galway (4-14)Dublin (0-10)	
Tier I Group 2 Round 3	l 3th April	Wexford (0-18) Laois (0-18)	
Tier 2 Group I Round 3	l 3th April	Westmeath (5-18) Derry (0-13)	
Knockout Round I	l 9th April	Kildare (3-17) Meath (0-12)	
Knockout Round I	20th April	Westmeath (3-26) Carlow (2-15)	
Knockout Round 2	26th April	Laois (2-19) Kildare (0-16)	
Knockout Round 2	28th April	Dublin (1-31) Westmeath (1-14)	
Quarter Final	8th May	Offaly (1-28) Laois (2-9)	
Quarter Final	8th May	Dublin (0-18) Wexford (0-14)	
Semi Final	15th May	Offaly (2-17) Kilkenny (2-16)	
Semi Final	15th May	Dublin (4-17) Galway (0-20)	
Final	22nd May	Offaly (1-18) Dublin (1-15)	

## LEINSTER GAA ELECTRIC IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP - LARRY MURRAY CUP

Tier   Group   Round   Tier   Group 2 Round   Tier 2 Group   Round   Tier 2 Group 2 Round	30th March 30th March 30th March 30th March	Offaly (1-18) Dublin (2-14) Kilkenny (4-21) Wexford (2-14) Meath (0-20) Westmeath (2-14) Carlow (1-16) Kerry (2-10)	Round 2 Round 2 Round 2	27th April 27th April 28th April	Antrim (2-22) Wexford (2-20 Dublin (1-24) Carlow (0-22) Kilkenny (0-29) Galway (2-23
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Knockout Round 2	26th April	Laois (2-19) Kildare
Knockout Round 2	28th April	Dublin (1-31) West
Quarter Final	8th May	Offaly (1-28) Laois
Quarter Final	8th May	Dublin (0-18) Wexf
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Semi Final	15th May	Dublin (4-17) Galwa
Final	22nd May	Offaly (1-18) Dublir

## LEINSTER GAA SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Round I	7th April	Wexford (4-19) Carlow (0-8)
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Semi Final	28th April	Louth (0-17) Kildare (0-13)
Semi Final	28th April	Dublin (3-22) Offaly (0-11)
Final	12th May	Dublin (1-19) Louth (2-12)

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## LEINSTER GAA AIB CLUB INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Round I	2nd Nov	Garrycastle (WH) 0-11 Fenagh (CW) (0-9)	Round I	9th Nov	Brownstown (WH) (0-16) B
Round I	2nd Nov	Crettyard (LS) (1-11) Fr Manning Gaels (LD) (0-11)	Round I	9th Nov	Castletown Liam Mellows ()
			Round I	10th Nov	St Lachtains (KK) (2-23) Dru
Quarter Final	9th Nov	Naomh Mearnog (DB) (0-8) Crettyard (LS) (0-4)			
Quarter Final	9th Nov	Garrycastle (WH) (0-18) Clonbullogue (OY) (0-13)	Quarter Final	16th Nov	St Lachtains (KK) (5-20) Cru
Quarter Final	9th Nov	Caragh (KE) (5-10) Dicksboro (KK) (0-7)	Quarter Final	16th Nov	Avondale (WW) (1-18) Mou
Quarter Final	9th Nov	St Mogues Fethard (WX) (2-13) Carnew Emmets (WW) (2-4)	Quarter Final	16th Nov	St Fechins (LH) (1-16) Brow
			Quarter Final	23rd Nov	Castletown Liam Mellows ()
Semi Final	23rd Nov	Naomh Marnog (DB) (2-10) Garrycastle (WH) (1-12)			
Semi Final	23rd Nov	Caragh (KE) (2-19) St Mogues Fethard (2-13) A.E.T.	Semi Final	24th Nov	St Lachtains (KK) (4-18) Avo
			Semi Final	30th Nov	Castletown Liam Mellows (\
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			Final	8th Dec	St Lachtains (KK) (3-08) Cas

