## cumann Lúthchleas gael COISTE THÍR EOGHAIN

An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2020





### ORDUITHE SEASAIMH DON CHOMHDHÁIL (STANDING ORDERS FOR CONVENTION)

In order that the proceedings of the Convention be carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be observed:

- 1. The Proposer of a Motion or of an Amendment thereto may speak for five minutes, but not more than five minutes.
- 2. A Delegate speaking to a Motion or an Amendment must not exceed three minutes.
- 3. The Proposer of a Motion or of an Amendment may speak a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no other Delegate may speak a second time to the same Motion or Amendment.
- 4. The Chairman may, at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the Proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
- 5. A Delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman, move 'that the question be now put', after which, when the Proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
- 6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Clár, except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present and voting.



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A Chara

Tionólfár an Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Contae Thír Eoghain ar an 15ú Nollaig 2020 ag tosnu ar 7.30 i.n.

Mise, le fíor-mheas

Damhnaic Mac Eochaidh

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Rúnaí

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- 1. Amhrán na bhFiann.
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- 6. Tuarascála na Fo-Choisti.
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- 10. Oráid an Chathaoirligh.
- 11. Na Rúin.
- 12. Toghchán an Choiste don bhliain 2021.
- 13. Dúnadh na Chomhdhála.



#### Miontuairiscí na Chomhdhála 2019

**1.0** An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Contae Thír Eoghain was held in the County's Headquarters at Garvaghey on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Attendance: Breandán Ó hEarcáin (Uachtarán), Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara (Cathaoirleach), Dónal Mag Aoidh, Eibhlín Ní Chongaile, Réamann Mac Eoghain, Breandán Ó hEarghaill, Aodhan Mag Uidhir, Cuthbert Ó Donnaile, Peadar Mac Giolla Cheara, Adrian Ó Catháin, Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh, Adhamhán Ó Loingsigh, Eoghan Mac Dhónaill, Micheálín Nic an Choiligh and Damhnaic Mac Eochaidh.

Club	Co. Committee Member	Delegate(s)
Achadh Lú	Patrick Colton	Pearse Gildernew
		Felim Gildernew
Achadh Uí Arain	Patsy Connolly	Sean Byrne
		Gerard Byrne
Ard Bó	Janeen Doyle	Kieran Devlin
		Denis Bradley
Eochar	Patrick Donnelly	Christina McCarney
		Jarlath Daly
Bearach	Damian Corrigan	Alan Rodgers
		Michael McCann
Breac an Bhíle	Sean Quinn	Brian McGeary
		James Quinn
Brocach		Eóin Quinn
An Charraig Mhór	Sean Kerr	Padraig McCallan
		Ronan McMahon
Caisleán na Deirge	Joe Leonard	Harry Brennan
		Brian McCallion
Clann na nGael		Gary Devine
Clochar	Sean McElroy	Stephen McKenna
		Sean McCaughey
Cluain Eo	Mel Taggart	
Oileán a'Ghuail	Fergus Harte	Shane Dorrity
		Gerard McStravick
An Corra Chríochach	Damian Harvey	Raymond Donnelly
Doire Lochain	Peter Kennedy	Ciaran O'Hagan
		David McGrath
Doire Treasc	Aidan Fitzgerald	Deirdre Fitzgerald
		Paul Hughes
Domhnach Mór	Patsy Hetherington	Darren Torres
Deargais	Terence Timoney	Ronan Glackin
An Droim Mór	Martin Sludden	Gerard Hannigan
		Joe Rafferty
Droim Caoin	Brendan Harpur	C McMenamin
		Seamus McGale
Droim Ratha	Paddy Gallagher	Rory Cox
Dún Geanainn	Joe Toner	Peter Toal
		Paul Doris
Eadán na dTorc	Martin McGuigan	
Eaglais	Sean Donaghy	Cathal Daly
		Brian Murtagh
E. R. Uí Néill	Apology	Sarahjane Kelly
Aireagal Chiaráin	Sean McKenna	Joe Neill
		Cathal McAnenly



Eiscreach	Seamus Marlow	Frank Hackett
Fionntamhnach	Kieran Cranny	Alan Richardson
An Gallbhaile	Apology (Pauric Rafferty)	Sean Carberry
Gleann Eallaigh	Fergal McAneney	Dylan Flanagan
_		Fergal Coyle
Goirtín	Barbara Ward	Gearóid Ó Brolcháin
		Anne Marie McNulty
An Caisleán Glas	Francis Bradley	M Coyle
		F McCrory
Cill Dhreasa	Apology (Dominic McGurk)	Marie Quinn
		Sean McCrory
Cill Íseal	Charlie Duggan	Dominic Donaghy
Coill an Chlochair	Niall McKenna	Liam Cunningham
		Eamon McGrath
Cill na mBán	Frank Fee	Conor McGahan
Loch Mhic Ruairí	Barney Gallagher	John O'Brien
		Stephen McCullagh
Baile na Móna		Kevin Quinn
		Christine Devlin
An Mháigh	Patrick McKeown	Mary Daly
An Baile Nua		
An Ómaigh	Paul Meldrum	Ciaran McDaid
		Conor Sally
Cabhán a'Chaortainn	Paddy Barrett	Eddie Quinn
		Andrew Quinn
An Charraig		Barry Ruddy
		Pat McGuire
An Chraobh	Sean Gallagher	Martin Campbell
		Michael Devlin
An Srath Ban		Liam Sweeney
		Ciaran McLaughlin
An Taite Riabhach		Luke Darcy
		Martin Cartin
Trí Leac	Raymond Monteith	Claire Donnelly
		Seamus McCaughey
Urnaí	Pat Holland	
Éire Óg (H)	Ronan Coyle	Colin Mullin
Eoghan Ruadh (H)		Pádraig Devlin
		Ciarán McHugh
Naomh Colum Cille (H)	Cathaoir Corr	Damian Mór O'Neill
Na Seamroga (H)		
Cumann na mBúnscoileanna		
Childrens' Officer	Adrian Nugent	
Referees' Administrator	John Devlin	

#### 2.0 Moment's Silence

A moment's silence was observed by Convention for Club members who had died in the previous twelve months.

#### 3.0 Amhrán na bhFiann

The National Anthem was sung by Cara Rose Brogan (Caisleán an Glas) the Scór na nÓg county champion solo singer.

#### 4.0 Miontuairiscí – 2018

The Minutes of the 2018 Convention were adopted on the proposal of D Harvey and seconded by B Ward.



#### 5.0 Standing Orders

On the proposal of S Marlow, Standing Orders were adopted, and were seconded by S McElroy.

#### 6.0 Secretary's Report

6.1 The Secretary's Report was adopted on the proposal of J Leonard and seconded by S McKenna.

#### 7.0 Sub-Committee Reports

- 7.1 The following Reports included in the Convention booklet were given consideration:
- (a) Fixtures' Analysts
- (b) IT subcommittee
- (c) Hearings subcommittee
- (d) PR & Marketing subcommittee
- (e) Planning & Physical Development subcommittee
- (f) Referees' Administration subcommittee
- (g) GAA Centre Management subcommittee
- (h) Irish Language & Culture subcommittee
- (i) Health & Wellbeing subcommittee
- (j) Hurling Development subcommittee
- (k) Communications subcommittee
- (I) Strategic Planning workgroup
- (m) Coaching & Games Development subcommittee
- (n) Handball Board
- 7.2 A further Report was circulated from,
- (o) the Competitions Control committee
- 7.3 On the Referees' Administration Committee report, E McConnell wished to endorse the comments of John Devlin regarding recruitment of referees (page 69) and pointed out that it was the responsibility of Clubs to take ownership of such recruitment.
- 7.4 Dermot McCaughey, speaking on Age Grades (page 76), expressed a desire for a youth football competition at U19½ level; if U17 was the final age grade boys at second-level would have no Club football other than Reserve games. He urged Clubs to remain with the status quo in respect of Age Grades
- 7.5 On the CCC report B Harpur considered there were three significant statistics, (i) at youth level 43 Clubs played less than 10 games, (ii) 50% of Reserve games were not played, and (iii) the ratio of training to games was 8:1. He welcomed all the recommendations submitted to Convention by Clubs and suggested that all of them should be accepted, and then a task force be commissioned to deal with all the fixtures' issues.
- 7.6 All Subcommittee Reports presented to Convention were adopted on the proposal of K Devlin and seconded by D Harvey.

#### 8.0 County Grounds' Accounts and Balance Sheets

- 8.1 Eileen Connolly presented the Accounts for Healy Park Omagh and O'Neill Park Dungannon along with her Treasurer's Report. Total income for Healy Park showed a slight increase from 2018 at £66,206 and the total expenditure amounted to £110,768 resulting in an operating deficit £44,562 for the year ending 31st October.
- 8.2 The Accounts for O'Neill Park Dungannon showed a total income of £1,100 which was significantly lower than that of 2018, and an expenditure of £ £15,390 giving an operating loss of £14,290 for the year.
- 8.3 The County Grounds' Accounts as presented were adopted on the proposal of M Sludden, seconded by S Kerr.



#### 9.0 Treasurer's Report

9.1 County Treasurer, Eileen Connolly, welcomed Ryan Falls - representing the auditors, Cavanagh | Kelly - to the Convention before presenting the Report of the Finance Committee and the County's Accounts for 2019. The Treasurer reported an increase in income of £90,000 from the previous year, to £1,571,125 with a similar rise in expenditure to £1,647,978 providing a reduced operating deficit of £76,853 for the year.

9.2 The Balance sheet indicated Current Assets of £969,075 with Current Liabilities of £241,966 resulting in a Net Assets figure of £5,613,707 compared to the 2018 figure of £5,386,231.

9.3 Replying to a query from the Drumquin member, R McKeown stated that the County Committee had an expenditure of approximately £100,000 on Coaching and Games Development, which was additional to the input received from central funding. B Harpur responded that we should be developing coaches in Clubs, and investing in Clubs that are developing coaches, rather than spending £500,000 on a new gymnasium

M Conway rejected this opinion stating that the new gymnasium and its contents was being developed as a result of a widespread consultation and survey that was undertaken with all Clubs in Tyrone and with teams' managers.

9.4 The Finance Report and the Accounts for 2019 were adopted on the proposal of S Donaghy which was seconded by C Daly.

#### 10.0 Oraid an Chathaoirligh (2019) Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara



Is mor an honour dom a bheidh anseo anocht ar oiche specialta do CLG Tír Eoghain.

Tonight it's a great honour as county chairperson to welcome you to our 2019 Convention. I want to start by thanking a few people.

First and foremost I want to thank Mairead, Aoibhin, Cillian and Caoimhe for their continued support. Thanks to my sisters and brothers who cover extra caring duties when I'm otherwise occupied. Thanks to my parents, James and Peggy for over 50 years of instilling the love of the community and the GAA in our family. It's one of the greatest gifts you could give anybody.

To the members of the county committee thanks for your continued promotion of Tyrone GAA. We have our moments but we all continue to strive to improve the lot of Tyrone GAA which is all any chairperson can ask for.

To Coiste Bainistí, I thank you all for the guidance and help you afforded me last year. A special mention to both Adrian and Benny who come to the end of their current portfolios tonight and I wish them well as they undertake different roles within our association. I know it has been a tough few weeks for Benny and our best wishes for a complete recovery go to your son Joe.

To those who serve on our subcommittees I want to say a special thank you. We don't get the opportunity to see you that often but we continuously see the fruits of your labour reflected in Tyrone GAA and its clubs.

To the members of all the clubs I have met and visited this year, thanks for the respect you have shown to the office of County Chairperson and also for all the hospitality.

To the Tyrone GAA employees I want to thank you for your continued promotion and administration of our organisation.

To the staff and volunteers in our parent organisations at both Provincial and National Level thanks for the prompt and courteous manner in which you support and advise Tyrone GAA.



I thank you for the effort and commitment to Tyrone GAA and for the many great days you gave us in 2019.

Congratulations to those who have been honoured at various levels within our organisation, our two football All-stars Ronan and Cathal, our two hurling All-stars Damian and Tiernan, and James Donaghy named on the Minor Allstar team of 2019.

Congratulations also to Conor Quinn, Conal Grimes, Darragh Canavan and Sean Og McAleer for their U-20 All-stars, in addition to Sean Og Mc Aleer U-20 Ulster Player of the year and Paul Devlin - named Ulster Manager of the year

Too often we mention those who have won awards and forget other magnificent contributions. Tonight, I want to acknowledge all those players, coaches, officials and administrators who have stepped away from the county scene in the last twelve months. I thank them for their commitment and contribution to Tyrone GAA.

I congratulate all our club winners and especially our adult championship winners of Trillick, Galbally, Rock, Eoghan Ruadh and Naomh Colum Cille. Well done on your county title and you all represented us extremely well at provincial level.

2019 has been a great year for Physical Developments in Tyrone. Eoghan Ruadh hurlers, Moortown, Augher, Beragh, Killeeshil and Rock have all opened their additional or new developments. Elsewhere, there are on-going works at Pomeroy, Carmen and Kildress to name but a few.

Here at Garvaghey we have reopened pitch two after its refurbishment last year and we have the new hub well under way. I want to thank the PR and Marketing committee for their continued fundraising on our behalf.

Money is what keeps the wheels in motion and in this county it costs a lot of money to service the vast array of teams, the facilities we provide and also the maintenance of those facilities. In addition to our Club Tyrone funders, I thank most sincerely our sponsors: Tyrone Fabrication, O'Neills, LCC, Donnelly Group, Bank of Ireland, Coca Cola, and Todd's Leap. We hope that their sponsorship is recognised in the community and as a result, their businesses are enhanced. Local sponsorship is important at county level but it's even more important for club personnel to realise that while it's fashionable now to do business online with multi-national stores, in rural Tyrone, it's the local businesses that are the lifeblood of our communities and also our biggest supporters.

Without funds you cannot develop and it would be remiss of me if I didn't mention the magnificent fundraising efforts that are ongoing in our clubs. A particular mention to Kildress Wolfe Tones. Raising almost half a million pounds in 2018/2019 will make a massive difference to your community for years to come. Well done to all involved!

Well done to all our referees. Those who refereed internally in Tyrone and those who progressed to referee at provincial and national level. In the county this year there were over 2000 games. We can't play these games without a referee but yet many of us forget this when we see what we perceive to be a poor decision against our team. All of us have a part to play in changing this culture. The more mature among us should concentrate on a respectful supportive approach to all of our GAA members especially referees. I have no issue with discussing, debating or disagreeing but we do it with respect and dignity to all. I want to ask people to reflect on the fact none of us own Tyrone GAA – we hold it in trust for those who follow and at times our example to the next generation is not what it should be

In 2019 the Inter-county U-20 season reverted to a midsummer competition which had a massive impact on club fixtures. Thankfully common sense has prevailed and the U20's will complete their championship between 15th February and 28th March 2020. I'm aware that this impacts detrimentally on the third level and second level education sector, but the recent Central Council decision to bar players from playing for their county U-20's, until their college or university competition is complete, beggars' belief. Surely players aspire to play at the highest level they can, which is inter-county, and putting such an obstacle in their way is farcical. The fixtures calendar has seen changes nationally



over the last few years and thankfully club fixtures are now being acknowledged as an integral part of the overall calendar. My hope is that when the club season is sorted, which now looks possible, then the powers that be stick to the template.

At our county committee meeting a few months ago we agreed to have a review of our club fixtures with the aim of giving clubs at both adult and youth level a proper schedule of meaningful games. The Tyrone clubs will decide which age grades, odd or even we will play internal club competitions at for 2020. Congress will decide in February what the age grades will be for 2021 onwards. The recent policy at national level is odd years and this is expected to come in to rule one month after Congress. Either way, the onus is on us, as administrators in Tyrone, to provide a proper programme of fixtures spread over a complete season at all grades. We will be meeting with club representatives in early January to give details of the 2020 programme and the proposed 2021 structures.

This convention is the last for two great clubs, Dregish Pearse's and Newtownstewart St Eugene's. I want to thank both clubs and their members for their contribution to Tyrone GAA. Each community can be proud of its own history and identity and the people who have sustained each club since its foundation. Against this background both Clubs are keen to ensure that in combining with each other, nothing of their proud pasts will be lost. Their vision for the future is that "the whole will be greater than the sum of the parts" and that the amalgamated club will provide a morale boost and an enhancement in GAA activity levels throughout the combined catchment area. I wish them all the very best in their endeavours for the years to come.

The health of all our clubs is important and I would remind delegates that currently Ulster Council and Tyrone staff are undertaking an audit of our clubs and their resources. Please invest the time to complete the questionnaires as the information gathered from this audit is crucial to plan and to set strategy within the county and provincially.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> March our community suffered a devastating blow with the loss of three young lives in Cookstown. I want to thank all those at club and county level, especially our own Health and Wellbeing Committee who, on behalf of the GAA, offered their services for the good of the community. While other statutory authorities talked about what they were going to do, the GAA mobilised and were on the ground working within 12 hours. The manner in which you delivered prompt and professional help to those affected was a proud moment for any GAA person. Those impacted and affected will be forever in your debt. I thank you on everyone's behalf.

Time doesn't allow me to mention every single event in Tyrone GAA 2019 calendar but I will mention the Irish Language initiative in Primary Schools, the streaming of matches and the talk on Prostrate Cancer. These events demonstrate that the GAA is more than a one trick pony and we continue to extend our work and influence beyond our traditional games portfolio. There seems to be a common theme in all our communities "if there is nobody else going to do it, the GAA will take it on" Thanks to all those who have the vision, courage and energy to deliver these extra curricula activities on behalf of Tyrone GAA.

Finally, the best wine to the last.

To Eileen our treasurer. Well done on a great first year. Our loan is now less than £600k and it will be cleared by the end of your five-year tenure. Eileen is another in our long line of great custodians of our finances. As we look on at units of our association and other sporting bodies under severe financial pressure, we count our blessings.

To Dominic, thanks for all your guidance over the last twelve months. Everyone thinks because you sit isolated in the top office that you don't know what's happening. I can tell them, don't be fooled by his demeanour and always remember the rhyme

A wise old owl sat in an oak, The more he heard, the less he spoke; The less he spoke, the more he heard; Why aren't we all like that wise old bird? Dominic has already named, in his report, those Gaels who have passed to their eternal reward since last year's convention. If I didn't know him well, I would say he forgot to include his own sister,

I, on behalf of Tyrone GAA extend sympathy to the McCaughey and McQuaid families and to all who have suffered the loss of a loved one in the last twelve months. Ar lamh dheis De go raibh siad

The 2019 Tyrone GAA year has come to an end and I would like to thank you all for your cooperation, enthusiasm and assistance throughout the year. Best wishes to those who have allowed themselves to be nominated for positions in the 2020 committee. I wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2020.

#### 11.0 Na Rúin

**11.1 Motion 1** Proposed by G Bradley and seconded by B Ward. G Bradley suggested that the duty of the Vicechairman in being the Chairman of the CCC should no longer be the case; the Chairman of the CCC should be selected rather than being elected by County Convention. The motion also introduced a second Disciplinary Secretary to deal with Youth fixtures, due to the existing demanding workload.

In opposing the motion, M Taggart thought it preferable that Clubs should be able to elect the CCC Chairman as is currently the situation; by removing this power from the County Committee it would no longer be able to get rid of a CCC Chairman, if desired.

A Rodgers wished to know who would select the CCC Chairman if the motion was passed.

Dominic McCaughey pointed out that if the motion was passed as stated, the selected CCC Chairman would no longer be a member of the County Committee.

**Decision**: Motion was lost.

- 11.2 Motion 2 As a result of the defeat of Motion 1, this motion was withdrawn by G Bradley.
- **11.3 Motion 3** Proposed by G Bradley and seconded by M Taggart. The motion introduced a second Disciplinary Secretary to deal with Youth fixtures, due to the existing demanding workload. **Decision**: Motion was passed unanimously.
- **11.4 Motion 4** Proposed by K Devlin and seconded by D Harvey. This motion was agreed at the last meeting of the County Committee.

**Decision**: Motion was passed unanimously.

**11.5 Motion 5** Proposed by J Devlin and seconded by B McCallion. J Devlin stated that this motion would give additional powers to the fourth official. It had been passed at County Convention in 2016 but could not be included on the following Congress Clár as it was considered to be a Playing Rule, and motions on playing rules were only dealt with every five years.

**Decision**: Motion was passed unanimously.

**11.6 Motion 6** Proposed by M McCann and seconded by S McElroy. This motion had also been agreed by the County Committee at its latest meeting.

**Decision**: Motion was passed unanimously.

#### 12.0 Na Moltaí

Speakers from each Club that had submitted a Recommendation were afforded the opportunity to address Convention on the subject of it.

- 12.1 Recommendations 1-3 were referred to the Management Committee
- 12.2 Recommendations 4-5 were referred to the incoming Finance Committee



**12.3 Recommendations 6-16** were referred to the incoming CCC. The Cathaoirleach confirmed that the Clubs' Officers will be invited to a meeting in early January where a set of proposals on a wide range of issues would be tabled for consideration.

