

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall



Combobáil Bhliantúil 2022

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Standing Orders for Annual Convention

- 1. The proposer of a resolution or an amendment shall formally propose the resolution or amendment.
- 2. A resolution or amendment shall require a formal seconder in order to establish a live debate.
- 3. The proposer of a resolution or an amendment may speak for five minutes but not more than five minutes.
- 4. A delegate speaking to a resolution or an amendment must not exceed three minutes.
- 5. The proposer of a resolution or amendment may speak a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no delegate may speak a second time to the same resolution or amendment.

- 6. The Chairman may, at any time he considers a matter may be fully discussed, call on the proposer for a reply and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
- 7. A delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman, move "that the question be now put" after when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
- 8. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Clár, except by consent of a majority equal to 60% of those present and entitled to vote.



Donegal Squad - Ulster Final 2022

Miontuaiririscí Chomhdhail Bhliantuil 2021



Comhdháil Bhliantúil 2021, Microsoft Teams Online, Dé Luain, 13ú Nollaig 2021

Mick Mc Grath, chairperson welcomed everyone to County Convention for 2021.

Standing Orders for County Convention were adopted on the proposal of Ryan Walsh, Realt na Mara, Bundoran and seconded by William Doogan, Aodh Ruadh.

Glacadh le miontuairiscí na comdhála deiridh ar mholadh Gerry Rushe, Robeirt Eimid, agus Enda Bonner, An Clocham Liath ag tacú leis. No matters were arising.

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí was adopted on the proposal of Donal Sharkey, Naomh Muire, Íochtar Na Rosann, and seconded by Pat Walsh, Realt na Mara, Bundoran. Written report was presented by Runaí.

John McConnell, commented on the Under 17 rule, and it appears that it is failing clubs at the moment. Runaí said that it would take a Rule change at Congress or we would need to get a change of Central Council policy on the having to play at odd ages instead of even age competitions. We would take advice on supporting the rule change from the clubs. Donal Sharkey and Gerry Rushe also supported John's comments. Sean Dunnion also said that it is going to be a challenge and part of the rule change was to decouple Adult and underage fixtures.

Treasurer's Financial Report.

Alan Boyd presented the report and thanked Enda Bonner and staff for the work on Auditing.

Alan gave a page by page breakdown of the Income and Expenditure, as per the accounts.

Income for 2021 was €1080987 and Expenditure was €761262. Operating profit of €319725.

Matters arising:

Mary Kelly congratulated Alan, and she raised the issue with the cashless games going forward. There are people not in a position to buy tickets online, and it is something we need to address. It was agreed that we would look into the procedures at the gates, but we will be continuing with our online ticketing. Alan gave a breakdown of the advantages of the ticketing system.

Michael McMenamin, asked for further information

on the Debtors figure on Page 10. Alan said the figure is broken down by Clubs Levies, and Sponsorship and Croke Park monies due.

Tuarascáil an Chisteora was adopted on the proposal of Daithi Roberts, gaoth Dobhair, and seconded by Gerry Rushe.

Alan thanked Noreen, Eilis and Aine in the Office, and also thanked his Assistant Treasurer, Frankie Doherty, and also thanked PRO, John McEniff for his work on Streaming. He also thanked all the Gate people for their work during the Championships.

He thanked Sinead and John for their work on Streaming.

Tuarascáil Oifigeach Chúltúrtha agus Teanga

- proposed by Sean McHugh, Beart and seconded by Michelle Bennett.

Caitriona Sweeney presented her written report.

Tuarascáil Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí

- proposed by Manus O Donnell, Beart, and seconded by Pat Walsh, Bundoran.

Liam McElhinney thanked Seamus all the best and said it was a loss that he was not staying on in his position.

Tuarascáil an Oifigeach Chaidrimh Phoiblí

was adopted on the proposal of Ryan walsh, and seconded by Andy Doherty, Aodh Rua, Cul na qCurridín.

No Matters arising.

An Cathaoirleach Mícheál Mac Craith

then addressed County Convention.

Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to another Microsoft Teams Convention. He thanked the Frontline workers, and the Covid workers, and especially GAA members who assisted locally in their communities. He asked all members to help by joining the vaccination and booster program.

We have now completed our current Strategic Plan, and we must now review the plan and we must now start looking at setting up a new Plan for the end of 2021, and we must now commence work on our new Strategic Plan, to incorporate, hurling, Coaching restructure, Financial Planning, and Club Officer

recruitment. Health and Wellbeing will be a major part of this new plan.

He congratulated the Adult and CCC committees on their work and he said that he felt that all County semi-finals and Finals should be played at Neutral venues at all times.

He highlighted the large number of games that were held at the Donegal GAA centre. He said this was not the intention of the Centre but for it to be a place for development and improvement in player and Coaching development. He applauded the clubs in the reintroduction of Cul Camps with a total of over 3500 children attending.

He also welcomed the new initiative rolled out to 12 schools, on pre class Gymnasium sessions, involving a number of voluntary coaches taking part and up to 170 students taking part.

He welcomed the new 5 year Memorandum of Understanding with Letterkenny IT. It is an important agreement for the next five years, and beyond.

He stated the final Nett Income of the House Draw was \$17,000.00, which will help us conclude the Donegal GAa Centre in 2022.

He informed that there is a sale agreed on the land owed at Drumboe.

He congratulated Caitriona on her first year as Irish and Cultural Officer and commended her in her role.

He welcomed the GAA Centre for the development of hurling games and team training. It allows for a central venue to avoid some of the long Journeys that our hurling clubs have to endure. He thanked Manus for his work throughout the year.

He welcomed the introduction of our new Youth Academy under the leadership of Karl Lacey.

He thanked Michelle on covering all our games this year. He said that he would welcome the recruitment of more Officials and it is something we need to work towards in 2022.

He thanked our Ulster Council Representatives Brendan and Fergus for their work over the year. He also thanked Sean Dunnion on his work in Central Council and especially on his work on the Trade Mark, and Sleeve sponsorship in Croke Park.

He commended Charlie Kerr on his expertise in his role as Development Officer. He also praised John McEniff on his role as PRO and stated that he is excellent in his role.

He said Daireen McMenamin has brought her Solicitor knowledge to the role of Childrens Officer and said she was capable of dealing with the new demands that always arise in the role.

He thanked Conor McDermott who is ending his 5 year term in the Coaching Officer Role. He praised them for all their work over the 5 years and also for Chairing the Minor Board Committee during his spell. He also wished Seamus O Donnell the best of luck in the future and thanked him for his work as Central Council and Chairperson of the CCC.

He thanked Alan and Declan for their assistance and work in 2021 and looked forward to continuing the work in 2022.

He thanked all the Sub Committees for their work in 2021, Hearings Committee, Coiste Na nOg, Cultural Committee, Hurling Board.

He thanked our Administrator Noreen Doherty for her work throughout the year.

He congratulated and thanked all the County teams for their performances in this difficult year.

He concluded by thanking all our Sponsors, especially Donagh Kelly, of Circet, Liam Clancy of the Abbey Hotel, and O'Neills, as well as our new additions for 2022.

He thanked all our Clubs and Volunteers for keeping Donegal Gaa in the forefront of sport in Donegal, and he looked forward to working with everyone in 2022.



Opening of Donegal GAA Centre - County Executive

Election of Officers

Paddy Doherty, Returning Officer, was asked to remind the delegates on the P.R. Voting System.

Election of Officers	
Cathaoirleach (Chairperson)	Mick McGrath Proposed Pat Walsh, John McConnell
Runaí (Secretary)	Declan Martin, Proposed by Daithi Roberts, Michelle Bennett
Cisteoir (Treasurer)	Alan Boyd Proposed Daithi Roberts, Ciaran McKenna
Leas chathaoirleach (Vice Chairperson)	David Mc Loone Proposed by William Doogan, seconded Joseph Brennan
Runaí Cunta	Ed Byrne 50 Elected
(Assistant Secretary)	Sinead Breen 38
Leas Chisteoir (Assistant Treasurer)	Frankie Doherty Proposed Sean McBrearty, Pat Walsh
Oifigeach Oiliúna (Coaching Officer)	Michael McGeehin Proposer John McConnell, Brian Trarty
Oifigeach Gaelige agus Cultúir (Irish and Cultural Officer)	Caitriona Sweeney Proposed by Manus O'Donnell, Michael McMenamin
Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí (P.R.O.)	John McEniff Proposed Ryan Walsh, Andy Doherty
Ionadaí ar Comairle Uladh(2) Ulster Council	Fergus McGee Proposed by Enda Bonner, Paddy McLaughlin.
Representatives (2)	Brendan Kelly Proposed by Liam McElhinney, Oliver Prunty
Ionadaí ar Ard Comhairle (Central Council Officer)	Sean Dunnion Proposed Mary Kelly, Michael Quinn
Teachtaí go	Ed Byrne 54 Elected
Comhdháil Bhliantúil Chomhairle Uladh (Delegate to Ulster Convention) (1)	Ryan Walsh 30
Teachtaí go	Seamus O Domhnaill 68
Comhdháil Bhliantúil C.L.G (Delegate to National Congress) (1)	Ryan Walsh 18
Childrens Officer	Daireen McMenamin Proposed by Andy Doherty, Donal Sharkey
Planning and Training Officer	Charlie Kerr Proposed by Donal Walker, Brian Trearty.

Paddy Doherty gave the result of the Votes:

Runaí Cunta		
Total Electoral 100 Total Votes 94 Invalid Votes 6	Total Valid Votes 88. Quota 45.	
Ed Byrne	50	
Sinead Breen	38	
Ed Byrne elected. Cathaoirleach congratulated Ed Byrne.		

Teachtaí go Comhdháil Bhliantúil Chomhairle Uladh		
Total Votes 94 Invalid 6 Spoiled 4	Total Valid Poll 84 Quota 43	
Votes of First Count		
Ed Byrne	54 Votes Elected	
Ryan Walsh	30 Votes	
Ed Byrne Elected.		

Teachtaí go Comhdháil Bhliantúil C.L.G.		
Total Votes 94 Invalid 6 Spoiled 2	Total Valid Poll 86 Quota 44	
Votes of First Count		
Ryan Walsh	18 Votes	
Seamus O Domhnaill	68 Votes Elected	
Seamus O Domhnaill Elected.		

Cathaoirleach thanked Paddy and his assistants for carrying out the counts.



Opening of Donegal GAA Centre - Mick and Larry

Ruín/Motions:

1 Amend Bye-law 1 currently as follows:

County Convention: (Rules 3.10 to 3.17 T.O.) County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.10, shall having firstly been duly nominated in accordance with Rule 3.13 elect/appoint the following Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.11. Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Development Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture and Public Relations Officer and shall appoint a Children's Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee. It shall further elect two representatives on Provincial Council and One representative on Central Council. It shall elect delegates to Annual Congress and Provincial Convention in accordance with Rule 3.12.

Our amended Bye-law 1 is as follows:

County Convention: (Rules 3.10 to 3.17 T.O.) County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.10, shall having firstly been duly nominated in accordance with Rule 3.13 elect/appoint the following Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.11. Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Development Officer, Coaching Officer, **Hurling Officer**, Officer for Irish Language and Culture and Public Relations Officer and shall appoint a Children's Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee. It shall further elect two representatives on Provincial Council and One representative on Central Council. It shall elect delegates to Annual Congress and Provincial Convention in accordance with Rule 3.12.

Proposed by Naomh Adhamhnáin, Aodh Ruadh, Gaoth Dobhair, An Clochan Liath, Setanta, Beart, MacCumhaills.

2 Amend Bye-law 2

The Donegal County Committee shall consist of the following officers elected at the Annual convention: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Oifigeach na Gaeilge agus Cultúir, Coaching Officer, Development Officer, two Representatives to the Provincial Council, One Representative to the Central Council, The County Children's Officer, (appointed in accordance with R.3.19(h), T.O. 2021), One named Cumann na mBunscoil Representative, One named An Choiste Iomána Representative, One named Post Primary Schools Committee Representative, One named Handball Committee Representative, One named delegate from each of the three (3) Divisional Sub-Committees and two (2) named delegates from each of the affiliated clubs in the county

subject to Rule 3.18 (a) T.O. 2021. One (1) named Representative from Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta. It shall also include a named Integration Officer with responsibility liaising with Ladies Football, Camogie, Handball and Rounders' boards, and driving the Integration process within the county. All except An Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta representative and the Integration Officer, shall have voting rights.

Our amended Byelaw 2 is as follows:

The Donegal County Committee shall consist of the following officers elected at the Annual Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, convention: Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Oifigeach na Gaeilge agus Cultúir, Coaching Officer, Development Officer, two Representatives to the Provincial Council, One Representative to the Central Council, The County Children's Officer, (appointed in accordance with R.3.19(h), T.O. 2021), One named Cumann na mBunscoil Representative, Two named An Choiste Iomána Representatives, One named Post Primary Schools Committee Representative, One named Handball Committee Representative, One named delegate from each of the three (3) Divisional Sub-Committees and two (2) named delegates from each of the affiliated clubs in the county subject to Rule 3.18 (a) T.O. 2021. One (1) named Representative from Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta. It shall also include a named Integration Officer with responsibility liaising with Ladies Football, Camogie, Handball and Rounders' boards, and driving the Integration process within the county. All except An Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta representative and the Integration Officer, shall have voting rights.

Proposed by Naomh Adhamhnáin, Aodh Ruadh, Gaoth Dobhair, An Clochan Liath, Setanta, Beart, MacCumhaills.

3 Amend Byelaw 3.1 as currently is as follows:

County Convention: (Rules 3.10 to 3.17 T.O.) County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.10, shall having firstly been duly nominated in accordance with Rule 3.13 elect/appoint the following Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.11.

Coiste Banistíochta: It shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, P.R.O., County Children's Officer, Coaching Officer, Development Officer, Oifigeach na Gaeilge, Two Ulster Council Representatives and the Central Council Representative.

Our amended Byelaw 3.1 is as follows:

Coiste Banistíochta: It shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary,

Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, P.R.O., County Children's Officer, Coaching Officer, DevelopmentOfficer,OifigeachnaGaeilge,**Hurling Officer**, Two Ulster Council Representatives and the Central Council Representative.

Proposed by Naomh Adhamhnáin, Aodh Ruadh, Gaoth Dobhair, An Clochan Liath, Setanta, Beart, MacCumhaills.

4 Byelaw 3.1 as currently is as follows:

3.2 Competition Controls Committee:

It shall consist of the County Vice-Chairperson, the Assistant County Secretary, County Coaching Officer, Secretary of the County Minor Sub-Committee, Assistant County Treasurer, County PRO, One Ulster Council Representative, the Secretary of An Choiste Iomána and the County Referees Administrator (who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of Referees) and a named representative of each of the three (3) Divisional Sub-Committees (who shall be entitled to vote only on matters pertaining to underage fixtures). In addition, County Committee shall appoint three named members of County Committee, one each from Junior, Intermediate and Senior clubs. A quorum for this committee shall be four (4).

Our amended Byelaw 3.2 is as follows:

3.2 Competition Controls Committee:

It shall consist of the County Vice-Chairperson, the Assistant County Secretary, County Coaching Officer, Secretary of the County Minor Sub-Committee, Assistant County Treasurer, County PRO, One Ulster Council Representative, two (2) members (named) of An Choiste Iomána and the County Referees Administrator (who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of Referees) and a named representative of each of the three (3) Divisional Sub-Committees (who shall be entitled to vote only on matters pertaining to underage fixtures). In addition, County Committee shall appoint three named members of County Committee, one each from Junior, Intermediate and Senior clubs. A quorum for this committee shall be four (4).

Proposed by Naomh Adhamhnáin, Aodh Ruadh, Gaoth Dobhair, An Clochan Liath, Setanta, Beart, MacCumhaills.

It is the proposal of County Executive to defer these 4 above motions to a Special Convention so we are able to have a physical meeting in order to discuss these proposals properly.

This was agreed by the Clubs proposing the motions.

5 County Convention:

(Rules 3.10 to 3.17 T.O. 2021) County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.10 TO 2021, shall having firstly been duly nominated in accordance with Rule 3.13 TO2021, shall elect/appoint the following Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.11 (a) TO 2021: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture and Public Relations Officer and shall appoint a Children's Officer and a Planning and Training Officer, both recommended by the outgoing County Committee. It shall further elect two representatives on Provincial Council and One representative on Central Council. It shall elect Delegates to Annual Congress and Provincial Convention in accordance with Rule 3.12 TO

Proposed by County Executive, acting on Temporary powers of County Committee Proposed Sean Dunnion, Seconded by Liam McElhinney.

6 County Committee:

It shall consist of the following officers elected/ appointed at the Annual Convention: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Public Relations Oifigeach agus Officers, Gaeilge Coaching Officer, Planning and Training Officer, Childrens'Officer, two Representatives to the Provincial Council, One Representative to Central Council, The County Referees' Administrator (appointed in accordance with R. 3.19 (h), T. O. 2021), County Safety and Facilities Officer, One named Cumann na mBunscol Representative, One named An Choiste Iomána Representative, One named Post Primary Schools Committee Representative, One named Handball Committee Representative, One named delegate each from the three (3) Divisional Committees and two (2) named delegates from each of the affiliated Clubs in the County subject to Rule 3.18 (a) T.O. 2021. One (1) named Representative from Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta. It shall also include a named Integration Officer, appointed by the County Committee, with responsibility liaising with Ladies Football, Camogie, Handball and Rounders' boards, and driving the Integration process within the county. All, except An Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta representative and the Integration Officer, shall have voting rights.

Proposed by County Executive, acting on Temporary powers of County Committee Proposed William Doogan, Seconded by Gerry Rushe.

7 Amend 3.1 Coiste Bainistíochta:

Itshall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, P. R.O., Children's Officer, Coaching Officer, Planning and Training Officer, Oifigeach na Gaelige, Two Ulster Council Representatives and the Central Council Representative.

Proposed by County Executive, acting on Temporary powers of County Committee Proposed Pat Walsh, Seconded by S.ean McGinley

8 Remove 3.5. Planning Physical Development and Safety Committee:

It shall consist of the County Development Officer (as its Chairperson) and 5 other named nominated personnel, deemed qualified and appointed by the County Committee.

And replace with

3.5. Safety and Facilities Committee...

shall have six members including County Safety and Facilities Officer who shall be Chairperson, a Qualified Event Controller. The remaining members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in R. 3.20 (v) T.O. 2021.

Proposed by County Executive, acting on Temporary powers of County Committee Proposed Denis Ellis, Seconded by Ryan Walsh.

9 New Bye-Law

3.15 Planning and Training Committee

shall consist of five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by The National Officer Development Committee and Club and County Planning Committee.

Proposed by County Executive, acting on Temporary powers of County Committee Proposed Liam McElhinney, Seconded by Donal Walker.

10 New Bye Law

3.16 Audit and Risk Committee

shall consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member

Proposed by County Executive, acting on Temporary powers of County Committee Proposed Enda Bonner, Seconded by Andy Doherty. **Tuarascail Oifigeach Forbartha** - Proposed by John McDermott, Leifear and seconded by Brian Trearty

No Matters arising.

Tuarascáil Choiste Iomanaíochta - Proposed by Daithi Roberts seconded by Andy Doherty.

Tuarascáil Oifigeach Oiliúna - Proposed by John McConnell and seconded by Liam McElhinney.

John McConnell thanked Conor for his work over the 5 years. He said it was time to relook at our underage grading and structures. Conor gave a run down of new structures brought in this year, and he hoped this could continue to help in 2022. Liam McElhinney supported John's Comments. Conor thanks all that helped him in his five years, especially all the Club Coaches.

Tuaraiscail Oifigeach Leanaí - proposed by Michael McMenamin and seconded by Sinead Breen

Tuarascáil Choiste Réiteoirí – proposed by Daithi Roberts and seconded by John Boyle.

Tuarascáil Choiste Folláine agus Sláinte – proposed by Andy Doherty and seconded by Oliver Prunty

Tuarascáil Rúnaí Chumann na mBhunscoileanna – proposed by Manus O Donnell and seconded by John Ward

Tuarascáil Rúnaí an Choiste Éisteachta – was adopted on the proposal of Michelle Bennett and seconded by Seamus Ó Domhnaill.

Tuarascáil Ard Chomhairle - was adopted on the proposal of Andy Doherty and seconded by John McDermott.

Tuarascáil Chomhairle Uladh (1) – proposed by Sinead Breen and seconded by Connie Maguire

Tuarascáil Chomhairle Uladh (2) proposal of Connie Maguire and seconded by Oliver Prunty

Tuaraiscail Coiste na nOg: proposed by William Doogan, seconded by Oliver Prunty.

Turascáil Choiste Pleanáil Cluichí was proposed by John Boyle and seconded by Gerry Rushe

That concluded the Officer's Reports.

Runaí stated that membership has fallen drastically, and it is a major concerned for our membership. Clubs need to check their membership for 2022. Seamus Ó Domhnaill spoke on this and said we should do something to entice members to join clubs. He felt Executive should look at a prize for a raffle for Clubs.

An Cathaoirleach, Mick Mc Grath thanked everyone in attendance and wished everyone a happy Christmas and a happy new year.

That concluded the business of Convention 2021.

Líosta Onóracha 2022

Urratheoir Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure		
Craobh	Buaiteoiri	
Peil Sinsear A	Naomh Conaill	
Peil Sinsear B	Naomh Conaill	
Peil Sinsear C	Sean MacCumhaills	
Peil Idirmheánach A	An Clochan Liath	
Peil Idirmheánach B	Naomh Mhuire, Conmhaigh	
Peil Soisear A	Gaeil Leiter Ceannain	
Peil Soisear B	Naomh Ultan	

Urratheoir Grand Central Hotel Dublin		
Iomainaiocht Sinsear	Setanta	
Iomainaíocht Idirmheánach	Sean MacCumhaills	
Iomainaiocht Soisear	Setanta	





Senior C 2022 Champions Sean MacCumhaill



Intermediate A Champions 2022 - Dungloe Squad

Vótáil



VOTING PROCEDURES

1. Election Procedures

In accordance with Rule 3.11 (f), T.O. 2022, voting to fill Elective Positions at Annual County Convention shall be on the basis of the Proportional Representation System. For such positions, delegates shall vote for the candidates running, in the order of their choice. A guota will be established based on the number of valid votes cast. The candidate who reaches this quota either though first preference votes or subsequent transfers at a second or subsequent count will be deemed elected. The quota for election is the next highest number to the total number of valid votes divided by the number of vacancies plus one, e.g. in the case of one vacancy to be filled, where 300 valid votes have been cast, the quota would be 151.

2. Voting when more than one position is to be filled

Under the Proportional Representation System, the same overall process is followed where there are two or more positions to be filled. Again, delegates shall vote for the candidates running, in the order of their choice. Similarly, the quota for election is established based on the number of valid votes cast. In cases where two positions are to be filled, the quota for election is the next highest number to the total number of valid votes divided by the number of vacancies plus one, e.g. where 300 valid votes have been cast, the quota would be 101. Candidates who reach this quota either though first preference votes or subsequent transfers at a second or subsequent count will be deemed elected.



Junior B Final Adrian Nesbitt and Darragh Murrin



Junior A Final Carn V Letterkenny Gaels Conor Browne with Mick McGrath



Senior A Championship Final 2022 -Kevin McGettigan with Cup and Mick McGrath



Senior B Championship Final 2022 - Captain Logan Quinn



Intermediate Champions - Dungloe Captain with Cathal McGuigan Cup



Senior C Final - Naomh Conaill v Sean MacCumhaill 2022

NUMBER OF DELEGATES ENTITLED TO VOTE

In accordance with Rule 3.10, T.O. 2022, Annual Convention shall consist of the Officers and members of the outgoing Committee and representation from each Club which competed in a Junior or a higher grade Championship of the current year as decided by the County Management Committee. County Bye-Law no. 2 define the County Committee as being

comprised of the County Management committee, The referee's Administrator, plus 1 delegate each from Handball Board, Bunscoil, Post Primary Schools, Choiste Iomana the three Divisional Sub-Committees

The Maximum affiliation which can be accepted in 2022 from one unit or group is four.