## LEINSTER GAA AIB CLUB JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi Final	23rd Nov	Dunsany (MH) (1-14) Kilcavan (LS) (1-10)	LEINSTER	GAA AIE	<b>3 CLUB SENIOR HURI</b>
Semi Final		Ballinagar (OY) (0-9) Ellistown (KE) (0-8)			
Quarter Final	9th Nov	Ellistown (KE) (0-12) Grattan Og (LD) (0-11)	Final	Ist Dec	Rathnure St Annes (WX) (0-
Quarter Final	9th Nov	Ballingar (OY) (0-16) Wolfe Tones (LH) (1-11)			
Quarter Final	9th Nov	Kilcavan (LS) (1-9) Barcelona (EU) (0-11)	Semi Final	24th Nov	Rathnure St Annes (WX) (1-2
Quarter Final	9th Nov	Dunsany (MH) (2-10) Aughrim (WW) (1-7)	Semi Final	23rd Nov	Lisdowney (KK) (2-15) Borri
Round I	2nd Nov	Ballinagar (OY) (2-17) Ballon (CW) (1-11)	Quarter Final	16th Nov	Rathnure St Annes (WX) (3-
Round I	2nd Nov	Kilcavan (LS) (0-5) Craobh Chiaran (DB) (0-4)	Quarter Final	16th Nov	Lisdowney (KK) (3-23) Cloda
Round I	2nd Nov	Ellistown (KE) (0-5) Castletown-Finea-Coole-Whitehall (WH) (0-4)	Quarter Final		Bray Emmets (WW) (2-17) R
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AMPIONSHIP	Quarter Final Quarter Final Quarter Final	17th Nov	St Martins (WX) (1-15) Naas (KE) Kilcormac Killoughey (OY) (1-17) Na Fianna (DB) (3-20) Clough Ball
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	Final	30th Nov	Na Fianna (DB) (2-22) Kilcormac H

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Round I	3rd Nov	Tinahely (WW) (2-5) Portarlington (LS) (0-10)
Round I	3rd Nov	St Marys Ardee (LH) (3-14) Abbeylara (LD) (2-8)
Round I	3rd Nov	St Lomans (WH) (2-17) Dunshaughlin (MH) (2-4)
Quarter Final	9th Nov	Cuala (DB) (2-15) Naas (KE) (1-15)
Quarter Final	10th Nov	St Marys Ardee (LH) (2-9) Rathvilly (WW) (0-8)
Quarter Final	10th Nov	Tullamore (OY) (2-10) Tinahely (WW) (1-7)
Quarter Final	17th Nov	St Lomans (WH) (3-11) Castletown Liam Mellows (WX) (0-7)
Semi Final	23rd Nov	St Marys Ardee (LH) (0-15) St Lomans (WH) (0-14)
Semi Final	23rd Nov	Cuala (DB) (1-10) Tullamore (OY) (0-10)
Final	30th Nov	Cuala (DB) (1-14) St Marys Ardee (LH) (2-10)

Final

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## LEINSTER GAA AIB CLUB JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

avan O'Mahonys (MH) (0-18) A.E.T. nsterdam (EU) (2-19) Burren Rangers (CW) (1-10) (WX) (6-19) Moorefield (KE) (0-5) Orumcullen (OY) (1-17)

Crumlin (DB) (1-7) ountmellick (LS) (1-14) ownstown (WH) (1-14) (WX) (6-28) Wolfe Tones (LD) (0-6)

vondale (WW) (0-11) (WX) (1-15) St Fechins (LH) (1-13)

Castletown Liam Mellows (WX) (2-10)

## LEINSTER GAA AIB CLUB INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

(LS) (2-16) Fr Daltons (WH) (0-10) Ratoath (MH) (1-19) daigh Gaels (OY) (1-10) 3-18) Commericals (DB) (1-17)

rris In Ossory Kilcotton (LS) (2-13) 1-21) Bray Emmets (WW) (2-14)

(0-24) Lisdowney (KK) (1-16)

## RLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Final 17th Nov Castletown Geoghegan (WH) (1-25) Thomastown (KK) (1-14) E) (0-13) St Mullins (CW) (1-12) allacolla (LS) (1-15)

> Castletown Liam Mellows (WH) (1-13) (WX) (0-15)

Killoughey (OY) (2-16)