#### 13.0 Election of Officers

- 13.1 The Cathaoirleach declared all positions vacant.
- 13.2 D Mac Eochaidh and M Mac Giolla Cheara were appointed as Secretary and Chairman for the election of the new Committee, on the proposal of S Donnelly which was seconded by C McLaughlin. Tellers were also identified.
- 12.3 Voting strength was established as 138, and all elections would be carried out using the PR system.
- 12.4 Elections then took place with the results as follows:

Cathaoirleach:Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara (Unopposed)Leas-Cathaoirleach:(Valid votes cast: 138. Quota required: 69 votes)Mairtín Ó Sludáin(72 votes - Elected)

Adamhnán Ó Loingsigh (66 votes – Eliminated)

Cisteoir:Eibhlín Ní Chongaile(Unopposed)Cisteoir Cúnta:Réamann Mac Eoghain(Unopposed)Rúnaí Cúnta:Micheálín Nic an Choiligh(Unopposed)Ball Árd Chomhairle:Cuthbert Ó Donnaile(Unopposed)

**Baill Chomhairle Uladh**: (Valid votes cast: 133. Quota required: 45 votes)

Breandán Ó hEarghaill (1st count: 59 votes – Elected)

Róisín Nic Shiúrtain (1<sup>st</sup> Count: 33 votes)

(2<sup>nd</sup> Count: 37 votes – Eliminated)

Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh (1st Count: 33 votes)

(2<sup>nd</sup> Count: 42 votes – Elected without reaching quota)

Micheál Ó hÁirmhí (1<sup>st</sup> Count: 8 votes – Eliminated)

Oifigeach Cultur & Teanga: Dónal Mag Aoidh (Unopposed)
Oifigeach Oiliúna: Damán Ó hÁirmhí (Unopposed)
Oifigeach Iomána: Peadar Mac Giolla Cheara (Unopposed)

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí: (Valid votes cast: 134. Quota required: 67 votes)

Eoghan Mac Dhónaill (88 votes - Elected)
Ruairí Mac Coighligh (46 votes - Eliminated)

#### 12.5 Club Representatives on County Committee

Patrick Colton (Achadh Lú), P	atsy Connolly (Achadh	Uí Aráin), Claire Wylie	(Ard Bó), Patrick Do	nnelly (Eochar),
(An Béarach),	(Breac an Bh	ile), Martin O'Neill (Br	ocach), Ronan McM	1ahon (An
Charraig Mhór), Joe Leonard				
Mel Taggart (Cluain Eo),	(Oileán a'Ghua	il), Damian Harvey (A	n Chorr Chriochach)	, Petesy Kennedy
(Doire Lochain),	(Doire Treasc),	Domhnach Mór,	Martin Sludden An	Droim Mhór,
(Droim Caoin),	(An Droim	Ratha), Joe Toner (Dúi	n Geanainn), Martin	McGuigan
(Éadán na dTorc),	(Eaglais), Sean McKer	nna (Aireagal Chiaráin)	, Seamus Marlow (E	iscreach),
(An Fionntamhn	ach), Kevin McVeigh (A	n Gallbhaile), Fergal M	IcAneney (Gleann Ea	allaigh), Barbara
Ward (An Goirtín), Francis Br	adley (An Caisleán Glas	), Dominic McGurk (Cil	l Dhreasa),	(Cill Íseal),
Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlod	chair), (Cill	na mBan),	_ (Loch Mhic Ruairí)	, Brian McLernon
(Baile na Móna), Patrick McK	eown (An Mháigh), Ter	ence Timoney (Naomh	ı Eoghain), Paul Mel	drum (An
Ómaigh), Sarahjane Kelly (E.	R. Uí Néill), Paddy Barre	ett (Cabhán a'Chaortai	nn), Colm Mackle (A	n Charraig), Sear
Gallagher (An Chraobh),	(An Srath Ban)	, Nigel Mullan (An Tait	e Riabhach), Raymo	nd Monteith (Trí
Leac), (Urnaí), C	olin Mullin (Éire Óg), To	más Colton (Eoghan R	uadh), Cathaoir Cor	r (Naomh Colum
Cille), (Na Se	eamrogai).			



#### 13.0 Appointments

- **13.1** Convention ratified the re-appointment of Adrian Nugent (An Charraig), as recommended by the outgoing County Committee, to the position of County Children's Officer.
- **13.2** Convention ratified the appointment of Aodhán Mag Uidhir (An Baile Nua) as recommended by the outgoing County Committee to the position of County Development Officer. Proposed by S Kerr; seconded by S Donaghy.

#### Convention concluded at 10.35 pm.



(Photo: Rory Cox)

Tyrone Senior Hurling Team (2020)



#### 1. INTREOIR

2020 was a year like no other. It can only be hoped that there is never another one like it. The reason that 2020 became a strange, bizarre and painful year was a new illness caused by a coronavirus identified as COVID-19

This appeared to originate in Wuhan in China, last December and quickly developed into a pandemic within a two-month period.

It was, and still is, highly contagious to humans affecting lungs and airways, in the main, and eventually leading to hundreds of thousands of deaths, and to a health and economic crisis throughout the world.

In order to delay its spread throughout this country, the GAA led by example, once again, and announced, on Thursday 12th March, the suspension of all playing activities for clubs and counties. This included, all social activities, all games, training, and team gatherings at all ages and all grades; all Clubs' grounds and other facilities were directed to shut down.

The immediate and profound impact of the Association's decision on Tyrone was the abandonment of the last two rounds of the National Football League, away to Dún na nGall and Maigh Eo, and the postponement of the U20 All-Ireland football championship semifinal against Áth Cliath in Croke Park on St Patrick's Day. For Clubs, the youth competitions at U14 and minor level were immediately stopped, and the adult leagues, due to commence on 29th March, were deferred and would not get underway until 19<sup>th</sup> July!

Primary School coaches and GPOs were withdrawn from their schools – which would eventually close a week later – with a real threat to jobs and employment.

With no games or other activities, Clubs immediately began to draft emergency plans to prepare for the inevitable illness, and deaths that would occur within their catchment areas. A huge volunteer database was made available to the health authorities and government bodies to support the elderly, the vulnerable and the isolated throughout the parishes and further afield; Clubs offered the use of their facilities in whatever capacity was necessary and appropriate, but thankfully very few were called upon.

Setting up of co-ordination teams at Club, County, Provincial and National levels took place and the widespread use of conference calls and video-conferencing - due to restrictions on travel – became the norm. 'Social distancing' became a way of life.

The predicted worse-case scenario, which probably bordered on scare-mongering, of massive numbers of deaths, or of persons contracting the virus did not materialise on this island, due in the main, to the scientific knowledge provided to the governments and the health services. The adherence to the guidelines and directives by the great majority of the population played a huge part in preventing the pandemic taking hold in Ireland.

In the first phase of the pandemic, approximately 50% of deaths in this country were of elderly and vulnerable people residing in, or moved into, care centres and nursing homes, which could have been significantly reduced if the governments had decided to apply a different policy, of giving them the same attention and protection as the rest of the population. The aged and the elderly, who were highly vulnerable, should not have been sacrificed in the manner that was witnessed throughout March and April just to free up hospital beds for a need that did not arise at the time. The actions of our governments in this respect was shameful, cruel, and clearly wrong.

By the beginning of June the first peak of the pandemic had passed and restrictions that had been imposed were relaxed - Clubs' walkways were opened up (limited to 4 hours); Club teams were permitted to train in small groups; challenge games could take place in July – but with no spectators in attendance; competitive games were allowed to commence from 17<sup>th</sup> July, again without supporters being present. To facilitate a practical programme of games within Tyrone, it was decided that, for adult football, each of the existing three divisions would be divided into two groups.



Following a consultation with all Clubs it was determined that in addition to the winners of Divisions 2 and 3 being promoted, there should be no relegation from Divisions 1 and 2 in the current year. The three championships in adult football were planned to commence on 13<sup>th</sup> August, as per the draw made at the start of the season, when all teams would have participated in four rounds of League fixtures. On the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> July, the first spectators were permitted to be in attendance at competitive games with an upper limit - set by the Ulster Council at 400 - to include all players, management teams, media personnel, and Club and match officials.

Appreciation is due to the leadership of the County Chairman Michael Kerr, the Fixtures' Review Workgroup for its work in drafting the programme of games, and to the CCC for its implementation of the programme; the co-operation of all Clubs and the assistance of the county's referees ensured that the fixtures progressed in an effective and highly successful fashion.

Inter-county teams were not permitted to commence training until 14<sup>th</sup> September with their first games being those outstanding from the last two rounds of the League. Then, the Ulster championship was played (31<sup>st</sup> October for the preliminary round) in its usual format, as a knock-out competition, on a weekly basis and the All-Ireland championship was radically changed from that of recent years back to the old-style format of a straight knock-out competition.

Inter-county Minor football also reverted to a straight knock-out championship, which commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> October, but unfortunately only the preliminary round featuring Muineachán and An Cabhán took place, before all further games were postponed once again.

With a second phase of the pandemic now in existence, this competition remains 'in limbo' and the unfinished Club competitions within Tyrone have been deferred by the CCC until the New Year. The administration and management of all affairs at County level have been made the responsibility of the Management Committee, having been devolved from the County Committee; the national office at Croke Park also directed that County Conventions and Club Conventions could adopt different formats this year due to the restrictions advised by the health authorities.

All coaching and administrative staff employed by Tyrone GAA were retained in posts despite the reduction in, or total lack of, work available by registering with the government's furlough schemes, which will remain in place until the end of March 2021.

At present all County teams may not participate in group training until at least the start of January.

While everyone anticipates a better 2021 than the year now coming to a close, no-one can predict the course that will be taken by the pandemic, and it can only be hoped that the development and distribution of effective vaccines will halt its contagious spread to allow a return to some form of normal.



#### 2. COUNTY TEAMS

#### **Senior Football**

McKenna Cup

The 2020 season opened with a fixture against an Cabhán in the reconstructed Dr McKenna Cup competition on 5<sup>th</sup> January in Healy Park. A six-point victory was followed three days later by an away game with Ard Mhacha where success resulted in qualification by Tír Eoghain for the semifinal. Back in Armagh, the six point defeat of An Dún brought a place in the 2020 final against Muineachán. This year's opponents qualified for the semifinal but then received a bye to the final when the fourth semifinallists found themselves in a position where they were unable to field a team; Dún na nGall sought a postponement of its semifinal, by two days, due to the unavailability of players who were involved in the Sigerson Cup competition, but most surprisingly, this could not be facilitated by the Ulster Council. So the County was left in a most awkward and difficult position, with no realistic option but to withdraw from the competition.

The final also took place in Armagh and Tír Eoghain were victorious on a scoreline of 0-11 to 1-05 winning the Cup for an eighth time in nine years.

2020 McKenna Cup panel: Niall Morgan (Edendork), Ronan McNamee (Aghyaran), Tiernan McCann (Killyclogher), Rory Brennan (Trillick), Niall Sludden (Dromore), Ronan O'Neill (Omagh), Aidan McCrory (Errigal Ciaran), Hugh Pat McGeary (Pomeroy), Ben McDonnell (Errigal Ciaran), David Mulgrew (Ardboe), Liam Rafferty (Galbally), Ciaran McLaughlin (Omagh), Conan Grugan (Omagh), Brian Kennedy (Derrylaughan), Kyle Coney (Ardboe), Darren McCurry (Edendork), Benny Gallen (Aghyaran), Kieran McGeary (Pomeroy), Conall McCann (Killyclogher), Michael Cassidy (Ardboe), Frank Burns (Pomeroy), Michael McKernan (Coalisland), Conor Quinn (Galbally), Conal Grimes (Loughmacrory), Conn Kilpatrick (Edendork), Daniel Kerr (Galbally), Niall Kelly (Errigal Ciaran), Colm Cavanagh (Moy), Ronan McHugh (Aghyaran), Brendan Burns (Pomeroy), Conor Meyler (Omagh), Michael O'Neill (Ardboe) Matthew Murnaghan (Killyclogher).

#### The NFL

The NFL began with a home victory against newly-promoted An Mhí followed by a trip to Castleblayney where Muineachán won by four points. The Round 3 fixture against Ciarraí was transferred from an unplayable Healy Park (due to Storm Ciara) to Edendork, where the three home Club's players were instrumental in securing a one-point victory for Tír Eoghain. The trip to Tuam resulted in a heavy nineteen-point defeat and this was followed by a well-merited victory over Áth Cliath in Healy Park.

On October 18<sup>th</sup> the NFL resumed following a six-month delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in the penultimate round Tír Eoghain visited Ballybofey where they suffered a four-point defeat. A week later the final game against Maigh Eo was a relegation battle in which the visitors were dominant on the scoreboard – leading by nine points at one stage – but, as the game drew to a conclusion the home side clawed its way back, and ended up losing by just one point. The final standing for Tír Eoghain in the Division 1 of the National League was a deserved fourth positon.





Tyrone Senior Football Team (NFL v Monaghan)

#### **Ulster Championship**

The first round of the Ulster Championship took place on 1st November when Tír Eoghain travelled back to Ballybofey for the second time in a fortnight; played in atrocious weather conditions, Tír Eoghain played the better football in the opening quarter and soon led by four points but at the half-time interval the situation was reversed with the home side two ahead. The second half was a very even contest where the lead changed several times but, unfortunately, when the final whistle sounded Dún na nGall were again two points in front. They would go on to play Ard Mhacha in the Ulster semifinal while Tír Eoghain's championship and season concluded.

#### Championship Panel

Niall Morgan (Edendork), Ronan McNamee (Aghyaran), Tiernan McCann (Killyclogher), Rory Brennan (Trillick), Niall Sludden (Dromore), Ronan O'Neill (Omagh), Aidan McCrory (Errigal Ciaran), Hugh Pat McGeary (Pomeroy), Ben McDonnell (Errigal Ciaran), David Mulgrew (Ardboe), Liam Rafferty (Galbally), Brian Kennedy (Derrylaughan), Darren McCurry (Edendork), Benny Gallen (Aghyaran), Kieran McGeary (Pomeroy), Conall McCann (Killyclogher), Michael Cassidy (Ardboe), Frank Burns (Pomeroy), Michael McKernan (Coalisland), Conor Quinn (Galbally), Conal Grimes (Loughmacrory), Conn Kilpatrick (Edendork), Daniel Kerr (Galbally), Niall Kelly (Errigal Ciaran), Conor Meyler (Omagh), Michael O'Neill (Ardboe), Darragh Canavan (Errigal Ciaran), Matthew Murnaghan (Killyclogher), Conor McKenna (Eglish), Pádraig Hampsey (Coalisland), Peter Harte (Errigal Ciaran), Mattie Donnelly (Capt) (Trillick), Richard Donnelly (Trillick), Mark Bradley (Killyclogher).

Once again, we express our sincere thanks to Mickey Harte and assistant manager Gavin Devlin together with their back room team for all of the work undertaken with the senior football panel in the very strange year of 2020.

#### Minor (U17) Football League (Jim McGuigan Cup)

The opening game against An Cabhán on 29<sup>th</sup> February was played at Garvaghey where the home side suffered a comprehensive defeat. Then, Dún na nGall was defeated in Letterkenny by two points. No more games took place in this competition due to the restrictions imposed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Championship was also postponed when the 'lockdown' became operational in March, and was due to take place in October when history repeated itself; at present this competition remains in limbo, but with the hope of having it played.



Thanks is extended to Colin Holmes and his management team for all of the preparatory work undertaken with the U17 panel of players in a most bizarre and disrupted year.

#### U20 Football 2020

Participation in the U20 Regional Development League began with a home victory against Aontroim (Leo Murphy Cup) followed by a surprise away defeat to An Lú; interest in the competition concluded with a draw against An Dún played in Bright. The first round in the Ulster Championship was an away game against Ard Mhacha in which the home side put up a brave fight before losing by four points in extra time. In the semifinal against Aontroim the winter weather played a major part in a low-scoring affair in Lavey; Tír Eoghain were behind by two points at the interval but led by the same margin when the final whistle sounded. The opponents in the final were Dún na nGall who trailed by one point at the break in Clones; in the second half Tír Eoghain's class shone through, scoring five unanswered points followed by the only goal of the game to win by five points. Having retained the Ulster Championship, attention turned to the All-Ireland series with a semifinal encounter against Leinster champions Ath Cliath fixed for St Patrick's Day. This game eventually took place in Cavan, seven months later than planned, with the time lapse bringing about several changes to the panel of players. In the opening half Tír Eoghain was the dominant and more purposeful side and led by four points as the interval approached; a two-point lead was maintained until the three-quarter stage, but some of the momentum was lost as the match progressed and the Ulster champions could not register any scores in the closing ten minutes, while Ath Cliath edged ahead to qualify for the All-Ireland final.



**Ulster U20 Football Champions (2020)** 

The Tír Eoghain U20 panel for 2020 was:

Lorcan Quinn (An Domhnach Mór), Cormac Quinn (Aireagal Chiaráin), Cormac Munroe (An Charraig Mhór), Matthew McCusker (Cill Íseal), Michael Gallagher (Trí Leac), Antoin Fox (Loch Mhic Ruairí), James McCann (An Domhnach Mór), Kevin Barker (Dún Geanainn), Joe Oguz (Aireagal Chiaráin), Liam Gray (Trí Leac), Darragh Canavan (Aireagal Chiaráin), Neil Kilpatrick (Éadan na dTorc), Ethan Jordan (Eaglais), Matthew Murnaghan (Coill an Chlochair), Tiarnán Quinn (Oileán a' Ghuail), Mark



MicGale (An Droim Mór), Tarlach Quinn (Baile na Móna), Caolan Slevin (An Droim Mhór), Simon Garrity (Trí Leac), Eunan Devlin (Ard Bó), Aaron Montgomery (Droim Ratha), Ryan Jones (Dún Geanainn), Tom Donaghy (An Ómaigh), Ronan Duffin (Cabhán a'Chaorthain), Ruairí Slane (An Charraig Mhór), Cathal Colton (An Droim Mhór), Ronan Hollywood (An Caisleán Glas), Conor Ward (An Charraig), Tomás Hoy (Cill Íseal), Daniel Millar (Cill Íseal), Ryan McCabe (Cluain Eó), Lorcan Kilpatrick (Cabhán a' Chaorthain), Shane Murphy (An Charraig), Tiarnán Colhoun (An Charraig Mhór), Conal Devlin (Dún Geanainn), Rory Donnelly (An Charraig Mhór), Odhran Robinson (Aireagal Chiaráin), Mark Hayes (Coill an Chlochair), Oisin McCann (Coill an Chlochair), Oran Mulgrew (Ard Bó), John Rafferty (Coill an Chlochair).

Congratulations and appreciation is extended to team manager, Paul Devlin, assistant manager, Dermot Carlin and liaison officer Dermot McCaughey for their retention of the Ulster U-20 championship. Further congratulations are due to Cormac Monroe and Paul who were awarded the Provincial Player of the Championship and the Manager of the Championship, respectively, by competition sponsors, Eirgrid.

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#### Peil

#### Corn an Dr Mhic Cionnaith

Eanáir 05 Eanáir 08 Eanáir 12	Tír Eoghain 1-16 Tír Eoghain 3-18 Tír Eoghain 2-16	An Cabhán Ard Mhacha An Dún	0-13 3-15 1-10	at Omagh at Armagh at Armagh
Eanáir 18	Tír Eoghain 0-11	Muineachán	1-05	at Armagh (Final)
An Sraith Náisiúnta (Ro	oinn 1)			
Eanáir 26	Tír Eoghain 1-14	An Mhí	1-09	at Omagh
Feabhra 02	Tír Eoghain 0-11	Muineachán	1-12	at Castleblayney
Feabhra 09	Tír Eoghain 0-14	Ciarraí	0-13	at Edendork
Feabhra 23	Tír Eoghain 0-12	Gaillimh	2-25	at Tuam
Feabhra 29	Tír Eoghain 1-10	Áth Cliath	1-07	at Omagh
Deireadh Fomhair 18	Tír Eoghain 2-13	Dún na nGall	2-17	at Ballybofey
Deireadh Fomhair 25	Tír Eoghain 3-14	Maigh Eo	1-19	at Castlebar
Craobh Peile Uladh				
Samhain 01	Tír Eoghain 1-11	Dún na nGall	1-13	at Ballybofey
U20 Regional League 2	2020 (Leo Murphy Cup)			
Eanáir 04	Tír Eoghain 2-10	Aontroim	1-03	at Omagh
Eanáir 11	Tír Eoghain 0-07	An Lú	1-07	at Darver
Eanáir 18	Tír Eoghain 0-10	An Dún	1-07	at Bright
U20 An Chraobh				
Feabhra 22	Tír Eoghain 1-09	Ard Mhacha	0-08	at Armagh (AET)
Feabhra 29	Tír Eoghain 0-11	Aontroim	0-09	at Lavey
Márta 07	Tír Eoghain 1-11	Dún na nGall	0-09	at Clones (Ulster Final)
Deireadh Fomhair 17 Semifinal)	Tír Eoghain 1-12	Áth Cliath	1-14	at Cavan (All-Ireland



#### Ulster Minor League (U17) (Jim McGuigan Cup)

Feabhra 29 Tír Eoghain 0-04 An Cabhán 2-10 at Garvaghey Márta 07 Tír Eoghain 1-10 Dún na nGall 1-08 at Letterkenny

All other fixtures cancelled

#### **Craobh Peile Uladh**

Competition postponed.

#### **Ulster U16 League (Buncrana Cup)**

Feabhra 29 Tír Eoghain 1-09 An Cabhán 0-01 at Garvaghey Márta 07 Tír Eoghain 1-06 Dún na nGall 0-08 at Gaoith Dobhair

All other fixtures cancelled.

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
Minor	2	1	0	1
U20	4	3	0	1
Senior	12	8	0	4
Total	18	12	0	6

#### **Senior Hurling 2020**

The first game of the new season took place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 with a hefty defeat against an Lú in the Conor McGurk Cup fixture at the Queen's University Belfast playing fields (the Dub). At the same venue, the student hosts inflicted a second heavy defeat and thereby concluded the county's participation in the competition.

#### NHL

The opening fixture of the National League Tír Eoghain travelled to Darver and turned a three-point halftime deficit into a five-point victory. A heavy home defeat to Dún na nGall in the next round was followed by relatively comfortable victory over Muineachán in Castleblayney. In the second home game, played at the County's headquarters Tír Eoghain enjoyed a five-point victory against Longfort. In the final game of the League, Tír Eoghain could not shake off the challenge of Ard Mhacha at the Athletic Grounds; despite scoring twenty-five points the end result was a draw, but the more significant outcome was that the home side qualified for the final against Dún na nGall, and Tír Eoghain ended up in third position — one point behind the finallists.

Senior Hurling Panel: Conor McElhatton (Éire Óg), Dean Rafferty (Éire Óg), Dermot Begley (Éire Óg), Sean Muldoon (Cúchulainn), Sean Paul McKernan (Eoghan Ruadh), Cormac Monroe (Éire Óg), Christopher Cross (Naomh Colum Cille), John McGurk (Coill an Chlochair), Kiefer Morgan (Eoghan Ruadh), Tiarnan Morgan (Eoghan Ruadh), Ciaran Lagan (An Ómaigh), Matthew Mulgrew (Eoghan Ruadh), Damian Casey (Eoghan Ruadh), Branan Molloy (Eoghan Ruadh), Ben Gormley (Eoghan Ruadh), Chris Kearns (Naomh Colum Cille) (C), Conor Mc Nally (Eoghan Ruadh), Bryan McGurk (Éire Óg), John Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Lorcan Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Lochrainn Ó Donnaile (Éire Óg), Josh Ferguson (Eoghan Ruadh), Pádraig McHugh (Eoghan Ruadh), Justin Kelly (Éire Óg), Seamus O'Hagan (Naomh Colum Cille), Padraig Hughes (Eoghan Ruadh), Sean Donaghy (Eoghan Ruadh), Ruairi Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Fionn Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Liam Armstrong (Éire Óg), Sean Óg Grogan (Éire Óg), Conor Grogan (Éire Óg).