Club	No. of Delegates	Club	No. of Delegates
Aodh Ruadh	4	Bun Dobhráin	4
Ard an Rátha	4	Naomh Ultain	4
Naomh Mhuire, Conmhaigh	4	Gleann Fhinne	4
Naomh Columba	4	Na Ceithre Maistrí	4
Gaoth Dobhair	4	Na Rossa	4
Naomh Conaill	4	Na Cealla Beaga	4
Cill Chartha	4	Cloich Cheann Fhaola	4
Gaeil Fhánada	4	Roibeard Eiméid	4
An Clochán Liath	4	Sean Mhic Cumhaill	4
Naomh Adhamhnáin	4	Naomh Mícheáil	4
Beart	4	Bun Cranncha	4
Na Dúnaibh	4	An Tearmann	4
Naomh Náille	4	Naomh Muire, Íochtar na Rosann	4
Aodh Rua (C. Mhic gCuirdin)	4	Carn Domhnach	4
lorras	4	Naomh Pádraig , Leifear	4
Gleann tSúilí	4	Málainn	4
Baile na nGallóglach	4	Setanta	4
Naomh Bríd	4	Paite Gabha	4
Naomh Padraig, Uisce Caoin	4	Naomh Colmcille	4
Bun an Phobail	4	Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn	4

IOMLÁN: 160

Other			
County Chairman	1	County Secretary	1
County Treasurer	1	Ulster Council Delegates	2
County Asst. Treasurer	1	P.R.O.	1
County Vice Chairman	1	County Asst. Secretary	1
Co. Planning and Training Officer	1	Central Council Delegate	1
Oifigeach na Gaeilge agus Teanga	1	Children's Officer	1
Vocational Schools Board	1	Cumann na mBunscoil	1
Handball Board	1	Coaching Officer	1
Northern Board	1	Southern Board	1
Inishowen Board	1	Hurling Board	1
Referee's Administrator	1		

IOMLÁN: 182

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí 2022



Cuirim fáilte romaibh uilig anseo chuig Comhdháil Bhliantúil CLG Dhún na nGall 2022. Is cúis mór bróid dom tuarascáil bliantúil an Rúnaí Condae don bhliain 2022 a chur os bhur gcóir anocht. Bhí bliain iontach gnóthach againn I mbliana agus caithfidh mé mo bhuíochas a ghabhail leis na hOifigigh ar fad as a gcuid oibre ar son CLG Dhún na nGall agus do na fóchumainn uilig as a gcomh oibriú agus a dtacaíocht I rith na bliana.

I wish to welcome you all to the Mount Errigal Hotel for the Donegal GAA 2022 County Convention. It is a pleasure to present my report which includes details of the activities in Donegal during the past year. We have had a very busy year and I must thank all the Officers for their work on behalf of the Donegal GAA and all the sub-committees for their co-operation and support throughout the year.

Our County footballers successfully maintained their Allianz League Division 1 status in a difficult League. Disappointingly we were defeated by Derry in the Ulster Final, and suffered defeat to Armagh in the All Ireland Qualifiers. I would like to thank Declan Bonner and his management team for their commitment and efforts in the 2022 season and over the five years he was in charge of the fortunes of the Donegal Senior Football team. Through his tenure we reached four Ulster Championship Finals and won two of them. I wish Declan all the best in his future and would like to thank him for his commitment to Donegal GAA over the last decade. I would also like to thank our two retiring players Neil McGee and Michael Murphy. I believe it will be a long time before we or any County will line out with a Full Back and Full Forward of the caliber of Neil and Michael, thank you both for many happy days supporting Donegal over the last 15 years.

I would also like to thank Mickey McCann and his management team for their dedication and efforts to the County Senior Hurling team in 2022. They narrowly lost the Conor McGurk Final to Down at the beginning of the year, and they unfortunately lost the Semi Final of the Division 2B League and also the last game of the Nicky Rackard Cup to Tyrone, which meant they failed to make the Final by a point.

I would like to congratulate Karl Lacey, Aaron Kyles and Michael McGeehin on the work being carried out

on our Academy Development. We hope that work being done in Coaching Development and Player development will see the benefits come to fruition in the years to come. I believe that this Academy is long overdue and I hope that all clubs will gain from it as the years progress.

We have achieved a major milestone this year with the Official opening of the Donegal GAA Centre. This has been a long journey but thanks to the drive of our Cathaoirleach Mick McGrath and his predecessors in the role, the Centre is now open and fully functioning to the maximum capacity. Thanks also has to go to the **Development Officers and Development Committee** for there dedication to have the Centre in the best possible condition. This Centre will now help to improve our standards, through our Adult teams and through our Academy, and I have no doubt that the five playing pitches will not be left empty in the months ahead as our teams prepare for the 2023 season. A lot of great work is being done by our Planning and Training Officer, Charlie Kerr, on the bookings, and we thank Charlie for this. A word of thanks also to Brendan McElhinney, the Caretaker at the Donegal GAA Centre. Brendan has the grounds in prime condition and is to be commended for his commitment and dedication to the role

This year, 2022 heralded the much-acclaimed split season for County Games and Club Games. This has brought new challenges for all concerned with the scheduling of Club Football and Hurling in the County. It is difficult to get the balance right as we in Donegal had attempted to achieve the separation of the League and Championship. In the last five years we have managed, at the request of our clubs to complete our league season prior to Championship commencing. The introduction of the split season now means that in order to finish our Championships by the end of October, some of our clubs may complete their Adult playing year in the middle of September. Some Clubs may prefer this as the games are played in the summer months and there will not be as much games being played on their pitches throughout the October and November months. This is something that will need to be discussed thoroughly by all clubs to ascertain what is the best option for our games going forward. I praise the adult and minor CCC's for the way they worked together in order to get a busy schedule of games completed. As all the club championships

were played at the same time of year it was admirable that all competitions ran smoothly throughout 2022. At present only the County U21 competitions are to be completed and these should be completed prior to Christmas.

Respect the referee has been launched nationwide, and it is important that we treat our referees with the respect they deserve. It takes a lot of courage to take up refereeing, and anyone who does so, should be commended for it. Unfortunately, some of the time they get abuse at games which can be dealt with, by their report. However now in the modern world, they also get abuse on social media, which is becoming prevalent our games at the moment. It is easy to sit at a keyboard and find fault with any person, who is brave enough to put themselves forward to officiate at our games. Social Media abuse is also being aimed at our Team Officials, Officers and players. It was highlighted at our County Committee meetings this year, and we as a County will attempt to do our part to make sure that any person who posts personal offensive material is held accountable under the Rules of the GAA.

Hurling / Iomanaíocht

Donegal Hurlers had a good start to the year by reaching the Conor McGurk Cup Final, unfortunately they lost out to Down by a point. They started their Division 2B league campaign with wins over London, Sligo and Wicklow. They then lost their fourth game to Derry, but managed to win their last game against mayo. Again they came up short by a point against Sligo in the semi final. They started their Nicky Rackard Cup campaign with a wins over Fermanagh and Armagh. They then drew with Roscommon, and beat Warwickshire to set up a final game showdown with Tyrone. Again they lost out, by two points this time, in no small part to the excellence of the Nicky rackard player of the year Damian Casey. I would like to express my condolences to the Casey Family on Damian's sudden bereavement while on a family holiday. Ar dheis dé go raibh an t-anam.

I would like to wish the County Hurlers the best of luck in 2023, and we hope that with some luck that they will bridge the small gap that was in all three competitions.

The County U20 Hurlers competed in the Ulster Hurling League. Under the management of Paul Burns, they competed very well, losing to Derry and Down by 5 points which is a narrowing of the gap. We wish the team the best of luck for 2023, and hope for further progression in the coming year.

Senior County Football/ Peil Sinsear Condae

2022 saw the re-introduction of the McKenna Cup, with Donegal drawn in a group with Down and Antrim. After two victories we qualified for the semi final where we beat Derry, in order to face Monaghan in the Final. Unfortunately they lost the final by a point. Donegal started their League campaign with a draw in Sligo against Mayo. This was followed by a victory over Kildare, and a loss in Kerry. We then got a victory over our neighbors Tyrone, but lost the next two matches to Dublin and Monaghan. This left us needing a victory over Armagh in our last match. In a crowded O'Donnell Park, we got the victory we needed to retain our Division 1 status for 2023.

Craobh Peile / Championship

In 2022, we returned to some normality in the Ulster and All Ireland Championships. The Ulster Championship started with a home game in Ballybofey with Armagh, with the disciplinary fall out from the league game in Letterkenny hanging over the match. It is a great credit to the Management and players that they kept their focus on the preparations for the Championship and came out with a seven-point victory. In the semifinal after a good start from Cavan, we pulled away for a six-point victory. This brought us to the fourth Ulster Final in 5 years, but unfortunately, we lost out to Derry after extra time by 2 points. In the All Ireland Qualifier, we unfortunately were heavily beaten by Armagh, which ended our 2022 Campaign.

I would like to thank Declan Bonner for his commitment to Donegal Football for over 3 decades and I wish him the best of luck in the future. I also want to wish the new Manager, Paddy Carr and Head Coach Aidan Ó'Rourke the best of luck as they take over the reigns of the Donegal Senior Footballers

Under 20 Football Team / Foireann faoi 20 Peil

I would like to thank Gary Duffy and his backroom personnel for their work with the U20 team in 2022. The year started with the return of the Leo Murphy Cup, we had victories over Mayo, Roscommon and Derry to top our group, to top our group and reach the Final. We played Tyrone in the Final and a good team performance gave us our first U20 Development League win. In the Championship, we drew Armagh at home, and came away with a 7 point victory. This meant we played Tyrone in the Semi Final, agonizingly losing by a goal after extra time.

County Championships & Leagues / Craobh & Sraith naCondae

With the introduction of the split season, this was a new challenge for the CCC in planning out their Fixtures for the year. The structures of the County Leagues were changed to three leagues instead of four. Congratulations to Kilcar, Downings and Burt on winning their football leagues. Congratulations to Setanta on winning the Hurling league, and also the Senior and Junior Hurling Championships. MacCumhaills won the Intermediate Hurling Championship and the Senior C Football Championship. Congratulations to Naomh Conaill on winning the Senior and Senior B Football Championships. Also to Dungloe, Naomh Mhuire Convoy, Letterkenny Gaels and Naomh Ultan on winning their respective Champioships in 2022. I would like to also Congratulate Setanta on winning the Ulster Junior Hurling Championship.

We look forward to 2023 and hopefully the continued improvement in the games the CCC can offer in both Football and Hurling, with the co-operation of the clubs of the County.

Sponsorship/ Urraíocht

We thank our main Sponsor, Circet for their continued support as Tier 1 sponsors of our County teams. The Abbey Hotel are our continued Tier Two sponsors and we thank them for this support. We also thank our Kit suppliers and sponsors O' Neills. We also welcome our new Tier Three sponsors Global Hydrate and Podtrak for coming on board in 2022. We would also like to thank our other sponsors on board, Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure who sponsor our Football Championships, Brian McCormack Sports, Marley Travel, Yes Chef, and Jimmy McGlynn catering for their League sponsorship. We would also like to welcome the Grand Canal Hotel Dublin as our Hurling Championship and Leagues Sponsor in 2022.

Insurance Schemes

Players' injury Fund Premium

paid from the county for 2022 €163,480

Property & Public Liability premium

paid from the county for 2022; €67,248

Players injury scheme

The scheme this year ran from 1st June 2021 to 31st May 2022. However, there was some confusion in relation to this in that while the premium was not due until 31st May players needed to be registered members of their clubs when they commenced training or playing club games to be covered by the scheme. As you know our club leagues commenced in early April and I expect all clubs commenced training in advance of this date. So, clubs please take note that before players can train or play for their clubs then must be registered members to be covered by the injury scheme.

The other point I wish to highlight is a situation that the county administrator came across in a few cases this year. If a preliminary notification is submitted on behalf of an injured player and he then either continues to train or play with his club this effectively end his existing claim.

What is happening is players get injured perhaps early in the year and preliminary notification is submitted. The player then goes back playing maybe in the club championship and then after the competitions are complete may need further medical attention or surgery in some cases. In these instances, a new claim must be made. Failure to do so will result in the non-payment of benefits

I have continually reminded clubs in previous convention reports about clubs being vigilant when submitting claims. It is in rule regarding the making or assisting in making of a fraudulent claim.

Rule 4.17 TO: I quote "A member or unit of the Association found, following investigation by central council, to have made, or assisted in the making of, a fraudulent claim under the Fund shall be deemed to have discredited the Association and shall be liable to penalties set out in Rule 7.2 (e)

Property & Public Liability Insurance

Last year in my report to County Convention I outlined that Croke Park as part of the Support package received from the government due to Covid 19 would be used to mitigate the insurance cost in 2021 for all our GAA clubs, to award every club a 5/6 payment / credit note based on our actual 2020 Insurance premium paid. This resulted in a substantial reduction in the premium for 2021. However, I also thought that normal insurance charges would apply in 2022. Thankfully, I was wrong as early in April correspondence was received from Croke Park that a similar approach will be taken this year (in 2 phases) to distribute additional club support grants jointly from GAA funds and from funding allocated to GAA Clubs by Sport Ireland in December 2021.

Each county received their normal invoice for the Property & Public Liability Insurance charge for 2022. It was envisaged that there would be a 50% reduction on premiums.

Counties were then required to submit the following information

- complete an attached form with a breakdown of the insurance charged to each club for 2022
- Clubs were then asked to complete an Online Application form for Covid-19 support and the deadline for completion was 20th April)

Due to a significant portion of clubs not seeking support, this allowed Croke Park to increase the credit

notes and apply this increase to all clubs who did apply.

Total premium
 Less support
 Payable
 €207,132
 €139,884
 €67,248

It is disappointing to report we had seven (7) clubs in Donegal who did not make application.

GYM

A number of clubs have now a GYM incorporated into their club facilities and the County Administrator has had a few queries on the use of GYM in relation to insurance cover.

I am highlighting just a synopsis of what clubs must ensure is in place for usage of GYM. There is a library of more detailed documents which can be made available to any club who request same.

Cover in place for the club is Public Liability Insurance which provides an indemnity in respect of the legal liability of the club only. In the event a person pursues a legal claim for compensation arising from an alleged injuries sustained or damage to property incurred whilst engaged in activities at the GAA Gym Property. Liability Insurance does not cover individuals the insured is the club, and it is not Personal Accident Cover. An alleged injured party must prove negligence against the club in order to successfully obtain compensation.

- Users of the facility will use it at their own risk.
- All users must be members, and all must receive an induction before they are permitted use of the facility. This must be conducted by a suitably qualified person with their own valid Insurance in place in respect of this activity and a record of the induction must be maintained.
- All persons using the facility should be advised to consult their GP before embarking on any fitness programme.
- Non-Playing members can use the gym, but all Users must be members of the club (which can include social membership)
- Only playing members are covered by the GAA Injury Benefit Fund when using the gym as part of a supervised training session only.
- Access to the gym must be controlled and the club is required to monitor access. Persons and in particular juveniles must not be able to gain unauthorised access. Some clubs have encountered issues with respect to unauthorised access to the Gym and utilised CCTV to address this. If you put CCTV in the Gym you need to have signage in place to advise of this.
- Under 16's are not permitted to use gym equipment. Users between 16 and 18 can only use the gym as part of an official supervised training session.

- Any persons who wish to use the gym to deliver personal training or exercise classes can only be permitted to do so if they provide proof of valid Liability & Professional indemnity insurance for these activities. This insurance must include a specific indemnity to the club and will have to be provided annually at each renewal. Claims arising from such Third-Party Use of the club gym are subject to an increased excess of €1500. The excess is payable within 30 days of confirmation of policy indemnity following a formal claim arising.
- The other emerging risk is theft. Criminal gangs are targeting clubs and gym equipment is expensive so the club may want to review security arrangements in place.
- All machinery & equipment must be supplied and installed by a competent person(s) with their own relevant insurance. Equipment must be maintained as per the manufacturers' warranties and guidelines and a documented log of maintenance must be in place.
- The club should have an incident logbook in place. The club safety statement must be updated to include the new facility

Foireann System:

By now all clubs are familiar with this system and are using it with some clubs more active than others. It does take a bit of getting used to and I can fully appreciate that some clubs are just finding their way on this.

This system was intended to bring better functionality for both Clubs and their members including Online Membership subscriptions, on-line payments, streamlined communications, team management, event management, and attendance recording. It is now expanded to include the following.

- Introduction of Vetting into Foireann
- Enhancements to the Membership functionality
- The ability to Communicate with Members
- Functionality to manage Committees
- Continued enhancements to Stripe related functionality
- Enhanced reporting.

Support

There are a number of support system in place, and I encourage all clubs to avail of these especially

- Online training and webinars, including live demos and Q&A, covering all parts of Foireann
- The launch of a Foireann Community forum
- More regular communications to give help and guidance and to help keep you up to date as changes and improvements are introduced
- Expansion of the Foireann Support Team to ensure they can answer your questions in a timely manner

Transfers / Aistrithe

	Inter Club	ICT Outgoing	ICT incoming	Sanction/ Ji
Eanáir	1	10	5	0
Feabhra	2	12	7	0
Márta	1	24	4	0
Aibreán	1	16	13	0
Bealtaine	3	9	11	10
Meitheamh		8	7	12
Iúil		3	9	4
Lúnasa		7	3	0
MeánFómhair		10	5	0
DeireadhFómhair		4	0	0
Samhain		3	1	0
Iomlán	8	106	65	26

Bliain	Inter Club	ICT Outgoing	ICT Incoming	Sanction/ J1
2018	10	107	40	23
2019	11	121	54	19
2020	7	92	73	0
2021	12	106	61	0
2022	8	106	65	26
Iomlán	38	532	293	68

Number of outgoing transfers per club during 2022

9	Buncrana, St. Eunans.
6	Letterkenny Gaels, Ardara, Convoy.
5	Four Masters, St. Nauls, MacCumhaills.
4	Bundoran, Dungloe, Naomh Colmcille.
3	Malin, Naomh Columba, Na Rossa, Lifford, Robert Emmetts.
2	Aodh Ruadh, Carndonagh, Cloughaneely, Glenswilly, Kilcar, Milford, Muff, Red Hughs, St. Michaels, Urris.
1	Burt, Fanad Gaels, Gaoth Dobhair, Naomh Conaill, Naomh Brid, Naomh Muire, Naomh Ultan, Termon.

Number of incoming transfers per club during 2022

7	St. Michaels.
5	Burt, Convoy, St. Eunans.
4	Four Masters, Lifford.
3	Aodh Ruadh.
2	Downings, Dungloe, Fanad Gaels, Glenswilly, Kilcar, Letterkenny Gaels, Naomh Colmcille, Naomh Columba, Muff, St. Nauls. Termon, Urris.
1	Ardara, Buncrana, Carndonagh, Milford, Naomh Brid, Naomh Muire, Naomh Ultan, Red Hughs.

Results 2022/Torthaí 2022 Football/ Peil

McKenna Cup

Donegal 1-13, Down 2-08.

Donegal: Michael Lynch; Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Odhran McFadden Ferry, Tony McClenaghan (1-00), Eoin Ban Gallagher, Jeaic McKelvey; Michael Langan (0-03,2f), Caolan McGonigle; Eunan Doherty, Peadar Mogan (0-02), Shane O'Donnell (0-01), Paddy McBrearty (0-05,3f), Charlie McGuinness, Conor O'Donnell (0-01).

Donegal 0-15, Antrim 1-09

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Caolan Ward (0-01), Brendan McCole, Odhran Doherty, Tony McClenaghan, Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Ethan O'Donnell; Caolan McGonagle (0-01), Jason McGee; Peader Mogan(0-01), Ciaran Thompson, Shane O'Donnell, Patrick McBrearty (0-07,2f), Charlie McGuinness (0-01), Conor O'Donnell (0-01).

Subs: Paul Brennan for Brendan McCole (half-time) Jamie Brennan (0-01) for Shane O'Donnell (44 mins) Michael Langan (0-01) for Jason McGee (45 mins) Jeaic MacCeallabhui (0-01) and Odhran McFadden Ferry for Ethan O'Donnell and Eoghan Ban Gallagher (45 mins), Michael Murphy and Aaron Doherty for Conor O'Donnell and Charlie McGuinness (55 mins).

Semi Final: Donegal 2-09 Derry 0-11

Donegal: Sean Patton; Mark Curran, Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Odhran McFadden Ferry (1-00), Ryan McHugh, Paul Brennan, Tony McClenaghan (0-01); Caolan McGonagle (1-02), Michael Langan (0-01f); Ciaran Thompson, Shane O'Donnell (0-01), Jeaic McCeallabhuí (0-01), Paddy McBrearty (0-01f), Charlie McGuinness, Jamie Brennan (0-01).

Subs: Niall O'Donnell for Jamie Brennan (33 mins), Michael Murphy (0-01f) for Charlie McGuinness (43 mins) Eunan Doherty for Shane O'Donnell (45 mins), Ethan O'Donnell for McClenaghan (50 mins), Brendan McCole for Curran (52 mins), Odhran Doherty for McFadden Ferry (55 mins), Charlie McGuinness for Michael Langan (66 mins), Caolan McColgan for Jeaic MacCeallabhuí (68 mins)

Final Donegal 0-13, Monaghan 1-11

Donegal: Michael Lynch; Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Ryan McHugh (0-01), Paul Brennan, Tony McClenaghan, Jason McGee, Ciaran Thompson (0-01), Odhran McFadden-Ferry, Peadar Mogan, Shane O'Donnell, Patrick McBrearty (0-03,1f), Charlie McGuinness (0-01f), Conor O'Donnell.

Subs: Michael Murphy(0-06,5f), Caolan McGonagle and Ethan O'Donnell for Charles McGuinness, Paul Brennan and Shane O'Donnell (half-time), Niall O'Donnell for Conor O'Donnell (48 mins), Michael Langan (0-01) for McGee (50 mins), Jeaic MacCeallabhuí for McClenaghan (53 mins), Eunan Doherty for Odhran McFadden Ferry (58 mins), Odhran Doherty for Ryan McHugh (67 mins)

Allianz National Football League

Donegal 0-11 Mayo 0-11

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Odhran McFadden Ferry, Ryan McHugh (0-01), Paul Brennan, Tony McClenaghan; Caolan McGonagle, Eoghan Ban Gallagher; Ciaran Thompson, Peadar Mogan, Michael Langan (0-04), Patrick McBrearty (0-01f), Michael Murphy (0-04,3f), Conor O'Donnell (0-01).

Subs: Jason McGee for Ciaran Thompson (10 mins), Jeaic MacCeallabhuí for Caolan Ward (51 mins), Niall O'Donnell for Conor O'Donnell (57 mins), Ethan O'Donnell for Tony McClenaghan.

Donegal 2-11 Kildare 1-09

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Odhran McFadden Ferry, Ryan McHugh (1-01), Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Tony McClenaghan, Paul Brennan, Jason McGee (0-01), Caolan McMonagle, Peadar Mogan, Conor O'Donnell (0-03), Michael Langan (0-04,3f), Paddy McBrearty (1-01), Michael Murphy.

Subs: Charlie McGuinness for Murphy (22 mins), Shane O'Donnell (0-01) for Jason McGee (half-time), Ethan O'Donnell for McClenaghan (50 mins), Stephen McMenamin for Odhran McFadden Ferry (70 mins)

Kerry 1-13 Donegal 0-7

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Eoghan Ban Gallagher (0-01), Ryan McHugh, Paul Brennan, Odhran McFadden Ferry; Jason McGee, Ciaran Thompson, Peadar Mogan, Shane O'Donnell (0-02), Rory O'Donnell, Patrick McBrearty (0-2,1f), Hugh McFadden, Conor O'Donnell (0-02).

Subs: Stephen McMenamin for Paul Brennan (40 mins), Niall O'Donnell for Rory O'Donnell (43 mins), Oisin Gallen for Hugh McFadden (50 mins), Daire O'Baoill for Shane O'Donnell (67 mins), Ethan O'Donnell for Odhran McFadden Ferry.

Donegal 2-10 Tyrone 0-12

Donegal: Shaun Patton (0-1f), Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Stephen McMenamin, Ryan McHugh (0-1), Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Odhrán McFadden-Ferry, Hugh McFadden, Jason McGee (0-01), Shane



2022 - Donegal Action Shot Michael Murphy v Monaghan. League 2022



2022 - Donegal Action Shot. Conor O'Donnell v Cavan. Semi-final Clones May 8. Conor O'Donnell and Paddy Evan

O'Donnell (0-1), Peadar Mogan, Ciaran Thompson, Patrick McBrearty (0-2), Conor O'Donnell (1-3), Niall O'Donnell.

Subs: Jeaic MacCeallbhuí (1-00) for Niall O'Donnell (43 mins), Oisín Gallen (0-1) for McFadden, Ethan O'Donnell and Dáire O'Baoill for McFadden Ferry and Shane O'Donnell (68 mins)

Donegal 0-10 Monaghan 1-12

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Stephen McMenamin; Ryan McHugh, Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Odhrán McFadden-Ferry; Ciaran Thompson, Jason McGee; Aaron Doherty, Peadar Mogan, Daire Ó Baoill; Patrick McBrearty, Charles McGuinness, Conor O'Donnell.

Subs: Michael Murphy for Thompson (28 mins), Ethan O'Donnell for McGuinness (half-time), Eunan Doherty for Ó Baoill (41 mins), Jamie Brennan for McHugh (51 mins), Paul Brennan for McFadden-Ferry (67 mins).