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## **PROVINCIAL FINALS**

Senior Football 'A' Senior Football 'B' Senior Football 'C' Senior Football 'D' Senior Football 'A' (Group Teams) Senior Hurling 'A' / Corn Uí Dhúill Senior Hurling 'B' Senior Hurling 'C' Senior Hurling 'D' Senior Hurling 'A' (Group Teams) Senior Hurling 'A' Lge Senior Hurling 'B' Lge Senior Hurling 'B' Lge, Sect 2 Jun. Football 'A' Jun Football 'B' Jun Football 'C' Jun Football 'D' Jun Hurling 'A' Jun Hurling 'AI' Jun Hurling 'B' Jun Hurling 'C' 2nd Yr Football 'A' 2nd Yr Football 'B' 2nd Yr Football 'C' 2nd Yr Football 'D' 2nd Yr Hurling 'A' / Dr Barry Cup 2nd Yr Hurling 'B' 2nd Yr Hurling - Group Teams

## WINNERS

Naas CBS Ashbourne CS Mercy SS. Ballymahon Gallen CS, Ferbane Maynooth Ed. Campus St. Kieran's College Banagher College Cistercian College, Roscrea **Killina Presentation SS Offaly Schools** St. Peter's College, Wexford Heywood CS St. Fergals College W/o Col. Mhuire, Mullingar Gorey CS St. Pauls College, Raheny Gallen CS, Ferbane St. Kieran's College Mountrath CS Coláiste Abhainn Rí, Callan Abbey CC, Ferrybank Coláiste Mhuire Mullingar St. Mary's CBS Enniscorthy St. Mary's DS Drogheda Mountmellick CS St. Kieran's College Coláiste Mhuire Mullingar Westmeath Schools

RUNNER-UP Coláiste Choilm Tullamore Malahide CS Gaelcholaiste Reachrann Mountmellick CS Offaly Schools **CBS** Kilkenny Heywood CS Colaiste Eanna Ramsgrange CS Laois Schools St. Kieran's College Castlecomer CS Boyns CS conceded Naas CBS Ardee CS Boyne CS St. Paul"s Monasterevin **CBS** Kilkenny St. Mary's CBS, Enniscorthy St. Declan's College St. Paul's College, Raheny St. Mary's Knockbeg College Boyne CS Blackrock College Coláiste Chilliain Good Counsel College Coláiste Eoin Scoileanna Chill Chainnigh

## **DUBLIN COMPETITIONS**

Dublin Senior Football 'A' Dublin Senior Football 'B' Dublin Senior Football 'C' Dublin Senior Football 'D' Dublin Senior Football 'D1' Section 1 Dublin Senior Football 'D1' Section 2 Dublin Senior Hurling 'C' Dublin Senior Hurling 'D' Dublin Senior Hurling 'DI' Section I Dublin Senior Hurling 'DI' Section 2 Dublin Jun Football 'A' Dublin Jun Football 'B' Dublin Jun Football 'C' Dublin Jun Football 'D' Dublin Jun Football 'D1' Section I Dublin Jun Football 'D1' Section 2 Dublin Jun Football 'DI' Section 3 Dublin Jun Football 'D1' Section 4 Dublin Jun. Hurling 'B' Dublin Jun Hurling 'C' Dublin Jun Hurling 'D' Dublin Jun Hurling 'DI' Sect. I Dublin Jun Hurling 'DI' Sect. 2 Dublin 2nd Yr Football 'A' Dublin 2nd Yr Football 'B' Dublin 2nd Yr Football 'C' Dublin 2nd Yr Football 'D' Dublin 2nd Yr Football 'D1' Section 1 Dublin 2nd Yr Football 'D1' Section 2 Dublin 2nd Yr Football 'D1' Section 3 Dublin 2nd Yr Football 'D1' Section 4 Dublin 2nd Yr Hurling 'B' Dublin 2nd Yr Hurling 'C' Dublin 2nd Yr Hurling 'D' Dublin 2nd Yr Hurling 'DI' Section I Dublin 2nd Yr Hurling 'DI' Section 2 Dublin 2nd Yr Hurling 'DI' Section 3

## Malahide CS Confey CC Firhouse CC Balbriggan CC Coláiste Eanna Luttrellstown CC Maynooth Ed. Campus Malahide C.S. Coláiste Chilliain Ardgillan College Hartstown C.S. Harolds Cross S.S. St. Declan's College Confey CC St. Michael's College St. Benildus College **Blackrock College Colaiste Chilliain** Belmayne ETSS Fingal CC Coláiste Pobail Setanta **Griffeen College Colaiste Eoin**

n/a



## WINNERS

**Terenure College** Gaelcholáiste Reachrann St. Paul's College, Raheny Gaelcholáiste Reachrann St. Paul's College, Raheny Marian College (awarded) St. Paul's College, Raheny Gaelcholáiste Reachrann Salesian College, Celbridge