#### NICKY Kackard Cup

Tír Eoghain commenced its campaign in this competition on 31<sup>st</sup> October with a home fixture against Maigh Eo; in a game where the home side was forced into major changes due to injuries and players isolating in accordance with the COVID-19 guidelines, the visitors were totally dominant from start to finish and cruised to a comfortable victory on a scoreline of 1-24 to 0-09.

In Round 2B Tír Eoghain travelled to play neighbours Muneachán the following week with a stronger panel available, in a game where defeat would lead to relegation to the Lory Meagher Cup competition. In the opening quarter Muineachán took an early lead but after the now customary water-break Tír Eoghain improved its game, managed some great scores and led throughout the rest of the fixture to win by some ten points.

Having reached the semifinal, Tír Eoghain once again were faced with western neighbours, Dún na nGall; the opening half was an evenly-contested affair and Tír Eoghain, playing exceptionally well, led by a single point at the interval. On the re-start the lead was increased further but the concession of two goals in as many minutes changed the whole course of the game, and the home side ended up victorious with ten points to spare; Dún na nGall would go on to win the competition at the expense of Maigh Eo.

Once again, appreciation is extended to all players who represented Tír Eoghain at senior level in the very disruptive year of 2020; thanks is due to team manager Mattie Lennon, the members of the management team, and particular gratitude goes to Aidan Maguire who undertook the duties of liaison officer, and COVID Officer this year.

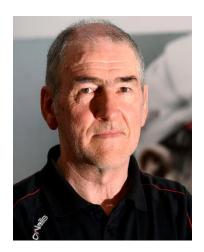
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#### Iomána **Conor McGurk Cup** Tír Eoghain 3-15 An Lú 3-23 at the Dub Belfast Nollaig 07 Nollaig 12 Tír Eoghain 2-10 at the Dub Belfast QUB 4-15 An Sraith Náisiúnta Roinn 3A Eanáir 26 Tír Eoghain 1-21 An Lú 1-16 at Darver Feabhra 02 Tír Eoghain 1-15 Dún na nGall 2-23 at Omagh Feabhra 16 Tír Eoghain 2-17 Muineachán 1-07 at Castleblayney at Garvaghey Feabhra 23 Tír Eoghain 0-23 Longfort 1-15 Márta 01 Tír Eoghain 0-25 Armagh 3-16 at Armagh **Corn Nicky Rackard** Deireadh Fomhair 31 Tír Eoghain 0-09 Maigh Eo 1-24 at Omagh Samhain 07 Tír Eoghain 2-19 Muineachán 1-12 at Clontibret Samhain 14 Tír Eoghain 1-21 Dún na nGall 3-25 at Letterkenny

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
Senior	10	4	1	5



#### **Mickey Harte**



At the end of the 2020 season Mickey Harte decided to not seek a further three-year term in charge of the Tyrone senior football team and thereby brought to an end a managerial career with Tyrone teams that had lasted thirty years.

Mickey became manager of the County's minor footballers in 1991, where he won the first of three Ulster championships after two years, and an All-Ireland title in 1998. Having moved up to the U21 level, three more Ulster titles were won in successive years 2000-2, together with two All-Ireland championships in 2000 and 2001.

He was appointed as senior football manager in 2003 and achieved outstanding success in his initial year winning the National Football League, the Ulster championship, and the county's first-ever All-Ireland championship. The Sam Maguire Cup was brought back to Tyrone in glorious fashion on two further

occasions - 2005 and 2008 - under his management.

In total, his teams won six Ulster senior football championships 2003, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2016, 2017 and twelve Dr McKenna Cups 2004-7, 2012-17, 2019-20, during his eighteen year reign. Mickey had the honour of working with some of the most talented players in the country, and many players were privileged to have been moulded into great players under his brilliant management and guidance.

One of the greatest testaments to a successful manager, is to see so many of his novel and innovative ideas, associated with the game of football, being copied by a wide range of club and county managers throughout the country – almost becoming a new standard.

While Mickey Harte enjoyed outstanding successes with the county's football teams and brought dreams to reality for Tyrone supporters, he also endured significant and difficult lows during his managerial career; the death of Paul McGirr - playing against Armagh in the Ulster Minor Championship at Healy Park in 1997, the death of recently-appointed senior team captain, 24-year old Cormac McAnallen in 2004, and the tragic murder of his daughter Michaela while on her honeymoon in Mauritius in 2011. It might have been easier to step away from team management and public scrutiny having suffered any one of these tragedies, but Mickey displayed the greatest resilience, courage and leadership, on every occasion.

Tyrone GAA is deeply grateful to this remarkable man.

#### New Management - Feargal Logan and Brian Dooher

In order to fill the vacated senior football team management position all Clubs were afforded the opportunity to make a nomination and the Coiste Bainistí appointed a small selection committee to oversee the appointment process. This concluded with the appointment of Feargal Logan and Brian Dooher, as joint managers for a three-year term concluding in 2023.

Both men have played for their Clubs – Stewartstown and Clann na nGael – at all levels as well as managing their Clubs' teams. Both have worn the Tyrone jersey with distinction, enjoying successes at underage and senior levels, with Brian leading the senior team to Sam Maguire victories in 2005 and 2008.



They jointly managed the county's U21 footballers (2014 – 17), along with Peter Canavan, winning Ulster and All-Ireland Championships in 2015; Feargal also took charge of Tyrone's U14 and U17 Development squads, each for a two-year period and has an in-depth knowledge of upcoming young players.

While previous achievements are not a guarantee of future success in any sport, Tyrone GAA should be confident that its senior footballers will be guided and led by the best management team for the next three years.



New senior football team managers – Brian Dooher and Feargal Logan

(Photo: Oliver McVeigh)

#### 3. CLUB COMPETITIONS

As noted earlier, Tyrone's planned programme of Club competitions was severely disrupted in 2020 due to the restrictions required, and imposed, as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. The adult competitive games did not get under way until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July with a reorganised All-County football league in which each of the three divisions was split in two and the teams were randomly drawn into each sub-group. The winners of each division were determined by a play-off between the top team from each sub-group.

While almost all of the adult competitions in both codes were concluded, it is deeply regretted that some youth competitions did not have sufficient time to determine winners, due to re-imposed restrictions; it is hoped that these can be successfully concluded at the beginning of 2021.

After the first four rounds of league fixtures, the Club championships commenced on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August, the opening fixture being the preliminary Junior game between Fintona and Drumquin at Drumragh; this was immediately followed by the first rounds of the Senior championship over the next four days, with the Intermediate games all taking place the following week. At each of these championship venues the total attendance was limited to 400 persons inclusive of players, team managers and match officials. Needless to say, this restriction on patrons' attendances caused major difficulties and no little frustration for Club officers who had to make hard decisions on who should be allowed to purchase admission tickets.



In order to reduce the annoyance and disappointment among patrons at their inability to attend championship games, a decision was taken to stream all games live on TyroneGAA TV; for the successful implementation of this decision, in an extremely short preparation period, grateful appreciation is due to the PRO, Eugene McConnell and the Communications committee and to the IT Officer, Gerard Bradley and his committee. The organisational work done, and the problems so expertly overcome, in providing a high quality final product is widely recognised and gratefully acknowledged.

At Junior level, Drumragh were victorious against Killeeshil, Castlederg and Drumquin in reaching the final, while Kildress eased their way through to it by defeating Eskra, Urney and Cookstown. Kildress, appearing in a second successive final, were justifiably installed as favourites but failed to live up to the tag in the first half; Drumragh exhibited a far greater desire throughout and held a four-point lead at the break. However, as antipicated, the Wolfe Tones' came storming back, scoring three goals and five points to emerge victorious and win the Pat Darcy Cup.

In the Intermediate championship Gortin arrived in the final having displayed remarkable resilience in accounting for Owen Roe O'Neill's (after extra-time), Eglish (after extra-time and a penalty 'shootout') and Greencastle (again after extra-time); on the other side of the draw Edendork had reasonably comfortable victories against Clogher, Rock and Tattyreagh. In the final at Healy Park, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Edendork enjoyed an eight-point lead at the half-time interval and cruised to victory with the same winning margin. In collecting the Paddy Cullen Cup as Intermediate champions Edendork returned to the top division in Tyrone after their relegation in 2019.



Tyrone Senior Football Champions (2020) – Dungannon Thomas Clarkes

The Tyrone Senior championship was probably the most exciting, thrilling, close-fought and entertaining ever witnessed. The final was contested by Dungannon Clarke's and Trillick St Macartan's – the former appearing in a first final in thirty-four years, and the latter attempting to retain the O'Neill's County Cup, which had not been done by any club in the previous fifteen years. Trillick's path to the final began with a first-round victory over Galbally, then Killyclogher (after extratime and a penalty 'shoot-out') and Coalisland in the semifinal. Dungannon scored a ten-point victory over Loughmacrory (after extra-time), defeated Ardboe in the quarter-final (after extra-time), and Errigal Ciaran (after extra-time) to reach the final.

In the opening quarter of the final, Trillick eased into a five-point lead, and looked comfortable at the break leading by four points; of course Dungannon fought back in the second half to lead by two



points, then fell behind by two, and eventually drew level in added time. In extra time the teams were level at the interval and level, yet again, when the final whistle sounded. In the penalty 'shootout' the teams had scored the same at the end of the first phase, of five each; at the end of the second phase, when each team had taken a total of ten penalties, the Clarkes' had scored eight and were ahead by one. Dungannon were crowned senior county champions for the first time since 1956 amid scenes of total relief, joy, jubilation and an outpouring of raw emotion.

Congratulations is extended to the players and management teams of Dungannon Clarke's, Edendork St Malachy's, Kildress Wolfe Tones, Naomh Colum Cille's and Omagh St Enda's on their championship achievements in this most difficult year; acknowledgement is made of the massive efforts made by not only all these winners, but by all those who participated in, and contributed so much to, one of the greatest championship seasons in the county's history.

It would of course be remiss to not comment on the protocol that has been adopted by the Association to bring games to a conclusion, in establishing a winner-on-the-day which finishes with a penalty 'shoot-out'. While extra-time can be considered traditional and acceptable when a championship game ends in a draw, a penalty 'shoot-out' is totally alien in gaelic games, and to the players of gaelic football and hurling. It is grossly unfair to invite a team, especially a Club team, to nominate six of its amateur players (including a goalkeeper) to participate in such a show, having just played eighty plus minutes of a high-intensity match. While it is nerve-wracking at the time of participation, there is the potential for psychological damage to the player who fails to score his penalty which leads to the final determination of the outcome of the game. Clearly this will be more detrimental when the match is the final of a championship.

In this year's adult championships alone, Eglish, Killyclogher, Derrytresk, Trillick all exited from their respective competitions due to a missed penalty or a saved penalty.

Indeed, Trillick were undefeated in nine senior football championship games in the past two seasons, yet, because of penalty 'shoot-outs' the team was unable to progress in the Ulster Club championship in 2019 and was unable to retain its Tyrone senior crown this year.



Tyrone Senior Hurling Champions (2020) – Carrickmore Éire Óg

In the hurling championship Naomh Colum Cille retained the Junior title with a victory over Omagh, and Éire Óg Carrickmore met Eoghan Ruadh Dungannon in the senior level final. Playing in front of a restricted attendance (400 again) in Healy Park, Éire Óg enjoyed an outstanding opening half,



stunning the defending champions with three goals to lead by ten points at the break; the Dungannon side began its fightback in very wet conditions during the second half, reducing the gap in scores to four points, but some outstanding defensive performances from their opponents ensured that the Benburb Cup would be back in Carrickmore for the first time since 2017.

All of the 2020 championships were like no other. No one could have imagined a programme of games with attendances limited to 400, or with each game being fully ticketed. No-one could have imagined show-piece finals without a parade of the teams, without a band and other musical entertainment, without Primary Schools' children participating in mini-games at the intervals, and without the Jubilee teams being given an opportunity to renew acquaintances.

As well, it could never have been imagined that all our Club championships could be streamed live to the county, the country, and all continents. Nor could it have been imagined that a senior football quarterfinal would be broadcast live by TG4, and that our two senior football semifinals would be broadcast nationally by RTÉ. Since Tyrone's Club players performed at such an exceptionally high standard in front of huge viewing audiences we might expect these broadcasters to come back in future years irrespective of any presence of Covid-19.



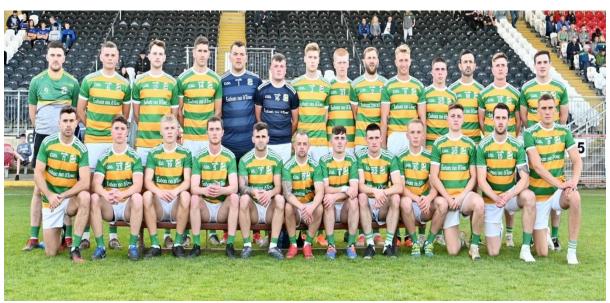
Tyrone Junior Football Champions (2020) - Kildress Wolfe Tones

(Photo: Oliver McVeigh)

Date	Championship	Winner	Runner –up	Referee	Venue
12/10/20	Senior Hurling	Carrickmore Éire Óg	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	Kevin Parke	Omagh
12/10/20	Junior Hurling	Naomh Columcille	Omagh St Enda's	Barry Winters	Omagh
	U18 Hurling Not Completed				
24/09/20	U14 Hurling (G1)	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	Carrickmore Éire Óg	Aidan Graham	Omagh
04/10/20	U14 Hurling (G2)	Omagh St Enda's	Fintona Pearse's	Conall McGinn	Drumragh

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Date	Championship	Winner	Runner –up	Referee	Venue
04/10/20	Junior Football	Kildress Wolfe	Drumragh Sarsfield's	Cathal Forbes	Omagh
		Tone's			
19/10/20	Intermediate	Edendork St	Gortin St Patrick's	Kieran Eanetta	Omagh
	Football	Malachy's			
20/10/20	Senior Football	Dungannon	Trillick St Macartan's	Shane Meehan	Omagh
		Clarke's			
	U18 F (G1)	Finalist:	Finalist: Omagh St		
	Not Completed	Carrickmore St	Enda's		
		Colmcille's			
	U18 F (G2)	Finalist:	Finalist:		
	Not Completed	Cookstown Fr	Donaghmore St		
		Rock's	Patrick's		
	U18 F (G3)				
	Not Completed				
16/09/20	U18 F (G4)	Tattyreagh St	Brackaville Owen	John Kerlin	Dunmoyle
		Patrick's	Roe's		
	U16 F (G1)				
	Not Completed				
27/09/20	U16 F (G2)	Eglish,St Patrick's	Fintona Pearse's	Michael Quinn	Dunmoyle
	U16 F (G3)	Edendork St	Killeeshil, St Mary's		
	Not Completed	Malachy's			
	U16 F (G3)	Finalist: Naomh	Finalist: Rock St		
	Not Completed	Bríd	Patrick's		
03/10/20	U14 F (G1)	Trillick St	Eglish,St Patrick's	Paul Gallagher	Carrickmore
		Macartan's			
03/10/20	U14 F (G2)	Loughmacrory St	Kildress Wolfe	Fabian	Greencastle
		Teresa's	Tone's	McGlone	
04/10/20	U14 F (G3)	Clonoe O'Rahilly's	Moy Tír na nÓg	Micheál Kelly	Aghaloo
03/10/20	U14 F (G4)	Derrylaughan	Eskra Emmett's	John Devlin	Aghaloo
		Kevin Barry's			



Tyrone Intermediate Football Champions (2020) – Edendork St Malachy's



#### 4. PLAYERS' INJURY BENEFIT FUND

Towards the end of 2019 Croke Park appointed new administrators for the Players' Injury Benefit Fund and the processing of all claims went totally online; in addition the former procedure in which successful Club re-imbursements were distributed through the county office no longer applied and instead all claimants' payments issued directly to their Clubs. All of this streamlining has assisted in lessening the administrative workload at both Club and County levels; now, however, it is less easy to compile an overall accurate report on the claims that are settled, or to distinguish between the settled and the partially completed claims.

The statistics that are available for the current financial year show that the number of adult and U21 teams registered is broadly similar to 2019 and that Clubs registered just over 400 youth teams - a small increase of  $^{\sim}4\%$ .

Subscriptions to the Fund totalled €224,8552 and for the 72 claims where reimbursements were made, the total funding received by claimants was €143,512. The number of claims submitted this year dropped by 20% probably a reflection on the smaller number of competitions played during 2020 because of the pandemic restrictions. However, in only 37% of these, have claimants received any funding; this may be accounted for in that the competitions participated in, ran in the latter part of the season, during the period July – October, and claims may take a further couple of months to be processed.

For this reason, also, it will not be possible for the administrators to provide a definitive opinion on whether it will be possible to make a refund, of any size, to Clubs that have subscribed to the Fund for their teams that were unable to participate in competitions at all in 2020 due to the Covid-19 restrictions. While Clubs' contributions are significantly higher than amounts paid out at present, this may not remain the situation when all claims have been processed towards the beginning of next season. The Association has also advised that it cannot contribute the 6% of National League gates to the Fund as is done in 'normal' years. It is hoped that teams' subscriptions for 2021 will be discounted by a significant factor.

#### Players' Injury Fund (Nov. 2019 - Oct. 2020)

	Adult	U20/U21	Youth	Total	Premium	No of	Claims	Benefits
Club	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Paid (€)	Claims	Paid	Paid (€)
Tyrone	2	1	8	11	6800	19	10	6653.61
Aghaloo	2	0	7	9	2880	3	0	0.00
Aghyaran	2	0	14	16	6400	5	3	13500.00
Ardboe	2	1	8	11	3060	10	6	17917.97
Augher	2	0	3	5	3900	6	1	195.39
Beragh	2	0	9	11	2880	7	1	428.14
Both Domhnaigh	0	0	4	4	800	0	0	0.00
Brackaville	2	0	8	10	2880	2	0	0.00
Brockagh	2	0	0	2	1800	1	1	4500.00
Carrickmore	2	1	8	11	6800	10	5	11627.84
Castlederg	2	0	5	7	4500	3	0	0.00
Clann na nGael	2	0	2	4	4800	1	0	0.00
Clogher	2	0	0	2	4000	1	0	0.00
Clonoe	2	1	14	17	6800	5	3	7296.84
Coalisland	3	1	7	11	6600	7	0	0.00
Cookstown	2	1	10	13	3740	3	1	203.25
Derrylaughan	2	1	8	11	5800	2	0	0.00
Derrytresk	2	0	6	8	3520	0	0	0.00
Donaghmore	2	1	5	8	3200	0	0	0.00
Dromore	2	1	8	11	3060	6	0	0.00



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Club	Teams	Teams	Teams	Teams	Paid (€)	Claims	Paid	Paid (€)
Drumragh	2	1	9	12	3740	4	2	4907.73
Dungannon	2	1	8	11	3060	1	0	0.00
Edendork	2	0	5	7	3300	2	0	0.00
Eglish	2	1	13	16	3740	4	2	4705.78
Errigal Ciaran	4	1	8	13	5940	10	2	10672.00
Eskra	2	0	5	7	3300	1	1	205.78
Fintona	2	0	14	16	2880	0	0	0.00
Gael Naomh Pádraig	0	0	3	3	600	0	0	0.00
Galbally	2	1	9	12	6800	8	6	7510.79
Glenelly	2	0	3	5	2340	1	1	4500.00
Gortin	2	0	3	5	2860	1	0	0.00
Greencastle	2	1	10	13	3740	3	1	1200.00
Kildress	2	1	13	16	3740	5	3	5593.71
Killeeshil	2	1	8	11	6800	5	0	0.00
Killyclogher	2	1	9	12	6800	9	4	13697.46
Killyman	2	0	6	8	3520	2	0	0.00
Loughmacrory	2	1	8	11	5100	0	0	0.00
Moortown	2	1	9	12	5100	5	4	5356.29
Moy	2	1	8	11	5100	5	1	444.10
Naomh Eoghan	2	0	8	10	3200	2	0	0.00
Naomh Padraig	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0.00
Omagh	3	1	14	18	8800	11	6	2450.38
Owen Roe O'Neill's	2	0	4	6	5600	1	0	0.00
Owen Roes/Clann na nGael	0	0	2	2	400	0	0	0.00
Pomeroy	2	0	10	12	6400	1	0	0.00
Rock	2	1	5	8	3520	5	1	4500.00
St Brigid's	0	0	5	5	1000	0	0	0.00
Stewartstown	2	0	8	10	3520	2	0	0.00
Strabane	2	0	10	12	4800	4	0	0.00
Tattyreagh	2	0	7	9	6400	2	2	5378.26
Trillick	2	0	9	11	2880	4	0	0.00
Urney	2	1	4	7	2700	2	2	2862.96
An Bhinn Bhorb	0	0	4	4	672	0	0	0.00
Cúchulainn an Ghleanna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	1	0	6	7	2200	1	1	5100.00
Éire Óg An Charraig Mhór	1	0	4	5	3360	0	0	0.00
Naomh Colum Cille	1	0	5	6	3000	1	1	604.47
Na Seamrogai	0	0	4	4	720	0	0	0.00
TOTAL	103	24	402	529	224852	196	72	143512.75

#### **5. SCHOOLS & COLLEGES**

The second level schools and colleges in Tyrone enjoyed another very successful season participating in a wide range of competitions at every age grade and level; with competitions reaching the concluding stages in the winter months – December through to February - before the COVID-19 virus arrived, Tyrone's schools participated in seven Ulster finals.

St Ciaran's Ballygawley won the Arthurs Cup in December with a final victory over St Colm's Draperstown and lost by a point in the McDevitt Cup final against St Conor's Clady / Kilrea; most



heart-breaking was their defeat in the Markey Cup final to Virginia Community school in a dreaded penalty shoot-out, that was lost 5-4.