Dublin 2-15 Donegal 2-11

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Ódhran McFadden Ferry, Ryan McHugh (0-1), Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Stephen McMenamin; Hugh McFadden, Jason McGee; Peadar Mogan, Aaron Doherty (0-1), Conor O'Donnell (0-2), Patrick McBrearty (1-6,1f), Michael Murphy (1-1f), Jamie Brennan.

Subs: Shane O'Donnell for Jamie Brennan (49 mins), Ethan O'Donnell for Aaron Doherty (56 mins) Jeaic McKelvey for Ryan McHugh (60 mins), Paul Brennan for Hugh McFadden (62 mins), Neil McGee for Stephen McMenamin (70 mins)

Donegal 1-14 Armagh 1-13

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Caolan Ward (0-1), Brendan McCole, Odhran McFadden Ferry, Ryan McHugh, Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Stephen McMenamin; Jason McGee (1-0), Hugh McFadden; Shane O'Donnell, Peadar Mogan, Jamie Brennan (0-2), Patrick McBrearty (0-7,4f), Michael Murphy (0-4,2f), Conor O'Donnell.

Subs: Michael Langan for Jamie Brennan (50 mins), Niall O'Donnell for Ryan McHugh (60 mins), Ethan O'Donnell for Shane O'Donnell (70 mins)

Ulster Championship

Donegal 1-16 Armagh 0-12

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Stephen McMenamin, Ryan McHugh, Eoghan Ban Gallagher (0-1), Peadar Mogan; Hugh McFadden, Jason McGee (0-1); Ciaran Thompson (0-1), Shane O'Donnell (0-1), Michael Langan (0-3), Patrick McBrearty (1-2,1f), Michael Murphy (0-6,4f), Jamie Brennan.

Subs: Caolan McGonagle for McGee (52 mins), Conor O'Donnell (0-1) for Thompson (55 mins), Niall O'Donnell for McFadden (61 mins), Paul Brennan for Shane O'Donnell (68 mins)

Donegal 2-16 Cavan 0-16

Donegal: Sean Patton, Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Stephen McMenamin, Ryan McHugh, Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Peadar Mogan, Hugh McFadden, Jason McGee, Ciaran Thompson, Shane O'Donnell, Michael Langan, Patrick McBrearty, Michael Murphy and Jamie Brennan.

Subs used: McFadden-Ferry on for Ward (51 mins), Conor O'Donnell for Thompson (58 mins), Niall O'Donnell for Shane O'Donnell (65mins), Aaron Doherty for Jamie Brennan (68), Neil McGee for Mogan (70 mins)

Final: Derry 1-16 Donegal 1-14

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Stephen McMenamin, Ryan McHugh (0-1), Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Odhran McFadden-Ferry (1-0), Caolan McGonagle, Jason McGee (0-1), Peadar Mogan (0-3), Shane O'Donnell (0-2), Michael Langan (0-1), Patrick McBrearty (0-2f), Michael Murphy (0-2), Jamie Brennan.

Subs: Conor O'Donnell for Brennan (58 mins), Aaron Doherty (0-1) for McFadden-Ferry (63 mins), Niall O'Donnell for Shane O'Donnell, Hugh McFadden for McGee (70 mins), Ciaran Thompson (0-1) for McGonagle (81 mins), Ethan O'Donnell and Paul Brennan for Mogan and Langan (80 mins)

All Ireland Qualifier

Donegal 0-16 Armagh 3-17

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Aaron Doherty (0-1), Ryan McHugh (0-1), Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Odhran McFadden Ferry; Caolan McGonagle, Jason McGee (0-1); Ciaran Thompson (0-1), Peadar Mogan, Michael Langan, Patrick McBrearty (0-1), Michael Murphy (0-6,4f), Shane O'Donnell (0-4).

Subs: Michael Lynch for McBrearty (31 mins), McBrearty for Lynch (37 mins), Jamie Brennan for Thompson (47 mins), Conor O'Donnell for Ward (59 mins) Niall O'Donnell (0-1) and Jeaic McKelvey for McHugh and Langan (64 mins).

Hurling/ Iomanaíocht

Conor McGurk Cup Donegal 3-26 UUJ 1-17

Donegal: Luke White; Brian McIntyre, Stephen Gillespie, Padraig Doherty, Jack O'Loughlin, Gavin Browne, Sean McVeigh; Michael O'Donoghue, Conor Gartland, Gerard Gilmore, Bernard Lafferty, Ronan McDermott, Josh Cronolly McGee, Rithie Ryan, Davin Flynn.

Final: Down 1-22 Donegal 2-18

Donegal: Luke White; Brian McIntyre (0-1) Stephen Gillespie, Padraig Doherty; Sean McVeigh, Gavin Browne, Jack O'Loughlin; Micahel Donoghue, Conor Gartland (0-1); Gerard Gilmore, Bernard Laffferty, Ronan McDermott (0-1); Josh Cronnolly McGee (0-2) Ritchie Ryan (0-8f), Davin Flynn (2-5,1f).

Subs: Christopher McDermott for Jack O'Loughlin (27), Ryan Hilferty for Josh Cronnolly McGee (60),

NHL Division 2B

Donegal 3:16 London 0-08

Donegal: Luke White; Gavin Browne, Stephen Gillespie, Padhraic Doherty; Conor O'Grady, Michael O'Donoghue, Sean McVeigh (0-1); Declan Coulter, Danny Cullen; Gerard Gilmore, Ronan McDermott, Barney Lafferty; Josh Cronolly McGee (1-1), Ritchie Ryan (3-8,7f) Davin Flynn (0-6)

Subs: Mark Callaghan for Padriag Doherty (57), Conor Gartland and Daire O'Mapileidgh for Barney Lafferty and Josh Cronnolly McGee (64), Dean Harvey for Danny Cullen and Cathal Doherty for Ronan McDermott (70).

Donegal 1-19 Sligo 2-14

DONEGAL - L White; G Browne, S Gillespie, P Doherty; C O'Grady, M Donaghue, S McVeigh; D Coulter, D Cullen; B Lafferty, G Gilmore, R McDermott; J Cronolly-McGhee, R Ryan, D Flynn.

Subs: J O'Loughlin for Doherty (ht), D O Maoileidigh for Donaghue (ht), B McIntyre for Cronolly-McGhee (ht), C Gartland for Lafferty (59).

Wicklow 3-08 Donegal 2-16

Donegal: Luke White; Gavin Browne, Stephen Gillespie, Padraig Doherty; Conor O'Grady (0-2), Jack O'Loughlin, Sean McVeigh; Conor Gartland, Danny Cullen; Ronan McDermott (1-0), Bernard Lafferty (1-1), Josh Cronolly McGhee; Daire O Maoleidhigh (0-2), Davin Flynn (0-10, 6f, 1 65), Gerry Gilmore (0-1). Subs: Brian McIntyre for J O'Loughlin (17, inj), Niall Cleary for S McVeigh (34, inj), Oisin Marley for J Cronolly McGhee (43)

Derry 0-23 Donegal 0-15

Donegal: Luke White, Gavin Browne, Stephen Gillespie, Padraig Doherty; Conor O'Grady (0-1) Michael Donaghue, Sean McVeigh; Conor Gartland; Brian McIntyre, Ronan McDermott, Gerry Gilmore (0-4); Declan Coulter (0-1), Barney Lafferty (1-2) Davin Flynn (1-9,6f).

Subs: Liam McKinney for Ryan Hilferty (h-time), C McDermott for D Coulter (38), Mark Callaghan for Gavin Browne (62) Daire O'Maoileidigh for Ronan McDermott (63), Paul Nelson for Barney Lafferty (64)

Mayo 1-13 Donegal 2-17

Donegal: Luke White, Gavin Browne, Stephen Gillespie, Padraig Doherty; Conor O'Grady (0-1) Michael Donaghue, Sean McVeigh; Conor Gartland; Brian McIntyre, Ronan McDermott, Gerry Gilmore (0-4); Declan Coulter (0-1), Barney Lafferty (1-2) Davin Flynn (1-9,6f).

Subs: Liam McKinney for Ryan Hilferty (h-time), C McDermott for D Coulter (38), Mark Callaghan for Gavin Browne (62) Daire O'Maoileidigh for Ronan McDermott (63), Paul Nelson for Barney Lafferty (64)

Donegal 1-19 Sligo 1-20

Donegal: Luke White; Gavin Browne, Stephen Gillespie, Padraig Doherty; Conor O'Grady, Michael Donaghue, Sean McVeigh (0-1); Danny Cullen (0-2) Brian McIntyre (0-1); Ronan McDermott (0-2), Conor Gartland, Gerry Gilmore; Daire O'Maoileidigh (1-3) Bernard Lafferty (0-2) Davin Flynn (0-8f).

Subs: Josh Cronolly McGee for Gerry Gilmore, Jack O'Loughlin for Michael Donaghue, Christopher McDermott for Padraig Doherty (53), Mark Callaghan for Gavin Browne (55), Liam McKinney for Conor O'Grady (66)

Nicky Rackard Cup

Fermanagh 2-13 Donegal 1-21

Donegal: Luke White; Gavin Browne, Jack O'Loughlin (0-2) Padraig Doherty; Conor O'Grady, Michael Donaghue, Sean McVeigh; Danny Cullen (0-2) Brian McIntyre; Conor Gartland (0-1) Declan Coulter (0-1) Ronan McDermott (1-2); Daire O'Maoileidigh (0-3) Gerry Gilmore, Davin Flynn (0-10,9f)

Subs; Ritchie Ryan for Declan Coulter (49), Ruairi Campbell for Gerard Gilmore (54), Stephen McBride for Padraig Doherty (55).

Donegal 1-22 Armagh 2-14

Donegal: Luke White, Gavin Browne, Stephen Gillespie (0-01), Ruairi Campbell (0-01), Jack O Loughlin, Michael Donaghue, Conor O'Grady, Danny Cullen, Brian McIntyre, Conor Gartland, Ronan McDermott, Richie Ryan (1-03), Gerry Gilmore (0-01), Davin Flynn (0-13 – 8f's/65) and Daire O'Maoileidigh (0-01).

Subs; Liam McKinney 0-01 for Gatland (43mins), Stephen McBride for McIntyre (64 mins), Padraig Doherty for O Loughlin (65 mins), Oisín Marley for Gilmore (66 mins).

Donegal 1-22 Roscommon 3-16

Donegal – L White; C O'Grady S Gillespie, G Browne; J O'Loughlin, M Donaghue, S McVeigh; D Ó Maoileidigh, D Cullen; G Gilmore, R McDermott, D Coulter; D Flynn, R Ryan, R Campbell.

Sub: L McKinney for Ó Maoileidigh (63).

Donegal 0.35 Warwickshire 0-10

Donegal; L White; C O'Grady S Gillespie, G Browne; J O'Loughlin, M Donaghue, S McVeigh; D Cullen; B McIntyre, G Gilmore, D Ó Maoileidigh, R McDermott, D Coulter; R Ryan, R Campbell.

Donegal 1-19; Tyrone 1-23.

Donegal: Luke White; Conor O'Grady, Stephen Gillespie, Gavin Browne; Stephen McBride, Sean McVeigh, Michael Donaghue; Jack O'Loughlin, Danny Cullen(0-2); Daire O'Maoiledigh(0-54f), Declan Coulter(0-2), Ronan McDermott(0-3); Christopher McDermott, Ritchie Ryan, (1-3), Gerry Gilmore(0-1). **Subs** Liam Óg McKinney (0-3),

Aitheantas / Acknowledgments

My sincere thanks to all officers of An Coiste Bainistíochta for their help, assistance and cooperation on behalf of CLG Dhún na nGall during 2022. Thanks also to all our sub-committees who have worked to promote our games and our activities. I would like to thank Cathaoirleach Mick McGrath, for his support and assistance during the year. Mick has put in a vast amount of hours looking to review our sponsorship with a view to keeping our finances in order and has secured new contracts with some of our Partners and Sponsors, indeed he was the national driving force behind the new Sleeve sponsorship agreement, and the new Sponsors that have come on board. I wish him the best of luck in the future at the end of his five year tenure. Thanks also to Cisteoir, Alan Boyd, for his tireless work in what was a challenging year for Finances of the County.

I wish to thank Ulster Council and Croke Park Officials for their help during the year when I contacted them on a regular basis, so I would like to thank the staff in both areas for being available for queries at all times.

I wish to thank all our local and regional papers, radio stations, local and National T.V. and our local online and social media platforms for their assistance during the year.

I also wish to thank Noreen Doherty, County Administrator for her continued support during the year. Noreen works tirelessly for Donegal GAA and is always available to assist myself and my fellow Officers.

Na Mairbh

Guím Suaimhneas Síoraí ar bhaill a fuair bas le linn na bliana seo agus ar dhaoine muintireacha baill a fuair bas I rith na bliana.

Ar dheis Láimh Dé go raibh said uilig .

Críoch

Guím beannachtaí na Nollag agus Áth-Bhliain faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise ar ár mbaill go léir. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht agus bhur gcomhoibriú le linn 2022.

Declan Ó 'Mairtín Rúnaí Choiste Condae CLG Dhún na nGall

2022 – Tuarascáil Óifigeach Chultúrtha agus Teanga CLG Dhún na nGall



Seo í mo dhara bliain mar Oifigeach Chultúrtha agus Teanga CLG Dhún na nGall. Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabhail le achán duine a chuidigh liom agus ina measc bhí na hoifigí go léir a d'obair mé leo ar choiste banaistíochta na condae, na baill go léir a bhí ar bhord na condae agus na hoifigí go léír as na clubanna atá ag déanadh sár-obair.

It was an honour and a privilege to serve for the past year as the Culture & Language Officer for CLG Dhún na nGall. I enjoyed my term and I would like to thank all the fellow officers of the county executive and county board delegates that I served with. Míle buíochas to the county chairperson, Mick McGrath, county secretary, Declan Martin, county treasurer Alan Boyd, county PRO John McEniff, county administrator, Noreen Doherty as well as all the other officers who served on the executive this year. With special thanks to Fergus Magee, for all his continuous help and support throughout this year, his guidance and advice has been a tremendous support and I am truly grateful.

This year has seen a welcome return for Scór and language in the county, with restrictions post Covid being lifted in place we were able to get back to stage activities which saw us hosting the Scor na nOg county finals in St. Mary's Hall Burt in March, this was the first major event held indoors which our clubs were involved in. We had 18 different clubs take part, which is a credit to all the club cultural officers for their dedication to promote Scor and language in each club. All acts had a fantastic day representing Donegal in the Ulster Final, with Naomh Columba winning an Ulster title Trath na gCeist, and then went on to win an All Ireland title also, ending a fantastic competition for the club and team.

We then later in the year ran the Scor Sinsir finals within the county, we have 14 clubs take part, once again highlighting the tremendous work and effort put in by club cultural officers over the year. We had four clubs represent Donegal in the Ulster final, who made it through the semi finals in Stradone Co. Cavan. It was a source of tremendous pride for me when Dunglow won an Ulster title and represented Donegal in the All-Ireland final Scor Sinsir this was a fantastic opportunity for all concerned. Aodh Ruadh made it through to the quiz finals also, which illustrated the

immense effort that had went in. Special mention to Eugene, Eamonn and Geraldine for their club successes and effort throughout the year.

Scór Sinsir	Rannpháirtíocht – Clubanna	Teidil Uladh	Teidil Uile Éireann	
	Club Participation	Ulster titles	All Ireland titles	
2022	14	1	0	

Scór na nOg	Rannpháirtíocht – Clubanna	Teidil Uladh	Teidil Uile Éireann	
	Club Participation	Ulster titles	All Ireland titles	
2022	18	1	1	

I was equally proud when Donegal clubs were involved in the achieving National honours in 2022 with bronze, and silver medal application submitted, special acknowledgment for their efforts in promoting our native language in conjunction with Glór na nGael and Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha.

This year with restrictions being lifted there was a return to Bailiúchán na Teanga on St. Patricks Day. We had several clubs involved this year. Which will help promote the language in the coming season. To ensure that the GAA in Donegal continues its good working relationship with Conradh na Gaeilge which plays a vital role in the continued growth of Irish language summer colleges in the county for second level students. We thank the county executive for providing scholarships for 6 students in 2022.

Is mise le meas

Caitriona Ui Shuibhne



Dungloe - Ulster Scór Winners 2022

Tuarascail Runaí Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí



Tuarascáil an Leas Cathaoirlaech

A Chairde Gaeil, it is an honour to present this report on behalf of Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí 2022. It was another busy year on the fixtures front. We started the year with the Covid 19 pandemic very much part of our lives and were mindful of potential impacts that could have arisen over the course of the year.

As a result of the decision to have no relegation in 2021 in light of the pandemic, a new look for the season was inevitable. Clubs were invited to make submissions and proposals, which led to the CCC developing a number of league and championship options. These were presented to the clubs in advance of the fixtures forum, held Feb 10th with over 100 delegates/club officers attending online. The Forum allowed a few issues to be clarified and a reduced number of options was brought forward to County Committee on Feb 16th with indicative master fixture lists. The most radical decision taken in a number of years was to reduce the number of football league divisions from 4 to 3. Each division would have either 13 or 14 teams, with clubs playing each other just once with a minimum of 12 league games. It simply would not have been possible to play both home and away with

the number of weekends required. This also afforded clubs an opportunity to request free weekends to deal with pent up demands for weddings/ holidays and other things that were on hold for so many during the pandemic. The former division 5, catering predominately for 3rd teams, would now be called division 4

It was agreed to play the football championship to the same format as 2021.

The hurling board brought forward their proposal to have the hurling championship in summertime with finals played on a dedicated weekend with no football: its conclusion on the August bank holiday weekend was agreed. The proposal also included that the championship was preceded by a spring league that would be played without county players.

The master fixtures list was approved with county football finals being played across the first and second weekends of October.

Leagues

The following is a breakdown of the 2022 leagues.

League	Games Fixed/ Played	W/O's	Winners	Promoted	Relegated
Division 1	160/ 158	2	Kilcar		Termon Ardara Glenswilly
Division 2	186 / 183	3	Downings	Downings Malin Sean McCumhaills	Convoy St Nauls Moville
Division 3	156/ 142	8	Burt	Burt Naomh Muire Naomh Brid	
Division 1 Reserve	133/129	4	Naomh Conaill		
Division 2 Reserve	157/ 143	14	Sean MacCumhaills		
Division 3 Reserve	73/69	4	Burt		
Division 4 (3rd teams)	57/51	6	Naomh Conaill		
Senior Hurling League	42/41	1	Setanta		
Junior Hurling League	56/49	7	Setanta		

The leagues started on April 9th and ran through until mid-July. The league format meant that each team played each other once, with each team having half their games at home and half away. The top two teams contested the league final in all 3 divisions. The bottom two teams in Divisions 1 & 2 were automatically relegated, with 3 & 4 bottom placed teams playing off with the loser relegated. The majority of the league fixtures were played without intercounty players with the new split season coming into effect this year. This will be the new norm where clubs can expect to play most, if not all, of the league campaigns without county players. The league programme for the most part ran very well. The Reserve leagues continue to be challenging competitions to run as some clubs struggle with player numbers and sometimes journey distances, which result in rearranged fixtures or walkovers. This again will be subject of discussion at future fixture forums.

This year we also tried something new by introducing an U21 league which was to be played on a regional basis mid-week and open to players over the age of 17. After strong interest initially, only 13 clubs opted to compete and interested waned over the summer, especially as adult team managers in some instances did not want their younger players playing this competition. In the end the league was not completed. With all the discussion nationally about minor grades and the issue of decoupling, we need to be careful what we wish for in Donegal and not ending up in a position where we are putting unreasonable or even impossible expectations on our youngest adult players.

Football Championship

The 2022 Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure football championships ran off very well in what has proven to be a favourable format by nearly all clubs, starting with the league format of 2 home and 2 away games leading to standings for 8 teams to progress to quarterfinals. The Intermediate and reserve championships started 6th/7th August, with seniors a week later on the 13th/14th August. Congratulations to Naomh Conaill on winning both Senior and Senior B championships, and almost made it a football treble only to lose out to Sean McCumhaills in the C Championship final: Congratulations to the twin towns men on that win. Unfortunately Naomh Conaill had no joy in Ulster, losing to Clann na hEireann, Carraigan in the worst possible scenario of a penalty shoot-out after finishing all square after extra time.

Well done to An Clochan Liath on winning the intermediate championship to heal the pain of their 2021 final defeat. As we go to print for this convention booklet the Dungloe men are still flying the flag for Donegal in Ulster overcoming Antrim winners Cuchullains Dun Lathaí in their quarterfinal. St.Marys Convoy landed the Intermediate B competion.

Well done too to Letterkenny Geals on winning the

Junior Championship and are journeying well through Ulster having beaten Armagh winners Derrynoose in their quarterfinal. Naomh Ultan were the 2022 Junior B winners.

As we head to convention it is only the U21 football championship to be completed. In response to clubs seeking to address adequate amounts of football for their younger adults, and to not have U21 as straight knockout, the CCC devised a championship structure similar to the adult grades, facilitating 4 games on a league basis (2 home/2 away) before placings determine who progresses to the quarter finals. There are A, B and C championships, with 36 teams entering the competition. Unfortunately there were a couple of late withdrawals, but all competing teams get a minimum of 4 matches, with 24 teams getting at least 5 as they qualify for QFs at the relevant grade. The league stage will be completed in November with the finals completed mid-December.

Hurling

The proposals from the Hurling Board at the start of the year which were adopted by County Committee saw Donegal clubs getting much more hurling provided than in recent years. Aside from Ulster and Cuchulainn leagues, there was a full programme of county league matches during the springtime, with all teams competing without their county players. The hurling board also devised a new championship format, allowing for a summer league competition to be followed by Senior and Intermediate Championships based on final league placings. There was also a Junior Hurling Championship, won by Setanta B, whilst Sean MacCumhaills took the intermediate honours. Congratulations to Setanta on winning the Senior County Championship after a gritty final against Burt that needed extra time to separate the sides. At the time of writing Setanta had progressed to the Ulster final courtesy of a semi-final victory over Na Magha and we wish them the very best in the decider against Antrims Shane Uí Néill. All hurling competitions for 2022 were sponsored by the Grand Canal Hotel.

The U21 hurling championship saw 6 teams enter but a late withdrawal has left just 5. This competition will be finished out in the coming weeks.

A special word of thanks to Stephen Doherty for all his assistance as the hurling board rep on the CCC for 2022.

Discipline

Discipline for the season was dealt with the Runai of the CCC who dealt with all matters arising efficiently. As with any year, there were a number of requests for hearings and I wish to thank the County Hearings committee under the direction of Chairman Aodh Martin O'Fearraigh and Rúnaí Fidelma Doherty. All hearings were dealt with as soon as they could have been facilitated. Thank you also to the members of the CCC who made themselves available to attend hearings, often at short notice, as the need arose.

Referees

A big thank you to the panel of referees who officiated throughout the season. It was great to see the respect campaign get a fresh launch in light of some of the dreadful instances of abuse towards referees we saw around the country, and we weren't immune to it in our own county either. Our referees put in a huge effort and without them we would have no games. There are a number of clubs in the county that are still not providing a single referee to our games. That must change. Those clubs cannot continue to depend on others to provide them with referees. Often it is those same clubs who complain about the standard of refereeing whilst doing nothing to help the situation.

Furthermore with the growth of underage games, ladies games and hurling in our county, there is a corresponding need to provide more referees as it is not reasonable to expect referees to do 2, 3 or sometimes 4 matches at weekends. We ask all clubs to continue to identify suitable people who are genuinely interested in becoming a referee to come forward for training.

We must add to our pool of referees and continuously seek to develop and improve the referees we have. It is great to see our referees progressing at provincial and national level, with a special mention to Enda McFeely who has recently been added to the national panel, congratulations are well due.

Conclusion

I wish to thank all of the CCC members for their commitment and time given to their role over the course of the year. There is a massive amount of work in scheduling and running a fixtures programme of the scale we have in Donegal covering both codes and dealing with discipline. I want to acknowledge the tremendous effort of CCC Rúnaí Ed Byrne over the course of the year in dealing with all the requests for free weekends, requested and forced fixture changes for various reasons, maintaining the Servasport system, sourcing venues when needed and dealing with correspondence.

This year the CCC put in place a group to work with the referees administrator on the appointment of referees and dealing with any urgent matters arising. This group, comprising Pat Walsh, Ed Byrne, Frankie Doherty, Sharon McGinty and myself, met almost every Monday night since March and will continue to do so until the conclusion of the U21 competitions. A massive word of appreciation to all for trojan work all year, and to Pat on his ongoing work as Referees Administrator and Frankie on also dealing with gates and trophies. Thank you too to Noreen Doherty who is always ready to assist and share her knowledge and advice to club and county officers when needed, as well as helping with fixture management, ticketing and scanning.