Salesian Col Celbridge St. Pauls College, Raheny Swords CC v Col Choilm CBS Swords Firhouse CC

## **RUNNER-UP**

Ardscoil Rís St. Colmcille's CS Coláiste Cois Life St. Joseph's SS Rush Coláiste Chilliain Hartstown CS Malahide CS Lucan CC Coláiste Choilm CBS, Swords Fingal CC Terenure College Scr St. Declan's Col., Cabra Coláiste Eanna Coláiste Ghlór na Mara Drimnagh Castle C.B.S. Kylemore College Killinarden CS\* Palmerstown C.S. Malahide CS Coláiste Cois Life Lusk CC Moyle Park College Coláiste Pobail Setanta Portmarnock CS Malahide CS St. Paul's Raheny Old Bawn CS Beneavin DLS Col Pobal Fola Balbriggan CC Trinity CS St. Benildus College St. Colmcille's C.S. Scoil Chaitriona Col Mhuire Cabra

n/a





## SOUTH LEINSTER COMPETITIONS

Nth. Leinster Senior Football 'B' Nth. Leinster Senior Football 'C' Nth. Leinster Senior Football 'D' Nth. Leinster SF 'DI' Sect. I Nth. Leinster SF 'DI' Sect. 2 Nth. Leinster SF 'A' Lge Nth. Leinster SF 'B' Lge Nth. Leinster SF 'B' Lge Sect. 2 Nth. Leinster Senior Hurling 'C' Nth. Leinster Senior Hurling 'D' Nth. Leinster S.H. 'DI' Sect. I Nth. Leinster S.H. 'DI' Sect. 2 Nth. Leinster Jun Football 'A' Nth. Leinster Jun Football 'B' Nth. Leinster Jun Football 'C' Nth. Leinster Jun. Football 'D' Nth. Leinster Jun. Football 'D1' Sect. 1 Nth. Leinster Jun Hurling 'B' Nth. Leinster Jun Hurling 'C' Nth. Leinster Jun Hurling 'D' Nth. Leinster Jun Hurling 'D1' Sect. I Nth. Leinster Jun Hurling 'DI' Sect. 2 Nth. Leinster 2nd Yr Football 'A' Nth. Leinster 2nd Yr Football 'B' Nth. Leinster 2nd Yr Football 'C' Nth. Leinster 2nd Yr Football 'D' Nth. Leinster 2nd Yr Football 'D1' Sect. I Nth. Leinster 2nd Yr Football 'D1' Sect. 2 Nth. Leinster 2nd Yr Hurling 'B' Nth. Leinster 2nd Yr Hurling 'C' Nth. Leinster 2nd Yr Hurling 'D' Nth. Leinster 2nd Yr Hurling 'DI' Sect. I Nth. Leinster 2nd Yr Hurling 'DI' Sect. 2

## **WINNERS**

Ashbourne CS Mercy SS. Ballymahon Gallen CS, Ferbane Coláiste Rís, Dundalk St. Oliver's CC. Drogheda Ardscoil Rís Ashbourne CS St. Mary's DS, Drogheda Cistercian College, Roscrea **Killina Presentation SS** Athboy CS St. Joseph's CBS Drogheda Col. Mhuire, Mullingar Ardee C.S. Boyne C.S. Gallen C.S., Ferbane Ardscoil Phádraig, Granard Boyne CS St. Joseph's SS, Rochfortbridge St. Finian's College, Mullingar Marist College, Athlone Athboy C.S. Colaiste Mhuire Mullingar Boyne CS St. Mary's DS Drogheda St. Finian's College, Mullingar Colaiste na Mi Lanesboro CC Colaiste Mhuire Mullingar Boyne CS Dunshaughlin CC Marist College, Athlone St. Farnan's PP, Prosperous