The McCormack Cup was retained by Omagh CBS with a final victory over St Colman's Newry at the end of January; St Patrick's Academy Dungannon won the Brock Cup and St John's Dromore were winners of the U14.5 Corn Mac Neasa, defeating All Saints Belfast in the final.

Three Tyrone schools participated in the Mac Rory Cup: Omagh CBS was unfortunate to lose its quarterfinal against St Patrick's Armagh by a single point, and Holy Trinity Cookstown were eliminated, at the same stage, by St Patrick's Maghera; the same school knocked out the Dungannon Academy in the semifinal, following its comfortable quarterfinal victory against St Mary's Magherafelt.

The other Magherafelt second level school – St Pius' – defeated St Joseph's Donaghmore in the McLernon Cup final.

Once again, it is appropriate to acknowledge the great work that continues to be undertaken by coaches and teachers in all the second-level schools; grateful appreciation is due to them and also to the principals and headteachers who actively promote, encourage and facilitate Gaelic games in the schools' crowded curriculum.

#### 6. BUÍOCHAS

I begin by extending gratitude to the sponsors and brand partners that continued their association with Tyrone GAA in this unprecedented and difficult year.

The main County sponsor, *Tyrone Fabrication Ltd.* has now completed a three-year term; for this, we are most grateful to the McDermott family from Ballygawley, whose business interests continue to expand in many regions across the world.

Once again we offer our appreciation to *O'Neills International Sportswear* and its managing director, Kieran Kennedy for the high level of support that continues to be directed to the GAA in this county; we recognise the severe difficulties that were experienced by the company this year as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and we all witnessed how it seized the opportunity to support and assist the NHS in its time of need, with its machines turning out medical scrubs instead of GAA jerseys. A well-deserved congratulations.

The Cookstown-based *LCC Group* committed again to the sponsorship of Tyrone's championships and *O'Neills International Sportswear* stepped up in support of the All-County Leagues in their new compact format.

We thank *Todds Leap* for continuing as a sponsor in support of the streaming of Club fixtures in 2020 on the Tyrone GAATV & Radio platforms.

Bank of Ireland, and The Donnelly Group, remained fully committed in their support of Tyrone GAA activities despite the difficult trading circumstances that were being encountered this year; we would urge Clubs and members of this Association to keep these brand partners in mind when giving consideration to where business is being done.

One of the highlights of 2020, on the physical development front, was the completion of the new gym at the County headquarters at Garvaghey, although the ever-present restrictions have prevented it from being officially opened to players and teams. This new facility could not have been constructed and paid for without the continuous commitment of the members of Club Tyrone and the so-called 'Hub Patrons'; when it would have been easier to step away this year, these men, women, and businesses remained steadfast in contributing financially – monthly, quarterly, annually - to the development of state of the art facilities for Tyrone's players. We are most grateful for this financial support. The work of the PR & Marketing Committee, under the direction of Mark Conway, continues to deliver, both physically and financially, and is congratulated on its achievements.



I pay tribute to the members of the Management Committee who fulfilled their duties in an admirable manner during the past year; the workload for many members increased significantly with much of it having to be compressed into very short time-frames, particularly with the organising and delivery of the programme of games from July to October. Thanks is due to Martin Sludden and Michelle Cox who were in charge of the fixtures and to Eugene McConnell who was responsible for all of the PR associated with them.

A special thank you is due to Gerard Bradley for his work and his time devoted to IT issues, particularly in the streaming of fixtures, and to John Devlin who capably dealt with all administration matters relating to referees.

I thank Eileen Connolly for all of the work undertaken with Tyrone GAA's finances this year, again; with the total disruption of inter-county fixtures and Club championships, and with games being played behind closed gates, the traditional sources of finances were interrupted or non-existent; employees were placed on furlough; grants were amended and re-amended. Despite all of these, the financial affairs of the county were managed and controlled effectively through the diligence of the Treasurer, and for this she is congratulated.

Special thanks is due to County Chairman, Michael Kerr for his commitment, leadership and dedication in this strange year. A year which became more stressful for him when he suffered the death of his father, James, in May. Not only did he fulfil the duties of a chairman as required in a normal year, but he undertook a wide range of additional onerous tasks, caused by or related to the restrictions and guidelines associated with the COVID-19 virus; by doing so he ensured that county teams and Clubs could complete programmes of activities that were very different, but were done so in as safe a manner as possible. This was an outstanding achievement.

At the conclusion of this Convention two members will be vacating their positions on the Coiste Bainistí; Peter Kerr retires as the County Hurling Officer and Cuthbert Donnelly retires as the Central Council representative, as both have completed their five-year term in office. Thanks is due to each man for their service with CLG Thír Eoghain from 2016 to 2020 in their specific roles on the Management Committee. We would expect that further contributions will be made to the Association at County level, by these two men, while they continue to actively serve as dedicated members of their Clubs.

The five-year term of the Honorary President of Tyrone GAA also draws to a close at County Convention. I would pay special tribute to Breandán Ó hEarcáin who fulfilled this role for our Association; he did so in the same highly successful manner that he served this county, for almost half a century, in an extensive range of positions including, County Chairman, County Secretary, County Annual Editor, Central Council representative, Senior Hurling team manager. Sincere thanks is extended to Breandán for all that he gave to Tyrone GAA. We wish him a lengthy and healthy retirement with his wife Claire, and all of his family.

I offer thanks and appreciation to the members of staff based at the county's headquarters in Garvaghey – Gregory, Anne Marie, Roisin – who ensure that the facilities are effectively managed and maintained to a standard as high as when they opened in 2013. Thanks is also due to the acting Games Development Manager, Brian Laverty, for his work with the coaching staff during this most problematic year.

Finally, the work undertaken in a voluntary capacity by all the members of the County subcommittees is gratefully acknowledged; for some the work was reduced this year, while in



several other instances the workload increased and was more concentrated than it should have been; but as always, what was requested to be done or expected to be done, was always done. Once again thanks is extended to the Officers of Tyrone's Clubs, particularly the secretaries, for their assistance, support and co-operation, as ever.

#### 7. COMBHRÓN

Every year brings loss and sadness to relatives, friends, colleagues, Club members and supporters, and regrettably 2020 was not any different. What was terribly different this year was the effect of the COVID-19 virus; while it did cause a small number of deaths in this county, its impact was widespread, painful and severely felt throughout all communities due to the restrictions that were necessary, preventing traditional wakes and normal funerals taking place. Bereaved families could only meet in limited numbers, and not at all with sympathisers; sympathisers could only show their respect from a distance, spaced out, silently, along a country road or a village street. A nod of acknowledgement often being all that was possible for mourners.

We offer our sincere condolences to all families and Clubs, whose members died in whatever circumstances this year.

At this level we remember in particular:

Catherine Colton (Dungannon) - mother of County Committee member and Club Chairman, Tomás Mary McFlynn (Ardboe) — sister of Management Committee member, Benny Hurl James Kerr (Carrickmore) — father of County Chairman, Michael and Culture Committee Secretary, Cliodhna

Brian Kelly (Eskra) – father of Health & Wellbeing Committee Secretary, Maura McMenamin Peter Duffy (Moy) – former County Committee member and brother of PR & Marketing member, Jackie

Kieran Gallagher (Tattyreagh) – brother of County Committee member, Patrick

Peggy McNamee (Newtownstewart) – mother of referee, Stephen

Sean Ruddy (Rock) – former referee, County Committee member, Hearings Committee member Owen Roe O'Neill (Killyclogher) – winner of a SHC with Benburb (1966); former hurling development committee member; an ever-available gateman

Patrick McAtasney (Edendork) - Club President

Frank Quinn (Pomeroy) – Rocwell

Francie Mulgrew (Ballygawley) – former U21 football team management member Jonathan Curran (Coalisand) – All-Ireland winning goalkeeper with Tyrone Minors (2004) and Senior footballers (2008); winner of County championships with Coalisland U21s (2004) and Seniors (2010) Enda Hamill (Killeeshil) - playing member

Paddy McGarvey (Beragh) – member of the Tyrone Minor team that won Ulster championship (1967)

Harry Hartop (Dromore) - playing member of the great All-Ireland Minor winning teams of 1947 and 1948

Barney Eastwood (Cookstown) – playing member of the 1948 All-Ireland Minor winning team; Club Tyrone benefactor.

Owen Ward (Strabane) – winner of a JFC with Dunamanagh St Patrick's (1967) and a SHC with Dunamanagh Aodh Ruadh (1981). Played with Tyrone Senior hurling team as did his son Martin. Owen and his wife Briege died within hours of each other.

Jim Curran (Ardboe) – Played with, refereed on behalf of, and acted as Chairman of his Club. Member of the Tyrone County Executive as its Ulster Council representative (1995 – 2001). Elected as the first Chairman of the newly-formed Games Administration Committee in 1990, serving for a three-year period. An inter-county referee who officiated at the highest levels, taking charge of the 1998 Ulster SFC final and the All-Ireland SFC Club final between Skibbereen and Carlow's Éire Óg in



1993. Later, he joined the management teams of Mickey Harte at U18, U21 and Senior levels, for a period of fifteen years, where he enjoyed the historic All-Ireland successes in 2003, 2005 and 2008. Ar lamh dheis Dé go raibh siad.

#### 8. Affiliated Clubs - 2020

#### Senior (Division 1) (16)

Ardboe, An Charraig Mhor, Clonoe, Coalisland, Derrylaughan, Donaghmore, Dromore, Dungannon, Errigal Ciaran, Galbally, Killyclogher, Loughmacrory, Moy, Omagh, Pomeroy, Trillick.

#### Intermediate (Division 2) (16)

Aghaloo, Aghyaran, Augher, Beragh, Clogher, Edendork, Eglish, Gortin, Greencastle, Moortown, Naomh Eoghan, Owen Roes, Rock, Stewartstown, Strabane, Tattyreagh.

#### Junior (Division 3) (15)

Brackaville, Brockagh, Castlederg, Clann na nGael, Cookstown, Derrytresk, Drumquin, Drumragh, Eskra, Fintona, Glenelly, Kildress, Killeeshil, Killyman, Urney.

#### Hurling (7)

Éire Óg Carrickmore, Eoghan Ruadh Dungannon, Naomh Colum Cille, Na Seamrogai Strabane, Cú Chulainn an Ghleanna (Y), Uí Néill Tulach Óg (Y), Dúiche Néill an Bhinn Borb (Y).



Tyrone Junior Hurling Champions (2020) - Naomh Colum Cille



# TUARASCÁLA NA FO-CHOISTI (SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS)

- 1. Coiste Teicneolaíochta
- 2. Strategic Planning
- 3. Coiste Sláinte & Foilláine
- 4. Coiste Éisteachta
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- 6. Coiste Riaracháin Réiteoirí
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- 10. Grúpa Oibre Comhfhreagrais



#### 1. Grúpa Oibre Theicneolaíocht – 2019

#### Cathaoirleach: Gearóid Ó Brolacháin

Membership: Gerard Bradley, Damian Harvey, and Raymond McKeown

The areas covered in this report are as follows:

- 1. Website Management
  - a. Structure, Menus and Core Information [Gerard Bradley and Raymond McKeown]
  - b. Support for Updates of Results & Fixtures [Gerard Bradley]
- 2. Presentations and Monitoring Social Media & Website [Damian Harvey]
- 3. IT Support & Training for Clubs and Officers [Gerard Bradley]
- 4. Financial Systems & IT Infrastructure [Raymond McKeown and Gerard Bradley]
- 5. Live Streaming [Raymond McKeown and Gerard Bradley]

#### **Impact of Pandemic**

An IT workplan for 2020 had been drafted but before it could be approved by the County Committee the current pandemic had overtaken events. The pandemic totally changed the way in which clubs and counties had to organise their affairs and IT would become a central part in delivering that change. Since the foundation of the GAA we have conducted almost all our meetings on a face to face basis, the restrictions imposed to control the spread of the virus forced us to change the practices established over the past 136 years. The Microsoft 365 account provided to all clubs and County Officers contained the 'Teams' application that had previously only seen limited use by many GAA units before March 2020. The concept of Online meetings rapidly gathered momentum and was widely adopted by many units throughout the association. This will be further extended during the current AGM and Convention period. Online training became the mainstay of the response to the demand by officials at all levels to be upskilled in the use of Teams. When club fixtures resumed a decision was taken by the County Management to Live Stream the complete 2020 Tyrone Club Championship.

#### Work undertaken by IT Workgroup

Items that have been co	tems that have been completed are highlighted in grey					
Website	Update County Information					
Management	Club Information, Fixtures & Results					
	Updating information					
	Office365 Support for County/Club Officers					
	GMS Support for PIF and Registration					
	Support for users of Management System					
	Extending the use of OneDrive					
Healy Park	Upgrading Internet Connection in the Press Box to a FTTP					
	connection					
Garvaghey Centre	Upgrading IT Systems & Infrastructure					
	Replace/Update workstations					
	Moving storage of all documents to OneDrive					
Live Streaming	Sourcing a suitable platform to provide a stable and secure Live					
	Stream					



#### **IT Systems and Support**

By the time the 2020 Tyrone Convention takes places the new 'Foireann' system which replaces the exiting Games Management system will have been released. Like any new system there will be a learning process but the system has been designed to provide a familiar look and feel that should allow users to rapidly access their existing club data and reduce time required for administrative tasks. The new system has a fully developed suite of communications features that have been long requested to replace third party products. There will be a series of familiarisation sessions and training for all levels of users. The Foireann platform has been extensively tested during the last year when modules under development were redirected to deliver the Return to Play App. The system was extensively stressed-tested with 10 million submissions and over 400,00 users being processed during the short but intense playing season. The submitted personal data will be part of the new system, which will place an emphasis on members updating their own personal data for club membership. The Return to Play App was successfully delivered within 14 days from specification. Support was provided within the County including club level to enable clubs to get the App operational. The App was widely used allowing clubs to return to training with an effective system recoding Health questionnaires and attendances.

#### **IT Infrastructure**

At the start of February 2020, all the desktop computers in Garvaghey were replaced and linked to the existing network. This upgrade included installation of Office products and connection to printers. All users can save directly to OneDrive as a backup and storage system. As outlined in last year's report, Garvaghey does not have a high-speed internet connection and although contracts have been recently announced as part of Project Stratum it will be interesting to see if the promised high speed connections will be made available to many rural areas in Tyrone.

#### **Website and Social Media**

The website has continued to be the dominant online platform for Tyrone GAA. The viewing figures are still dominated by fixtures and results, particularly at club level but there are increasing number using the website for reference material and club information. The overall viewing figures show a decline in comparison to 2019 but 2020 includes 4 months when there was no club activity between March and July, no real comparison is possible.

The website had accumulated 334,672 views from 1st January 2020 to 14 March 2020. Over the next 4 months of lockdown there was a further 194,603 views. On the basis of 2019 there should have been in excess of 1 million views for the same period The reduction in views was understandable because our website is still dominated by viewers seeking club results and fixtures. With the resumption of fixtures in July the viewing figures dramatically increased and exceeded the pre-pandemic levels with 53,501 views on the day of the Senior County Final and over 1.25 million page views since July. There is little doubt that if there had been no pandemic, the website would have exceeded the 3 million views this year. Camogie had arranged for the upload for their fixtures and results to be displayed along with LGFA and GAA results but the pandemic intervened. Hopefully when we reach a post pandemic point results from all three organisations will be displayed on the website. Facebook now has 38,609 followers with a total engagement just short of 600,000. Twitter provides a live update service from fixtures and remains a very popular platform for supporters to follow matches.

#### **Live Streaming**

We have completed the planned delivery of Live Streams for the LCC Championship. In terms of the quality of production, delivery and viewing numbers it has been very successful. To ensure the highest level of security and stability for the upload of the live stream we used a satellite connection for the Senior and Intermediate Finals. While the viewing numbers for this year are skewed by the limit on attendances due to the pandemic, I would be confident that Live Streaming will be an



integral part of our future Championships and financial planning. The move to NemetonTV certainly relieved the pressure on volunteers to provide IT support. They also set minimum parameters for upload speeds from venues and delivered our streams to a wider audience. The majority of subscribers for our Live Streams purchase their ticket within 10 minutes of the throw-in and that the systems were able to cope with this volume of traffic indicates that the move to Nemeton was fully justified. To secure the output for the Senior and Intermediate finals we were able to utilise Nemeton's satellite facility which meant that we were not reliant on an internet connection. The Live Stream of this year's championship attracted in total over 25,000 subscribers, this would place Tyrone as one of the most successful counties in terms of Live Streaming.

The Live broadcasts by TG4 and RTÉ also increased Tyrone GAA's profile and contributed significantly to increased viewing figures in the following weeks. The availability of Live Streams provided genuine supporters (who would normally purchase a ticket for admission) with an opportunity to view the match. Attendances at Championship matches were restricted and supporters used the Live Streaming service but a number of familiar patterns emerged. Viewing figures for similar fixtures will always attract larger numbers on a Sunday in comparison to Saturday. If there are competing fixtures scheduled at the same time as Live Streams, the viewing figures will be naturally reduced. Deferred coverage did not attract a significant number of subscribers but this is entirely based on the uptake this year. Deferred fixtures were only used when two championship matches were scheduled at the same time, so the low uptake may simply be because potential subscribers were forced to make a choice. There was also a limited uptake for videos after matches that had been live streamed. We are currently putting together a package of all the Live Streamed matches from this year's championship that will be available for an extended period covering Christmas and the New Year.

We are very fortunate in having MacAV, a local company who delivered excellent video and production for all of our Live Streams.

When all the technical systems are in place and operational, the final product still depends on commentators and analysts, so we are indebted to these volunteers who added immensely, conveying the excitement on the pitch to those who had joined online..

#### **IT Training**

While the IT training this year has been particularly focused towards upskilling club and county officers in the use of MS Teams, there is still an apparent skills gap with other common applications. The experience gained during 2020 could provide Tyrone with an opportunity to provide online training in a variety of IT programmes and procedures. Webinars organised at national level have been joined by very large numbers from across the world and have apparently been well received.

#### **Online Meetings**

With the arrival of Covid 19, there was a very steep learning curve for many club officials to provide a platform for online meetings. While there are a number of competing platforms, the provision of Microsoft 365 to key club and county officers allowed all units to access the MS Teams App. Microsoft 365 is provided free of charge to GAA units and part of that package is MS Teams which provides a reliable platform to organise and conduct online meetings. Following a number of incidents where online meetings were disrupted in other counties, the GAA issued guidance to all units that MS Teams was to be used for all online meetings especially any that might involve children. The technology in all the major platforms is continuously being upgraded and offer numerous features developed over the past 8 months. While we all look forward to the return to normality, in the short to medium term we may still rely on this technology to conduct meetings. The use of online meetings has been established and there are many advantages including the elimination of vast amounts of time and expense used for travel to and from distant meetings by volunteers and staff.



# 2. Strategic Implementation Committee

# Cathaoirleach: Séamas Mac Domhnaill

Membership of the sub-committee: Barbara Ward, Cuthbert Donnelly, Mark Conway, Seamus Mc Donald, Michael Kerr (Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae), Dominic Mc Caughey (Rúnaí Coiste Chontae) both ex officio.

Due to the pandemic only one meeting (in February) was held. At that meeting Barbara Ward, Mark Conway and Seamus Mc Donald were present with apologies having been received from Michael Kerr, Dominic Mc Caughey and Cuthbert Donnelly.

In reviewing the activities of 2019, the following targets for 2020 were established:

- Modification made to the work plan template
- Focus in receiving work plans for all sub committees by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020
- Reviewing workplans against the targets identified in targets from the present Strategic document Ag Ardú Níos Airde Aris na Laimhe Deirge.
- Attending sub-committees' meetings, initially meeting those sub committees who have not engaged with the Strategic committee recently
- Work plans from the County Panels Committee, Hearings Committee, the Fixture Analysts and the Healy Park Management would not be required this year
- Consult on the length of the term of the Chairman possibly have a pre and a post term year
- Host a planning consultation with the stakeholders
- Monthly meetings of the committee in Garvaghey on the second Thursday of every month.

Two sub-committees had submitted their workplans in early March. No further meetings have taken place.

As the targets for 2020 have not been addressed the incoming committee may wish to consider actioning them in the coming year.

In conclusion I would like to thank the members of the committee and in particular the secretary Barbara Ward for their dedication.

# 3. Coiste Sláinte & Foilláine

#### Cathaoirleach: Maeleachlainn Mac Cana

**COMMITTEE:** Michael Connolly - Tutor (Aghyaran), Cuthbert Donnelly (Aghaloo), Patsy Farley (Beragh), Tracy Monaghan – Social Initiative Officer (Omagh), Nora Rose O'Neill (Fintona), Fiona Teague (Greencastle), Peter Toal (Dungannon), Maura McMenamin – Secretary (St Macartan's) Malachi McCann – Chairman (Errigal Ciaran).

We held three meetings throughout 2020 the first one being on 27<sup>th</sup> January. The next two (virtual) meetings were on 21<sup>st</sup> September and 19<sup>th</sup> October respectively.

At our first meeting we set out a number of aims and objectives as follows:



# 1.Mental Health Supports to County Teams/Academies

It was agreed that we needed to address the issue of mental health in our county teams but more especially in the academy/development squads. This action was taken in direct response to a reported incident. Whereas there are many external organisations who deal adequately with mental health issues - and who can be used independently - we felt that by and large and for expediency in times of need, we needed our own programme due to the complexities, logistics and various age groups involved. Basically, we have all the physical components in place - including the best possible facilities, coaches and medical care – but we need to complement these and give equal importance to the integration of mental health awareness and training for management in addition to proper signposting arrangements for players where necessary. We have talked about it long enough... it is time for action.

## 2. Survey of our Clubs.

Following on from the Tyrone Club Forum in October 2019 and discussions with attendees we decided to survey our clubs in order to determine their needs. We drafted a survey monkey to ascertain what clubs were doing and if they needed extra support. The survey was promoted in the National Football League Programme Tyrone v Kerry and sent to all Healthy Club Officers registered on our database with instructions to share with club members.

#### Findings.

We received 91 responses - 61 from ONE club.

In response to the question "What are the top five priority health and wellbeing areas....."

Overwhelmingly the No 1 answer was Mental Health Promotion and/or Training....... followed by Alcohol and Drugs, Physical Activity, Gambling Awareness and finally Health Checks.