The County PRO, John McEniff, has again delivered in spades for the county in promoting our games and communicating with our members, the public and the press. John took every opportunity to promote the games through live broadcast or streaming, with his PR team actively involved all year in social media, video, photography and tech support, not to mention the countless number of match programmes and other promotional features produced. Hopefully John will reconsider his decision to step away from the roles as he leaves very big boots to fill.

I also want to acknowledge the support of our fellow county officers and in particular the main officers, Mick, Declan in Alan for their hard work in driving the county forward. We wish outgoing Chairperson Mick McGrath the very best as he ends his term but who can look back with great pride what has been achieved within the county during his time.

Finally, thank you to all of the clubs and club officers for your cooperation over the course of the year, those who made venues available when needed, facilitated successful completion of the fixture programme and most importantly for your positive participation in developing your games and players. I look forward to working with you all again next year.

Thank you,
Daithi MacGiolla Eoin,
Leas Cathaoirleach, CLG Dhun nan Gall.



Junior B Final Naomh Ultan Squad



Senior B Champions Naomh Conaill B

Tuarascáil an Oifigeach Chaidrimh Phoiblí



PRO Report 2022

Introduction

My fourth (and final) year as Oifigeach Chaidrimh Phoibli marked a return to normal PRO duties following two years wrestling with Covid restrictions. Largely dis-appointing for Donegal on the field of play, there were some successes eg. the Leo Murphy Cup and our footballers and hurlers retained Allianz Division 1 and 2B status, respectively - Setanta also won the Ulster 2022 Junior Hurling Championship, although technically in 2022/23 year. Nevertheless it was a busy one as PRO. It is with regret I leave the post as it brings its own rewards, tempered this year by projects that did not get enough attention specifically the new website got too little time and a planned 2022 Donegal Annual did not happen. The pressures of combining increased business duties and PRO work squeezed time availability. As such, it is sensible to handover to someone with more time and/or a bigger PRO team. I am very much indebted to all that I have worked with in my role over the last four years across all units of the GAA - clubs, County Boards, the Ulster Council and GAA HQ in Croke Park as well as those on the PR and Marketing Committee.

Social Media DonegalGAA.ie

The official Donegal website - www.DonegalGAA.ie – is the cornerstone of CLG Dhún na nGall communications. It was substantially revamped by Spence Digital at the start of 2022. The new site went live in March. The main "tabs" are largely as was but presentation has changed. There were also technical reasons for the revamp. The website was six years old, had been added to an on ad-hoc basis since 2016, was running out of memory and was using outdated technology. The new website is easier to update and uses less resources, making it lot quicker for users. The new Cloudways server is far superior to the original Siteground one and allows us to easily add memory if the site starts getting a lot more traffic.

The landing pages on both the mobile device and desktop versions were re-designed. There is now an image, and a links to the recent news developments, on the landing page. This image and the content change regularly. Since August, however, the graphic is the same but news when clicked– championship fixtures and results – is constantly updated. By December 14th, Convention night, I hope to replace graphic/content





with upcoming matches for the first quarter of 2023 – McKenna Cup, McGurk Cup and Allianz Leagues.

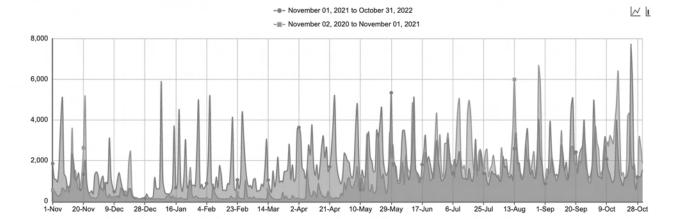
The site retains links to our other social media channels (in the top right corner and under the main image), the same tabs as previously and the sponsors, contact details and site maps at the bottom of the opening page. Scrolling down there are shortcuts to fixtures, and ticket sales, a second key news item (Michael Murphy's retirement on the graphic but currently Setanta's Ulster triumph), the last five weblogs posted and buttons to two recent and important topics

Another innovation is club PRO's, with @GAA. ie addresses, now have access to their club sites to change and update specific content, while the coaching officer, Irish Cultural officer and Children's officer also have access to their specialised pages to update or add content.

Most visits to Donegal GAA's website are via mobile devices although the share actually fell in the last year with just slightly over half of visitors using Apple devices and a much smaller share using other mobile devices. Visits were up by well over a third on the corresponding 12 months in 2021/22 at over 600,000.

Many Donegal GAA's "followers" get their information from our Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn





feeds. With the exception of result updates, almost everything first appears on the "News" section of the website and other @officialdonegal social media all link back to the site for more detailed information. Most weblogs related to club league and championship games with more than 100 also for hurling and for County football.

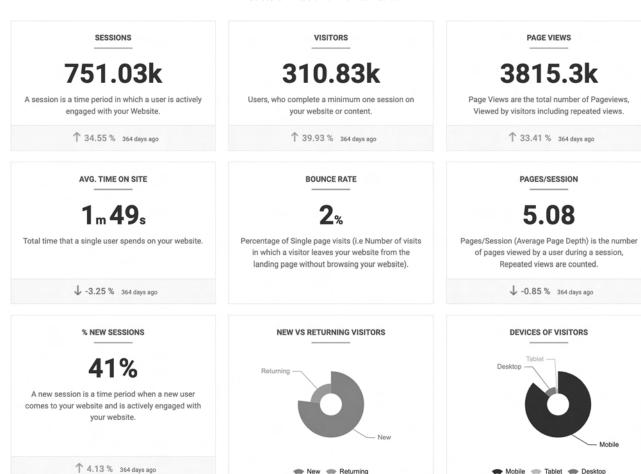
News items are posted on an almost daily basis with an average of over two per day. An increase in weblogs to 779 reflects the much higher level of on field activity during the year to end-October 2022 (499 in 2021) and would have contributed to the growth in number of sessions on the site.

Activity on the website rose sharply in 2022 having fallen with the advent of Covid. Over the course of the 12 months from Nov 1, 2021 to Oct 31, 2022 there were 3.8 mn page views on DonegalGAA.ie, almost a million higher than during the prior 12 months and two and a half times more than in 2020 (1.6 mn views). Sessions were also up - 751,000 compared to 561,000 in 2020/21.

The share using mobile phones to access the site continues to edge upwards and is over 80%, which will be addressed in our re-design of the site next year, in particular making it faster to operate and more focused on user requirements. Currently, the mobile site prioritises access to particular areas of the site rather than the 10 tabs (which are accessed via a dropdown menu) namely News, Clubs Fixtures and Results. Donegal GAA TV and Safeguarding. Scrolling down it also provides immediate access to the key message bars of the landing page and the O'Neill's shop as well as links to our sponsor websites. One in two sessions on our website originated in Dublin and one in ten in the UK.

Visits via other Social Media Channels was at its highest level yet but as a share of the total, around a third, was similar to last year. This reflects our practice of directing visits to our news blog via these channels, as well as slightly more social media followers. In the 12 months to end October 2022 were there were 242,000 visits via other social media channels, mainly Facebook, compared to just 33,000 in 2018 (before this strategy was implemented).

Weblogs - November 2021 to October 2022								
	Nov-Dec	Jan-Feb	Mar-Apr	May-Jun	July-Aug	Sept-Oct	2022	2021
County Football	5	36	49	18	2	4	114	65
Club Leagues	0	5	40	63	38	2	148	112
Championship	60	0	0	6	28	68	162	54
Hurling	13	25	37	31	16	4	126	79
Youth	2	3	26	22	8	25	86	76
Culture	4	7	12	6	7	10	46	9
National/Ulster/Admin	5	7	3	7	8	6	36	29
Health and Wellness	1	1	5	2	2	3	14	25
Coaching	3	7	3	1	2	7	23	26
Other	3	0	6	3	6	6	24	24
Total	96	91	181	159	117	135	779	499



The most popular pages on the website remains those relating to fixtures and results - three of the top five. Visitor numbers were well up on last year, particularly for the landing page, hopefully a reflection of the considerable work that went into making it more visually attractive, more userfriendly and more informative. Results and fixtures are not updated by the PRO - rather they update automatically via referee texts and the pages are managed and amended by Ed Byrne (Secretary of the CCC), Sharon McGinty, Jim Gillan and Lisa McTernan (Minor Boards) and Elizabeth Doherty (Hurling Board).

Social Network ☑ csv	Total Visits 241.67k
Facebook	158.08k
Twitter	74.91k
in LinkedIn	6,794
[O] Instagram	1,642
Snapchat	133
Instagram Stories	109
Google Groups	4

Twitter

The @OfficialDonegalTwitter account currently has 60,500 followers, up almost 4,000 in the last year. Man of the match tweets tend to be among the most popular a reflection of people's good mood following wins.

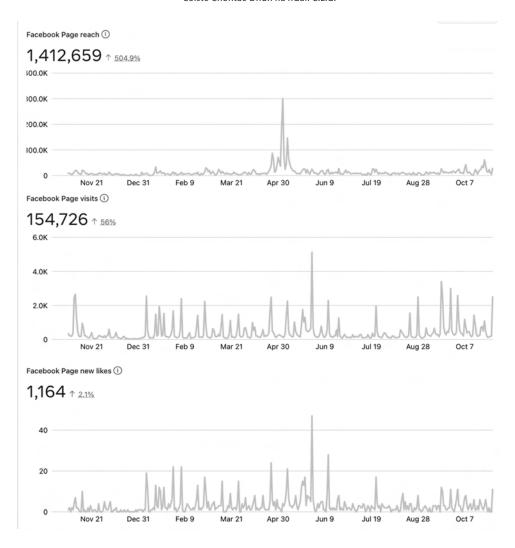
Tragically, the top tweet of the year related to the terrible tragedy in Creeslough – "Ba mhaith linn ár mbeannachtaí a sheoladh chuig gach duine atá buailte mar gheall ar an tragóid seo ar an Chraoslach. Suaimhneas síoraí daofa uilig". This record number of impressions will be surpassed again next year with the November 2022 announcement of Michael Murphy's retirement from inter-county GAA – "ní bheidh a leithéid aris ann" -already racking up 462,000 impressions.

Donegal GAA tweeted 3,400 (2,600 in 2021) times over the twelve months to end-October and our profile was viewed 7.4 mn times (1.5 mn in 2021). September, during the championship knock-out rounds, was the busiest month with 450 tweets and 1.28 mn visits to or profile and 1.5 mn impressions.

Communication via Twitter is not simply a matter of Donegal GAA tweeting information or links. Just as important are re-tweets by @ OfficialDonegal. In particular, I am heavily reliant on half-time updates and full-time results, of club matches tweeted by the PRO's of Donegal clubs to keep fans informed. This applies to underage as well as adult games. Thus, the more clubs that have Twitter accounts - a few don't and some others are dormant - and the more regularly they use them the easier it is to communicate upto-date information. Finally, special thanks to Damian Carr from Naomh Columba who tweets in-match from most Donegal County games and many knock-out club championship matches. Go raibh míle maith agat Damien and I hope the incoming PRO avails of your dedication and expertise.

Top Tweets Nov 2021 - Oct 2022				
	New Followers	Top Tweet	Tweets	
Nov 2021	198	3rd time lucky for Cloughaneely (32,000 impressions)	380	
Dec 2021	183	Tobin's MotM for St Eunans (14,000)	85	
January 441		Comhghairdeas Caolan @buncranagaa MotM (40,000)	339	
February 537		A Happy Conor O'Donnell Allianz MotM (58,000)	256	
March	558	Happy u21 Donegal Squad (16,000)	314	
April	478	Here he is MotM, Ryan (63,000)	382	
May	224	RTE MotM, Eoghan Ban (39,000)	356	
June	341	Donegal Squad arrive in Clones (24,000)	141	
July	172	Declan Bonner Steps Down (57,000)	229	
August 99		17 Games this weekend in Championship(12,000)	142	
September	September 127 Go raibh maith agat Neil @ gaothdobhairclg (19,000)		450	
October 300		Ba mhaith linn ár mbeannachtaí a sheoladh (222,000)	301	





Facebook

The official Donegal Facebook page currently has over 35,300 followers, an increase of 2,400 in the last year with most new followers coming from Ireland. Almost 70% of followers are from the 26 counties, with one-fifth from the UK, followed by North America (4%), Australasia (2%) and 3% across the rest of the world. The graphs below show our Facebook reach across the year to Oct 31 2022, was 1.4 mn

There are generally three types of post – pictures or photo gallery's (usually uploaded by Geraldine Diver but also by the PRO), video clips (mostly by either Geraldine or Bradas O'Donnell but also live championship games. This year Realt na Mara's Shane Smyth and John Smith's fStop both streamed games live and free of charge on Facebook while other videos included Scór, hurling awards and the championship draws.

Instagram

Similar to last year, the Official Donegal GAA Instagram account added more than 2,000 followers over the course of the 12 months to end-October 2022 and now has over 13,300 followers. Our Instagram stories are primarily aimed at younger Donegal members and supporters

LinkedIn

There was a significant step-up on the use of LinkedIn as a medium of communication in 2021 and also as a means to promote our key sponsors (notably Circet, Abbey Hotels, Global Hydrate, Pod-Trak and ATU). The number of connections on LinkedIn is rising slowly with just 100 added in the last year to reach 1,389 but engagement with our posts are increasing with over twice as much traffic (6,794) to our website in the last year compared to 2020/21.

YouTube

One of the small targets set for 2021 and 2022 was to make better use of Donegal GAA's YouTube. More and more videos have been uploaded to the site and in the last year the number of subscribers has grown very rapidly from 71 to 275. Our videos are being increasingly viewed. Of the more recent additions, the Grand Canal hotel Hurling Final has been viewed 975 times, the Donegal GAA Respect videos 737 times, the u13A final between Four Masters and MacCumhaills 712 times and the minor final between Glenswilly and Four Masters 353 times



Traditional Media

Press and Broadcast Media Relations

The appetite for information on Donegal GAA is considerable. The Donegal PRO function is as much, if not more, to facilitate our partners in locally-based multi-media organisations as it is to communicate directly with the public. Many rely totally on these outlets. Donegal GAA's communications channels informs our media partners through the same channels as it communicates with the public both also through targeted emails, a WhatsApp Group, press briefings, organised events and old fashioned phone calls. Local partners include the Donegal Democrat/DonegalLiveSport, Donegal News, Donegal Post, Donegal SportsHub/Donegal Daily, Highland Radio, Inish Times, Inishowen Independent, Ocean FM, Radio na Gaeltachta and Tir Conaill Tribune. Most of these organisations have moved beyond their traditional patch to include their own social media channels. Local journalists were once again very accommodating in providing content – both text and pictures for match programmes - and in helping with match commentary for the Donegal GAA TV Streams. I can't think of a single one who didn't help during the year, without question in all cases. Club officials, players and management personnel also co-operated with the Donegal Stream Team to add content to our match coverage by providing expert analysis before, during and after games. Go raibh mile maith agaibh go leir.

During 2021, Donegal lost the long-serving and muchloved Michael Jack O'Donnell. Fear uasal go smíor a chnámh a raibh fíor bhródúil as CLG Dhún na nGall i rith a shaol. Before our championship commenced



this year a plaque was unveiled in his memory in the Ballybofey Pressbox, next to the one for Séamus MacGéidigh.

Press requirements also include: provision of advance information before important games (including press briefings); ensuring media are facilitated at County and key championship ties; controlled access to team managers and players aftergames, as well as promotion of other events. For example, events in October included a press night for the Senior Championship, the official opening of the Donegal GAA Centre and a Press night for the Senior Championship.

Early in the year a much improved WiFi system was installed in Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill. The Press Overflow area in the stand, now has good quality WiFi and the signal in the Press Box on the Terrace side can now be confidently used to Stream matches.

Broadcasting and Streaming

The extent of our streaming activity contracted during 2022 as audiences returned to events and supporters to games. Nevertheless, a PRO's Brief is to promote our games. With a relatively high number from outside Donegal watching our games during Covid, and as it made some commercial sense with sponsors/advertisers, we continued to stream in 2022. In total 11 games (one double header) were streamed on a PPV basis and three were streamed free to air on Facebook. A further two - the Senior quarterfinal between Naomh Conaill and Glenswilly and the Senior final between Naomh Conaill and St Eunans - were broadcast on TG4. Overall, close to 2,500 live streams were purchased, the most popular being the Kilcar v St Eunans Senior semi-final with well over 800 live viewers.

The vagaries of broadband coverage was a problem during 2020 and 2021 but there were virtually no problems during 2022 – the start of the Junior Hurling final was a bit dicey but soon rectified. Thank you as always to our core Stream Team of Bradas O'Donnell, Joe Brennan and Ciaran O'Donnell, which was augmented by three other "teams" C-Live (thanks Sean Quirke), fstop media (thank you John Conlon) and Realt na Mara (Shane Smyth) all of whom stepped up to the mark superbly when required. Thanks also to

commentators and co-commentators on the streams and the club representatives who enhanced our coverage with half-time and post-match interviews. All club championship draws, including those for Rounds 3 and 4 of the new format championship league, were also streamed – on Donegal's Facebook page - and hosted (and largely organised) by Damien O'Dónaill of RnG.

Publications

CLG Dhún na nGall published a hard copy Leabhrán Eolais for the first time in three years in 2022. Regrettably, plans to do a Donegal Annual 2022 were shelved – mea maxima culpa as work pressures proved too much for me to put together the annual, one of the reasons I felt obliged to stand down from the PRO role. Doing a 2022 annual would have facilitated an update of the club pages on the www.donegalgaa. ie some of which are quite dated. The new site has been designed to allow Club PROs to edit some of the content, if they have official PRO @gaa.ie address. Similarly, the Coaching Office, Children's Officer and Cultúr agus Teanga Officer are also to edit content on their pages (Coaching page below). Microsoft Teams workshops with Spence Digital for the PROs and for the officers in 2022 was planned for 2022 and will be scheduled in 2023 by the incoming PRO.

With fewer streamed games there were less digital match programmes and more hard-copy programmes this year. Thank you to the club secretaries and PROs for their help, particular for County Final programmes were considerable input was required. Thanks too to the journalists who provided me with match previews and other articles and particularly to Geraldine Diver - but also Evan Logan, Thomas Gallagher, Declan Kerr and Peter Campbell - for providing many of the images. County officials Pat Walsh (referees administrator), Catríona Sweeney (Irish Cultural Officer) and Fergus McGee were also invaluable. Finally, thanks to Gemma and Sammy in Impacto Print.



Miscelleanous Working as a Team

Working as part of a team is integral to the work of a PRO. The help of the County Board and the timely co-operation of the clubs is essential across a range of PRO functions. Our flagship County Football team attracts the lion's share of media and public attention. Co-operation of the squad and management is integral to the success of CLG Dhún na nGall's communications with the public. Declan Bonner was exceptionally easy to deal with. He was always available for pre-match press events, post-match interviews, launches, fundraisers etc. Similarly, squad members have followed suit and my sincere thanks for their availability, affability and comfortable efficiency each dealt with the media and the general public. Thanks too to the hurling fraternity, particularly Frankie Doherty, Mickey McCann, Marty McGrath and Manus O'Donnell for their co-operation preparing for hurling match days and putting together match programmes. Finally, Gary Duffy and Luke Barrett were always helpful in relation to the County u20 and minor teams. Comhghairdeas to Mickey and Luke on their re-appointment and ádh mór to our new bainisteoiri Paddy and Leo.

As already noted, the work of club PROs and Secretaries and their inter-action with me is vital to ensuring the Donegal PRO brief is fulfilled. The @ gaa.ie based communciations system is a massive help in making communicative teamwork more efficient. All secretaries use their @gaa.ie addresses but a significant number of club PROs do not use this address. This makes electronic communication more difficult and it also means they cannot access the information folders on One Drive. I urge all PROs, already in situ not using this system or appointed for 2023, to please sign on for next year.

Teamwork on matchdays is vitally important. Considerable thanks to ground staff/stewards at grounds throughout the county, particularly where we streamed games and sought accommodation for the press. Working closely with the scrupulously efficient Fergus McGee on match days to communciate with fans was always seamless.

There were just two meetings of the PR and Marketing Committee this year, both virtual. The Donegal GAA Academy and Donegal Coaching have their own social media accounts which frees up the PRO. The CCC had a plethora of meetings and the PRO worked closely with this Committee to organise the All-County League and Championship structure. This year also seen the successful re-introduction of League finals. Particular thanks to David McLoone (chair), Ed Byrne (secretary for most of 2021) and Frankie Doherty for all the heavy-lifting that helped make my job in relation to fixtures and results a lot smoother.

Sponsors

Sponsors are increasingly important in providing the funding for the activities of CLG Dhun na nGall. The logos of key Senior team sponsors – circet, Abbey Hotel, McGinley Motors, O'Neill's Sport and Leisure, Evolve Menswear, YesChef Catering, Affidea, Pod-Trak, ATU and Global Hydrate are all on the landing page of Donegal GAA with links through to their websites. A new and upgraded Memorandum of Understanding was signed with ATU that, inter alia, maintains the University's access to the Donegal GAA Centre and our development squads more access to ATU's expertise and facilities. A new jersey was introduced in January 2022 with sponsor's Global Hydrate and POD-TRAK having their logo's on the sleeve and all 40 clubs listed on the upper part of the jersey

Competition sponsors – Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure, Brian McCormick Sports, Marley Travel, YesChef

Catering and McGlynn's Restaurant – all came back on board for 2022 and a new sponsor – The Grand Canal Hotel in Dublin - was added for the Hurling leagues and championships. Each are mentioned as often as possible whenever the relevant competitions are discussed. In particular, special graphics were designed in-house to assist with promotion. Considerable thanks to Aidan Spence for his help in designing not just graphics for promoting our sponsors-competitions but also for other events and promotions.

Thanks once again to everyone who has helped me over the course of the year and apologies if I have left anyone out – the omission was not intentional. Go raibh mile maith agaibh,

Sean MacCondubh, OCP John McEniff, PRO



Division 1 2022 Champions



Division 2 Champions - Downings



Division 3 Champions 2022 - Burt



Division 4 League Champions 2022 - Naomh Conaill

Toghadh na nOifigeach don bhlian 2023



Coiste Chondae Dhún na nGall

Nominations for CLG Dhun Na nGall 2023

Chairperson	Fergus McGee	
	Paul McGonigle	
Vice Chairperson	David McLoone	
Secretary	Declan Martin	
Assistant Secretary	Ed Byrne	
	Sharon McGinty	
Treasurer	Alan Boyd	
Assistant Treasurer	Frankie Doherty	
PRO	Fiona Shiels	
	Oisin Cannon	
	Sinead Breen	
Irish and Cultural Officer	Caitriona Ui Suibhne	
Coaching Officer	Michael McGeehin	
	Gary Boyle	
Central Council Officer	Sean Dunnion	
	Ed Byrne	
	Mick McGrath	

Ulster Council Officers(2)	Fergus McGee	
	Brendan Kelly	
	Áodh Mairtín Ó Fearraigh	
	Cieran Kelly	
	Donál Ó Searcaigh	
	Fiona Shiels	
	Pat Walsh	
Delegate to Ulster	Ed Byrne	
Convention (1)	David McLoone	
Delegate to National	Ed Byrne	
Congress (1)	John Boyle(Baker)	
	John McConnell	
	Mick McGrath	



Rúin



Motion 1

As per Rule 3.11 of the GAA Official Guide (An Treoraí Oifigiúil) Part 1 and as approved at our Club Executive Meeting held on 19th October 2022:

Letterkenny Gaels request an amendment to Bye-Law 1, Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall C.L.G. We request that Bye-Law 1 includes the election of a Hurling Officer to the County Committee (Coiste Banistíochta).

Bye-law 1 is currently as follows:

County Convention: (Rules 3.10 to 3.17 T.O. 2020) County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.10 TO 2020, shall having firstly been duly nominated in accordance with Rule 3.13 TO2020, shall elect/ appoint the following Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.11 (a) TO 2020: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture and Public Relations Officer and shall appoint a Children's Officer and a Planning and Training Officer, both recommended by the outgoing County Committee. It shall further elect two representatives on Provincial Council and One representative on Central Council. It shall elect Delegates to Annual Congress and Provincial Convention in accordance with Rule 3.12 TO 2021.

Our amended Bye-law 1 is as follows:

County Convention: (Rules 3.10 to 3.17 T.O. 2020) County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.10 TO 2020, shall having firstly been duly nominated in accordance with Rule 3.13 TO2020, shall elect/ appoint the following Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.11 (a) TO 2020: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Hurling Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture and Public Relations Officer and shall appoint a Children's Officer and a Planning and Training Officer, both recommended by the outgoing County Committee. It shall further elect two representatives on Provincial Council and One representative on Central Council. It shall elect Delegates to Annual Congress and Provincial Convention in accordance with Rule 3.12 TO 2021.