Athlone CC St. Ciaran's CS, Kells Coláiste De Lacy, Ashbourne Ballymakenny College Scoil Uí Mhuirí, Dunleer Marist Col., Athlone Athlone CC Mercy SS, Ballymahon v Scoil Mhuire, Clane St. Peter's College, Dunboyne Ashbourne CS Tullamore College Marist Col., Athlone Cnoc Mhuire, Granard Mercy Sec. Sch., Kilbeggan **Oaklands** College Enfield CC Coláiste Mhuire, Mullingar Coláiste Naomh Cormac Gallen CS, Ferbane Sr. Mel's College St. Farnan's P.P., Prosperous St. Patrick's Cl. Sch, Navan St. Joseph's SS Rochfortbridge Mercy SS Ballymahon Colaiste de Lacy Castlepollard CC Sc Ui Mhuiri Dunleer Mountrath CS Coláiste Naomh Cormac Killina Pres SS Patrician SS, Newbridge Coláiste De Lacy, Ashbourne

RUNNER-UP

## NORTH LEINSTER COMPETITIONS

South Leinster Senior Football 'B' South Leinster Senior Football 'C' South Leinster Senior Football 'D' Sth Leinster SF 'DI' Section I Sth Leinster SF 'D1' Section 2 Sth Leinster SF 'A' Lge Sth Leinster SF 'B' Lge Sth. Leinster Senior Hurling 'C' Sth. Leinster Senior Hurling 'D' Sth. Leinster S.H. 'DI' Sect. I Sth. Leinster S.H. 'DI' Sect. 2 Sth Leinster Jun Football 'A' Sth Leinster Jun Football 'B' Sth Leinster Jun Football 'C' Sth Leinster Jun Football 'D' Sth Leinster Jun Football 'DI' Sect. I Sth Leinster Jun Football 'D1' Sect. 2 Sth Leinster Jun Football 'DI' Sect. 3 Sth Leinster Jun Hurling 'B' Sth Leinster Jun Hurling 'C' Sth Leinster Jun Hurling 'D' Sth Leinster Jun Hurling 'DI' Sect I Sth Leinster Jun Hurling 'D1' Sect 2 Sth Leinster 2nd Yr Football 'A' Sth Leinster 2nd Yr Football 'B' Sth Leinster 2nd Yr Football 'C' Sth Leinster 2nd Yr Football 'D' Sth Leinster 2nd Yr Football 'DI' Sect I Sth Leinster 2nd Yr Football 'DI' Sect 2 Sth Leinster 2nd Yr Hurling 'B' Sth Leinster 2nd Yr Hurling 'C' Sth Leinster 2nd Yr Hurling 'D' Sth Leinster 2nd Yr Hurling 'DI' Sect I Sth Leinster 2nd Yr Hurling 'D1' Sect 2

## WINNERS

Coláiste Bhríde Carnew Mountmellick CS **Blessington CC** Avondale CC **Terenure College Creagh College Gorey** Ramsgrange CS Naas CBS Gorey C.S. Coláiste Bhride, Carnew Arklow CBS **Piper's Hill College** Gaelcholáiste na Mara Abbey CC, Ferrybank Mountmellick CS Portlaoise CBS Mountmellick CS Castlecomer CS Borris VS\* (W/o) Wexford CBS Abbey Ferrybank Scoil Aireagail Mountmellick CS N/A

St. Mary's Academy/Carlow CBS Ardscoil Rath Iomaghain Coláiste Eoin, Hacketstown Scoil Aireagail, Ballyhale

East Glendalough School Coláiste Abhainn Rí, Callan Coláiste Iosagáin, Portarlington St. Kevin's CC, Dunlavin St. Mary's Knockbeg College St Marys CBS Enniscorthy

## RUNNER-UP

St Marys Enniscorthy Tullow CS Craobh Abhann Ramsgrange CS Col Abbáinn, Adamstown St. Peter's College FCJ Bunclody St Fergals Rathdowney Gael Col /Pres College Duiske Col/Coláiste Pobail Osraí Col. An Atha Kilmuckridge St. Mary's Knockbeg College Col. losagain, Portarlington Portlaoise CBS St Paul's Monasterevin Dunamase College Col. Abbain, Adamstown Scoil Aireagail, Ballyhale Gorey CS Scoil Mhuire, Clane Duiske Col/Coláiste Pobail Osraí Scoil Aireagail, Ballyhale Coláiste Chill Mhantáin Good Counsel College Wexford CBS Coláiste Chill Mhantáin Scoil Chonglais, Baltinglass Col Chroabh Abbain Athy College (Scr) FCJ Bunclody Pres DLS Carlow Gaelcolaiste /Pres Carlow Duiske Col/Coláiste Pobail Osrai N/A