Other areas listed included, Anti-bullying, Internet Safety and Social Media Awareness, topics in fact which we had discussed in committee and hope to address when circumstances prevail.

Whereas we were delighted to receive the response we did, nonetheless it was disappointing that a lot of clubs did not respond at all. Surveys and questionnaires by nature can be perceived as an inconvenience, but when it comes to our health, perhaps we could make more effort to contribute. After all, "our health is our wealth".

## **ONGOING PROGRAMMES.**

## (a)GAMBLING AWARENESS

Our Gambling Awareness Tutor Michael Connolly has engaged with a number of clubs prior to lockdown and others have expressed interest since. Due to the current limitations, Michael has offered an online presentation which, although not ideal, is available on request. Interested clubs should contact <a href="mailto:chair.hwc.tyrone@gaa.ie">chair.hwc.tyrone@gaa.ie</a> in the first instance.

# (b)ONE PUNCH

It is hoped that this programme initiated by Ulster GAA, may be made available online. Due to an incident of this nature involving an Omagh St Enda's youth player, his family have drawn up their own programme "Hands Down." We are in the process of engaging with the family concerned to offer our assistance and determine how best to utilise all the information at our disposal.



## (c) SOCIAL INITIATIVE

For a number of years now we have arranged a day trip to Croke Park for our senior club members which has fulfilled our requirements under the social initiative objective. Again, due to COVID 19 restrictions we have had to cancel this event in 2020. We have discussed other programmes, consulted with Age Friendly Officers in the respective council areas and hope to meet this objective as soon as possible. However, we can only work within our limitations amid current restrictions.

#### PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE INCOMING COMMITTEE.

There is no doubt that 2020 will have lasting memories for us all. An invisible force with vicious intent has had life changing consequences for millions of people worldwide. In the scheme of things, our failure as a committee to fulfil our objectives, pales in to insignificance when we consider the impact this virus has had on so many of our loved ones. However, rather than dwell on this, or attempt to hide behind the disruption caused by COVID-19, it is best to welcome 2021 in a more positive light with the intention of redoubling our efforts to achieve our goals.

#### **CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE INCOMING COMMITTEE 2021**

#### **CALL PUSH RESCUE**

In Summer 2019 we held a very successful Call Push Rescue (CPR) Pilot Scheme with a number of Summer Camps throughout the county. We piloted this in conjunction with the Heart Foundation. A large number of our younger members had the opportunity to learn lifesaving skills. Let's hope we have the liberty to continue with this initiative in 2021.

#### "THE HUDDLE"

This concept initiated by the Samaritans – in conjunction with the GAA - attempts to address the issue of mental health and the stigma surrounding it. Similar to a team talk the players form a circle and are given a talk by a qualified person who advises them and encourages them to confide in someone if they are experiencing mental health problems. We would hope that clubs see the benefit of this programme and engage with the Samaritans in 2021 as hopefully we return to some form of normality. Please contact <a href="mailto:chair.hwc.tyrone@gaa.ie">chair.hwc.tyrone@gaa.ie</a> for further information.

#### **ONLINE SAFETY**

We are all aware of the dangers involved whilst communicating online. Cyber bullying for example has had drastic consequences for some, not least one young member from Clonoe a number of years ago. We must do our utmost to ensure that such tragedies do not happen again by educating our young people as well as parents/ adults. Awareness training for adults in addition to a "digital detox" for our youth would go a long way to address this issue.

# **HEALTHY CLUB OFFICER TRAINING**

Again, due to restrictions we could not have our usual Club Forum/Healthy Club Training event. Hopefully we can carry this out in 2021 circumstances prevailing.

## **FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS.**

## **COMMUNICATION**

We receive a substantial amount of correspondence from both Ulster GAA and Croke Park. All information of benefit for clubs is forwarded directly to the clubs' Healthy Club Officers or designated club contacts. In many cases this correspondence should be shared directly with all club members as in essence, it is for their benefit. As a committee we can not determine if this is



nappening. Please ensure that this information is being disseminated in your clubs and that executive members are informed as well. Some of the information concerns funding opportunities which should be explored.

#### **APPEAL**

Finally, as we prepare for the season of Christmas, I would ask you to consider all those vulnerable, lonely or elderly in your respective clubs and communities. Over the last number of months and in particular at the height of the pandemic many volunteers delivered food parcels and/or assisted, in many ways those people isolating or unable to leave their homes. That support was commendable. Unfortunately, we are in the middle of the second phase and in the throes of Winter. Many of those assisted previously still need our support more than ever. Perhaps we could contact them and reassure them of our help and support. It may be just a phone call, a card, a letter. Maybe we could give them our contact numbers and encourage them to ring for a chat. We are a massive organisation with many volunteers. We can share the workload. Thank you.

#### 4. Coiste Eisteachta

# Cathaoirleach: Séamus Ó hAnnagháin

Meetings Attendance:

Seamus Hannigan (10), Margaret Keenan (11), Sean McElroy (10), Mary Daly (11), Martin O'Neill (8), Patrick Donnelly (11), Paddy O'Brien (8), Noel McGeary (10)

The remit of the Hearings Committee is to endeavour at all times to make decisions correctly, within rule and without favour, based on the evidence presented by both the appellant and the CCC. 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.'

Sometimes, depending on the specific circumstances of each case and the evidence presented, the members of the committee are left with a very difficult decision to make but at all times everyone strives to be fair and honest in arriving at their decision. As each case is different the committee have to assess the evidence presented before them and adjudicate on the disputed facts or interpretations in dispute. It is by discharging this function fairly and in good faith that the Hearings Committee provides the best service to the Association.

When any member /unit feel the decision made was incorrect, they then have the right of appeal to the Ulster Hearings Committee. We fully respect this, irrespective of the outcome of any appeal.

In the period from 23rd July to 19th November Coiste Eisteachta met on 12 occasions with one of these being an emergency meeting held on a Saturday. In total there were 19 cases where a hearing was requested with an additional three ruled out of order due to time limit. In 4 cases sanctions ranging from a one match ban to a 60 week suspension were imposed, in one case a warning was issued re future conduct, one fine imposed, in 3 cases the infraction was reduced to a yellow/black card offence, in 8 cases the defendant was deemed to have no case to answer and in 2 cases the CCC withdrew the case. One request for an appeal was received and the appeal was upheld by the CHC.

There were 2 decisions appealled to the Ulster Hearings Committee and at the time of reporting this



process is ongoing.

One point of note is that due to Covid 19 a recommendation was given to hold CHC on line. The CHC members agreed to trial online in July. However due to technical difficulties the CHC decided in the interest of natural justice and fairness to meet in Garvaghey under Covid protocol. All persons attending were requested to wear face masks, sanitise and follow Covid 19 guidelines re social distancing. CHC thanks everyone who complied and kept everyone safe.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the committee members for their co-operation and committment throughout the year with special thanks to Margaret Keenan - in her role as secretary. Thanks also to Sean McElroy and Mary Daly for deputising as chairperson when needed and to Mary Daly for standing in for Margaret when the occasion arose.

On behalf of the committee I would like to acknowledge the work and co-operation of Dominic McCaughey County Secretary, Disciplinary Secretaries Sarah Jane Kelly and Mel Taggart, Martin Sludden from the CCC, Michael Kerr County Chairperson and Gregory McSorley in Garvaghey.

# 5. Coiste Caidrimh Phoiblí & Margaíochta

**Cathaoirleach: Mairc Mac Conmidhe** 

# **A Very Different Year**

For us, no different than for anybody else, 2020 was an unprecedented year.

COVID-19 impacted on every part and aspect of Tyrone life, damaging people, families and communities. It also restricted all aspects of life, including work/business, education, health/well-being, leisure, travel and, of course, the GAA.

Our fifth meeting of the year had been planned for 12 March, the day the GAA 'lock-down' was introduced. That meeting couldn't and didn't happen and since then we haven't held any meetings, hosted any events or done any face-to-face work.

But we remained focused on our core business of doing our best to resource Tyrone GAA, even if that work was all done remotely, something that isn't always easy given the delicate state of much of Tyrone's broadband.

Most of that work was readily and enthusiastically delivered by Roisin Dooher/Shanks, Gerard Bradley and Eileen Connolly. They never slackened over those months, meticulously managing our Club Tyrone income flows.

Neither did our Club Tyrone membership slack, with everybody sticking faithfully with us despite the stresses and difficulties brought by COVID.

'Tyrone GAA 2020' owes all those people a great deal.

#### The Committee in 2020

During the year ended 31 October 2020 our Sub-Committee, in as far as it could, continued its focus on fund-raising for Tyrone GAA and on developing our County's PR and Marketing agenda.

Until the lock-down kicked in, we had held four formal monthly meetings, attended as follows: Gerard Bradley (4), Adrian Colton (2), Mark Conway (4), Declan Devlin (2), Roisin Dooher/Shanks (4), Jackie Duffy (1), Patsy Forbes (1), Patrick Harte (0), Damian Harvey (2), Martin Haughey (2), Eugene



Committee. In addition, we held several job/event-specific meetings and also attended all Tyrone County Committee meetings.

County Chair Michael Kerr and County Treasurer Eileen Connolly (3 meetings) are welcomed Ex-Officio members of our Committee and immediate Past Tyrone GAA President Jimmy Treacy remains an honorary and important member of our group. We also had valuable inputs, support and advice from Mickey Coleman, Fay Devlin, Niall Laird, Hugh McAleer, Dermot McCartan, Brian McGarrity and Bill McInerney.

#### The Committee's Work in 2020

In the COVID-19 circumstances, the past year has been one of our most successful ever, with, at the time of writing, an income of some £250,000 (TBC) generated.

That's a remarkable testament to our Members and our Committee and has been achieved on the back of days, weeks and months of hard, focused, grafting work, even if most of it had to stop in early March. The people who invest in Club Tyrone also graft hard for the money they give us and that's why we treat them, and their donations, with total respect. Given how COVID-19 hit Tyrone and its economy, that respect is now more important than ever.

Club Tyrone's contribution to Tyrone GAA has now passed the £6m mark. Everyone involved should be very proud of that.

Our primary focus in the active part of the year was rolling out our Hub Patrons model which almost totally underpins Tyrone's new Performance Hub at Garvaghey.

Hub Patrons gift £5,000 to that important project and at the year-end we had just over 100 on board. Yet again business, community and Gaelic Tyrone have stood up unflinchingly to the plate. We are blessed to have these special, visionary and generous people.

Because of the havoc wreaked by COVID we were unable in 2020 to fully honour our ticket commitments to those Hub Patrons. At the time of writing we do not know what 2021 holds in store. But regardless of how it pans out, we will, however long it takes, ultimately fully honour our five-year ticket commitment to our Hub Patrons.

Regarding the Hub itself, Tyrone GAA has now completed this best-in-class resource, has delivered it on time and on budget, has '95%-funded' it itself, and has achieved all this without resorting to borrowings. It's an enviable track record and says a great deal for those charged with our County's financial management and with the management of Garvaghey.

In a necessarily restricted year, our Committee also:

- Oversaw and managed Club Tyrone Members', Garvaghey Patrons', Dragain Thír Eoghain and Hub Patrons' contributions and put in place a digital display system in the Garvaghey building to acknowledge all those people
- Achieved a 'gift aid' tax repayment of just over £10,000 from HMRC
- Produced and circulated to every school in Tyrone 18,000 copies of the Red Hand Fanzine and developed and delivered a digital online version
- Hosted, at Garvaghey, a GAA Club 'How To' Fund-Raising workshop (20 November), a Nollaig na mBan event (5 January) and a St Brigid's Cross-Making workshop (31 January
- Contributed to Tyrone GAA's Red Hand View match programmes
- Published the 2019 Club Tyrone Annual Report and circulated it to Members, Patrons and others (Support for some of the events above by the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is gratefully acknowledged.)



During the year we were delighted to attend a Club Derry event and we also linked in to talk business with Gaels from Louth and Mayo.

'Thall o na Toim ... Beyond the Bushes'

Whilst our strong Club Tyrone presences persist in New York and Philadelphia, COVID-19 put an end to our plans for any engagement there in 2020.

#### Looking to 2021 and Beyond

It is inevitable that 2021 will be shaped by COVID-19.

Until that picture becomes clearer, we can't and won't be planning any events or activities that involve face-to-face contact. We won't put our people's health and well-being at risk, nor do anything that could contribute to damaging Tyrone's economy.

What does seem clear is that we will have to come to terms with a world where face-to-face contact won't be what it was. And since face-to-face interaction has been so central to our business model, we may well have to re-shape how we do our work.

We also need to work on Club Tyrone succession and renewal.

Those are all jobs we will take on.

'Tada Gan Iarracht - Nothing Without Effort'

COVID-19 made us all reassess many things. One thing it really brought home is the total importance of the GAA in and across our County. Even without games as we've known them, the GAA vigour if anything increased and its willingness and ability to face whatever comes, and stand with people/communities, never faltered.

That was also certainly the case with our Club Tyrone people. Testing times or not, they stood unfailingly with us and Tyrone GAA. In a year that the world was shaken, Club Tyrone and everybody in it stood firm as ever.

It is an honour, delight and inspiration to be associated with such people.

Finally, even though it happened after the 2019/20 year-end, I can't let Mickey Harte's stepping down pass without comment. We started out on our Club Tyrone journey over a quarter of a century ago. By then Mickey had already four years completed as a Tyrone team manager. Not much more needs to be said, other than that over all those years Mickey was, apart from everything else he achieved and delivered for Tyrone, a relentless supporter of and ally in what we've been trying to do. And that just made life easier for us.

We know Feargal Logan and Brian Dooher will continue in that spirit.

Laochra Gael Thír Éoghain uilig.



# 6. Coiste Riaracháin Réiteoirí

# Cathaoirleach: Seán Ó Doibhilinn

Committee Members - Secretary: Alan Richardson, Assistant Secretary: Paul Mallon Fabian McGlone, Michael McCarron, Martin Mohan, Eugene McConnell, Fergal Ward.

Meetings: John Devlin 4, Alan Richardson 4, Paul Mallon 3, Fabian McGlone 3, Michael McCarron 4, Martin Mohan 4, Eugene McConnell 4, Fergal Ward 4.

#### **Seminars:**

Referees In-Service Course, this course took place in January.

New Rules: We arranged a meeting with the Clubs to clarify the New rules in February.

Referees Fitness test and Rules Exam: This took place in March.

Revision of New Rules: This took place in July prior to the restart of our games.

Championship Seminar: We held the seminar in August.

2020 was a challenging year for the Referees of Tyrone. At the start of the year our referees were tasked with implementing new rules, namely The Mark / Advance Mark / Black Card, Sin Bin / Kickout. Information about the rules regarding The Advance Mark were changing almost daily; as an Administrator this was frustrating as you would pass on to our Officials the information, then within a few hours it would be changed, it seemed the rule was being made up as players, managers and officials sought clarification on possible scenarios.

The season started early in February but as we know due to Covid 19 the games were postponed until July. The adult and youth leagues started, but this was a different year, on top of the new rules to contend with we had Return to Play protocols, Health questionnaires, rules on social distancing, rules on arrival at games, and a Water break that now has effectively turned our games into 4 quarters. The games came quick and fast, and thankfully our Officials were enthusiastic about the task in front of them.

This year we had one of the most entertaining Club Championships on record. I would like to thank our Referees, Linesmen, 4<sup>th</sup> Officials and Umpires whose contribution is greatly appreciated. This year two Referees took charge of their first Championship matches.

Senior Final Referee: Shane Meehan; Intermediate Final Referee: Kieran Eannetta; Junior Final Referee: Cathal Forbes

Advisors / Assessments: During the league referees were assessed but unfortunately due to Covid 19 restrictions championship assessments weren't carried out.

Recruitment: The Committee visited clubs that didn't have any active referees in December. We conducted a Referees' recruitment drive in January, and it is sad to report that for all our efforts 2 people came forward to take up the whistle. Unfortunately, as the country went into lockdown the Referees' Foundation Course was cancelled. Hopefully in 2021 we'll be able to run the Foundation Course on-line.

Intercounty Referees: Congratulations to Sean Hurson on his appointment to referee the Connacht Final between Mayo and Galway.

Unfortunately, the Ulster Minor Championship was cancelled and this impacted on Kieran Eannetta and Gary Gormley who are making good progress in the province.



Ulster Academy: This year two Tyrone referees entered the Academy. Football Rep: Mark Loughran Errigal Ciaran, and Hurling Rep: Gerard Fox Omagh.

Finally, we remember our Referees who had family members that passed on to their eternal rest. This year two former referees passed away Sean Ruddy and Jim Curran they were held in high esteem within the refereeing fraternity. Deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

# 7. Coiste Forbartha Iomána

Cathaoirleach: Peadar O'Carra

Hurling Development Committee: Damien Harvey (Coaching Officer), Thomas Colton (Fixtures Secretary), Brian Laverty (GDO), Brendan Hurl, Rory Mc Callan, Ciaran Mc Hugh, Gerard Fox, Ciaran Keyes, Colm Morgan, Damien O'Neill, Kieran Cranny, Cathal Daly, Drew Doherty, Brian Cummins, Cathal Mc Garry, Gary Mc Gettigan, Andrew Kelly, Peter O'Kane, Paddy Hunter. While only one meeting happened prior to lockdown, there were four further meetings via Zoom. Thanks to all members for their contributions this year.

If the question is, 'Did hurling take place in Tyrone in 2020?', then the answer is 'Yes'. Hurling in Tyrone continued this year despite the many hindrances which came with Covid 19. Just as clubs were taking to the field in the Spring, the country went into lockdown and it looked like there might not be a ball pucked for the rest of the year. Thankfully however, the restrictions eased by the start of June and clubs were able to organise coaching sessions again.

The Hurling Development Committee worked with the CCC to ensure that all clubs enjoyed Go Games at u6.5, u8.5 and u10.5, with all clubs hosting one other club at a time. An u12.5 league also took place during this period through the summer months. It was also pleasing that the senior championship was able to be completed in this very strange year.

However if the question is, 'Did hurling development take place in Tyrone in 2020?' I would have to conclude that it did not. At the start of this year, it was the aim of the Hurling Development Committee to give special attention to two clubs which have been struggling of late, namely Strabane and Killyclogher. Any success within these two club areas would be largely dependent on the coaching within schools in these areas and the close liaising between these coaches and the club committees. However, one of our County hurling coaches left his position last December and he was not replaced. This was very disappointing, given that the demand for hurling coaching in our schools has remained very high.

To compound this situation, we then lost our student placement coach at the end of the summer and now find ourselves with an ever increasing demand for hurling coaching but with two less coaches to deliver coaching programmes in our schools.

Since September, schools have been back in full swing and all over the country coaches have been back in schools. However, although schools in Tyrone are asking for hurling coaching, our GDO, is unable to provide many of them with a coach.

This situation needs to be resolved with immediate effect. It is a ridiculous situation, that after four



years of the Five Year Strategic Plan for hurling in Tyrone, that three newly formed fledgling clubs relying on schools coaching to nurture the game in their areas are not receiving this support. Another club, Fintona, has been reinvigorated, and with so much work to do in trying to reinvigorate another two clubs, Killyclogher and Strabane, we have been left without the vital resources needed to implement our plan and to succeed in our work.

Last year and again this year, the Hurling Development and the Coaching and Games committees along with our GDO, Brian Laverty have proved beyond any doubt that schools are delighted to avail of hurling coaching when it is made available to them. Last year we had work for four fulltime hurling coaches and indeed demand was ever increasing, suggesting in fact that a fifth coach was needed. This year, two coaches are being asked to satisfy the same level of demand that four coaches last year could not meet.

In this the fifth year of the five year plan, there has been little to report on hurling development and it is vital that this issue of coaching is resolved immediately if we are to build on the good work which happened in the first four years. Momentum is everything. Lets not lose it. We should seize the moment to ensure that we quickly regain the momentum towards building a vibrant domestic hurling scene based on having at least ten hurling clubs. Having at least four hurling coaches working in Tyrone schools is paramount to achieving this.

In October of this year the hurling fraternity in Tyrone lost one of its greatest servants with the passing of Owen Roe O'Neill. Owen Roe, having won a senior hurling championship medal with Benburb in 1966, brought his love of hurling to Killyclogher. As a coach, manager and committee member he played his part in bringing underage and senior hurling championships to Killyclogher. He was also part of Brendan Harkin's management team when Tyrone won its first All Ireland Junior hurling title in 1996. Owen Roe served on this committee for many years and remained a strong advocate for hurling to the very end. Sincere condolences to his wife Mary and his family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam Gaelach.

As I am concluding my five years as Hurling Development Officer, I would like to thank all those people who have helped with the development of hurling during this time. The Strategic Plan for Hurling in Tyrone is only five years old. It has enjoyed much support from Gaels throughout the county to bring it to this point and it will need their support to see it fully implemented. There is still much to do.

# 8. Coiste Cheannais na gChomórtaisí

# Cathaoirleach: Mairtín Ó Sludain

Committee: Adrian Scullin (Vice Chairperson), Michelle Cox (Secretary), Stephen McCullagh (Adult Fixtures), Niall McKenna (Youth Fixtures), Aidan Gordon (Youth Fixtures), Des O'Doherty (Feile and Og Sport), Mel Taggart (Discipline), Sarahjane Kelly (Discipline), Raymond Monteith (Adult Referees), Fabian McGlone (Youth Referees), John Devlin (Referees Administrator)

Planning for the 2020 season commenced early in the year with the formation of a Fixtures Review Committee. Five Officers, namely Michael Kerr, Martin Sludden, Benny Hurl, Damien Harvey and Aidan Maguire, met to plot out the season ahead. The committee focused on Adult fixtures, Youth fixtures, Restructure of the League in 2020-21 and the playing of U14, U16 and U18 fixtures in the same week.



Two delegates from each club were invited to a meeting in Garvaghey on 14<sup>th</sup> January. The meeting was very well attended with plenty of discussion taking place regarding the proposed restructures, particularly Reserve football. This discussion focused on the proposal to play Reserve football on a different night than Senior football and subsequently splitting the league into two groups of eight teams, with the stronger teams in the same group.

A follow up meeting took place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. It was decided to proceed with four divisions of twelve teams in the League and three groups of sixteen teams in the Championship from 2021.