Gaeil Leiter Ceannain agus Beart

Motion 2

Amend Bye-law 2

As per Rule 3.11 of the GAA Official Guide (An Treoraí Oifigiúil) Part 1 and as approved at our Club Executive Meeting held on 19th October 2022:

Letterkenny Gaels request an amendment to Bye-Law 2, Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall C.L.G. We request that Bye-Law 2 includes a Hurling Officer on the County Committee.

County Committee: It shall consist of the following officers elected/appointed at the Annual Convention: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Public RelationsOfficers, Oifigeach Gaeilge agus Cultúir, Coaching Officer, Planning and Training Officer, Childrens' Officer, two Representatives to the Provincial Council, One Representative to Central Council, The County Referees' Administrator (appointed in accordance with R. 3.19 (h), T.O. 2021), County Safety and Facilities Officer, One named Cumann na mBunscol Representative, One named An Choiste Iomána Representative, One named Post Primary Schools Committee Representative, One named Handball Committee Representative, One named delegate each from the three (3) Divisional Committees and two (2) named delegates from each of the affiliated Clubs in the County subject to Rule 3.18 (a) T.O. 2021. One (1) named Representative from Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta. It shall also include a named Integration Officer, appointed by the County Committee, with responsibility liaising with Ladies Football, Camogie, Handball and Rounders' boards, and driving the Integration process within the county. All, except An Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta representative and the Integration Officer, shall have voting rights.

In accordance with Rule 3.20 T.O. 2021 the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees, membership of which shall be set out in County Bye-Laws. All members of sub-committees shall be named

Our amended Byelaw 2 is as follows:

County Committee: It shall consist of the following officers elected/appointed at the Annual Convention: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Public Relations Officers, Oifigeach Gaeilge agus Cultúir, Coaching Officer, Planning and Training Officer, Childrens' Officer, two Representatives to the Provincial Council, One

Representative to Central Council, The County Referees' Administrator (appointed in accordance with R. 3.19 (h), T. O. 2021), County Safety and Facilities Officer, One named Cumann na mBunscol Representative, Hurling Officer, One named An Choiste Iomána Representative, One named Post Primary Schools Committee Representative, One named Handball Committee Representative, One named delegate each from the three (3) Divisional Committees and two (2) named delegates from each of the affiliated Clubs in the County subject to Rule 3.18 (a) T.O. 2021. One (1) named Representative from Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta. It shall also include a named Integration Officer, appointed by the County Committee, with responsibility liaising with Ladies Football, Camogie, Handball and Rounders' boards, and driving the Integration process within the county. All, except An Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta representative and the Integration Officer, shall have voting rights.

In accordance with Rule 3.20 T.O. 2021 the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees, membership of which shall be set out in County Bye-Laws. All members of sub-committees shall be named

Gaeil Leiter Ceannain agus Beart

Motion 3

As per Rule 3.11 of the GAA Official Guide (An Treoraí Oifigiúil) Part 1 and as approved at our Club Executive Meeting held on 19th October 2022:

Letterkenny Gaels request an amendment to Bye-Law 1, Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall C.L.G. We request that Bye Law 3.1 includes a Hurling Officer on the County Committee (Coiste Banistíochta).

Amend Byelaw 3.1 as currently is as follows:

3.1 Coiste Bainistíochta: It shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, P. R.O., Children's Officer, Coaching Officer, Planning and Training Officer, Oifigeach na Gaelige, Two Ulster Council Representatives and the Central Council Representative.

Our amended Byelaw 3.1 is as follows:

3.1 Coiste Bainistíochta: It shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, P. R.O., Children's Officer, Coaching Officer, Planning and Training Officer, Oifigeach na Gaelige, **Hurling Officer**, Two Ulster Council Representatives and the Central Council Representative.

Gaeil Leiter Ceannain



Junior A Champions - Letterkenny Gaels before game



Intermediate B 2022 Champions Convoy Squad Celebrate

Motion 4

As per Rule 3.11 of the GAA Official Guide (An Treoraí Oifigiúil) Part 1 and as approved at our Club Executive Meeting held on 19th October 2022:

Letterkenny Gaels request an amendment to Bye-Law 3.2, Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall C.L.G. We request that Bye Law 3.2 includes two members (named) of An Choiste Iomána on the County Committee.

Byelaw 3.2 as currently is as follows:

3.2 Competition Controls Committee:

It shall consist of the County Vice-Chairperson, the Assistant County Secretary, County Coaching Officer, Secretary of the County Minor Sub-Committee, Assistant County Treasurer, County PRO, One Ulster Council Representative, the Secretary of An Choiste Iomána and the County Referees Administrator (who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of Referees) and a named representative of each of the three (3) Divisional Sub-Committees (who shall be entitled to vote only on matters pertaining to underage fixtures). In addition, County Committee shall appoint three named members of County Committee, one each from Junior, Intermediate and Senior clubs. A quorum for this committee shall be four (4).

Our amended Byelaw 3.2 is as follows:

3.2 Competition Controls Committee:

It shall consist of the County Vice-Chairperson, the Assistant County Secretary, County Coaching Officer, Secretary of the County Minor Sub-Committee, Assistant County Treasurer, County PRO, One Ulster Council Representative, **two (2) members (named) of An Choiste Iomána** and the County Referees Administrator (who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of Referees) and a named representative of each of the three (3) Divisional Sub-Committees (who shall be entitled to vote only on matters pertaining to underage fixtures). In addition, County Committee shall appoint three named members of County Committee, one each from Junior, Intermediate and Senior clubs. A quorum for this committee shall be four (4).

Gaeil Leiter Ceannain

Motion 5

Amend Bye Law 4.8 to read as follows; (in accordance with rule 6.4 T.O 2022)

A person seeking to become a member of the association shall be restricted to joining a club in the catchment area of his permanent residence or a club with which he has other relevant "connection".

Permanent residence for the purposes of this bye law shall be as defined in rule 6.3 T.O.2022.

Other relevant connection.

A member shall be regarded as having an "other relevant connection" with a catchment area if:

- (a) A sibling of the player in question is already registered and is currently eligible to play in official competitions for the club which the player wishes to become a member of.
- (b) That the parent(s) of either parent of the member were at the time of his birth resident in the catchment area of the club which the player wishes to become a member of.

Na Cealla Beaga

Motion 6

That Rule 6.17 -Games & Competitions -Age Grades -Official Guide – Part 1 (page 87/88) be amended to read as follows:

Club Adult

A player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st of the Championship Year.

Under - Age Grades

A county shall determine its internal Under-Age Grades for competition purposes within the parameter of Under 21 down to Under 11, subject to the stipulation that competitions at Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 must take place within each County together with one further underage competition above the Under 18 grade.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged."

MAIN CHANGE – "subject to Central Council Policy" – is removed, and stipulation that competitions must take place at U14, U16 and U18 level.

For counties of larger populations, there is the provision to provide additional competitions at U15 and U17 if required within this rule change.

Ard an Ratha



Leo Murphy Cup - Donegal U20s v Tyrone - Estended Squad

Tuarascail Oifigeach Forbartha





I am looking forward to continuing to engage with clubs on their own Development Programs in 2023 both on and off the pitch, now that funding streams are back online.

Again I'd like to thank the Development Committee team who always pulled out all the stops to ensure our programme was delivered.

- David McLoone
- Michael McMenamin
- Oliver Prunty
- Terence McShea
- Paddy Mullen
- Bryan Cannon
- Malachy McCann

We have had our first "normal" year of club and county activity since 2020. The main challenges for 2022 and beyond are the extraordinary increase in costs that is being experienced across the wider economy. Unit Costs on the pitch and building have increased between 150% - 200% of normal.

2022 also marked the official opening of the Donegal GAA Centre (21/10/22).





Donegal GAA Centre

The Donegal GAA Centre has quickly become the home of all Gaelic Games within the county; Gaelic Football, Hurling, Ladies Football, and Camogie. All codes now have Senior Intercounty, Underage Intercounty, and Underage Academies based here.

>	21 Intercounty Teams
>	5 Academies
>	Atlantic Technological University Partnership
>	Schools (Affiliated with 15 schools)
>	County and Intercounty Competitions
>	Open 7 Days/ Week
>	1,000-1,500 players/week
>	2 sessions/ pitch/ night during winter, all

Donegal GAA Centre Running Costs		
Pitch Maintenance	€63,000	
Floodlights	€10,000	
Fuel and Utilities	€12,000	
Building Maintenance	€15,000	
Staffing/ Contracts	€50,000	
Loan Repayments	€165,000	
	€315,000	

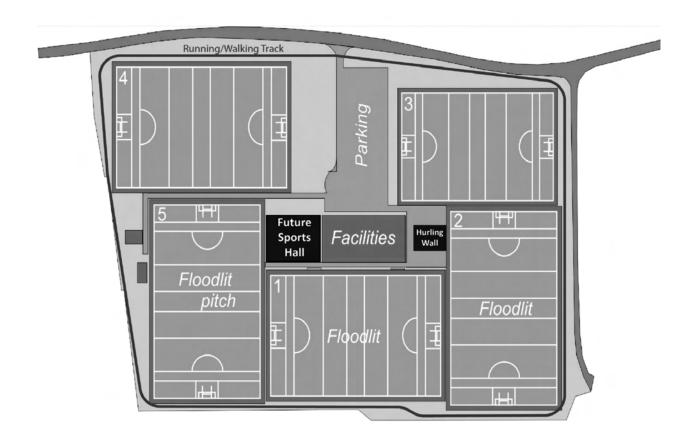
The completed phases now provides us with state of the art facilities; 5 pitches (3 floodlit to 500 lux), gym, auditorium, 6 dressing rooms, physio/ treatment room, canteen, warm up/drill areas, and meeting facilities.

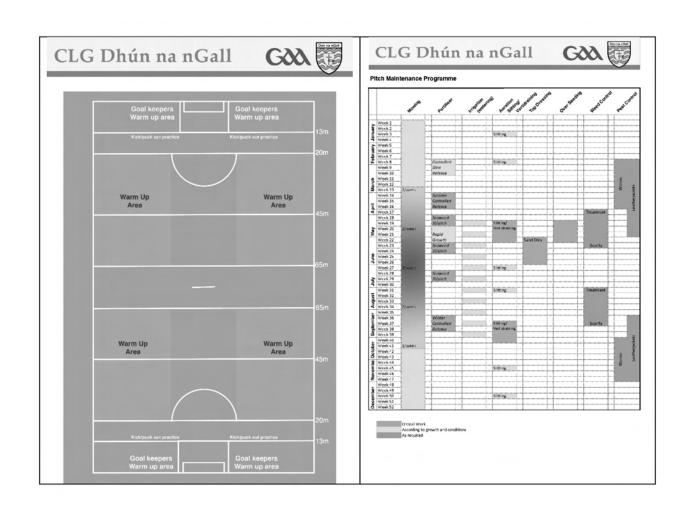
Next, we will be completing the carpark, footpath and entrance works along with a hurling wall. We have provided for a sports hall in a future phase.

Next Phases	`
Carpark	€224,000
Boundary Fence	€90,000
Footpath/ Entrance Works	€250,000
Hurling Wall/ Ancillary Works	€46,000
Sports Hall	€940,000
	€1,550,000

In 2022 we completed

- ✓ Pitch 5
- ✓ Energy efficient LED Floodlights have been ordered
- ✓ Drainage maintenance works completed on pond, and campus pipe infrastructure
- ✓ Dugouts for Pitch 1
- ✓ Warm up area has been flood lit.





CAPITAL COSTS	7,824,557
Completed	
Pitches (1-4), Building, Stand	€5,300,000
	€5,300,000

2022	
Pitch 5 - Pitch	€619,809
Pitch 5 - Floodlights	€316,284
Match Facilities Pitch 1	€38,464
	€974,557

Remaining	
Sports Hall	€840,000
Pitch 5 – Boundary Fence	€90,000
Car Park	€224,000
Footpath and Entrance Works	€250,000
Hurling Wall/ Ancillary Works	€146,000
	€1,550,000

FINANCE	
Completed	
Donegal GAA (Financing)	€1,335,000
Donegal GAA (House Draw)	€400,000
Bank Loans	€1,750,000
Croke Park/ Grants	€1,515,000
Sports Capital	€300,000
	€5,300,000

2022	
Donegal GAA (House Draw)	€400,000
Sports Capital	€300,000
Sports Infrastructure Application	€200,000
Remaining Balance	€ 74,557
	€974,557

Remaining Funding	€1,550,000

Maintaining Standards

We have implemented best practice to protect our clubs investment in the centre

The cost of booking the centre is

- > €100/ pitch
- > €110/ floodlight session
- > €50/ room

Schools are given a 30% reduction on Pitch (except Pitch 1), and room booking fees. As the fee for floodlighting is to cover the cost, no reduction is given for floodlighting cost.

Mac Cumhaill Park

MacCumhaill Park is an ongoing priority item for the Development Committee and has featured in all our plans. We have not achieved our targets this year in relation to MacCumhaill Park Development and are committed to re-engaging the 3+3 committee in the first quarter of next year.

Clearly there is a body of work to bring the pitch itself up to standard, but there are other important investments identified for the ground.

In relation to the pitch, a full refurb has been detailed estimated at €165,000. Further work is needed, and ongoing to finalise the works requirements.

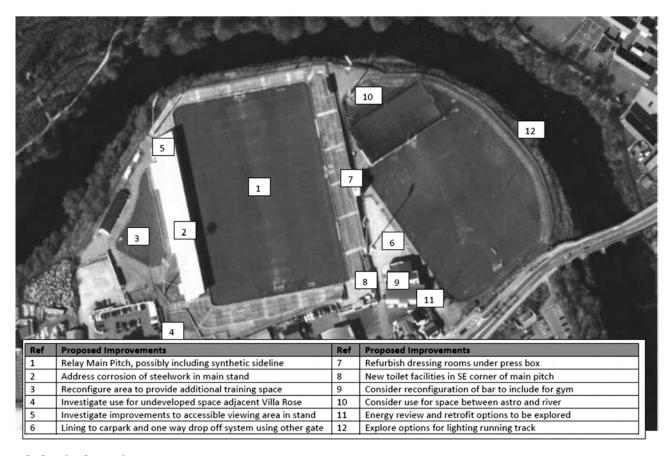
MacCumhaills have prepared a list of draft proposals, currently being prioritised by the Development Committee including

- > Steelwork in the stand
- Access gates
- Spectator viewing areas
- Crowd capacity
- > Dressing rooms
- > Toilet facilities
- > Energy usage

In 2022 we received funding for and are progressing

- > Fibre broadband, for streaming, pressbox and spectator wi-fi
- Upgrade of ticket scanning at all gates
- Installation of state of the art CCTV, (ongoing)

Total cost is circa €60k.



Club Pitch Maintenance

The GAA have prioritised Club Development Works over Pitch Maintenance Works for 2022/2023. This means that they are not funding verti-draining which normally would be €500 per pitch per annum for vertidraining or equivalent.

We continue to support clubs on this important aspect of pitch maintenance and will continue to represent this at provincial and national level to seek funding support.

Club Infrastructure Development Grants

Ulster GAA have informed us that they have prioritised Club Development Infrastructure Grants in lieu of Pitch Maintenance Grants in the interim.

Notification of these grants were forwarded to all clubs on the 30th of September 2022, with the closing date 18th November 2022. The applications were online and were capped at the lower of 10% or the following grant caps

Section A – Purchase of Grounds	€
First Pitch	10,000
Additional Lands	5,000

Pitch Refurbishment	5,000
Picth Enclosure Fencing	2,000
Pitch Ball Stops	2,000
Scoreboard	1,000
LED Floodlighting	5,000

Section C - Spectator Accommodation	€
Covered Accommodation	5,000
Other Spectator Accomodation	2,000
Disabled Viewing Provision	1,000

Dressing Rooms	10,000
External Public Toilets	2,000
Referees Room	2,000
First Aid Room	2,000
Committee Meeting Room	2,000

Section E - Additional Infrastructure Developments	€
Additional Training Facility	5,000
Car Park	3,000
Handball / Ball Wall	2,000
Perimeter Fencing	2,000
Other Ancillary Development	5,000

Club Leadership and Training

Ulster GAA and national GAA have continued their work on the consolidation of training for club officers during 2022. The GAA Club Leadership Development Programme 2021 focused training on

- Leading, Managing and Governing your Club
- > Digital Communications
- > Fundraising, Commercial and Sponsorship
- > Using IT to Simplify Club Administration
- Operating Effectively as One Club
- > Diversity and Inclusion
- > Responding to Racism and Discrimination

I will forward the 2023 programme once I receive it.

Club Maith

Clubs wishing to access grants are strongly encouraged to seek Club Maith accreditation, as it is seen to increase merit for applications. Club Maith is a Club accreditation scheme unique to the GAA, which allows clubs to be benchmarked against best practice standards. A Club Maith award makes a clear, proven statement about the quality of a club, right across the board.

Ulster GAA wish to see more engagement from clubs in their Club Maith initiative, all details can be found at www.ulster.gaa.ie/club-maith.

GAA Club Planning Programme

The GAA continue to promote the GAA Club Planning Programme and have updated the template and guidance documents. Club Planning is essentially the development of a club development plan, typically for durations of 3 – 5 years. The plan works through five main focus areas:

- Coaching and Games Development
- Communications and PR
- Club Structures and Administration
- Finance and Fundraising
- Facilities and Development

A number of clubs in Donegal have completed or are in the process of preparing a club plan. We are encouraging clubs to avail of the tools and templates available from the GAA to develop clubs plans, which when complete should clearly outline the goals and objects of the club in a coherent and collaborative manner. We have trained facilitators in the county. Interested clubs should contact the county development officer.

Conclusion

Just a very important thank you to all my colleagues on the Executive for their help and support throughout the year with particular mention to Brendan and Gabrielle at the Centre for their trojan work during the year.

Cathal Mac Giolla Chearra Charlie Kerr



Tuarascail Choiste Iomanaíochta 2022





Donegal Hurlers 2022

Is onóir mór dom tuarairisc na bliana seo a chur os bhur gcomhair. It is a great honour for me to present this years 'Hurling Report'. In 2022 we have had a very busy and successful years hurling in the county. We as a board have been able to implement many of the plans that were presented to the County Board last year, in our 'Hurling Development Plan', hopefully we will continue this good work in 2023.

County Seniors:

Our Senior County hurlers competed in the McGurk Cup, a preseason tournament hosted by QUB in Belfast and lost narrowly to Down in the Final. They competed in Division 2B of the 'National Hurling League' and have retained their Division 2B status for 2023. They lost out to Tyrone in the Semi Final of the 2022 Nicky Rackard Cup. Thanks to all of the Senior County Panel, their manager Mickey McCann and his management team for all their hard work and commitment during 2022.

Under 20 County:

Our U20 hurlers competed in the Ulster Development Competition and in the All Ireland U20B Championship in 2022. Thanks to all the U20 Panel and their manager Paul Burns and his management team for their dedication and hard work in 2022.

Under 17 County:

Our Under 17's played in the Celtic Challenge Competition in 2022. Many thanks to all of the U17 Panel and to their manager Aidee Gaffy and his management team, on their commitment and hard work during the year.

Under 15 County:

The Under 15's played in the Hibernian Cup Competition and qualified for the Corn Peter O'Keefe Finals Day, which was hosted by Donegal at the County Training Centre in Convoy. They lost the semi final to Mayo and defeated Longford in 3rd/4th Place Playoff Game. Thanks to all of the team members and to Daithí Roberts and all of his management team for great commitment and dedication during 2022.

Senior and Intermediate Championship

This years championships used a different format than previous years, with eight clubs competing in a Round Robin League and the top four, namely Buncrana, Burt, Saint Eunan's and Setanta qualifying for the Senior Championship and the four remaining teams, namely Aodh Ruadh, Carndonagh, Dungloe and Sean MacCumhaill's qualifying for the Intermediate Championship. We had the return of the 'Old Guard' for this years final with Burt, and Setanta reaching the 2022 Senior Hurling Final, after defeating Saint Eunan's and Buncrana in their respective Semi Finals. Setanta regained Corn na Mumhan after an exciting final, which went to extra time.

The return of the Intermediate Championship Final, after a lapse of a long number of years was a welcome boost to Donegal Hurling. In an exciting final, Sean MacCumaill's pipped Carndonagh, to win 2022 Donegal Intermediate Hurling Championship.

Junior Championship

In the Junior Championship, five clubs competed for the title, they were Four Masters, Letterkenny Gaels, Saint Eunan's and Burt. Setanta defeated Saint Eunan's in the final. Congratulations to all the teams that competed in our Senior, Intermediate and Junior Championships in 2022.

League:

Congratulations also, to Setanta on winning the 2022 Donegal Senior Hurling League.

Congratulations to all the clubs for taking part in our own Championships and League Competitions and in the Cúchulainn Leagues and the South Ulster Leagues.

Poc Fada: The Senior Winner was Matthew Callaghan of Letterkenny Gaels and the Under 16 Winner was Shay Grieve of Saint Eunan's.

Underage:The following clubs fielded teams in various age groups at underage, Aodh Ruadh, Buncrana, Burt, Carndonagh, Dungloe, Four Masters, Letterkenny Gaels, Saint Eunan's, Sean MacCumhaills and Setanta.

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Under 17 A	Saint Eunan's won the A		
Championship:	Championship.		
Under 17 B	Carndonagh v Sean		
Championship:	MacCumhaill's.		
Under 17 A League:	Carndonagh won the A		
	League.		
Under 17 B League:	Sean MacCumhaill's won		
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Under 15 A	Sean MacCumhaill's won		
Championship:	the A Championship.		
Under 15 A League:	Sean MacCumhaill's won		
	the A League.		
Under 15 B	Saint Eunan's won the B		
Championship:	Championship.		
Under 15 B League:	Burt won the B League.		
Féile na nGael County	Sean MacCumhaill's.		
Winners:			
Féile na nGael National	Sean MacCumhaill's.		
Representatives:			
Féile na nGael Provincial	Aodh Ruadh.		
Representatives:			
Under 13 A	Carndonagh won the A		
Championship:	Championship.		
Under 13 B	Burt won the B		
Championship:	Championship.		
	Sean MacCumhaill's won		
Under 13 A League:			
	the A League.		
Under 13 B League:	Aodh Ruadh won the B		
	League.		
Under 13 Shield:	Buncrana won the Shield		
	Final.		
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The **Under 11 League** was very successful this year, we had 10 clubs participating.

Under 10's, 9's, 8's and Under 7's: a number of Regional Blitzes and All County Blitzes were held for these Age Groups.

A great number of clubs competed in the 'Táin Óg' Competitions this year and it is hoped that all clubs will compete in the 2023 Táin Óg.

Croke Park Activity Day: Our Young hurlers travelled to Croke Park on Friday the 12th of August to participate in the 'Croke Park Activity Day'.

Bunscoil Skills Competition: Cormac McGinn of Carndonagh was the winner of the Primary Schools Skills Competition.

At primary schools level **Cumann na mBunscol** continues to play a vital and important role in the promotion and development of hurling, Míle Buíochas do na muinteoirí. At Secondary Schools level our schools compete in Ulster Schools competitions. On behalf of the Hurling Committee, I wish to thank all of the coaches in our Primary and Secondary Schools.

I wish, on behalf of the Hurling Committee to a pay special tribute to our officers, who have served on the Coisde Iomána in 2022. Stephen Doherty, Daithi MacRoibeard, Lorena McGrory, Eilis Ni Dhochartaigh, JJ Lafferty and Pádraig Lawlor and to thank all of the Club delegates for their attendance at Coisde Iomána meetings during the year and also many thanks to Martin McGrath the lead Coach for Hurling and his fellow coaches.

I wish to also thank the County Board and all its officers who have been of great support to the Hurling Committee in 2022.

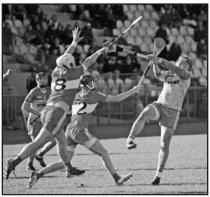
Manus O'Domhnaill Cathaoirleach



2022 - Action Shot Jack O'Loughlin v Mayo Nickey Rackard



2022 - Donegal Action Shot Gerry Gilmore v London



Hurlers - Action Pic Donegal v Derry 2022



Hurlers - Conor McGurk Final MotM - Davin Flynn



Hurlers u20 Squad 2022



Junior Hurling Champions 2022 Setanta B



Intermediate Hurling 2022 Champions Sean MacCumhaills



Underge County Hurlers - Donegal u-15 Hurlers -Hibernian Cup 2022

Tuarascáil Oifigeach Oiliúna 2022



Coaching Report County Convention 2022 Donegal GAA Coaching & Games 2022

The easing of Covid restrictions in early 2022 allowed the Donegal Coaching and Games team to plan in person activities for the first time in over two years in schools, clubs and in coach education.

The full time Coaching & Games staff are to be commended for their efforts throughout the year. We wish Aaron Kyles good luck with his leave of absence and congratulate Declan Bushell on his new role as Donegal GAA Games Development Manager.