## **FIRST YEAR GAMES**

Tom Quinlan Cup / Dublin First Yr. Football Green Division Orange Division **Blue Division** Yellow Division Grey Division Br Hubert Cup / Leinster First Yr. Football Green Division **Orange Division Blue Division** Grey Division Yellow Division Red Division Black Division White Division Larry Doyle Cup / Leinster First Yr. Hurling Green Division Orange Division Light Blue Division Pink/Grey Division Yellow Division Red Division Black Division White Division **Brown Division Pink Division** 

## **WINNERS**

St. Benildus College **Belvedere College** Swords C.C. Coláiste Pobail Setanta Moyle Park College

St. Benildus College **Belvedere College** Swords C.C. Coláiste Pobail Setanta Moyle Park College Mountmellick CS Colaiste na Mí Avondale CC

**CBS Kilkenny** St. Peter's College St. Benildus College Coláiste Abhainn Rí, Callan St. Paul's College Mercy SS, Kilbeggan St Farnans P.P. Prosperous Swords CC St Mary's Knockbeg College Clonturk CC

RUNNER-UP

Scoil Aodhain Lucan C.B.S. Edmund Rice College Marian College **Clonturk College** 

Col Choilm Tullamore St. Mary's CBS, Enniscorthy St. Ciaran's CS, Kells Ardsc Rath lomghain Banagher College Castlecomer CS Ardsc Phadraig Granard Lanesboro CC

St. Kieran's College Coláiste Mhuire, Mullingar Portmarnock CS Scoil Mhuire, Clane Dunshaughlin CC Coláiste Chill Mhantáin Naas CC St. Kevin's College Ramsgrange CS Coláiste Ghlór na Mara

## RUNNER-UP

St. Kieran's College (Kilkenny) St. Kieran's College (Kilkenny) CBS Kilkenny (Kilkenny) Good Counsel College (Wexford) CBS Kilkenny (Kilkenny) CBS Kilkenny (Kilkenny) St. Peter's College (Wexford) St. Kieran's College (Kilkenny) Coláiste Áindriú (Carlow) Castlecomer CS (Kilkenny) Grennan College (Kilkenny) Presentation S.S. (Kilkenny) Gorey CS (Wexford) Castlecomer CS (Kilkenny)

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## 40 X 20 HANDBALL (MARCH 2024)

#### 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** Girls First Year Doubles

#### **WINNERS**

Jack Whitty Joshua Roche **Rian Dowling** Nicky Healy/Hugh Healy **Charlie Roche** Katie Jordan Caoilinn Dowling Angel Cronin Kenny Abby Flanigan / Ella Roche

COMPETITION

60 X 30 HANDBALL (OCT. 2023)

**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 Girls First Year Doubles

#### **WINNERS**

Conor Doyle John Hayes / Cathal Buckley Anthony Clifford Jamie Moran / Sean Fitzharris **Rian Dowling** Sam O'Shea / Conor Deegan **Charlie Roche** Lory Hogan / Tadhg Kennedy Leah Ryan Aislinn Cooney / Katie Brennan Katie Jordan Niamh Drennan / Emily Phelan Angel Cronin Kenny Abby Flanigan / Ella Roche

- Niall Drennan / Mikie Stynes
- Jamie Moran / Sean Fitzharris

Lory Hogan / Tadhg Kennedy

Aislinn Cooney / Katie Brennan Niamh Drennan / Emily Phelan

### RUNNER-UP

Coláiste Abbáin, Adamstown (WX) CBS Kilkenny (Kilkenny) St. Peter's College (Wexford) Good Counsel College (Wexford) CBS Kilkenny (Kilkenny) St. Kieran's College (Kilkenny) St. Peter's College (Wexford) St. Kieran's College (Kilkenny) Grennan College (Kilkenny) Castlecomer CS (Kilkenny) Castlecomer CS (Kilkenny) Presentation S.S. (Kilkenny) Gorey CS (Wexford) Castlecomer CS (Kilkenny)