Youth football commenced with the U14 league on Saturday 22nd February and U18 league on Sunday 23rd February.

After one round of fixtures, all GAA activity was indefinitely postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the country entered a long lockdown period. As we progressed back towards the resumption of activities it was evident that new and dynamic plans would be needed in order to get the Competitions played within our County.

Competitions commenced again with the Senior and Reserve All County League on Sunday 19th July. As part of our new competitions plan, the three ACL divisions were divided into two groups of eight teams, with a group of nine teams in 3B. Each team played seven league games and it was decided that there would be no relegation. The top teams from each group would play off in the League final.

The Junior Championship commenced with a preliminary round on Wednesday 12th August, followed by the Senior Championship first round on Thursday 13th August. The Intermediate Championship commenced on Friday 21stAugust.

The Championship was played on consecutive weekends over an eight-week period. The Intermediate Final, between Edendork and Gortin, was played on Saturday 19th September with Edendork winning on a scoreline of 1-17 to 1-9. The Senior Final, between Dungannon and Trillick, took place on Sunday 20th September. The game ended in a 1-12 to 1-12 draw after normal time and extra time. Penalty kicks were then taken to decide the winner of the Tyrone Championship for the first time. Dungannon won the penalty kicks with a score of 8 to 7.

The Junior Final, between Kildress & Drumragh, was played on Sunday 4th October when Kildress won on a scoreline of 3-9 to 1-8.

Youth competitions recommenced in late July. The U14, U16 and U18 competitions progressed at pace throughout the remainder of the Summer with a high completion rate of games at all age groups. All Under 14 competitions have been completed across the four grades. At Under 16 and Under 18 levels, most competitions have been played to at least the semifinal stage. This does however mean that almost a dozen finals are still to be played.

#### Hurling

Unfortunately, very few hurling games were played in 2020 due to the pandemic. The tight schedule after the resumption of activities caused an overlap between football and hurling competitions and this subsequently made it difficult to schedule games without clashes.



At U14 level, two teams withdrew from the competition prior to the recommencement of competitions. In grade one the Eoghan Ruadh Red and Eoghan Ruadh White teams defeated Omagh and Carrickmore in all their games. The League final, between both Eoghan Ruadh teams, has yet to be played. Eoghan Ruadh defeated Éire Óg in the grade one championship final. In grade two, Omagh defeated Fintona in the championship final whilst an amalgamation of Tulach Óg and Naomh Colum Cille played several league games.

At U16 level, the Clubs decided to wait until after the football season finished before commencing their games. The cessation of GAA activities in October means that both the League and Championship have yet to be played.

At U18 level, the Championship final was postponed because of Covid-19 and has yet to be played.

On Saturday 12th September the Junior and Senior hurling finals took place at Healy Park, Omagh. In the Junior final, Naomh Colum Cille defeated Omagh on a scoreline of 3-16 to 1-7 and in the Senior final Carrickmore Éire Óg defeated Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh on scoreline of 3-13 to 2-11.

#### **Summary**

As we approached the completion of competitions, the pandemic began to take hold again throughout the County. Unfortunately this meant that all Club activity was once again suspended indefinitely. In Tyrone, we have already played eighteen finals and another eighteen finals remain to be played.

The CCC has made the decision to suspend the remainder of the 2020 season and reschedule any outstanding competitions at the beginning of 2021.

It is anticipated that when Division 3 is completed, the number of teams in each division will be:

Division 1 – 18 teams

Division 2 – 16 teams

Division 3 – 15 teams

Going forward the change of youth age groups needs to be considered in Tyrone. The policy adopted by Croke Park is for a change to Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 at youth level. Other changes to competitions need to be considered by Clubs ahead of the 2021 season, including proposed league changes and the issue of Reserve football.

#### **Disciplinary Summary**

	ADU	LT			OFFIC	OFFICIALS			YOUTH				SUPPORTERS	
	Cat 1	Cat 3	Cat 4	Cat 5	Cat 1a	Cat 2a	Cat 3a	Cat 4a	Cat 1	Cat 3	Cat 4	Cat 5	Cat 6	
July	1	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	19	0	0	0	
Aug	22	22	1	1	3	0	0	0	23	26	1	0	0	
Sept	12	9	0	0	2	4	1	0	15	9	1	0	0	1
Oct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	



2020 Tyro	ne Football Competition Winners
Senior	League Winners
Division 1	Killyclogher St. Mary's
Division 2	Edendork St. Malachy's
Reserve	
Division 1	Coalisland Fianna
Under 18	
Grade 1	An Charraig Mhor
Under 16	
Division 3	Killeeshil St. Mary's
Under 14	
Grade 1	Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa
Grade 2	Loughmacrory St. Teresa's
Grade 3	Moy Tir na nOg
Grade 4	Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's
2020 Tyro	ne Hurling Competition Winners
	League Winner
Senior	Eoghan Ruadh

# 9. Coiste Cultúir agus Teanga

# Cathaoirleach: Dónal Mac Aoidh

Fo-Choiste: Rúnaí - Cliodhna Nic Giolla Cheara, (An Charraig Mhór, N Colmcille); Oilibhear Ó Corra (Oileán a'Ghuail, Na Fianna); Éamonn Mac Cathmhaoil (Doire Treasc, Fir a'Chnuic); Damhnaic Mac Dúghlais (Aireagal Chiaráin); Stíophán Mac Aodha (Dún Geanainn, Thomáis Uí Chléirigh) agus Risteard Mac Daibhéid (Droim Rátha, An tSáirsealaigh).

The sub-committee met formally on seven occasions and, also, following each Scór event.

#### **External meetings**

Tír Eoghain attended and contributed to all the meetings / functions which were held in Comhairle Uladh offices and in various locations, both Provincially and Nationally. In addition, Tír Eoghain attended and contributed to four Ulster semi-finals, one Ulster Final and one All Ireland Finals of Scór na nÓg. A meeting of the National Scór Committee was held, via Teams on 22.10.20, to update all counties regarding the current state of Scór and its progress. Dónal Mac Aoidh represents Tír Eoghain on this Committee.

Coiste na Gaeilge, Cúige Uladh

Two meetings: 9.11.19 – Ard Mhacha; 15.1.20 – Ard Mhacha;

D Mac Aoidh and Cliodhna Nic Giolla Cheara are members of this Committee. C Nic Giolla Cheara is also a member of Coiste Náisiúnta na Gaeilge. The National Committee also administers The Joe McDonagh Foundation – Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha – which offers assistance to clubs



tor the promotion of the Irish Language. A useful link to this committee and the service it provides is: <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.oininteractive.fsmd">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.oininteractive.fsmd</a>

# Scór na nÓg 2019 / 2020

The following clubs and individuals were County Champions for last year (2019); the final was held in Galbally Community Centre on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Twenty-one clubs took part in the finals from the initial thirty-nine clubs which began the competition.

Rince Foirne – An Ómaigh; Amhránaíocht Aonair – Cara Rose Ní Bhrógáin; Aithriseoireacht – Anna Ní Fhearáin, Éadan na dTorc; Ceol Uirlise – An Ómaigh; Bailéad Ghrúpa – Aireagal Chiaráin; Léiriú – Cabhan a'Chaorthainn; Rince Seit – An Charraig Mhór; Tráth na gCeist – Trí Leac.

The Ulster Semi-Finals were held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in Banbridge, Co Down and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in Stradone, Co Cavan. The Ulster Finals were held in Threemilehouse, Co Monaghan, on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

An Ómaigh went on to represent Tír Eoghain, as Ulster Champions, in the All-Ireland Finals in Killarney, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020.

For the first time since its inception, no further competitions of Scór na nÓg were held anywhere in Ireland for the remainder of 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

We thank all the participating clubs and their officers, host venues and County Officers for their cooperation and help in the successful running of all these events and trust we will be able to get Scór na nÓg back again as strong as it has been in Tír Eoghain for the future.

#### Scór Sinsear 2020

The Scór Sinsear season began slightly differently with only two semi-finals, as the clubs had decided, at a recent forum, to delay the start of Scór Sinsear to allow more preparation time for clubs following the Christmas break. The trial proved to be quite successful and should be tried again for future competition.

Semi Finals were held in Drumquin on 21<sup>st</sup> February and in Moy on 23<sup>rd</sup> February with the County Finals being held in St Ciaran's College, Ballygawley on 1.3.20.

County Champions for 2020 were as follows:- Rince Foirne - An Ómaigh, N Éanna; Amhránaíocht Aonair — Aisling McCourt, Doire Locháin, Caoimhín de Barra; Aithriseoireacht — Raymond O'Hagan, N Colum Cille C.I.; Ceol Uirlise — Ard Bó, Uí Dhonnabháin Rosa; Bailéad Ghrúpa — Aireagal Chiaráin; Léiriú — An Ómaigh, N Éanna; Rince Seit — Coill an Chlochair, N Mhuire; Tráth na gCeist — Trí Leac, N Mhic Artáin

All these groups went on to represent Tír Eoghain in Comhairle Uladh semifinals in Glenullin with varying levels of success. The clubs which qualified for the Ulster Final were - Omagh – Rince Foirne, Ardboe - Ceol Uirlise, Errigal Ciaran – Ballad Group, Killyclogher – Rince Sett, Omagh – Nuacleas. Trillick are to compete in the quiz on the day of the Ulster Finals to qualify for the on-stage section of the competition.

Again, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic all Scór Sinsear events were cancelled following the semifinals. We have been advised, by Coiste Scór Uladh and the National Scór Committee, that the position relating to the Ulster Finals will be reviewed in February 2021 and the return to Scór will be the completion of the four Provincial Finals and the running of the All-Ireland Finals will be the primary aims. Any information on this will be communicated to the clubs as soon as is possible,

Many thanks are extended to all the clubs in Tír Eoghain who hosted Scór events during the last year and to all the Culture Officers in clubs who co-operated so willingly with An Choiste.



#### An Teanga

The promotion of An Teanga Náisiúnta – The National Language – has now developed to the extent that it has become as equally important as the Culture programme and, consequently, is allocated an equal amount of the Committee's time. The current programme being offered has been welcomed whole heartedly by our Primary Schools and their teaching staff for its ease of use and the value of the preparation of primary school children in their transition to post primary education. Its value also extends to the families of the children because the adults too can benefit from the scheme when their children bring the language into their homes. The scheme is also available to clubs who can use the material in the promotion of the language at club level.

# **Department of Education for N Ireland**

In early March (5<sup>th</sup>) the Sub-Committee met with two officers of the Department of Education, Ms Jane Sidor, Chief Languages Inspector and Mr Seán Fearon, District Inspector at Garvaghey as a result of their observations on Tír Eoghain's 'Learn Irish' programme which they observed in the Primary schools. Whereas the Department was unable to endorse our programme they were interested in how we, as a group, were able to attract the attention of so many Primary Schools in Tír Eoghain. Its interest also extended into how we managed the initial success of the project and in how we proposed to develop it further. All in all, this was a hugely productive and encouraging exercise.

#### Foras na Gaeilge

An earlier postponed meeting with senior executives from Foras na Gaeilge, one of the main funding bodies for the promotion of the Irish Language, had been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> March but because of the Covid 19 situation the meeting was postponed. Foras na Gaeilge were hugely enthusiastic and encouraging in supporting the language initiative due to the fact that it had taken off so well in Tyrone and was reaching a huge audience within the county, in not only the children in the schools, but also introducing very many people in the associated families to the Irish Language. This line of communication will be pursued when the Covid 19 situation is brought fully under control.

#### The Bones of the Scheme

The Irish Language promotion scheme which was launched initially in January 2019 had taken on a life of its own following the first ten Primary Schools in the pilot scheme. Since that almost all Tír Eoghain's Primary Schools have been visited at least once. The total process is based on personal contact with school principals to explain the ease which the language promotion can be achieved. Teachers giving the lessons in their schools can do so without having any knowledge of the Irish language - this is a big selling point.

The newly devised Irish Language scheme for Primary schools, started last January in ten primary schools local to the County headquarters. This involved almost 300 children in the ten schools. On completion most of these schools agreed to continue with the scheme.

We immediately began to contact other schools with a view to taking part in the scheme and a further twelve schools agreed with varying degrees of involvement. Some of the schools decided on specific year groups while others agreed to involve their whole schools. Presentations were arranged for the 2<sup>nd</sup> group to be held in the first term of the 2019/20 school year with direct visits to the schools where presentations of the "T" pins, water bottles, notebooks and pens were given to the children. Approximately 1200 children were involved. This process was supported by the presence of the County Chairman and at least one officer from each of the club areas involved. This element was hugely important as it provided a further link between club and school. While all of this was proceeding a further group of schools was approached and each agreed to take part. Approximately 1300 children were involved in eleven schools in varying parts of the county. The day prior to the beginning of the visits to the schools the lockdown stopped everything in its tracks.



During the process of the third group preparing for their presentations the decision was taken to expand the scheme to every primary school in the County. At the time of the start of the lockdown every primary school in Tír Eoghain, except about six or seven schools, had agreed to take part in the programme. This is the point where the process will begin again, when it is deemed safe to do so, when the Covid 19 pandemic has been brought under control.

This is probably the biggest and most creative language initiative undertaken, not only in Tyrone but in Ulster, and will introduce the Irish Language to many schools and homes.

It is important that the schools are thanked for undertaking this important aspect of Irish Culture. The clubs equally need to be recognised for their efforts and encouragement in the process. We are equally indebted to the members of Coiste Bainistí and Coiste an Chontae for their on-going support in helping to promote the scheme, and to Mickey Harte, former senior football manager, and members of the Tyrone Senior Football squad, for helping us with the earlier promotional video and the presentation of certificates and pins in schools.

The support and help received from Gerard Bradley and the Tyrone website is central to the success of the project in that the total materials being taught are available through the website. We are also hugely indebted to Eddie Doris and Cumann na mBúnscoil for their assistance in allowing us to speak to their Executive Committee and subsequently at their AGM and in communications with all the participating schools relating to the promotion of the language.

#### Cúrsa Gaeilge - Séamus de Faoite - Comhairle Uladh

The Seamus de Faoite Language Course in Downings was also a victim of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

# Tráth na gCeist Boird

The Tráth na gCeist Boird, an all Irish Language competition, was also a victim of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

#### **Translation**

The Coiste continues to offer, to all committees and clubs in Tír Eoghain, a language proofing facility which will ensure anything containing the written word in Irish, can be checked to ensure accuracy. This facility includes written articles, signage at club grounds, programme content, club names, player names, and any other detail relating to the Irish Language.

# Suíomh Gréasáin agus Athbhreithniú ar Scór

Ba í bunú leathanach a dhíríonn isteach ar an Ghaeilge amháin ar shuíomh ghréasáin Thír Eoghain an ghné ba thábhachtaí i mbliana. Is í Tír Eoghain an chéad chontae i gCúige Uladh a bhfuil leathanach acu a dhíríonn isteach ar an teanga amháin. Ar an leathanach tá 10 gceacht phíolóta ar labhairt na teanga, ainmneacha clubanna, paidreacha, seanfhocail srl. Tá féidearthachtaí móra le forbairt an leathanaigh seo agus tá sé beartaithe cur leis. Mar chuid de seo beidh muid ag seoladh scéim phíolóta do chuid bunscoileanna sa chontae a thabharfaidh seans d'aois óg an chontae a gcuid scileanna Gaeilge labhartha a fhorbairt.

Mar aon leis seo tá an Coiste Cultúir sásta tacaíocht a thabhairt do chlubanna an teanga a fhorbairt ag a gclubanna le léamh profaí comharthaíochta nó cáipéisí ar bith dá gcuid chun a dheimhniú go bhfuil an Ghaeilge chruinn sula gcuirfear i gcló í. In amanna choncthas go raibh meancóga Gaeilge le feiceáil i gcomharthaíocht.

# Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the help and encouragement from the members of the sub-committee who provided assistance at all levels of promotion and development of our culture, language and heritage.



# 10. Grúpa Oibre Comhfhreagrais

# Cathaoirleach: Eoghan Mac Dhónaill

Committee Members: Paddy Hunter (An Ómaigh), Francie Mooney (Éadan na dTorc), Aodhan Harkin (An Srath Bán), Colin Mackle (An Mháigh), Gerard Fox (An Ómaigh), Chris Curran (Loch Mhíc Ruairí), Rory Cox (Droim Ratha), Thomas Colton (Eoghan Ruadh).

I start by acknowledging the vital contribution which Communications has played in what can only be termed one of the most difficult and trying seasons faced by everyone in 2020. The demands and expectations which were again placed on Tyrone Communications concentrated all our efforts. The appetite for information and updates during the long periods of lockdown were even more important to Gaels everywhere. I highlight the fact that I have been extremely lucky to have a team who are 100% committed to ensuring Communications is the Top priority and all of them assisted greatly in sharing the huge workload. A County PRO could not operate without the support required on so many different tangents. Thanks to all my Sub Committee members.

The key component of the Communication Committee has been driven by the goals set out in the Communications Action Plan. All my focus is propelled by what I seek to achieve to "Raising The Red Hand Higher". In 2020 the plan was no different.

Tyrone GAA 2020: Communications Sub-Committee Action Plan 2020

- Review & Enhance the Red Hand View Match Day Programme (Introduce a few new additions to content)
- Explore ways of increasing revenue streams via Sponsorship & Advertisements in Match programmes & Live Streaming.
- Further develop the co-operation and relationship with our Tyrone GAA TV Brand Partner & Sponsor "Todds Leap"
- Publish at least 2 NHL Match day programmes in full colour
- Continue to increase Match Day Programme sales by 5%.
- Conduct post-match interviews with Managers/Players to upload to Tyrone Facebook page.
- Strive to drive forward additional Live Streaming of our Games in Tyrone with more matches being covered.
- Stream Live the 2020 Senior Hurling County Final.
- Broaden the usage of Tyrone GAA Radio to cover more Tyrone ACL matches in 2020
- Explore the creation of a unique Tyrone GAA TV & Tyrone GAA Radio brand to promote and raise the profile
- Replace Signage for match day Programme Sellers.
- Organise a Club PRO's Seminar on the Role of a PRO.
- Enhance further Communications via use of Social Media using more graphics in the design.
- Further develop the Tyrone GAA Instagram page to increase growing number of followers.
- Co-ordinate the Promotion Launch of the Tyrone Club Championships plus Stream live the event.
- Raise profile of Communications Committee through regular Podcasts. (One per Quarter)
- Enhance further Club Championship programmes and Youth finals programmes in both codes.
- Continue to create better co-operation across other Codes Ladies/Camogie/ Hurling/Handball/Rounders/Scór



The Action-Plan should illustrate how it will take forward some of the Actions in Tyrone GAA's approved five-year strategic plan "Ag Ardú Níos Airde na Laimhe Deirge ... Raising the Red Hand Higher"

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year it is satisfying to report that the 2020 Communications Action -plan for 2020 achieved mainly all the set targets as listed and helped promote many of the aspects associated with the "Raising the Red Hand Higher" and this despite the huge challenges which The Covid 19 virus presented along the way.

We constantly refer to an ever-changing Communications world and we must strive to satisfy the increasing demands for communications updates at the touch of a button. For Tyrone GAA good fast Communication delivery remains the life blood of the organisation. In 2020 the impetus remained on maintaining an improving performance regarding how we go about our Communications and once again I know we played our part in helping achieve this. There have been numerous calls from many quarters both at Nationally and Provincial levels, that such are the many demands associated with Communications and PR, it has become almost a full-time role. The constant requests being placed on County PRO's which require a reply or an update immediately are increasing. The magnitude of interested parties including GAA members, supporters as well as the many external individuals and organisations, never mind all the Press & Media have all quadrupled Demands for information, updates or explanations daily, cannot be put off until the next day or even until a PRO gets home from their 9 to 5 day time Job. The response is immediate. No longer can they be ignored or put on the long finger. The pressures of the Job are immense! Maybe the time has come to look at the appointment of a Full or at least Part time PRO for those Counties who are in the constant glare of publicity and demand. The discussion needs to take place. The progressive nature of Communications requires a professional approach.

#### **Social Media:**

Social Media has now reached almost every single household across every age bracket. The ever-increasing audience is not just our GAA members but virtually every person with an interest in sport. The other parties are also following Tyrone on either Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn as well as YouTube. The Social Media platforms are now seen as an accepted norm on how we communicate. Over the past 3 years each of our Social Media platforms have grown by enormous numbers so we must be doing something right. In just over a year the Tyrone GAA Instagram account now has over 15,000 followers. Our Official Tyrone GAA Facebook account has the highest number of followers in Ulster with over 40,000 followers. An increase of over 10,000 in just over 18 months. The Tyrone GAA Twitter account has over 66,000 followers at present and increasing daily.

## **Red Hand View Match Programmes:**

Each year a huge part of any County PRO's role is to ensure the publication of the match day programmes for all the Allianz National League games in both Football and Hurling. The past season saw the publication of 3 editions of the Red Hand view and even the last minute change of venue from Omagh to Edendork for the home game against Kerry we still managed to get the match day programmes there on time. The rebranded new version of the Red Hand View Match Day Programme experience produces a high-quality programme which provided something for all our readers and supporters.









In 2020 the Communications Committee decided to publish a full colour 8 pages match day programme for the National Hurling League game against Longford. Other Hurling full colour programmes were produced for the Senior and Junior County Finals as well as an online programme for the Nickey Rackard Cup game with Mayo in October. The publication of match programmes takes considerable time and effort and I am very lucky to be able to call upon a loyal group of individuals who go out of their way to ensure the content and distribution of programmes match to expectation of all the supporters.

The Communications Committee on a regular basis still make the use of our very own Red Hand View Pod Cast. This method of communications allows us to build up content of our programme of events as well as outlining the Programme information content plus many other interesting snip bits of additional facts. A simple method to expand and help spread the word. I wish to offer my sincere thanks to our programme sellers on match days also Kieran Kennedy from O'Neill for his kind sponsorship and support throughout the year.

# Internal Competitions Match Day Programmes ONLINE VERSION;

One of the strange consequences of the pandemic was the inability to have available copies of programmes at all our Club Championship games. The normal single page match day programmes produced for all our internal youth finals were now produced online and could be accessed via our social media platforms or via the official Tyrone website. This new way of operating was indeed well received by all concerned and there were no negative responses. Once again this was only achievable due to the co-operation from the Clubs and Team managers. Appreciation must go out to the members of the Communications Committee who worked tirelessly to get programmes made available, in some instances at very short notice.