The Football and Hurling Academy continued with their Player & Coach development programme. The Academy team of coaches deserve great credit for their dedication.

2022 Overview

Coaching 2022

Primary Schools: 128 Schools / 7489 Children Secondary Schools: 17 Schools / 1818 Children

Games 2022

Primary Schools: 10 School Blitzes / 674 Children Secondary Schools: 4 Secondary School Blitzes / 218 Children

Camps 2022

37 Camps / 3742 Children.

Thanks to all the clubs who hosted and provided coaches to the camps.

Coach Education 2022

8 Coaching Courses / 165 Participants

Workshops

9 Workshops / 247 Participants



Underage County Football Squad - Donegal u17s

1st Quarter 2022 (Jan-Mar)

Primary & Secondary Schools Coaching Jan - Mar 2022

- 52 Primary Schools / 3,505 Children
- 11 Secondary Schools / 951 Children

Coach Education

- 2 x ICGG Course (60 Participants)
- 1 x Award 1 Coaching Course (18 Participants)
- Coaching Workshop (20 Participants)

Club Support

8 Club Support meetings and Workshops (227 Participants)

Young Whistler Course (Transition Year Students)

13 Secondary Schools / 218 Participants

2nd Quarter 2022 (Apr-June)

Primary & Secondary Schools Coaching May - Jun 2022

28 Primary Schools / 1256 Children

Cul Camps 2022

• 37 Camps / 3742 Children

3rd + 4th Quarter 2022 (June - Dec)

Primary & Secondary Schools Coaching Sept - Dec 2022

- 48 Primary Schools / 2728 Children
- 6 Secondary Schools / 867 Children

Primary & Secondary School Games Sept - Dec 2022

- 10 Primary School Blitzes / 674 Children
- 4 Secondary School Blitzes / 218 Children

Coach Education (November 2022)

- 3 x ICGG (Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games) Courses 5th November
 - Carndonagh GAA Club (17 Participants)
 - St. Eunans GAA Club (19 Participants)
 - Ardara GAA Club (17 Participants)
- 1 x Award 1 (Football) Course 11th-13th November @ Donegal GAA

Training Centre, Convoy. (18 Participants)

1 x Award 2 (Football) Course Sat 19th, Sat 26th Nov & Sat 3rd Dec @Donegal GAA Training Centre, Convoy. (16 Participants)

Minor Board

Normality post Covid returned to the fixture calendar. Following a recent in person club forum to review 2022 it was felt that the year was relatively successful with one or two areas to improve upon for 2023. The volunteers and officers across all the Regional, Hurling, Coiste na nOg and CCC boards as well as the referees deserve huge credit for meeting and exceeding the challenge of running and fulfilling our competition schedule.

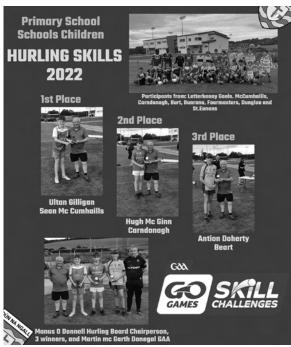
In particular, I would like to thank Sharon McGinty, assistant secretary, for her support and efforts throughout the year.

Special mention to the club volunteers, officials, coaches and parents who supported our players, games and competitions this year.

Hurling Winners

Faoi U13A Sráith	McCumhaills	
Faoi 13B Sráith	Aodh Rua	
Faoi 13A Craobh Ceannais	Carndonagh	
Faoi 13B Craobh Ceannais	Burt	
Faoi 13C	Buncrana	
Faoi U15A Sráith	McCumhaills	
Faoi 15B Sráith	Burt	
Faoi 15A Craobh Ceannais	McCumhaills	
Faoi 15B Craobh Ceannais	St Eunans	
Faoi U17A Sráith	Carndonagh	
Faoi 17B Sráith McCumhaill:		
Faoi 17A Craobh Ceannais	St Eunans	
Faoi 17B Craobh Ceannais Carndonagh		

Feile winners McCumhaills



Hurling Skills from Marty

All County Football winners

All County I ootball Williers				
COMPETITION GRADE WINNERS				
DIV 1	MOVILLE			
DIV 2	ST MICHAELS			
DIV 1	FOUR MASTERS			
DIV 2	ST MICHAELS			
DIV 3	NAOMH BRID			
DIV 4	BUNCRANA			
DIV 5	KILCAR			
DIV 6	SEAN MACCUMHAILLS B			
DIV 1	GAOTH DOBHAIR			
DIV 2	CLOUGHANEELY			
DIV 1	FOUR MASTERS			
DIV 2	CLOUGHANEELY			
DIV 3	DUNGLOE			
DIV 4	KILCAR			
DIV 5	DOWNINGS			
DIV 1	FOUR MASTERS			
DIV 2	NAOMH PADRAIG MUFF			
DIV 3	GLENFIN			
CUP	CARNDONAGH			
SHIELD	FOUR MASTERS			
DIV 1	FOUR MASTERS			
DIV 2	BUNCRANA			
DIV 1	FOUR MASTERS			
DIV 2	NAOMH PADRAIG MUFF			
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386 games played at All County level with a further 500+ competititive games played at Regional Board Level

Le meas, Micheal MacGaoithin CLG Dun na nGall



Leo Murphy Cup - Fergus and Kieran

Tuarascáil Rúnaí Choiste na Leanaí



Daireen McMenamin, Oifigeach Leanaí County Convention Report 2022

Is mór an onóir dom mar Oifigeach Leanaí an tuarascáil seo a chuir os comhair Chomhdháil Choiste Chontae Dun Na nGall 2022 It is my great honour to present my report as Children's Officer to the Annual Convention of Coiste Chontae Dun Na nGall 2022. This year saw our first full year of return to play since Covid. Many heretofore virtual meetings and workshops returned to face to face. Our games returned to full capacity crowds and the sound of children playing again was a welcome recurrence from what we had endured since the beginning of 2020.

Sport Ireland Audit 2022 – Jan 2022

2022 began with Sport Ireland implementing a Safeguarding Self Assessment Framework for NGBs and Clubs who were required to complete a Self Assessment. The Self Assessment Framework was completed using Formsite and contained a total of 8 Sections comprising approximately 30 questions. The Commencement date was the 6th of January 2022 with the process to be completed by the 28th of February 2022 An information Webinar was held on the 8th of January 2022 for Clubs and Club Childrens Officers which was well attended. A further webinar was held on Saturday 15th January by Croke Park and the National Safeguarding Committee and a third webinar held on the 3rd February 2022. The County was notified by Croke Park of a small number of clubs in respect of which Risk Assessments did not appear to have been received after the submission date. Those clubs were contacted and it appears that in many cases, Risk Assessments were in fact submitted but due to an inadvertent omission whereby the County name in the "Name & Address of Club" section of the Audit may have mistakenly been omitted, they were not showing as completed. I would like to acknowledge the huge amount of time and effort given to the Audit by Clubs and in particular Club Childrens Officers.

Officer Training - January 2022

As part of the 2022 Ulster GAA Club Officer training programme, a virtual workshop was held for club children's officers on Wed 19th January from 7-9pm. The workshop was facilitated by Ulster Safeguarding Manager Bernie Fox and there were over 100 participants spread across the 9 Counties. Childrens Officers, particularly those new to their role were

encouraged to attend. Donegal was represented with 25 clubs in attendance. Responding to Racism and Discrimination Training also took place for County Childrens Officers. Outlook training took place for County Childrens Officers on Wed 2nd February 2022 facilitated by Bernie Fox and Gerard Bradley. I have requested a further virtual training course for Club Childrens Officers in the use of outlook and the management and storage of documents on line. Hopefully this will take place early 2023.

Safeguarding 1 Training:

Safeguarding training is highlighted in Section 11(3) of the Childrens First Act 2015 as being mandatory and is required for whatever the level of child safeguarding engagement one has in the Association. A list of typical roles which is deemed to require training is included in the September 2019 Gaelic Games Safeguarding Training Policy. This has been circulated to all clubs. The policy sets out the accepted Safeguarding Workshops for all Gaelic Games Associations together with any specific requirements for attendance and renewal of certification. Renewal is required every 3 years. Those who do not hold a valid safeguarding training certificate cannot continue in their role until they have refreshed/ completed their training. The Club & individual are both responsible to ensure that appropriate training has been completed and is valid. face to face Safeguarding 1 training commenced throughout the County in 2022 with demand from Clubs high post Covid. 40 face to face Safeguarding 1 workshops were held in Donegal facilitated by County Tutors in 2022. 741 volunteers participated in Safeguarding 1 face to face workshops in 2022.

Virtual SG1 Training: Feb/ March 2022

Four virtual workshop slots were reserved for Donegal in 2022 namely the 18th Feb, 23rd Feb, 2nd March and 7th March. A Virtual SG 1 course was also held for Donegal on the 23rd June past mostly attended by coaches involved in Cul Camps. Overall Donegal participants were involved in 7 virtual SG1 workshops in 2022. The total amount of Donegal participants in 2022 equalled 170.

Safeguarding Summary

1. The Temporary Safeguarding 1 programme in place during Covid ended on the 31st December 2021. Those who availed of that programme then





needed to complete Safeguarding 1 to continue in their role.

- 2. The online Safeguarding Refresher Programme remains available for Members who initially completed the full 3 hour Safeguarding 1 workshop either virtually or face to face. This is valid for 3 years from the date of completion. After this time members need to complete the full 3 hour Safeguarding 1 course. Donegal had 124 participants on the Safeguarding Refresher programme in 2022.
- 3. Safeguarding 1 Virtual or Face to face is valid for 3 years from the date of completion. When this expires members may complete the online refresher course.
- 4. The total number of safeguarding participants in Donegal during 2022 to include, virtual, face to face and refresher participation was 1035.

SG 2 Club Childrens Officer Training – March 2022

Face to Face Safeguarding 2 training took place on Monday 21st March 2022 in Convoy facilitated by Brendan Harpur. Although the attendance was very disappointing, the workshop itself was a great success with lots of interaction and engagement. Thirteen Club Childrens Officers attended Safeguarding 2 training. Clubs are reminded that Safeguarding 2 training is mandatory for Club Childrens Officers.

Safeguarding 3 DLP Training – March 2022

Face to Face Safeguarding 3 training took place on Monday 28th March in Convoy again facilitated by Brendan Harpur. Thirteen DLP's and deputy DLP's attended the training. Clubs are reminded that they must have a DLP who is responsible for receiving allegations of child abuse as they relate to Association personnel and activities. The DLP is charged with the reporting or assisting in the reporting of such allegations to the statutory authorities and to the National Designated Liaison Person in accordance with the procedures outlined in the GAA Guidance

booklet for Dealing with & Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse. The position rests with the Chairperson of the Clubs Senior Board unless an alternative appointment is made. All DLP's must have Safeguarding 3 Training

Vetting – March 2022

An important change to the vetting system commenced on the 31st March 2022. The new and current system forms part of Foireann and permits Club Children's Officer access to confirm when a person is vetted. The Club Childrens Officer plays a key role by validating the ID Documentation of each club member application before it will be processed. The former vetting site closed on the 16th of March 2022. Aside from a few technical difficulties the general feedback so far has largely been positive.

It should be noted that there are a small number of Clubs that require action by the Club to validate the vetting application that is waiting on the system. In some cases these applications have been awaiting validation since April and May 2022. Unless the vetting application is validated by the Club it will not move onto National level to be processed. If the vetting application is no longer valid then the Club should reject the application to cancel it. An online Seminar on Foireann Garda Vetting took place on the 12th April which was well attended by Club Children's Officers. The recording of the online Seminar on Foireann Garda Vetting was circulated to all Club Childrens Officers. 561 vetting applications were made in Donegal in 2022.

A reminder to Clubs that persons who do not hold a valid Garda Vetting will not be permitted to partake in any GAA activity involving young people. In summary, all volunteers working with underage players must be vetted and have attended safeguarding training in the last three years. All Team Management Personnel including Coaches, Mentors, Trainers and anyone else involved in coaching players in addition to this are also required to have ccompleted a basic GAA coaching qualification.

Motion 24 Seminar – March 2022

In March, Central Council issued a Directive relative to Motion 24 to Competitions Control Committees (under Rule 3.43(b)). This deals with the consideration of Safeguarding reasons in a transfer request and is operative since the 26th March 2022. Going forward If a transfer request cites child safeguarding as one of the grounds for the request, that ground should only be considered if there has been a prior complaint in relation to child safeguarding to a Children's Officer – Club, County, Provincial or National. Where such a complaint has been made, the CCC considering the transfer request shall obtain a report of any investigation carried out by the relevant Children's Officer before considering the Transfer request. If there has been no complaint or investigation, then the Transfer request should be adjudicated upon without reference to child safeguarding". Motion 24 states that bye-laws should not prevent a transfer being granted where the relevant Competitions Control Committee is satisfied that it is necessary to do so to protect a child from harm and to comply with the child safeguarding commitments of the Association. See below for full wording and details.

GAA CONGRESS 2022

Motion (24) Passed 92.6%

That Rule 6.5(a) - Transfers Within County - Official Guide (Part 1), be amended to read:

A County shall have a Bye-Law governing the transfer of players from one Club to another within the County. Such Bye-Law shall be consistent with Rule. Such Bye-Law may restrict the eligibility of a player to a transfer by reference to such matters as the County shall consider appropriate (e.g. by reference to permanent residence or Other Relevant Connections between the transfer applicant and the Catchment Area of the proposed new Club etc.).

A County shall have the option, within County Bye-Law, to allow a player to play with a Club in the area in which he works. However, a Bye-Law shall not prevent a transfer being granted where the relevant Competitions Control Committee is satisfied that it is necessary to do so to protect a child from harm and to comply with the child safeguarding commitments of the Association. See Central Council Directive on this provision.

Additional restrictions of a procedural nature may be imposed if the County considers them appropriate (e.g., limiting the time within a given year when transfer applications might be made).

County Children's Officer Seminar – April 2022

A County Childrens Officers Safeguarding Seminar was held in the GAA National Games Development Centre,

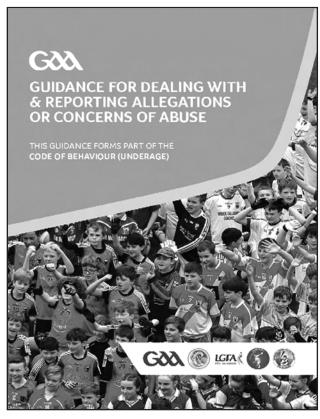
Abbotstown on Saturday 26th March 2022. One of the main items on the agenda was the commencement of the new vetting system on Foireann, vetting processing and data retention. Other items included an input from Cybersafe Kids, an explanation of the new GAA rule that permits the consideration of a safeguarding reason for transfers, initial outcomes from the Sport Ireland Self-Assessment Safeguarding Audit and the Google 'Be Internet Legends' anti bullying programme for children.

Motion 24 Webinar – July 2022

A Seminar was held on the 2nd July 2022 dealing with Motion 24 and also dealing with alleged assaults perpetrated by adults on juveniles within GAA Activities. The one-hour information webinar was for CCC members & County Committees and was well attended.

Statutory Reporting Obligations - July 2022

There are certain legal obligations that apply in respect of allegations of assault on children while playing or attending our games or activities. Failure to report an assault on a child is a breach of law and of GAA procedure and apart from a failure to protect the child, the non-reporting of a legal requirement has the potential to cause serious reputational damage to the GAA. All allegations of abuse, including assault, must be dealt with seriously, must be processed and reported accordingly. An allegation of abuse involving an adult and a child before during or after a game, must be reported to the GAA National DLP, assessed immediately, and where it reaches the threshold of reasonable grounds for concern it shall be reported



by agreement to the relevant authorities. This will not prevent the Association or a CCC from taking internal action, as per rule, should this be deemed appropriate. If an allegation of abuse, involving an adult and a child, comes to the attention of a CCC or County Committee. It should immediately be reported to the National DLP at nationaldlp@gaa.ie and to our own County DLP, and they will advise on how the matter should proceed. The option is always available to seek the advice of Tusla- the Child and Family Agency.

Code of Behaviour Video Awareness Campaign- August 2022

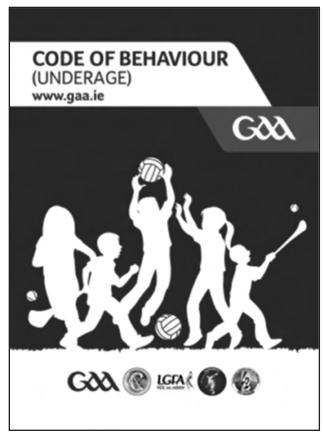


We filmed a short video promo in Convoy on Thursday 11th August on the Code of Behaviour. All Clubs were notified on Thursday 4th August and asked to send forward 1 child to participate if they wished. Response was overall quite low with only 7 clubs responding. This may be due to August being peak holiday time. Many thanks to Bradas O' Donnell for videography and Paddy McMenamin for his help on production and direction. A special word of thanks to all those who participated in the videos, namely County Hurlers Danny Cullen and Richard Ryan, Mens footballers Niall O Donnell and Brendan McCole, Ladies footballers Karen Guthrie and Katy Herron and also Referees Siobhan Coyle and Enda McFeely. Also, a word of thanks to Seamus Herron, Donegal LGFA. Our motto for the video campaign was "Respect One Respect All" and with the help of the coaches and children who also participated, we had a great evening of fun. Thanks to the parents who also participated and to our PRO John McEniff for dealing with the streaming and social media promo surrounding the Awareness Campaign.

GAA Code of Behaviour Underage

The importance of adhering to the Code of Behaviour in our dealings with young people and each other cannot be overstated. The Code is a vital reference and policy document which guides Clubs in working with children and ensures we fulfil our legal safeguarding responsibilities.

Section 3 of the Code outlines the minimum levels of behaviour we expect and accept from Young Players, from their Coaches, their Parents, our Clubs, Referees



and Supporters. All clubs should ensure that the Code is readily accessible via their website or social media page. The link to the Code has been circulated to all clubs and is also available to access at https://donegalgaa.ie/.This code is no longer in hard copy and is an electronic version only divided into sections.

Sec 4.15 of the Code of Behaviour provided new important powers to the National Safeguarding Committee that all Clubs should be aware of as follows;. "The Child Safeguarding Committee may, at any time, make a determination that a team, unit, or member is non-compliant with Association child safeguarding procedures or in breach of the Code of Behaviour (Underage) (a "Determination of Non-Compliance"). If such a Determination is made, the team, unit, or member shall be notified in writing. The team, unit, or member in receipt of a Determination of Non-Compliance shall not be permitted to participate in any competitions, games or activities under the jurisdiction of any of our Associations (GAA, LGFA, Camogie, Rounders Handball) from the date of receipt (or deemed date of receipt) of notice of the Determination of Non-Compliance until the Child Safeguarding Committee has determined that it is in compliance." This is a very important change and all Clubs need to be aware of it.

Can all Clubs please check and make sure that your Website/ Social Media pages is linking to the correct and up to date Safeguarding information as per below GAA Code of Behaviour

https://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-safeguarding-and-protection/code-of-behaviour

Complaints in relation to Breaches of the Code

Unfortunately there was a number of incidents reported in 2022 pertaining to alleged Breaches of the Code of Behaviour. These complaints covered a broad spectrum of situations involving players, coaches, officials and spectators. The alleged use of unacceptable language at games by coaches and spectators towards players and officials is one such unacceptable example. There is no room for complacency when it comes to enforcing the minimum standards expected from all those working with children and I would encourage anyone who experiences or witnesses a breach of the Code to come forward with their concerns. It is important that all Clubs implement the Code of Behaviour within their Club fully and that complaints received are dealt with fully and fairly. A strong message should issue from all Clubs regarding the importance of always abiding by the Code. Donegal GAA posted the Code on social media channels on the 7th July 2022 along with content and a GAA video link. All club PRO's and Club CO's were notified and asked to share through their social media channels. We all need to continue to promote a positive message to everyone involved in Gaelic Games.

Safeguarding Statements

All Clubs should continue to ensure that their 2021 Safeguarding Statement is on display "prominently" within their club. 2023 will see the return of the GAA Risk Assessment process for Clubs.



Club Childrens Officer Newsletter:

Two editions of the Donegal Club Childrens Officer Newsletter issued to Club Childrens Officers in 2022, the first on the 3rd February and the second on the 1stJuly last 2022.

Ulster Safeguarding Committee Meetings

Ulster Safeguarding Committee meetings took place on the 12th January, 13th April and 21st September 2022

Anti Bullying

The GAA Anti Bullying training is currently being updated and information on this will be circulated to clubs as soon as to hand.

Ratios

Ratios of 2:10 apply to each group of ten children or up to ten children in a group. Groups of 10-20 children must have a minimum of 3 adults present at all times. Any group that exceeds 20 in number must also abide by the minimum ratios as per above.

Childrens Officer Email address

All Childrens Officers must have an official GAA email address activated otherwise they will not receive official GAA correspondence. Club Childrens Officers should not be communicating through their personal or work email accounts.

Social Media

A copy of the GAA Social Media Guidelines has been circulated to every club. The 'Go-To' version of the guidelines includes the most referenced and queried areas of GAA policy. Additional specific information on what should or shouldn't be shared



from Official pages in light of

some recent GDPR-related concerns is also dealt with in the Social Media Guidelines 2020.

Club Audit Lists

All Clubs should shortly receive their 2022 Audit lists for safeguarding and vetting. The 2021 lists were recirculated earlier in the year by Ulster GAA due to some confusion in relation to the safeguarding list sheets which didn't specifically identify those who completed the temporary safeguarding course (now expired). This issue was rectified on the revised lists which left it much clearer for clubs to identify those in need of Safeguarding training. All Clubs should ensure that their lists are accurate and are adopted by the Club Executive.

Website

Our Website contains a number of very valuable and important Safeguarding resources for Clubs and Club Childrens Officers. A number of new resources have been added to the website in 2022. There are links available to all relevant resources as well as other safeguarding information which can be accessed on https://donegalgaa.ie/. Many thanks to our PRO John McEniff for his help and assistance with this throughout the year.

Dealing with Alleged Breaches of Code of Behaviour (Underage).

An important role of the Club and County Children's Officer is dealing with alleged breaches of good practice. Over the course of 2021 and 2022 this aspect of the work has brought me in contact with dedicated Children Officers and Committee members in clubs across the County.



I am grateful for the work that they have undertaken in promoting best practice and in dealing with alleged incidents of poor practice in an efficient and effective manner. This work at club and county level is 'unseen' by most, but it is valuable and very important work. I want to thank all Children Officers in the clubs throughout Donegal for their tireless work in 2022. Your role is at times very challenging but always rewarding. It has been my privilege working with you all. I also want to thank the members of the County Determining Committee and the County Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport Hearings Committee for their work in dealing with alleged breaches of the Code of Behaviour.

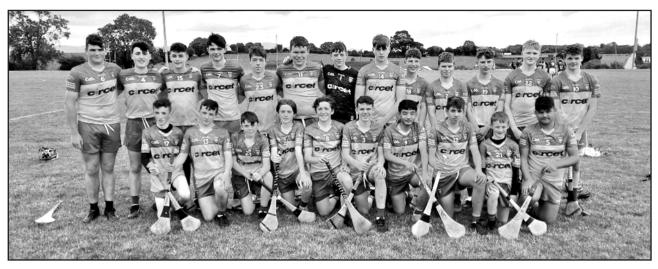
Concluding thoughts and Acknowledgments

As I step down from the County Executive after two years in the role as County Childrens Officer, I would like to express my appreciation to all of my colleagues on the Donegal GAA Management Committee for their support throughout the year. I am proud to have been part of a Management Committee and an organisation that has done such excellent work in 2022. A special word of thanks also to Bernie Fox, Ulster GAA for her steadfast advices and counsel throughout the year. I would also like to thank Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichill,

National Child Welfare and Safeguarding Manager, Michelle Harte, Child Welfare and Safeguarding Officer and Kayleen Iwasaki, compliance Officer in Croke Park for their assistance and guidance. A word of thanks also to the 2022 members of Coiste Na nOg for their work in ensuring that our underage fixtures ran so smoothly and to schedule. To the members of the County Child Awareness and Protection Committee and our Safeguarding Tutors namely Pauric Daly, Donal Sharkey, James Keaney, Edel Flynn and Michael McMenamin, thank you for your commitment to the delivery of Safeguarding programmes. Donegal is very fortunate to have such experienced and passionate tutors. Finally, a special word of thanks also to Noreen Doherty for her help and assistance throughout the year. It was very much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a successful 2023 both on and off the field of play.