## **FUTURE LEADERS**

SCHOOL		COUNTY	SCHOOL
Coláiste Eoin	-	Carlow	Scoil chaitriona
St Leo's College, Carlow	-	Carlow	St Andrew's College
St Marys Academy CBS Carlow	-	Carlow	St Benildus College
St Mary's Knockbeg College	-	Carlow	St Colmcilles Community School
			St Declan's College
Adamstown community college	-	Dublin	St Finians Community College
Belmayne ETSS	-	Dublin	St Josephs College, Lucan
Catholic University School	-	Dublin	St Joseph's Secondary School, Rush
Clogher Road Community College	-	Dublin	St Kevins College
Clonkeen College	-	Dublin	St Kevin's Community College
Clonturk CC	-	Dublin	St Laurence College
Coláiste Cois Life	-	Dublin	St Louis High School
Coláiste de hÍde	-	Dublin	St Michael's Holy Faith Secondary School
Colaiste Eanna	-	Dublin	St Pauls Secondary School
Coláiste Eoin	-	Dublin	St Tiernan's Community School
Colaiste Pobail Fola	-	Dublin	Swords Community College
Dominican College Sion Hill	-	Dublin	Templeogue College
Donabate CC	-	Dublin	
Edmund Rice College	-	Dublin	Ardscoil na Trionoide
Greenhills College	-	Dublin	Athy College
Hansfield Educate Together Secondary School	-	Dublin	Gael-Choláiste Chill Dara
Harold's Cross ETSS	-	Dublin	Kildare town community school
Holy Child Community School	-	Dublin	Maynooth Education Campus
Holy Faith Secondary School Clontarf	-	Dublin	Maynooth Post Primary School
Kylemore College,	-	Dublin	Naas CBS
Larkin Community College	-	Dublin	Naas Community College
Loreto College Swords	-	Dublin	Salesian College
LORETO Secondary School Balbriggan	-	Dublin	Scoil Dara, Kilcock
Lusk Community College	-	Dublin	St farnans post primary school
Malahide CS	-	Dublin	St Wolstan's Community School
Mercy College Coolock	-	Dublin	
Mount Sackville Secondary School	-	Dublin	Castlecomer Community School
Moyle Park College	-	Dublin	CBS Kilkenny
Oatlands College	-	Dublin	Colaiste cois siuire
O'Connell Secondary School	-	Dublin	Coláiste Pobail Osraí
Old Bawn CS	-	Dublin	Grennan College
Our lady's School	-	Dublin	Kilkenny City Vocational school
Portmarnock Community school	-	Dublin	Presentation Secondary School Kilkenny
Rathdown School	-	Dublin	Scoil Aireagail
	-	Dabim	St Kieran's College
			SURIEI all's College

		COUNTY	SCHOOL		COUNTY
	-	Dublin	Dunamase College	-	Laois
	-	Dublin	Heywood Community School	-	Laois
	-	Dublin	Mountrath CS	-	Laois
	-	Dublin	St Fergals College	-	Laois
	-	Dublin			
	-	Dublin	Ardscoil Phadraig	-	Longford
	-	Dublin	Cnoc Mhuire Secondary School Granard	-	Longford
	-	Dublin	Mercy Secondary School Ballymahon	-	Longford
	-	Dublin			
	-	Dublin	Ardee Community School	-	Louth
	-	Dublin	Ballymakenny College	-	Louth
	-	Dublin	Colaiste Ris	-	Louth
ol	-	Dublin	De La Salle College Dundalk	-	Louth
	-	Dublin	Drogheda ETSS	-	Louth
	-	Dublin	Ofiaich college	-	Louth
	-	Dublin	Sacred Heart School	-	Louth
	-	Dublin	ScoilUiMhuiri	-	Louth
			St Josephs CBS Drogheda	-	Louth
	-	Kildare	St Olivers Community College	-	Louth
	-	Kildare			
	-	Kildare	Ashbourne Community School	-	Meath
	-	Kildare	Athboy Community School	-	Meath
	-	Kildare	Colaiste Clavin	-	Meath
	-	Kildare	Colaiste Na hInse	-	Meath
	-	Kildare	Coláiste na Mí	-	Meath
	-	Kildare	Dunshaughlin Community College	-	Meath
	-	Kildare	Eureka Secondary School	-	Meath
	-	Kildare	Loreto navan	-	Meath
	-	Kildare	O'Carolan College	-	Meath
	-	Kildare	Ratoath College	-	Meath
		i di dui c	Scoil Mhuire	_	Meath
	_	Kilkenny	St Ciarans Community School, Kells, Co Meath	_	Meath
	_	Kilkenny	St Joseph's secondary school navan	_	Meath
	-		St Patrick's Classical School	-	Meath
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St Mary's College Arklow.

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