# **County Final Programmes:**

A Communications decision taken to produce Match Programmes like every other year even there was a reduced number printed the participants warmly welcomed the efforts. The hard copy versions are a must get part of County Finals day. Thankfully those lucky enough to get their hands on one could count themselves very lucky. In all three major County Final days the popularity of the match day programme again witnessed a total sell out due to high demand for these collector's items.

I wish to acknowledge the help provided by Cathal McErlean, (Vector Design) who published the Hurling final programme and the NHL programme. Thanks also to the North West News Group with designer Eugene Duffy for all their patience and support in helping to produce the Senior and Intermediate, Junior match programmes.



It must also be acknowledged, and special mention given the efforts from all our many contributors especially Paddy Hunter, Aodhan Harkin, Francie Mooney and Mark Conway, Chris Curran. I thank each of them for their commitment and support. I am indebted to them for all their total dedication to make things like this happen.

#### The Print Media:

The Print Media in Tyrone play a vital role in the promotion of Gaelic games, for this Tyrone are extremely lucky to have the extensive coverage provided of our games in all codes by the local papers. Our Press/Media journalists go about their roles with an enthusiasm and appetite to cover our games and for this I am indebted. I want to record my thanks to them all for the part they play. In recording my appreciation, I personally want to thank each of Editors and Journalists who work hard to promote our games and offer great support to me as County PRO,

#### Radio & TV:

In the strange and difficult times which 2020 has thrown up we more than ever appreciate the medium of both Radio and TV and the valuable service they provide in the promotion and coverage of our Gaelic games. This year more than any other it an invaluable service. As a County PRO it would be wrong of me not to acknowledge this. This must not however just turn out to be a one-off intervention the coverage of Gaelic games demands an equal share of coverage. All too often the coverage of Gaelic games does not gain an equal share of airtime.

Going forward the continued coverage of Gaelic Games must be part and parcel of the overall sports coverage. For the many Gaels spread across the world adequate is no longer good enough. The arguments about about providing a fair and balanced coverage of Gaelic Games has been well documented but now is the time for action and delivery. A programme of coverage of games must be factored into the weekly sports coverage. There is vast room for improvement, and I would request on those in authority to demand equality when it comes to coverage of Gaelic games. One thing that the past year has proven is the ability of Counties to step up to the mark in being able to provide coverage of our games via the Live Streaming of our matches. This has been a welcome approach for all Gaels everywhere. It must be applauded and encouraged. In any PRO's annual report it is only right to mention all those people who through their efforts to cover our games, assist the communications process. Thanks also to Noel McGinn and his team at Teamtalk for their efforts to help promote the GAA within our County.

# Photography:

Every busy year on the GAA Scene there are thousands of games at all levels and as a County PRO, it is essential to be able to avail of the great co-operation provided by our gallant band of photographers within the County. It is such a vital avenue to be able to get access to photo's which are provided by a dedicated team of men and women behind the lens.

**Tyrone Club PRO's Seminar:** I have always maintained the need to have a direct connection with all the Club PRO's. This is a key aim in creating a two-way process of co-operation between the Clubs



and their PRO's. One area which has greatly assisted me in building up a good rapport with those delegated as the Communications Officers within the Clubs has been our Annual Club PRO Seminar. The most successful event in terms of communications has been the pre-season seminar for all our PRO's and the opportunity to build up a close working



relationship was my first task when I became County PRO. The Club PRO's Seminar has been invaluable to assist in this aim.

Special guest on the night appearing for his 3<sup>rd</sup> successive year was the head of Communications in Croke Park, Alan Milton who once again imparted his wealth of knowledge and expertise to all those present. The in-depth look at the various roles associated with the work of a PRO proved very beneficial to all participants present.

# The Tyrone LCC Club Championship Draws Streamed Live: 20th Feb 2020

2020 had promised so much in terms of the excitement and anticipation regarding the LCC Group Club Championship draws. The Championship Sponsors now in their 3<sup>rd</sup> term joined with the Tyrone CCC and Tyrone Communication Committee to bring live coverage of our Club Championship Draws. The intrigue and potential big draw clashes certainly delivered with several local derbies none more so than rivals Coalisland V. Clonoe. The entire event was streamed live via our Social Media Facebook page. Another important highlight of the proceedings which is now a big part of the event was having the attendance of all the Club captains in Tyrone. The Club Championship Draw night has become a regular and highly popular event on the Communications calendar.

# Live Streaming: By Tyrone GAATV & Radio- "Todds Leap"

Last year Live Streaming of our Games had most definitely arrived and what has been one of the most successful ventures overseen by the Tyrone Communications in the previous 2 years has surpassed all expectations in 2020.

The Worldwide pandemic faced by everyone in 2020 had forced the playing of our Championship games, with very limited attendances. The Clubs were only able to allow a few hundred supporters into watch their games. In face of these very strict guidelines on attendances Tyrone Communications came to the rescue and decided to do their utmost to Stream Live all 46 Club Championship games across all three grades. This was indeed a monumental undertaking to try to get organised for a variety of reasons. Despite all the obstacles and hurdles over a condensed 11 weeks period, Tyrone GAA TV managed to cover a total of 42 Live Championship matches. Logistically this was at times a nightmare with on occasions, 4 Live games being played on one Single day.

Thankfully I was able to call upon a highly dedicated pool of Volunteers and loyal colleagues to help make it happen. The Commitment and unselfish nature of not only our small pool of Commentators and Co-Commentators who worked tirelessly to ensure all the cut and trust of the Club Championships were brought to the homes of Gaels all over Tyrone and much further afield. The joy and appreciation of supporters everywhere was untold, and it made up for those unable to get to the Games.

The biggest crowds ever tuned into all the games over the 11 weeks period. In total 32 Countries across the world spread over the 5 Continents watched the coverage provided by Tyrone GAA TV. There is no doubt in my mind Tyrone have taken over as the leading County in terms of the Live Streaming of Gaelic Games. This can't be underestimated how valuable this service now is to Gaels and supporters everywhere. Tyrone GAA TV delivers the magic and the atmosphere from the Live Championship Games. 2020 was without doubt an exceptional year for everyone but Tyrone Communications Committee came to the fore in the hour of need and made it happen. The concept of Tyrone GAA TV is a reality and is here to stay.

Three years ago, on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 was the historic date when Tyrone GAATV was launched. The Craobh Pelie Sinsear Q/Final clash between Edendork V. Galablly provided the first Live Championship action to be streamed live across the world. Since then Tyrone GAA TV has now Streamed live a total of 56 Live Championship games. Looking ahead to 2021 there may well still be many restrictions and it is the intention to take Tyrone GAA TV to the next level by including Action



Replays of the Live games, more in-depth match analysis. It is also hoped to be able to cover some League Action from the top clashes across the three divisions.

I pay tribute to Benny O'Hanlon and his family at Todds Leap who remained with us as our main



Sponsor during what for them was a highly stressful and demanding year for their business. Thankfully Benny has kept with Tyrone GAA TV and let's hope in 2021 we can both move onto bigger and better things. Part of the success story around Tyrone GAATV has been its ability to not just provide coverage of the games with some high-quality commentary and co-commentary provided by experienced commentators and high profile names. Feedback has been very positive from those GAA

Supporters all over the world whose appetite to watch our games has not diminished.

# **County Final Coverage**

Thankfully all the 3 major adult LCC Group Club Championship football finals were streamed live as was for the first time ever the Tyrone senior hurling championship final. This proved a brilliant success with almost 1400 viewers tuning in to watch the action. There will be many challenges ahead as we hope to broaden our coverage of games not least the poor broadband provision in some areas. This is one important issue which needs tackled and Tyrone like all other Counties should have proper high-speed broadband across all the County. I would sincerely ask those who can make this happen should make it a number 1 priority.

I wish to extend my gratitude to Gerard Bradley for his IT expertise, to our commentators, Paddy Hunter and Gerard Tracey, to all our guest co-commentators, each of them played such a vital role in making this happen. My gratitude must go to Kieran and Darren Mc Mullan and their professional staff at MAC AV who worked tirelessly to ensure the production was of the highest standards possible.

It was a manic 11 weeks period when we faced extreme pressures and in times like these it is so reassuring to be able to call on a company in Tyrone who can provide this magnificent facility and make it available on our very doorsteps. Also, to all Clubs who stepped up to the mark and gave me total co-operation and No Fuss. They played their part in contributing to each occasion. I say a heartfelt Thank You to every Club, their Committee and all who helped in whatever small way. I am totally convinced that Live Streaming of our games is here to stay and there is no doubt now in what we witnessed in 2020 as regards the huge potential windfall that Live Streaming can generate for County Funds we have the opportunity to cash in on potential revenue resources available and which can be added to with further Sponsorship and Advertising.

#### In Conclusion:

Finally, I wish to place on record my gratitude to the Staff in Garvaghey, especially Gregory McSorley plus Anne Marie as well as Roisin Mc Sorley. Everyone of them afforded me fantastic support throughout the past year. To Dominic McCaughey our County Secretary thanks for all your advice. At Provincial Level, Declan Woods the Ulster PRO who was always on hand to provide support when required plus Alan Milton, Siobhan Brady, Niamh Boyle, Cian Murtagh, Noel Quinn and all the other Staff in Croke Park who could be called upon when any query needed some specific advice or guidance.

Last, but not least to all the Club PRO's and Club Secretaries who provided such a fantastic genuine support to me over the past 12 months I am so grateful for your continued co-operation. In Tyrone we are blessed to be able to call upon so a talented and dedicated bunch of Gaels who provide such



commitment to their Clubs and the County. The Clubs I regard provide such a support mechanism to me as County PRO. I thank them again, for their willingness to help me at every juncture. I look forward to working with you all again in 2021, if chosen to do so. I wish to Thank my Family and my Club for affording me the opportunity to serve my County. I do so with Pride!



# Ainmniúchain (Nominations)

Cathaoirleach: Michael Kerr (Éire Óg) (outgoing), Eunan Lindsay (Gleann Eallaigh), Eugene McConnell

(Clochar), Martin Sludden (An Droim Mór).

Cisteoir: Eileen Connolly (Naomh Eoghan) (outgoing).

Leas-Cathaoirleach: Eunan Lindsay, Martin Sludden (outgoing).

Rúnaí Cúnta: Michelle Cox (Droim Ratha) (outgoing).

Cisteoir Cúnta: Raymond McKeown (An Mháigh) (outgoing).

Oifigeach Oiliúna: Damian Harvey (An Chorr Chríochach) (outgoing).

Oifigeach Cultúr & Teanga: Donal Magee (Coill an Chlochair) (outgoing).

Caidreamh Poiblí: Eugene McConnell (outgoing).

Oifigeach Iomána: Eunan Lindsay.

Baill Chomhairle Uladh (2): Benny Hurl (Ard Bó), (outgoing), Peter Kerr (Éire Óg), Peter Kennedy

(Doire Lochain), Eunan Lindsay, Dermot McCaughey (Trí Leac) Conor Sally (An Ómaigh).

Ball Árd Chomhairle: Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín), Benny Hurl, Roisin Jordan (Eaglais), Donal Magee,

Aidan Maguire (Naomh Eoghan), Dermot McCaughey, Conor Sally.

# **Baill an Choiste:**

Patsy Connolly (Achadh Uí Aráin), Francie Grogan (An Charraig Mhór), Ciaran McKenna (Clochar), Fergus Harte (Oileán a'Ghuail), Raymond Donnelly (An Chorr Chríochach), Barry Campbell (An Droim Mór), Brendan Harpur (Droim Caoin), Paddy Gallagher (An Droim Ratha), Sean Donaghy (Eaglais), Martin McGuigan (Éadan na dTorc), Seamus Marlow (Eiscreach), Fergal McAneney (Gleann Eallaigh), Barbara Ward (An Goirtín), Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair), Terry Timoney (Naom Eoghan), Ciaran McDaid (An Ómaigh), Paddy Barrett (Cabhán a'Chaortainn), Raymond Monteith (Trí Leac), Colin Mullin (Éire Óg).

Childrens' Officer: Adrian Nugent (An Charraig)

**Development Officer**: Aidan Maguire (Naomh Eoghan)

# NA RÚIN (MOTIONS)

**Motion 1:** That Rule 7.2 (b) Misconduct at Games by Players – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 123 -128 be amended as follows:

- (a) Delete the words 'striking or' at, Category III sub-paragraph (i); And thereafter,
- (b) Amend Category IV to include after sub-paragraph (ix) a new paragraph (x) to read:

(x) Striking with the arm, elbow, hand or knee

Remainder of the Rule to remain unchanged.

(Cumann Naomh Éanna, an Ómaigh)



**Motion 2:** That Rule 7.2 (b) Misconduct at Games by Players – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 123 -128 be amended as follows:

Amend Category V to include, after sub-paragraph (iii):

(iv) Striking, or any type of assault, on an opposing player or team official, causing serious or significant injury

Remainder of the Rule to remain unchanged.

(Cumann Naomh Éanna, an Ómaigh)

# NA MOLTAÍ (Recommendations)

## For referral to the Competitions Control Committee

- 1. That Tyrone CCC introduce a sanction for clubs who concede adult league games within 48 hours of the allotted throw-in time, where the club who conceded will automatically forfeit home advantage in the corresponding league fixture in the following season; where this fixture does not take place, due to promotion or relegation, they forfeit home advantage in 1 randomly selected league fixture.

  (Eoghan Rua Uí Neill Leac Phádraig)
- 2.That the first Saturday of each month be kept clear from football Go Games, blitzes and tournaments to allow hurling Go games to take place uninterrupted and thus allow all children to play both sports.

  (Éire Óg, An Charraig Mhór)

#### For referral to the Finance Committee

3.In good faith and acknowledgement of all the members of our clubs and immediate families that the 2020 Tyrone GAA County Convention registers its support to amend the Club Tyrone Charity Constitution to provide financial contributions not just exclusively to Tyrone GAA but to include the Tyrone Handball, Tyrone LGFA and Tyrone Camogie associations.

(Cumann an Athar Mhic Con Carraige, an Chorr Chríochach)

# For referral to the Hurling Development Committee

4. That Coiste Tír Eoghan renew their support for the Five Year Strategic Plan for Hurling in Tyrone.

Éire Óg, An Charraig Mhór

- 5. That we return to the full complement of Tyrone schools hurling coaching staff as soon as possible to meet the demand for hurling within schools. Éire Óg, An Charraig Mhór
- 6.That our fledgling hurling clubs, just four years on the road, receive every support in terms of schools and club coaching to allow them to continue to develop. Éire Óg, An Charraig Mhór
- 7. That there is intervention to try and reinvigorate a few of the established clubs who are currently experiencing difficulties. Éire Óg, An Charraig Mhór



In the past year the Coiste Bainistí held ten meetings from January to November with attendances as follows:

Michael Kerr (9), Dominic McCaughey (10), Donal Magee (10), Eileen Connolly (10), Damian Harvey (8), Dermot McCaughey (10), Martin Sludden (10), Eugene McConnell (9), Adrian O'Kane (0), Benny Hurl (8), Michelle Cox (10), Aidan Maguire (10), Peter Kerr (8), Raymond McKeown (9), Cuthbert Donnelly (10).

The County Committee met twice in 2020 (February and march) at the County's headquarters with the following attendances recorded:

Club / Office	Member	Total	Club / Office	Member	Total
Achadh Lú	Patrick Colton	2	Loch Mhic Ruairí	Barney Gallagher	2
Achadh Uí Arain	Patsy Connolly	2	Baile na Móna	Brian McLernon	1
Árd Bó	Claire Wylie	1	An Mháigh	Patrick McKeown	2
Eochar	Patrick Donnelly	2	Naomh Eoghan	Terence Timoney	2
Bearach			An Ómaigh	Paul Meldrum	2
Breac an Bhile	Sean Quinn	2	Cabhán a'Chaorthainn	Paddy Barrett	1
Brocach	Martin O'Neill	2	An Charraig		
An Charraig Mhór	Ronan McMahon	2	An Chraobh	Sean Gallagher	1
Caisleán na Deirge	Joe Leonard	2	An Srath Bán	Mark Walsh	2
Clann na nGael	Niall Conway	2	Taite Riabhach	Nigel Mullan	2
Clochar	Sean McElroy	2	Trí Leac	Raymond Monteith	2
Cluain Eo	Mel Taggart	1	Urnaí	Pat Holland	1
Oileán a'Ghuail	Fergus Harte	2	Éire Óg (H)	Colin Mullin	1
An Chorr Chríochach	Raymond Donnelly	2	Eoghan Ruadh (H)	Tomás Colton	2
Doire Locháin	Peter Kennedy	2	Na Seamroga (H)		
Doire Treasc	Aidan Fitzgerald	1	Naomh Colum Cille (H)	Cathaoir Corr	2
Domhnach Mór	Patsy Hetherington	2	Uachtarán	Brendan Harkin	2
An Droim Mór	Barry Campbell	2	Cathaoirleach	Michael Kerr	2
Droim Caoin	Brendan Harpur	2	Leas-chathaoirleach	Martin Sludden	2
Droim Ratha	Paddy Gallagher	2	Rúnaí	Dominic McCaughey	2
Dún Geanainn	Joe Toner	2	Rúnaí Cúnta	Michelle Cox	2
Éadan na dTorc	Martin McGuigan	2	Cisteoir	Eileen Connolly	2
Eaglais	Sean Donaghy	2	Cisteoir Cúnta	Raymond McKeown	1
Eoghan Rua Uí Néill	Sarahjane Kelly	2	Ard Chomhairle	Cuthbert Donnelly	2
Aireagal Chiarán	Sean McKenna	1	Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	Eugene McConnell	2
Eiscreach	Seamus Marlow	2	Oifigeach Cultúr & Teanga	Donal Magee	2
Fionntamhnach	Kieran Cranny	1	Oifigeach Forbártha	Aidan Maguire	2
Gallbhaile	Sean Carberry	1	Oifigeach Oiliúna	Damian Harvey	1
Gleann Eallaigh	Fergal McAneney	2	Comhairle Uladh (1)	Dermot McCaughey	2
An Goirtín	Barbara Ward	2	Comhairle Uladh (2)	Benny Hurl	2
An Caisleán Glas	Francis Bradley	2	Oifigeach Iomána	Peter Kerr	2
Cill Dhreasa	Dominic McGurk	2	Referees' Administrator	John Devlin	2
Cill Íseal	Dominic Donaghy	2	Cumann na		
			mBúnscoileanna		<del> </del>
Coill an Chlochair	Niall McKenna	2	Cumann na Liathróid na Laimhe		
Cill na mBán	Conor McGahan	1	Oifigeach na bPaistí	Adrian Nugent	0



# CLUB MEMBERSHIP - 2020

Club	Adult	Youth	Club	Adult	Youth
Aghaloo	154	136	Glenelly	278	100
Aghyaran	220	115	Gortin	249	162
Ardboe	225	218	Greencastle	184	173
Augher	201	115	Kildress	261	359
Beragh	195	199	Killeeshil	202	193
Both Domhnaigh	1	0	Killyclogher	298	353
Brackaville	210	72	Killyman	111	73
Brockagh	164	66	Loughmacrory	361	257
Carrickmore	438	347	Moortown	162	112
Castlederg	157	174	Moy	344	85
Clann na nGael	202	94	Naomh Eoghan	236	116
Clogher	136	63	Omagh	390	496
Clonoe	336	252	Owen Roe O'Neill's	195	121
Coalisland	463	255	Owen Roes/Clann na nGael	5	105
Cookstown	163	253	Pomeroy	276	283
Derrylaughan	343	57	Rock	178	89
Derrytresk	119	105	Stewartstown	209	93
Donaghmore	332	81	Strabane	206	199
Dromore	279	140	Tattyreagh	74	37
Drumquin	128	101	Trillick	292	249
Drumragh	183	217	Urney	126	77
Dungannon	286	151	Eoghan Ruadh	167	78
Edendork	186	213	Éire Óg	111	192
Eglish	153	102	Naomh Colum Cille	61	56
Errigal Ciaran	576	140	Shamrocks Hurling	7	32
Eskra	151	82	Cúchulainn an Ghleanna	0	0
Fintona	227	191	C. Dúiche Néill, An Bhinn Bhorb	32	43
Galbally	428	357	C. Uí Néill, Tulach Óg	19	90
			Totals:	11690	8519



# Subcommittee Membership – 2020

## **Management Committeee (14)**

Michael Kerr (An Charraig Mhór) (Chairperson)

Martin Sludden (An Droim Mhór) (Vice-Chairperson)

Eileen Connolly (Naomh Eoghan) (Treasurer)

Cuthbert Donnelly (Achadh Lú) (Central Council)

Dermot McCaughey (Trí Leac) (Ulster Council)

Benny Hurl (Ard Bó) (Ulster Council)

Eugene McConnell (Clochar) (PRO)

Michelle Cox (Droim Ratha) (Assistant Secretary)

Damian Harvey (Éadan na dTorc) (Coaching Officer)

Peter Kerr (Éire Óg) (Hurling Officer)

Aidan Maguire (Naomh Eoghan) (Development Officer)

Raymond McKeown (An Mháigh) (Assistant Treasurer)

Donal Magee (Coill an Chlochair) (Language & Culture Officer)

Dominic McCaughey (Trí Leac) (Secretary)

# **Competitions Control Committee (CCC) (13)**

Martin Sludden (An Droim Mhór) (Chairperson)

Adrian Scullin (An Chorra Chríochach) (Vice-Chairperson)

Michelle Cox (Droim Ratha) (Secretary)

Niall Mc Kenna (Coill an Chlochair) (Youth Fixtures)

Aidan Gordon (Loch Mhic Ruairí (Youth Fixtures)

Stephen Mc Cullagh (Loch Mhic Ruairí) (Adult Fixtures)

Tomás Colton (Eoghan Ruadh) (Hurling Fixtures)

Raymond Monteith (Trí Leac) (Adult Referees)

Sarahjane Kelly (Eoghan Ruadh Uí Néill) (Discipline)

Mel Taggart (Cluain Eo) (Discipline)

John Devlin (Cabhán a'Chaortainn) (Referees' Administrator)

Fabian McGlone (Droim Ratha) (Youth Referees)

Des O'Doherty (An Ómaigh) (Feile & Óg Sport)