Guím sláinte agus sonas oraibh go léir **Daireen McMenamin**



Underge County Hurlers - Donegal u-15 Hurlers - Hibernian Cup 2022



Underage County Football Squads - Buncrana Cup u16s 2022

Tuarascáil Coiste Riaracháin Réiteoirí



Report of the Referees' Administrator

It gives me great pleasure to present my report on the activities in Referees Administration here today at County Convention.

I came on Board in March 2022, with some newly appointed RAC members, I knew I was three months behind in the work schedule; but we commenced work right away.

Making a Start

I was very happy to take the position of Referees' Administrator. My main priority was to meet with the referees, listen to their concerns and move on to improve things as best I could. The RAC Committee comprised, James Connors, Frank Dooley, Lee Jordan, Don Langan, Aiden McAleer and Jimmy White with Ed Byrne, Rúnaí CCC & David McLoone, Chairperson CCC as ex-officio officers with me Pat Walsh as Chairperson.

Referee Training

Annual Pre-season In-service and Fitness Test

I met with the 2021 panel of Club Referees in our new County Training Centre in Convoy where some of the playing rules that cause concern and the new rule 7on managing misconduct by Team Officials was gone through in detail.

AllRefereeswerethenrequired to complete the national referee online course to fine-tune their knowledge of the playing rules and to enhance awareness of their responsibilities in child safeguarding.

Two weeks later all referees received relevant requisites and the playing regulations for the coming year and were assessed as to their fitness levels. I wish to thank Charlie Kerr for facilitating us with access to the County Training Centre when required and CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin for facilitating us in the Astroturf area of O Donnell Park.

New Referee Recruitment

Don Langan and Frank Dooley initiated a campaign to recruit and train new referees. All Clubs were approached with offers to meet in regional locations across the county. Eighteen (18) club members enrolled in the course with fifteen (15) successfully completing the course in Gaelic Football and with seven (7) being successful in Hurling also. Five of these newly qualified referees:- Jack Delaney, Bundoran; Pauric McKelvey, Red Hughs; Oran Raymond, Malin; Christy McDaid, Carndonagh; Eugene Drummond, Aodh Rua and also Gerard McHugh (jr) Convoy have since been recommended by me to Ulster RAC Referees Academy.

Hurling

This year we have made good strides in hurling refereeing. We now have 17 trained hurling referees from the following clubs: Aodh Rua (3), Bundoran (1), Burt (4), Carndonagh (1), Fanad Gaels (1), Four Masters (1), Gaoth Dobhair (2), Naomh Colmcille (1), Naomh Padraig Uisce Chaoin (1), St. Eunan's (1) and Setanta (2).

Club Championship Preparation

Hurling

This year for the 1st time we had a very successful pre club championship hurling referee in-service. My thanks to James Connors for leading out on this with the help of Aiden McAleer, both of whom are national panel hurling referees.

Gaelic Football

Once again we had our pre club championship training session and fitness test. Jimmy White, Referees tutor, and Frank Dooley managed the two workshops. I wish to express thanks to an Coiste Bainistí for providing a very welcome hot meal in the Training Centre on this occasion.

Progression to Ulster and to the National Panel.

It is important to state that we have a continuous flow of referees to the Ulster Referees Academy.

This is not only bearing fruit in the building up the quality of refereeing in the county but also in our supply of quality referees for ulster fixtures and to national inter county fixtures. I offer a special thank you to James Connors (clg Naomh Adhamhnáin) and Aiden McAleer (clg Naomh Pádhraigh Uisce Chaoin) for their service in refereeing intercounty senior hurling fixtures and I take this opportunity to congratulate Enda McFeely (clg Naomh Muire Conmhaigh) on being selected onto the national Gaelic football referees panel for 2023. We wish all three every success in the coming year.

Looking to the Future

I welcome with all of my colleague referees the new national initiative by the GAA to focus on and improve respect when it comes to Referees, Lines persons, Umpires and Sideline Officials. Croke Park has made a start with its new rules around misconduct by Team Officials and later towards the end of the club championship season with a public focus on this cultural issue, but it cannot be left there. A clear action plan must be put in place before the start of the 2023 season so that everything is clear and every transgression is reported and dealt with. A common comment in the GAA is that the playing rules are complex and difficult to implement on occasions. However when the referee blows his whistle, having made a decision, the players accept and move on. Disrespect by players is not an issue as when it occurs there are immediate and serious consequences for the player. Team Officials (T.O.s) have simple rules to follow such as five (5) inside the wire; all wearing numbered Bibs (Blue or Red) with 2 maor uisce and one maor camann (hurling). All T.O.s must remain inside the white box with only 2 standing. I ask how often do we see these regulations complied with. How often do we see Team Officials accosting the Referee or his linesmen as they walk of the pitch at half time? The Referees believe that this is where disrespect happens in the 1st instance and that the first focus to improve respect must be placed on this aspect of our games.

A Remaining Challenge

Despite the best efforts of Don Langan and Frank Dooley nine (9) clubs have no referee. Three of these are considered to be strong gaelic football clubs who put out eight (8) adult teams between them each season. Eight referees a week for their fixtures but no complementary referee for other clubs fixtures. These are not clubs that have suddenly found themselves without a referee. It is an ongoing issue. The spirit

of comradery clearly has not worked. The threat of new regulation has not worked. Perhaps 2023 is the time that new regulations – with a stick – should be approved and applied.

A New Challenge

The continuing increase in the participation of our female friends, family members and colleagues in Gaelic Games is a source of pride to us all. The assimilation of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA), the Camogie Association and the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) into the one organisation is something to be welcomed and will further strengthen our historic Gaelic culture both at home and within our Irish diaspora.

With increased involvement will come an increase in the number of games to be managed leading to a greater demand for referees. Is Croke Park examining this issue as I write and is our own County Board considering how to manage this increasing demand of our present group of referees?

Conclusion

I wish to thank an Coiste Bainistí and the CCC for their help in providing referee resources and gear.

I want to thank St. Eunan's club and Charlie Kerr for providing training facilities. Also thanks to Fergus Mc Gee for your help, doing all the games as MC and keeping everyone informed. Thanks to my RAC team and especially to Frank for advice and assistance throughout the year and finally to my wife Geraldine and my family for their help and their forbearance throughout the past year.

Padraig Breathnach Referees Administrator CLG Dhún na nGall



New Managers - in this together -Paddy Carr and Aidan O'Rourke



Minor Club Division 1 Champions 2022 - Four Masters

Tuarascail Rúnaí Choiste na hIar-Bhunscoileanna Co. Dhún na nGall



I am pleased to have the opportunity to report today on behalf of Choiste na hIar-Bhunscoileanna Co. Dhún na nGall. During the school year 2020/2021 there were no official competitions due to the pandemic. Thankfully, most of our competitions resumed successfully in the school year 2021/2022.

Scoileanna Uladh now has overall responsibility for the organisation and management of games and competitions at second level in Ulster. However, schools in Donegal still compete for county championships that are organised by Donegal Post Primary GAA, which is not the case in the majority of the other counties in Ulster. However, due to the uncertainty brought about by COVID schools only entered competitions at the Ulster level as a decision was taken to prioritise these. Thankfully, our county competitions have resumed in the current school year.

Because Scoileanna Uladh organise fixtures it leaves no leeway for when Donegal Post Primary GAA can schedule our games. Ulster Schools organise all under 14 and under 16 competitions so that they commence in late September and finish in the first week of December. The senior competitions start in late October and run through to February. It was historically the case that the MacRory Cup final was played on St Patrick's Day each year but this will change in the future so that competitions at the national level can finish earlier.

At the provincial level Donegal schools were quite successful in the most recent school year. St Columba's College Stranorlar had a very successful year in football where they won the U14.5 Loch an lúr Shield Final, defeating St Joseph's Donoughmore 3-9 to 1-8. And in senior football, St Columba's won their first ever Markey Cup when they defeated Virginia College Cavan 1-14 to 0-8. Gairmscoil Chú Uladh reached the final of the Ward Cup but lost out in a thriller to Colaiste Oiriall. Final score was 5-6 to 3-10. There was also no joy for Carrick in the U19 Faul Cup final as they lost out to a very strong Ballybay team on a score of 6-16 to 0-8.

Carndonagh Community were successful in both football and hurling. In football, their U16.5 team won the Rafferty Cup Shield at B level, defeating OLASP Knock 5-9 to 0-4. In hurling they won the Casement

Shield at senior level, defeating St Aidan's Cootehill 3-17 to 3-10. Coláiste Cholmcille, St Columba's College and Scoil Mhuire also participated in various hurling competitions as well.

At U14.5 Pobailscoil Ghaoth Dobhair won the Gerry Brown Cup, defeating St Aidan's College Cootehill 4-4 to 1-8. The U13.5 Corn Cholmcille was an all Donegal affair that saw St Eunan's College defeat Loreto Milford 3-15 to 2-9. In the Rafferty Cup final Loreto Milford lost out to Patrician High on a score 3-5 to 0-9. At U15.5 Scoil Mhuire Buncrana won the McAvoy Cup, defeating Largy College 6-18 to 3-10.

I would like to express our thanks to the County Board for providing a coach to work within our Post Primary schools. Feedback from schools has been overwhelmingly positive and demand is high. Having this resource allows us to promote Gaelic football in our schools for a larger part of the year and to include students from right across our school community who may have lapsed from playing our games or who are not yet members of any club. Towards the end of the year regional blitzes are organised and these were thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

In recent years and in conjunction with the Donegal GAA Academy, local academies have been set up in several schools to help with player development.

This year has also seen schools continuing to engage in the GAA Future Leaders Programme. Demand for this programme is high and feedback has been very positive. This is a joint initiative from the GAA and the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). It is a cross-curricular programme comprising of a series of modules designed to encourage maturity, initiative, responsibility and leadership skills in pupils. The Programme gives pupils the knowledge and skills to support all roles required in the effective staging of Gaelic Games. The Young Whistler initiative is also being introduced to Transition Year students and many have used this experience to help them referee primary school blitzes.

As many are no doubt aware it is increasingly expensive to participate in games, especially when a neutral venue is required, so we especially thank all venues who help us in this regard.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following for their continued help and assistance:

Our clubs for providing schools with pitches, coaches and other ongoing forms of assistance. A special thank you to clubs who provide pitches for playoffs, semi-finals and finals during the year, often when conditions weren't favourable in terms of weather.

Our teachers who involve themselves in GAA in our schools.

The referees, who ensured that games passed off as smoothly as possible and in a sporting manner. Thanks also to referees administrators past and present, Michelle Bennett and Pat Walsh, who has been very helpful again this year.

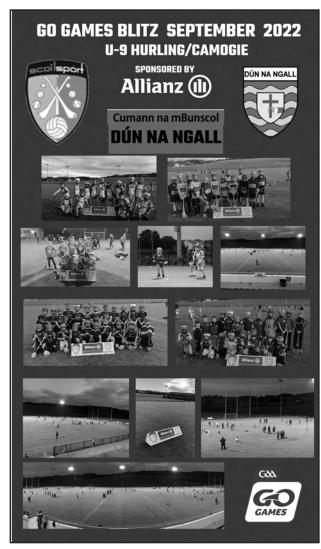
Our coaches, Paddy Hegarty and Brian Roper, for their ongoing work in our schools.

The media for providing excellent coverage of school's football in their publications. It is wonderful to see the achievements of young footballers and hurlers being recognised in this way.

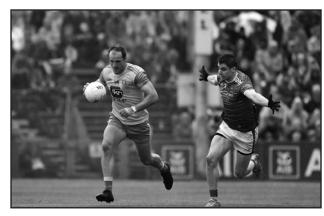
I would like to thank fellow members of Coiste na hlar-Bhunscoileanna Co. Dhún na nGall, Noel Ward – Cathaoirleach; Éanna Ó Mainín – Cisteoir; John Joe O'Shea – Mino Board Delegate, Paddy Flood – Hurling Officer and Sean McKenna – PRO.

Seamus Woods and the Ulster Schools Committee. This year sees the retirement of John Joe O'Shea from St Catherine's Killybegs. John Joe has been synonymous with schools football in the county and has managed and coached the Donegal Vocational Schools team to multiple Ulster and All-Ireland successes. He also served in many roles for the Donegal Vocational Schools Board. We would like to take this opportunity to wish John Joe, and all other GAA teachers who have retired this year, a happy and healthy retirement.

Go raibh maith agaibh uilig Gearóid Ó Dochartaigh Rúnaí Coiste na hIar-Bhunscoileanna, Dhún na nGall



GO Games Blitz September 2022



2022 - Departure Michael Murphy



2022 Departure - Declan Bonner

Tuairisc an Rúnaí Cumann na mBunscol 2022



Bhí leath bliain gnóthach againn I mbliana tar éis Covid.

Schools were given the go-ahead to plan their competitions from Easter 2022. This caused obvious problems for our committee as the season was very condensed. For the 2022 season we condensed 6 football into 3, which gave us an A/B/C competition in boys and girls football.

These 3 divisions worked well, and I thank schools for their cooperation in this. I was able to attend the A and C finals and I can tell you the games were played with great enthusiasm and the levels of skill on show were fantastic.

Football Roll of Honour 2022

Roinn A	Killymard NS	Glenswilly NS
Roinn B	Scoil Mhuire Glenties	Scoil Mhuire Creeslough
Roinn C	Scoil An Bhreacaigh	Fintown NS
Roinn A Girls	Creevey NS	Lurgybrack NS
Roinn B Girls	Dunkineeley NS	Castlefinn NS
Roinn C Girls	Dumfries NS	Fintown NS
Roinn B1 Boys and Girls	Gaelscoil Cois Feabhaill	Stramore NS

Hurling/Camogie

There were several hurling and camogie blitzes played in 2022 towards the end of June. We acknowledge there have been some changes made to the schools coaching plan and Marty McGrath has been given extra duties, however, we would hope that the hurling element of schools coaching will be revisited, and any remedial action taken if schools are losing out on hurling coaching time.

Handball

Our handball competitions took place in April with the usual small number of schools taking part including, Tooban NS, Rockfield NS, Coimín NS, Tabhóg NS and Dromore NS. The winners of the various competitions progressed to the Ulster Handball Competitions in Belfast, hosted by Cumann na mBunscol Aontraim.

Rounders

It is not widely known or accepted that Rounders is an Official part of the GAA. We had been developing our competitions in Donegal but due to the condensed

season, we had to shelve our plans to develop non-competitive games for interested schools in cooperation with the Ulster Rounders Development Officer. We hope to go back to this in 2023. The 20+schools that take part in rounders love this game and the children deserve the chance to take part.

Ulster Cumann na mBunscol

We continue to play an active role at an Ulster level and our county committee supply 3 of the officers at Ulster Committee level, including Manas Ó Domhnaill who is Ulster Secretary.

Due to the restrictions in 2022, there were no Ulster Indoor competitions or quiz but that should change in 2023 when we are back to a full year of competitions.

The Half time games did however go ahead and 18 children from all over the county played in the 1st round of the Ulster Championship against Armagh in McCumhaill Park. (Supply Names)

4 boys from Donegal were chose to play at the Ulster Final and one lucky lad from Moville carried out the Cup at the start of the game. These children were selected at our skills competition which were held in April in Convoy GAA Centre.

Donegal also provided players for the Croke Park half time games series and were selected at the skills competition mentioned above.

Camogie.

- 1. Aiveen Wallace, St Angeus NS Bridgend
- 2. Aoife Callaghan, Craigtown NS

Hurling

1. Hugh McGinn, St Patrick's BNS Carndonagh

Boys Football.

1. Donnacha Malone, Scoil Mhuire Glenties

Girls Football.

- 1. Sarah Hegarty, Dunkineely NS
- 2. Laura Quinn, Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala

ULSTER FOOTBALL FINAL

- 1. Paul O'Donnell, Gaelscoil Éirne
- 2. Corey Doherty, Glencovitt NS
- 3. Dara O'Hare, Gaelscoil Cois Feabhaill
- 4. Joe Bradley...

National Committee

We are again active on this committee and attend meetings in Croke Park and beyond to give our voice to the development of GAA in schools.

The 2023 National Awards ceremony will take place in Letterkenny in February 2023 in the Mt Errigal Hotel. Our own Cumann na mBunscol county committee will be responsible for the smooth running of this event and we will look for cooperation from various sources to ensure the smooth running of it. I don't think there will be any bigger occasion taking place in the County around this time, so it would be nice to get some media coverage of this event.

Media Coverage

Compared to other counties, our committee finds it difficult to get any local coverage of our finals and competitions. This is a shame as some of the finals played this year were of the highest quality. I refer to the Killymard v Glenswilly final, where the 2 schools were only separated in extra time, both schools leaving everything on the pitch on the day. That was only 1 final. There were many more over the years with no coverage.

These boys and girls are the future of the GAA in the county, and many move on to development squads.

They deserve the coverage like the senior stars.

Social Media Presence

We have built up a successful social media coverage and we hope to develop this. There are some great pictures of our future stars and our events that have taken place on TWITTER (@Cumanndl) and on our FACEBOOK page. Give us a like or even follow!!

September 2023

We have already over 100 schools affiliated to Cumann na mBunscol and we have attracted a few new schools into our competitions. We are always open to new schools affiliating.

Over the week 17th October 20 blitzes took place in various venues throughout the county. 1000s of children took part in these 'non-competitive' blitzes and they proved a great success. Many thanks to all the co-ordinators who helped organize. We have also established links with the Donegal schools coaching staff and have engaged with Marty McGrath and hope to develop this project further. Schools have requested activity for the 3rd/4th class age group and we hope to mirror the non-competitive blitzes in the next calendar year.





Just some of the blitzes that took place during October.

Tuarscail Thoscaire Ard Chomhairle



It is a great privilege for me to represent CLG Dhún na nGall on Ard Chomhairle and I'm very happy now to present my third report in the position to this convention. It goes without saying that after a couple of difficult years due to the pandemic, the 2022 season was much more enjoyable for everybody with a full calendar of activity both at inter-county and Club level. Also, after two years of meetings over Microsoft Teams, the business of Central Council could be conducted once again through in-person meetings.

Integration

Under the leadership of the Uachtarán, the Ard Stiúrthóir and Uachtarán of the three Associations met on a number of occasions during the year culminating in the appointment of an independent chairperson to oversee the integration process. The former President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, had agreed to take on the role in what is a very positive step for our three Associations. A significant amount of consultation with all the stakeholders will now take place over the next 12 months.

Football Championship Structure

At Congress 2022 in the University of Galway Connacht GAA Dome, a new championship structure was approved that still incorporates our provincial championships with Allianz League based standings to determine who should play in any given year for the Sam Maguire Cup and Tailteann Cup. 2023 will be the first year of this new structure but I think we can be very optimistic of the season ahead considering the magnificent success of the Tailteann Cup in its inaugural year and the excitement it brought to the people of Westmeath in particular.

Age Grades

The work of the Age Grades Workgroup continues with it being proposed that motions will be on the Clár of Congress 2023. These motions will then determine if there will be a change from the current uneven age grades or a return to the traditional even age groups.

Parameters for taking decisions by email were agreed as follows:

- 1. Each unit/committee/sub-committee must have a policy determining what exceptional circumstances email decisions will be used.
- 2. Decisions by emails must be reserved for administrative decisions and not used for decisions of adjudication or property transactions.

- 3. Decisions by email must, in as far as is possible, be confined to voting "For" or "Against" a question not requiring further clarification or capable of being amended. Where a unit/committee pose a question for decision which attracts more than one opposing or varied view from members, the decision must be deferred to a convened meeting held either in person in accordance with Rule 4.3 Official Guide or virtually in accordance with Rule 4.7.
- 4. In advance of any such decision the secretary of the unit/committee/sub-committee must explain why a physical meeting is not possible, establish the number of members entitled to vote; establish that current email addresses are available for each member so entitled; determine the necessary quorum; and advise the members accordingly.
- 5. Where possible, the secretary must establish a system whereby confirmation of receipt of the email can be satisfied.
- 6. A specific deadline for return of votes must be communicated and strictly adhered to.
- 7. Only the members who vote, or communicate abstention, must be deemed to be present for the purposes of determining a quorum
- 8. If there are insufficient votes cast, or abstentions communicated, by the specific deadline, to reach a quorum then a valid decision by email is not possible.
- 9. Votes not cast are not deemed to be assenting to the proposal.

Central Register of Beneficial Ownership of Trusts (CRBOT)

All Clubs need to have approved sporting exemption relief with further information to follow in the New Year.

- All executive members will have to upload their details
- 2. Trustees also if not operating the Corporate Trustee model
- 3. Not an annual return, just when executive members change

Smart Sliotar & High Vis (Yellow) Sliotar

The Smart Sliotar will be introduced to the Senior and Under 20 intercounty championships in 2023. In 2024 High Vis (Yellow) sliotars to be implemented across all levels (club & county) including Camogie.

National Club Draw

The National Club draw is always very successful in Donegal with many Clubs embracing this Croke Park initiative to raise some badly needed funds every New Year. A total of 9,730 tickets were sold in the county in 2022 with Naomh Bríd selling a hugely impressive 1,538 tickets to be the top sellers in the province. Tickets have been distributed to the Clubs for the 2023 draw based on sales in the 2022 draw. However, if your Club hasn't received tickets and wishes to avail of this opportunity to do some fundraising, please contact me as soon as possible. I would also like to thank the County Administrator, Noreen Doherty for her assistance in the management of the draw here locally in the county.

Acknowledgments

I wish to thank my fellow County Officers and County Administrator for their assistance and support throughout the year and also thank the Uachtarán Larry Mc Carthy, Ard Stiúrthóir Tom Ryan and the staff in Croke Park for their guidance and advice when called upon.

Finally, I want to wish every member of the Association in Donegal a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year in the company of your family and friends.

Seán Ó Duinnín



Opening of Donegal GAA Centre - Entrance



Opening of Donegal GAA Centre - Cutting the Tape



Opening of Donegal GAA Centre - The Plaque



Intermediate B Final 2022 -Convoy Captain Emmet Dohety



Division 2B League Champions 2022 - Seam MacCumhaill



Division 3B Champions 2022 - Burt

Tuarascail Rúnaí an Choiste Éisteachta



A Chairde Gaeil,

Cuireann sé athás mhór orm mar Rúnaí an Coiste Éisteachta an tuarascáil bliantúil seo a chur os bhur gcóir don bhliain 2022.

In relation to the working of the Hearing Committee, the standard set out in the Official Guide for use in all decisions is that the Hearings Committee must be satisfied that the infraction is 'more likely to have occurred than not to have occurred.'

In instances, some cases may entail difficult decision making but an Coiste Éisteachta aims to reach a fair and honest conclusion at all times. Each case is unique and treated by all members with the respect and confidentiality it deserves.

It is the policy of An Coiste Éisteachta that if any individual member of the committee has any conflict of interest whatsoever that they step down for that particular hearing. All parties who seek a hearing also are given the right to object to any sitting member of the Committee before a hearing commences.

When any member / unit disagrees with our decision, they then have the right of appeal to the Ulster Hearings Committee. We fully respect this, we also respect of the outcome of any appeal. This year none of the decisions taken by the Committee were the subject of an appeal to the Ulster Council Hearings Committee.

Hearings arising from Notice of Disciplinary Action

During the course of the year, An Coiste Éisteachta met on 17 occasions, following on from recent years, all meetings were held online via Teams. Under the astute direction of An Cathaoirleach, Aodh Máirtín Ó Fearraigh, the workings of the committee were carried out in a timely, transparent and impartial manner. A breakdown of the various matters that came before the committee is shown below.

Senior CCC

Seventeen Notices of Disciplinary Actions issued by the CCC resulted in requests for Hearings.

- One request was withdrawn before the hearing took place.
- In twelve cases, sanctions ranging from a one match ban to a thirty-six-week suspension were imposed.

 Four cases resulted in the proposed penalty being rescinded / set aside.

There was an increase on the number of cases brought to An Coiste Éisteachta in comparison to 2021 where An Coiste deliberated on 12 cases.

Bord na Mionúr:

An Coiste Éisteachta received five requests for Hearings relating to Bord na Mionúr. Of those:

- One request was withdrawn before the hearing took place.
- One request was deemed out of order
- One case resulted in a four-week suspension being imposed.
- Two cases resulted in the proposed penalty being rescinded

There was an increase in requests for Hearings in comparison to 2021 where there were only two requests received.

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank all the members of An Coiste Éisteachta for their advice and support during the year especially An Cathaoirleach, Aodh Máirtín Ó Fearraigh. Their time and patience in ensuring that Appellants get a fair hearing and their willingness to attend meetings at short notice has to be commended.

2022 Baill an Choiste Éisteachta:

Aodh Máirtín Ó Fearraigh, Cathaoirleach, Fidelma Ní Dhochartaigh, Rúnaí, Seamus O'Donnell, Dan Harnett, Michael McMenamin, Diarmuid Keon, Paddy Tinney & Mary Kelly.

I wish to thank Eamonn Ó Bróinn, Rúnaí CCC, Seamus Ó Cuinn and Sharon Uí Fhionntaigh, Bord na Mionúr for their cooperation and courtesy to me as Rúnaí of the committee over the past year. I also wish to thank the representatives of the CCC who attended meetings throughout the year and to officers of the various clubs across the county that I have had dealings with in carrying out this duty.

Guím Beannachtaí na Nollag agus na Bliana Úire ar ár mbaill go léir, agus míle buíochas as bhur dtacaíocht agus comhoibriú le linn 2022.

On behalf of an Coiste Éisteachta I wish all parties associated with CLG Dhún na nGall a successful 2023.

Tuarscáil Comhairle Uladh (1)



CCC Ulster Council Report for 2022 Donegal GAA County Convention

Tuarascáil ó Ionadaí Chomhairle Uladh CCC do choinbhinsiun CLG Dhún na nGall 2022.

Fergus MacAoidh

Réamhra – Introduction:

I 2022, bhí mé ar choiste CCC Chomhairle Uladh agus ar Choiste Bainistíochta Chomhairle Uladh chomh maith mar gheall ar mo phost mar Chathaoirleach ar Choiste na Gaeilge i gCúige Uladh. San iomlán, d'fhreastail mé ar thart ar 30 cruinniú i gCúige Uladh lena n-áirítear cruinnithe CCC, Cruinnithe Bainistíochta agus Cruinnithe de Choiste na Gaeilge.

Coiste na Gaeilge - CLG Uladh:

Bhí roinnt cruinnithe ag Coiste na Gaeilge agus Oidhreachta (Ochtar) i rith na bliana. Bhí an tinreamh ag na cruinnithe seo sa raon ó an-mhaith go dtí an-lag agus d'fhreastail contaetha áirithe ar na cruinnithe go léir agus bhí contaetha eile nár fhreastail ar aon cheann de na cruinnithe riamh. Bhí na cruinnithe seo úsáideach mar thug siad deis dóibh siúd a bhí i láthair tuairimí a mhalartú agus bealaí a phlé chun próifíl na Gaeilge a mhéadú laistigh den CLG i gCúige Uladh. I measc na smaointe a pléadh bhí Tráth na gCeist Bord (I nGaeilge amháin), Ag iarraidh ar imreoirí ó Pheil Ghaelach, Iománaíocht, Peil na mBan agus Camógaíocht físeáin gairid a dhéanamh ag cur chun cinn na teanga, gach contae ag cur duine óg chun tosaigh (idir 18 agus 25 bliain d'aois) ó gach ceann de na naoi gcontae chun aon smaointe úr a d'fhéadfadh a bheith acu a chur i láthair. Is smaointe leanúnach iad seo agus táthar ag súil go mbeidh torthaí maithe le feiceál as na smaointe seo sna blianta amach romhainn. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le Mary O'Brien (Naomh Muire -Íochtar na Rosann as freagracht a ghlacadh as cúrsaí Gaeilge sa chontae agus as a bheith i láthair ag gach cruinniú i gCúige Uladh.

In 2022, I was on the Ulster Council CCC committee and also on the Ulster Council Management Committee as a result of my position as Chairman of the Irish language Committee in Ulster (Coiste na Gaeilge). In total, I attended in the region of 30 meetings in Ulster which included CCC meetings, Management Meetings and Meetings of the Irish language committee. Coiste na Gaeilge agus Oidhreachta had several meetings (Eight in all) throughout the year. Attendance at these

meetings ranged from very good to poor with some counties attending all meetings while there were other counties that only attended on one or two occasions or never attended any of the meetings. These meetings were useful as they provided those in attendance an opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss ways of increasing the profile of the Irish language within the GAA in Ulster. Among the ideas that were discussed were Tráth na gCeist Bord (In the Irish language only), Requesting inter-county players from Gaelic Football, Hurling, Ladies Football and Camogie to do short videos promoting the language, each county putting forward a young person (between 18 and 25 years of age) from each of the nine counties to present any new ideas they may have. These are ongoing ideas and will hopefully produce good results in the years ahead. I would like to thank Mary O'Brien (Naomh Muire – Íochtar na Rosann) for taking responsibility for Irish language matters in the county and for her attendance at all meetings of in Ulster.

Bailiúchán na Teanga:

Bhí Bailiúchán na teanga ar siúl arís i nDún na nGall i 2022. Sílim gur cheart go dtarlódh sé seo sna naoi gcontae ar fad mar go gcuirtear an t-airgead a bhailítear go Comhaltas Uladh chun Scoláireachtaí a chur ar fáil do pháistí a fhreastalaíonn ar chúrsaí Gaeltachta i rith mhíonna an tSamhraidh.

The annual St. Patrick's Day Collection for Comhaltas Uladh took place in Donegal again in 2022. I feel strongly that this should take place in all nine counties as the monies raised are sent to Comhaltas Uladh in order to provide Scholarships to children who attend the Gaeltacht courses during the Summer months. Míle buíochas to the clubs who took part this year.

Cúrsa Cuimhneacháin Shéamuis de Faoite 2022:

Bhí an chúrsa ar ais sna Dúnaibh, Contae Dhún na nGall tar éis trí bliana as láthair mar gheall ar an Covid. Bhí táille ar chúrsa na bliana seo a bhí gach duine sásta a íoc. Ba é an costas freastail ná €100 do dhaoine nach baill den CLG iad, €70 do bhaill CLG agus €50 do Mhic Léinn agus do Phinsinéirí. D'éirigh go hiontach le ceithre rang (Bun Rang, Meán Rang Íochtar, Meán Rang Uachtar & Rang Ard). Chomh maith le na ranganna, bhí imeachtaí ar siúl achán tráthnóna agus bhí achán duine a bhí i láthair sásta go raibh an cúrsa seo, an t-aon cheann dá leithéid atá á reáchtáil ag an CLG ar bun arís.

The course ran from the 4th – 8th July with reduced numbers when compared with the years prior to the Pandemic. There was a fee for this year's course which everyone was happy to pay. The cost of attending was €100 for non members of the GAA, €70 from GAA members and €50 for Students and Pensioners. We had four classes ranging from 5 in the Bun Rang to 25 in the Ard Rang. The total number registered was in the region of 75.

Brief outline of the events that took place:

Ranganna achán lá ó 10.30r.n. – 3.00i.n. – Classes each day from 10.30am – 3.00pm with the exception of Thursday when we went on the trip Ranafast after lunch and on Friday when we had the ciorcal comhrá after lunch.

Oscailt Oifigiúil -

Official Opening with Uachtarán CLG Uladh Ciarán McLaughlin 6.30pm on the 4th July. We received apologies from Mick McGrath, Declan Martin & David McLoone (Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí & Leas Chathaoirleach CLG Dhún na nGall). Cisteoir CLG Dhún na nGall, Alan Boyd deputised for Cathaoirleach Bord na Contae

- Beannacht Idir-Eaglasta Interdenominational Blessing with an tAth. Charlie Byrne the Rev. Liz Fitzgerald
- An Luain Monday: Ceisteanna & Freagraí ag 7.30i.n. with Dr. Niall Comer – iar Uachtarán Chomhaltas Uladh agus Conradh na Gaeilge. Seán Ó Coinn, Príomhfheidhmeannach Foras na Gaeilge. Dr. Tricia Ní Chearra, Comhairle Uladh CLG. Dr. Fearghal Mac Ionnrachtaigh, An Dream Dearg & Caitríona Nic Seoin, Glór na nGael. It is noteworthy that Niall Comer presented a cheque by way of sponsorship from Comhaltas Uladh and for this we say Míle Buíochas.
- Dé Máirt Tuesday: An Léacht leis an Dr.
 Tricia Ní Chearra. Just before the lecture,
 Príomhfheidhmeannach & Rúnaí Comhairle Uladh,
 Brian McAvoy gave a talk on the visit to Frongoch
 to commemorate the Gaelic football match that
 was played there by the internees in 1916. This was enjoyed by all those present
- Dé Ceadaoin Wednesday: Ceolchoirm Concert leis an Chrann Óg. Taille €5.00
- Déardaoin Thursday: Turas go Rann na Feirste

 Trip to Ranafast. Míle buíochas le Bríd Anna Ní
 Bhaoill who gave a tremendous presentation and a tour of the area.
- Dé hAoine Friday: Siamsa Mór an Chúrsa, Ceol agus Bronnadh na nGradam in Óstán na Trá. At this event four scholarships for next years course (one for each of the four classes) were presented by Póilín Ní Ghallchóir of LPT Thuaisceart Dhún na nGall and this is much appreciated.

Nóta - Note: Corn Cuimhneacháin Shéamuisa de Faoite was presented to Tricia Ní Chearra following the lecture and Corn Cuimhneacháin Thomáis Ó Cuilinn was presented to the Downings ladies who looked after everyone so well during the week of the course.

Overall, the course was a great success and we received very positive feedback about the quality of the teachers and everyone seemed to be happy with the course contents. On the Friday, we had a ciorcal comhrá to try to get some feedback from those on the course and the points they raised will be considered for next year.

Buíochas:

Míle buíochas to Tricia Ní Chearra, Ailish McEntee and Peter Murphy for their assistance and apologies were received from Naul McCole & Pat Connaghan. Míle buíochas also to CLG na nDúnaibh for all their help and cooperation and for making their facilities available for the course. Míle Buíochas to Niall Comer of Comhaltas Uladh for the generous sponsorship he provided for this year's course. Míle Buíochas to Póilín Ní Ghallchóir, Oifigeach Plean Teanga Tuaisceart Dhún na nGall who provided the following Scholarships for the 2023 course (Next year) Bun Rang – Claire Corrigan as Tír Eoghain, Meán Rang Íochtar – Eilish McDaid as Dún na nGall, Meán Rang Uachtar - Claire Keating and Ard Rang – Áine McDougall.

Tráth na gCeist Bord:

Bhí babhta ceannais na contae de Tráth na gCeist Bord ar siúl in Ionad CLG Dhún na nGall i gConmhaigh ar an 4ú Samhain. Buíochas leis na seacht gclub a ghlac páirt. (Aodh Ruadh BAS, N. Conaill, N. Columba, Gleann Fhinne, Na Cealla Beaga, Baile na nGallóglach & Gaeil Fhánada). Bhí leithscéal againn ó roinnt clubanna eile agus tá súil againn go mbeidh siad ar ais an bhliain seo chugainn. Bhí babhta ceannais Uladh de Tráth na gCeist Bord ar siúl in Ard Mhacha ar an 18ú Samhain. Chun go mbeidh Tráth na gCeist go hiomlán éifeachtach i gcur chun cinn na teanga beidh ar achán chontae a chomórtas inmheánach féin a bheith acu. Mar thoradh air seo beidh níos mó daoine sna clubanna páirteach i gcomórtas a bhfuil ceangailt díreach aige leis an teanga i suíomh tráth na gceist a thaitníonn leo.

The county final of Tráth na gCeist Bord was held in the GAA Centre in Convoy on the 4th November. Thanks to the seven clubs that took part. (Aodh Ruadh BAS, N. Conaill, N. Columba, Gleann Fhinne, Na Cealla Beaga, Baile na nGallóglach & Gaeil Fhánada). We had apologies from a number of other clubs and hopefully they will be back next year. The Ulster final of Tráth na gCeist Bord was held in Armagh on the 18th November. In order for Tráth na gCeist to be fully effective in promoting the language will require every county to have its own internal competition. This will

result in more people in the clubs having exposure to the language in an enjoyable quiz setting. Míle buíochas to all who helped out in different ways with Tráth na gCeist Bord this year, Noreen Doherty, Eugene McGarvey, Sharon McGinty, Patricia O'Connor, Mary O'Brien, Geraldine Hardy and Frankie Doherty.

Scór:

Comhghairdeas le na h-iomaitheoirí a bhuaigh teidil contae, agus teidil Uladh ag Scór na nÓg agus Scór Sinsir i 2022. Fuair an Chlochán Liath fhad le babhta ceannais na hÉireann sa Nuachleas agus mí-ádh orthú nár bhain siad. Fuair Aodh Ruadh BAS fhad le babhta ceannais na hÉireann i dTráth na gCesit agus cé nár bhain siad, thug siad taispeantais an-mhaith ar an lá. Is léir go bhfuil go leor suime go foill i Scór i nDún na nGall agus in Uladh ach braithim go bhfuil sé riachtanach go bhfuil an comórtas ar siúl ag an am den bhliain a bhaineann go traidisiúnta le Scór. Tá sé beagnach dodhéanta comórtais a eagrú i gcontaetha agus ag leibhéal cúige agus náisiúnta i lár chraobh na gclubanna. Tá moladh mór tuillte ag Caitríona Nic Suibhne agus Coiste Scór Dhún na nGall as a chinntiú go bhfanann Scór láidir agus táthar ag súil go méadóidh líon na gclubanna a bheidh páirteach sna blianta amach romhainn.

Congratulations to all who won county and Ulster titles at both Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsir in 2022. Dungloe got through to the All Ireland Final in the Novelty Act category and were unfortunate not to win on the day as they gave a great performance. Aodh Ruadh BAS also got through to the All Ireland Final in the Quiz and while they didn't win, they gave a great account of themselves. It is evident that there is still a great deal of interest in Scór in Donegal and throughout Ulster but I feel it is essential that the competition is run at the time of the year that is traditionally associated with Scór. It is almost impossible to organize competitions in counties and at provincial and national level in the middle of the club football championship. Great credit is due to the Caitríona Sweeney and the Donegal Scór Committee for ensuring that Scór remains strong and hopefully the number of clubs participating will increase in the coming years.

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Smaointe Eile:

AgcruinniúmhínaSamhnadeChoistenaGaeilge(Cúige Uladh) braitheadh go ginearálta go mbeadh Oifigeach Scór agus Oifigeach Gaeilge i ngach contae i gCúige Uladh mar go bhfuil sé ródheacair agus go dtugann sé suas barraíocht ama do dhuine amháin an dá phost a dhéanamh. Aontaíodh gur choir seo a thógail ag leibhéal Chomhairle Uladh chun cead a fháil é seo a dhéanamh an bhliain seo chugainn mar go gcaillfear daoine a bhfuil cuid mhór taithí acu i Scór agus an Ghaeilge má leanaimid ar aghaidh mar atá muid faoi láthair.

At the November meeting of Coiste na Gaeilge in Ulster, it was generally felt that each county in Ulster should have a Scór Officer and an Irish language Officer as it is too difficult and time consuming for one person to do both jobs.

Coiste na Gaeilge agus Oidhreachta Uladh 2022:

Cathaoirleach: Fergus MacAoidh, Rúnaí: Ailis Nic an tSaoi, Oifigeach Seirbhíse: Tricia Ní Chearra agus ionadaithe ó na contaetha seo a leanas, Aontroim, Ard Mhacha, An Cabhán, Doire, An Dún, Dún nan Gall, Fear Manach, Muineacháin, Tír Eoghain

Cúrsaí Peile agus Iománaíochta:

There were a number of issues discussed at Ulster Council meetings during the course of the year including the following.

- Age grades which may take some time to get to a point that suits everyone
- The split season which in the main seems to be working for clubs and county
- Casement Park: This finally seems to be clear to proceed following a lengthy legal process that CLG Uladh succeeded with in the end insofar as getting to a point where the project can now finally go ahead. There are still many challenges, not least the cost, as prices have increased across the board but hopefully this project will start in earnest in the coming year.

Below is a brief outline of the Ulster Championship draws at county and club level in 2022.

Ulster U20 and Minor Inter-County Football Championship

2022 Ulster GAA Football U20 Championship Schedule				
Round 1	25ú Márta 2022 (8.00pm) (a) An Dún V Fear Manach at Pairc Esler			
Quarter Finals	1ú Aibreán 2022 (All games 8.00pm) (b) Muineachán V An Cabhán at Inniskeen (c) Doire V Aontroim at Owenbeg (d) Dún na nGall V Ard Mhacha at Ballybofey (e) Tír Eoghain V An Dún / Fear Manach If Tír Eoghain V An Dún at Omagh; If Fear Manach V Tír Eoghain at Enniskillen			
Semi Finals	08ú Aibreán 2022 Winner (b) V Winner (c) Winner (d) V Winner (e)			
Final	22/23ú Aibreán 2022 Semi Final 1 Winner V Semi Final 2 Winner <i>All-Ireland Semi Finals on 7ú Bealtaine 2022</i>			

	GAA Football Minor Championship			
Schedule	44(4)			
Preliminary Round	16ú Aibreán 2022 (4.15pm)			
Kouna	(a) Fear Manach V An Dún at Brewster Park			
Round 1	23ú Aibreán 2022 (6.00pm)			
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	(c) Muineachán V Aontroim at			
	Inniskeen			
	(d) Ard Mhacha V Doire at Athletic			
	Grounds (e) Dún na nGall V Fear Manach / An			
	Dún na nGail V Fear Manach / An			
	If Dún na nGall V Fear Manach at			
	Ballybofey;			
	If An Dún V Dún na nGall at Páirc Esler			
Qualifiers	30ú Aibreán 2022			
R1	(Losers of (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)*			
	*should the winners of (a) lose in (e),			
	they will be excluded from this round) (1) Team A V Team B (loser eliminated)			
Round 2	7ú Bealtaine 2022			
Roulia 2	(Winners of (b), (c), (d) and (e) in an			
	open draw)			
	(1) Team A V Team B			
	(2) Team C V Team D			
Qualifiers	7ú Bealtaine 2022			
Round 2	(Remaining three losers not drawn in			
	Qualifier Round 1, plus Qualifier Round			
	1 winner) (1) Team A V Team B (loser eliminated)			
	(2) Team C V Team D (loser eliminated)			
Qualifier	14ú Bealtaine 2022			
Round 3	(Two Round 2 losers V two Qualifiers			
	Round 2 winners)			
	(1) Team A V Team B (loser eliminated)			
	(2) Team C V Team D (loser eliminated)			

Semi Finals	21ú Bealtaine 2022
	(Two Round 2 winners V two Qualifiers
	Round 3 winners)
	(1) Team A V Team B (loser eliminated)
	(2) Team C V Team D (loser eliminated)
Final	28/29ú Bealtaine 2022
	(1) Team A V Team B
	All-Ireland Quarter Finals on 11ú
	Meitheamh 2022

2022 Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship Fixtures

First Round

16ú Aibreán 2022



Fear Manach V Tír Eoghain in Brewster Park @ 6.30pm



Quarter Finals

23ú Aibreán 2022



Aontroim V An Cabhán in Corrigan Park @ 2.00pm



24ú Aibreán 2022



Dún na nGall V Ard Mhacha in Páirc MacCumhaill @ 2.00pm



30ú Aibreán 2022



Muineachán V An Dún in St Tiernach's Park @ 4.30pm



1ú Bealtaine 2022



Fear Manach Doire V OR Tír Eoghain



in Celtic Park / O'Neills Healy Park @ 4.00pm

Semi Finals			
08ú Bealtaine 2022			
QF1 Winner	V	QF2 Winner	
15ú Bealtaine 2022			
QF3 Winner	V	QF4 Winner	
Final			
29ú Bealtaine 2022			
SF1 Winner	V	SF2 Winner	

Ulster Club Championship draw - Senior & Intermediate Football

Ulster GAA Football Senior Club Championship 2022 Ulster GAA Football Senior Club Championship Schedule (All Counties)

- Round 1 5ú / 6ú Samhain 2022 (a) Ard Mhacha V Muineachán
- Quarter Finals 12ú / 13ú Samhain 2022
- (b) Aontroim V Dún na nGall
- (c) Doire V Tír Eoghain
- (d) Fear Manach V An Cabhán
- (e) An Dún V Ard Mhacha/Muineachán If An Dún V Ard Mhacha at Páirc Esler, If Muineachán V An Dún at Clones
- Semi Finals 26ú /27ú Samhain 2022 Winner (b) V
 Winner (c) Winner (d) V Winner (e) Final 10 / 11ú
 Nollaig 2022 All Ireland Semi Final 7ú /8ú Eanair

The same pairing above and dates apply to the Intermediate championship.

Junior Football

- Round 1 29ú / 30ú Deireadh Fomhair 2022
- An Cabhán V Doire
- Quarter Finals 5ú / 6ú Samhain 2022
- (b) Ard Mhacha V Dún na nGall
- (c) An Dún V Tír Eoghain
- (d) Fear Manach V Aontroim
- (e) Muineachán V An Cabhán / Doire If Muineachán V An Cabhán at Clones; If Doire V Muineachán at Celtic Park
- Semi Finals 19ú /20ú Samhain 2022 Winner (b) V Winner (c) Winner (d) V Winner (e)
- Final 26ú/27ú Samhain 2022

Junior Hurling

- Ouarter Finals 05ú / 06ú Samhain 2022
- Muineachán V Aontroim
- · An Cabhán V Ard Mhacha
- Dún na nGall V Tír Eoghain
- · Doire V An Dún
- Semi Finals 12ú / 13ú Samhain 2022 Winner (a) V Winner (b) Winner (c) V Winner (d) Final - 26ú /27ú Samhain

Comhbhrón:

Sincere sympathy to all those within CLG Dhún na nGall who lost loved ones during the year. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh ananmacha na marbh agus suaimhneas síoraí orthú go léir.

Buíochas:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the clubs in the county that I worked with throughout the year. Míle Buíochas to the club officers from MacCumhaills GAA club and CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin for all their help and support on match days. Thanks to all my fellow officers on Coiste Bainistíochta Dhún na nGall for their help and advice throughout the year and I would especially like to thank those that I worked closely with including John McEniff who is a professional to the core in the way that he goes about his work as PRO. Caitríona Sweeney and the other members of Coiste Chultúrtha CLG Dhún na nGall who are all doing a great job in promoting Scór. Brendan Kelly who also serves on the Ulster Council. All my other fellow officers and the County Administrator, Noreen Doherty. I would particularly like to thank Cathaoirleach Bord na Contae, Mick McGrath for all that he has done for Donegal GAA during his five years as Chairman. I think it's true to say that Mick's crowning glories during his time as chairman must have been the successful House Draw and the official opening of Ionad CLG Dhún na nGall in Convoy. Mick was always available at any time to answer different questions that came up from time to time in Ulster and he was always willing to help and advise in other areas that I was involved with. Míle buíochas Mick agus bain sult as an am saor a bheas agat anois.

Tá súil agam go n-éireoidh go geal le Dún na nGall an bhliain seo chugainn agus guím Nollaig Shona díobh agus gach rath oraibh go léir i 2023.

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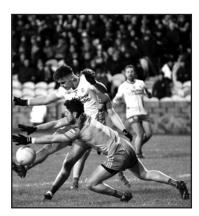
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2022 - Donegal Action Shot Paddy McBrearty in Clones against Cavan



2022 - Departure Neil McGee



2022 - Donegal Action Shot Ryan McHugh v Tyrone



Senior Hurling Championship 2022 Setanta Squad

Ballraíocht



Ainm an Chlub	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
An Clochan Liath	382	390	356	275	218
An Tearmainn	194	204	211	196	160
Aodh Rua K/G	186	371	222	153	174
Aodh Ruadh B/S	376	321	342	219	225
Ard an Ratha	321	385	342	315	282
Baile na nGalloghlach	280	242	240	255	368
Beart	203	222	206	134	212
Bun a Phobail	307	359	253	78	247
Bun Dobhran	209	213	243	356	303
Buncrannaigh	363	394	411	308	280
Carn Domhnaigh	244	242	214	119	149
Chloich Ceann Fhaola	463	429	402	212	116
Cill Chartha	310	305	284	310	325
Comhnaigh	169	160	166	132	127
Gael Fhanada	150	211	326	144	259
Gael Leitir Ceannain	302	340	336	322	291
Gaoth Dobhair	337	363	338	271	260
Gleann Fhinne	319	236	303	249	258
Gleann Sulai	333	307	215	30	215
Iorras	353	154	515	105	346
Malain	238	266	303	200	268
Na Cealla Beaga	415	404	414	190	231
Na Dunaibh	381	484	512	257	226
Na Ceithre Maistri	326	353	338	266	295
Na Rossa	331	337	358	36	407
Naomh Adhamhain	669	689	632	556	555
Naomh Brid	267	296	302	74	130
Naomh Colmcille	116	149	108	127	119
Naomh Naille	286	282	292	372	239
Naomh Columba	390	485	525	301	304
Naomh Conail	233	246	268	238	295
Naomh Muire	135	151	206	228	313
Naomh Michael	306	244	234	236	231
Naomh Padraig	227	117	214	240	141
Naomh Ultan	142	138	134	144	141
Paite Gabha	64	118	65	50	71
Robert Emmetts	262	163	118	154	173
Sean McCumhaills	241	395	526	209	291
Setanta	117	151	159	12	59
Naomh Padraig (Uisce Chaoin)	211	207	222	166	175
Total Registration	11158	11523	11855	8239	9479