# **Hearings Committee (8)**

Seamus Hannigan (An Ómaigh) (Chairperson)

Margaret Keenan (An Goirtín) (Secretary)

Mary Daly (An Mháigh)

Sean Mc Elroy (Clochar)

Noel McGeary (An Gallbhaile)

Martin O'Neill (Brocagh)

Patrick Donnelly (An Eochair)

Paddy O' Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairí)

### Fixtures Analysts (2)

Cathal Daly (Eaglais)

Adrian Conway (Clann na nGael)

# Referees' Administrator

John Devlin (Cabhán a'Chaortainn)



# **Safety Officer**

Michael Mc Carney (An Ómaigh)

# Planning Physical Development and Safety Commttee (7)

Aidan Maguire (Naomh Eoghan) (Chairperson)

Michael McCarney (An Ómaigh)

Paul Maxwell (Éadan na dTorc))

Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín)

Petesey Kennedy (Doire Lochain)

Rory O'Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairí)

Roisin Jordan (An Eaglais)

# **Referees' Administration Committee (8)**

John Devlin (Cabhán a'Chaortainn) (Chairperson)

Alan Richardson (Fionntamhnach) (Secretary)

Martin Mohan (Eaglais)

Fabian McGlone (Droim Ratha)

Eugene McConnell (Clochar)

Michael McCarron (Fionntamhnach)

Feargal Ward (Aireagal Chiaráin)

Paul Mallon (Éadan na dTorc)

# **Hurling Development Workgroup (20)**

Peter Kerr (Éire Óg) (Chairperson)

Cathal Daly (Eaglais) (Secretary)

Damian O'Neill (Naomh Colum Cille)

Ciarán McHugh (Eoghan Ruadh)

Thomas Colton (Eoghan Ruadh)

Kieran Cranny (Fionntamhnach)

Drew Doherty (Tulach Óg)

Gary McGettigan (Na Seamrogai)

Peter O'Kane (Coill an Chlochair)

Brian Laverty (Oileán a'Ghuail) (Acting CGDM)

Paddy Hunter (An Ómaigh) (PRO)

Damian Harvey (Eadan na dTorc)

Benny Hurl (Ard Bó)

Ciaran Keyes (An Ómaigh)

**Gerard Fox** 

**Brian Cummins** 

Colm Morgan

Andrew Kelly

Cathal McGarry

Rory McCallan (Éire Óg)

# **Language & Culture Committee (7)**

Donal Magee (Coill an Chlochair) (Chairperson)

Risteard Mac Daibhéid (Droim Ratha)

Stephen Hughes (Dún Geanainn)

Eamon Campbell (Doire Treasc)

Cliodhna Kerr (An Charraig Mhór)

Oliver Corr (Oilean a'Ghuail)



Dominic Douglas (Aireagal Chiaráin)

# Finance Sub-Committee (10)

Eileen Connolly (Naomh Eoghan) (Chairperson)
Raymond Mc Keown (An Mháigh) (Secretary)
Michael Harvey (Cabhán a'Chaorthainn)
Michael Kerr (Éire Óg)
Seamus Marlow (Eiscreach)
Aidan Maguire (Naomh Eoghan)
Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín)
Aidan Mc Grath (An Srath Bán)
Dominic McCaughey (Trí Leac)
Sarahjane Kelly (E R Uí Néill)

## **Information Technology Committee (3)**

Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín) (Chairperson) Raymond McKeown (An Mháigh) Damian Harvey (Eadan na dTorc)

#### **Stewards Work Group (6)**

Oliver McHugh (Dún Geanainn) (Chairperson)
Aidan Maguire (Naomh Eoghan) (Secretary)
Peter Toal (Dún Geanainn)
Paul Maxwell (Éadan na dTorc)
Mickey Kelly (Dún Geanainn)
Michael Mc Carney (An Ómaigh) (Safety Officer)

# **Coaching & Games Development Committee (10)**

Damian Harvey (Eadan na dTorc) (Chairperson)
Anne Daly (Clann na nGael) (GDM) (Secretary)
Brian Laverty (Oileán a'Ghuail) (Acting GDM) (Secretary)
Benny Hurl (Ard Bó)
Paul Teague (Ard Bó)
Niall Muldoon (Ard Bó)
Paddy Corrigan (An Ghallbhaile) (Post-Primary)
Joe Canavan (Aireagal Chiaráin) (Cumann na mBún Scoileanna)
Joe Neill (Aireagal Chiaráin) (Go-Games)
Peter Kerr (Éire Óg (Hurling Officer)
John Devlin (Cabhán a'Chaortainn) (Referees Administrator)

# **Health & Wellbeing Committee (9)**

Malachi McCann (Aireagal Chiaráin) (Chairperson)
Maura McMenamin (Naomh Mhic Artáin) (Secretary)
Cuthbert Donnelly (Achadh Lú) (ASAP Officer)
Tracey Monaghan (An Ómaigh)
Nora Rose O'Neill (Fionntamhnach)
Patsy Farley (An Bearach)
Peter Toal (Dún Geanainn)
Michael Connolly (Achadh Uí Aráin)
Fiona Teague (An Caisleán Glas)



# **Communications Workgroup (9)**

Eugene McConnell (Clochar) (Chairperson/PRO)

Rory Cox (Droim Ratha) (Secretary)

Francis Mooney (Éadan na dTorc)

Chris Curran (Loch Mhic Ruairí)

Colin Mackle (An Mháigh)

Gerard Fox (An Ómaigh)

Paddy Hunter (An Ómaigh)

Aodhán Harkin (An Srath Bán)

Tomás Colton (Eoghan Ruadh)

#### **County HQ Management Committee (9)**

Michael Kerr (Éire Óg) (Chairperson)

Mark Conway (Cill Dreasa) (Secretary)

Eileen Connolly (Naomh Eoghan)

Raymond Mc Keown (An Mháigh)

Dominic Mc Caughey (Trí Leac)

Michael Harvey (Cabhán a'Chaorthainn)

Jackie Duffy (An Mháigh)

Brian Hackett (Eiscreach)

Hugh McCallan (An Charraig Mhór)

# **Human Resources Committee (3)**

Michael Kerr (Éire Óg) (Chairperson)

Eileen Connolly (Naomh Eoghan) (Secretary)

Raymond Mc Keown (An Mháigh)

# PR & Marketing Committee (10)

Mark Conway (Cill Dhreasa) (Chairperson)

Declan Devlin (An Ómaigh) (Secretary)

Roisin Shanks (E.R.Uí Néill) (Treasurer)

Eugene McConnell (Clochar) (PRO)

Martin Haughey (An Goirtín)

Jackie Duffy (An Mháigh)

Eileen Connolly (Naomh Eoghan)

Patsy Forbes (Ard Bó)

Patrick Harte (Cabhán a'Chaortainn)

Damian Harvey (Eadan na dTorc)

# **Strategic Implementation Committee (6)**

Seamus McDonald (Coill an Chlochair) (Chairperson)

Barbara Ward (An Goirtín) (Secretary)

Dominic Mc Caughey (Trí Leac)

Michael Kerr (Éire Óg)

Mark Conway (Cill Dhreasa)

Cuthbert Donnelly (Achadh Lú)

#### **Integration Workgroup (7)**

Ciaran McLaughlin (An Srath Ban) (Chairperson)

Michelle Cox (Droim Ratha) (Secretary)



Martin Sludden (An Droim Mhór)
Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair)
Ladies' Representative
Camogie Representative
Handball Representative

# Healy Park & Stand Workgroup (6)

Conor Sally (An Ómaigh) (Chairperson)
Dominic Mc Caughey (Trí Leac) (Secretary)
Eileen Connolly (An Baile Nua) (Treasurer)
Seamus Hannigan (An Ómaigh)
Ciaran McDaid (An Ómaigh)
Michael Kerr (Éire Óg)

# **Team Liaison Officers (5)**

Dominic McCaughey (Peil Shinnsear) Dermot McCaughey (Peil Faoi-20) Benny Hurl (Peil Faoi-17) Aidan Maguire (Iomána Shinnsear)

# **County Teams Management & Panels Sub-Committee**

Michael Kerr (Éire Óg) Chairperson
Eileen Connolly (An Baile Nua)
Dominic McCaughey (Trí Leac) (Liaison Officer)
Mickey Harte (Manager)
Niall Morgan (Football GPA Liaison)
Matthew Donnelly (Football Captain)
Aidan Maguire (Naomh Eoghan (Liaison Officer)
Mattie Lennon (Manager)
Chris Kearns (Hurling Captain)
Damian Casey (Hurling GPA Liaison)



# Transfers 2020

# **Transfer Applications approved by Ard Chomhairle**

No	Surname	Forename	<b>Present Club</b>	New Club	Date
			Fraser Valley Gaels,		
1	McNamee	Turlough	Canada	Newtownstewart	05/11/2019
2	McGowan	Aran	Srabane	Shamrock Gaels Sligo	05/11/2019
3	McCann	Phelim	Errigal Ciaran	Ballinteer St Johns, Dublin	18/11/2019
4	Conway	Ryan	Greencastle	St Maur's, Dublin	12/11/2019
5	Cunningham	Patrick	Killyclogher	Connemara Gaels, Boston	25/11/2019
6	Tierney	Paul	Clogher	St Mochta's, Louth	03/12/2019
7	Sonner	Mark	Stewartstown	Kilbeggan, Westmeath	03/01/2020
8	Devine	Ronan	Castlederg	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	06/01/2020
9	Linden	Liam	Brackaville	Padraig Pearse's, CE USA Padraig Pearse's, Victoria,	14/01/2020
10	McBride	Sean	Killeeshil	Australia	20/01/2020
11	Collins	Barra	Killyclogher	Young Irelands, NSW	10/01/2020
12	McKernan	Ryan	Carrickmore Éire Óg	Sydney Shamrocks, MSW	17/01/2020
13	Warnock	Sean	Greencastle	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	17/01/2020
14	O'Gorman	Gary	Aghaloo	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	17/01/2020
15	Kennedy	Aidan	Rathangan, Kildare	Greencastle	22/01/2020
16	Quinn	Conor	Stewartstown Garryowen, Victoria,	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	30/01/2020
17	Neeson	Emmett	Australia	Augher	07/02/2020
18	Cullinan	Eoin	Tattyreagh	Round Towers, London Vancouver Eire Og,	31/01/2020
19	Kelly	David	Errigal Ciaran Connemara Gaels,	Canada	31/01/2020
20	McKenna	Karl	Bostopn	Augher	10/02/2020
21	Mahoney	Conor	Wolfe Tones, Liverpool	Augher	31/01/2020
22	McGirr	Peadar	Cookstown	An Bearna Dearg, Wicklow	10/02/2020
23	McNulty	Fearghal	Eglish	Bondi Gaels, NSW	04/02/2020
24	Grogan	Ronan	Carrickmore	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	03/02/2020
25	O'Neill	Aaron	Gortin	St Joseph's, London	03/02/2020
26	Mallon	Pádraig	Eglish	Leicester Naomh Pádraig	14/02/2020
27	Cotter	Neil	Ulster, San Francisco	Eglish	11/02/2020
28	Porter	Ryan	Owen Roes	Round Towers, London	12/02/2020
29	Sweeney	Matthew	Killyclogher	Kerry, NE USA	17/02/2020
30	Monroe	Jonathan	Sinn Fein, Victoria	Carrickmore	25/02/2020
31	Carlin	Gerard	Young Irelands, NSW	Carrickmore	24/02/2020
32	McGrath	Niall	Drumragh	Glasgow Gaels	17/02/2020
33	Jones	Matthew	Eglish	Harps, Queensland	25/02/2020
34	McGinley	Paul	Eskra	Madrid, Europe	22/02/2020
35	McElroy	Ryan	St Pat's, Toronto	Eskra	11/03/2020
36	Loughran	Ruairi	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Carrickmore	24/02/2020



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No		Forename			
38	Hanna	David	Moortown	St Michael's Toronto	21/02/2020
39	McGarrity	Shea	Cookstown	Round Towers, London	26/02/2020
40	Quinn	Eoin	Killyman John Mitchell's,	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	24/02/2020
41	McGrath	Lorcan	Queensland John Mitchell's,	Edendork	02/03/2020
42	Lavery	Jordan	Lancashire Cormac McAnallen's,	Edendork	26/02/2020
43	Hannigan	Thomas	NSW	Omagh	02/03/2020
44	Lajeunesse	Jonathan	Ottawa Gaels	Kildress	02/03/2020
45	McReynolds	Mark	Dalriada, Scotland Cormac McAnallen's,	Edendork	02/03/2020
46	Rock	Paddy	NSW	Drumragh	19/03/2020
47	Mallon	Kevin	Dungannon	Ulster, San Francisco John Mitchell's,	05/03/2020
48	Quinn	Eoin	Errigal Ciaran	Queensland	16/03/2020
49	Lagan	Rian	Kildress John Mitchell's,	Castleknock	19/03/2020
50	Morgan	Caolan	Queensland	Killyman Vancouver Eire Og,	16/03/2020
51	Farley	Michael	Beragh	Canada Vancouver Eire Og,	10/03/2020
52	Maguire	Sean	Greencastle	Canada	19/03/2020
53	McGirr	Pierce	St Joseph's, London Aidan McAnespie's,	Drumquin	16/03/2020
54	O'Donnell	Che	Boston Padraig Pearses,	Coalisland	12/03/2020
55	Curley	Jake	Roscommon	Moy	19/03/2020
56	Nugent	Niall	Galbally	Ulster, San Francisco	01/04/2020
57	Mullan	Ryan	Carrickmore Tir Chonaill Harps,	Cuala	16/04/2020
58	Brady	Gerald	Scotland	Owen Roes	27/04/2020
59	Murray	Darren	Dregish CuChulainn, Newcastle	Glasgow Gaels	27/04/2020
60	McGoldrick	Dominic	Yorks	Castlederg	13/05/2020
61	Quinn	Christopher	Donaghmore	Glasgow Gaels	13/05/2020
62	Mullan	Ryan	Carrickmore	Cuala, Dublin	12/06/2020
63	Walsh	Matthew	Castleknock, Dublin	Dungannon Sinn Féin, Victoria,	10/06/2020
64	Martin	Nathan	Dungannon	Australia	18/06/2020
65	Mallon	Kevin	John Mitchels, Brisbane	Rock	18/06/2020
66	McGinley	Paul	Madrid, Europe Cormac McAnallen's,	Eskra	12/06/2020
67	Roche	Patrick	NSW	Drumragh	16/06/2020
68	McCarron	Cathal	Athy Cormac McAnallen's,	Dromore	24/06/2020
69	O'Gorman	Gary	NSW	Aghaloo	22/06/2020
70	O'Neill	Niall	Fulham Irish, London Cormac McAnallen's,	Clann na nGael	18/06/2020
71	Mac Rory	Colm	NSW	Dromore	22/06/2020
72	Ward	Sean	Wolfe Tones, Liverpool	Strabane	23/06/2020
73	Loughran	Eoin	Brackaville	Cloughbawn, Wexford	02/07/2020

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75	Taggart	Declan	Young Irelands, NSW	Drumquin	03/07/2020
76	Greville	Paul	Killucan, Westmeath	Derrytresk	01/07/2020
, 0	Greville	raui	Tír Chonaill Gaels,	Denytiesk	01/07/2020
77	Jones	Ryan	London	Eglish	10/07/2020
78	McAlynn	Niall	St Joseph's, London	Drumquin	06/07/2020
79	Porter	Eoin	Urney	St Joseph's, London	17/07/2020
80	Devine	Pearse	Owen Roes	St Joseph's, London	17/07/2020
81	Harper	Ciaran	Castlederg	Oisin's, Lancashire	13/07/2020
82	O'Hagan	Tiarnan	Oisin's, Lancashire	Coalisland	13/07/2020
83	McGovern	Eamonn	St Joseph's, London	Naomh Eoghan	14/07/2020
84	Kelly	Jack	Round Towers, London	Moy	14/07/2020
85	Gervin	Aodhan	Derrylaughan	St Kiernan's, London John Mitchell's,	10/07/2020
86	Gallagher	Gerard	Castlederg	Warwickshire	10/07/2020
87	Fox	Cathal	John Mitchell's, Warwickshire Western Gaels,	Éire Óg, Carrickmore	24/07/2020
88	Patton	Stephen	Gloucestershire	Strabane	20/07/2020
00	- "		0	Southern Districts, Western	20/07/2020
89	Farrell	Eoghan	Strabane	Australia	20/07/2020
90 91	McCourt	John	Pomeroy	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	20/07/2020 21/07/2020
	McAleer	Caolan	Greencastle	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	20/07/2020
92	Murray	James	Glasgow Gaels	Killeeshil Eoghan Ruadh,	20/07/2020
93	Fleming	Adam	Carrick Swan, Tipperary Dr Crokes/Rathmore,	Dungannon	24/07/2020
94	Given	Finn	Kerry	Beragh	14/08/2020
95	Byrne	Joshuaa	Leicester Naomh Pádraig John Mitchell's,	Aghyaran	10/08/2020
96	Cullen	Conor	Lancashire	Edendork	06/08/2020
97	Jones	Ryan	Eglish	St Loman's, Mullingar	19/08/2020
98	Reid	Dylan	Rock	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	21/08/2020
99	McShane	Jack	Dromore	Harlesden Harps, London	28/08/2020
100	Cullen	Conor	Edendork	John Mitchell's, Lancashire	01/09/2020
101	McLaughlin	Emmett	Dromore	Glasgow Gaels	25/08/2020
102	Harper	Ciaran	Oisin's, Lancashire	Castlederg	01/09/2020
103	McGrath	Lorcan	Edendork	John Mitchell's, Lancashire	01/09/2020
104	Grimes	Pádraig	Beragh	Dalriada, Scotland	08/09/2020
105	O'Hagan	Tiarnan	Coalisland	Oisin's, Lancashire Thomas McCurtain's,	15/09/2020
106	McConnell	Emmett	Clogher	London	16/09/2020
107	Harper	Ciaran	Castlederg	Oisin's, Lancashire	25/09/2020
108	McGonigle	Mark	Edendork	St Brendan's, Lancashire	05/10/2020
109	Winters	Conchubchair	Strabane	St Peter's, Lancashire	29/09/2020
110	Devlin	Odhran	Bishopstown, Cork	Ardboe	08/10/2020
111	McGovern Dos Santos	Eamonn	Naomh Eoghan	St Joseph's, London	07/10/2020
112	Corr	Caolan	Derrylaughan	Wolfe Tones, Liverpool John Mitchell's,	12/10/2020
113	Gavin	Brian	Derrytresk	Queensland	22/10/2020



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115	McSorley	Piaras	Naomh Eoghan	St Brendan's, Warwickshire	22/10/2020
116	Carron	Mark	Cookstown	John Mitchell's, Queensland	29/10/2020

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1	McCreesh	Callum	Lissan	Rock	17/12/2019
2	McAteer	Oisin	Creggan Kickham's	Killyclogher	18/02/2020
3	Murphy	Shea	Magherafelt	Kildress	18/02/2020
4	McCann	Ciomhán	St Michael's, Down	Errigal Ciaran	18/02/2020
5	Donaghy	Aaron	Lissan	Cookstown	18/02/2020
6	McGarvey	Conor	Claudy	Glenelly	18/02/2020
7	McCann	Michael Paul	Ogra Colmcille, Derry	Moortown	18/02/2020
8	Bullick	Christopher	Dungannon	Ballinderry	18/02/2020
9	Robinson	Michael	Dromintee, Armagh	Derrytresk	18/02/2020
10	Doherty	Sean	Strabane	Grange, Armagh	18/02/2020
11	Tierney	Caolan	Errigal Ciaran	Caryduff, Down	18/02/2020
12	Harney	Simon	Glenelly	St Teresa's, Antrim	18/02/2020
13	McMenamin	Colin	Drumquin	St Patrick's Lisburn	18/02/2020
14	Morris	Kevin	Armagh Harps	Moy	14/04/2020
15	Devine	Dominic	Clann na nGael	St Patrick's Lisburn	21/02/2020
16	Woods	Darren	Trillick	Coa, Fermanagh	18/02/2020
17	Donnelly	Noel	Beragh	O'Hanlon's, Armagh	14/04/2020
18	Hickson	Ciaran	Bellaghy	Derrytresk	21/02/2020
19	Conwell	Danny	Bundoran	Clann na nGael	19/06/2020
20	Sweeney	Lorcan	Truagh Gaels	Aghaloo	14/04/2020
21	Sweeney	Madison	Truagh Gaels	Aghaloo	14/04/2020
22	Bradley	Peter	Drumragh	Caryduff, Down	24/02/2020
23	Gallagher	Conor	MacCumhaill's, Donegal	Éire Óg, Carrickmore	19/03/2020
24	Rodgers	Cathal	Naomh Eoghan	Magherafelt	14/04/2020
25	O'Connor	Sean	Edendork	Maghery	27/02/2020
26	Nevin	Connor	Donaghmore	Mullabrack	04/03/2020
27	Lynch	Darren	Aghyaran	Pettigo	06/03/2020
28	Kerlin	Padraig	Clann na nGael	St James', Aldergrove	14/04/2020
29	Quinn	Jordan	Dregish	Buncrana	20/03/2020
30	McCullagh	Oisin	St Paul's, Down	Drumragh	17/06/2020
31	McGettigan	Damian	Shamrocks	Setanta, Donegal	22/06/2020
32	Holmes	Niall	Shamrocks	Setanta, Donegal	22/06/2020
33	McClay	Damian	Shamrocks	Setanta, Donegal	22/06/2020
34	Shiels	Paul	Clones	Eskra	28/06/2020
35	Conway	Brendan	St Brigid's, Antrim	Clann na nGael	22/06/2020
36	Donaghy	Philip	Moortown	Ogra Colmcille	22/06/2020
37	Foster	Martin	Kildress	Ogra Colmcille	22/06/2020
38	Mallon	Ryan	Moy	Tyholland	05/07/2020



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No	Surname	Forename	Present Club	New Club	Date
1	Donaghy	Paul	Edendork	Dungannon	05/03/2020
2	Devlin	Shea	Brocagh	Augher	05/03/2020
3	Sheridan	Adrian	Omagh	Dromore	05/03/2020
4	O'Donnell	Eoghan	Derrytresk	Stewartstown	05/03/2020
5	McCann	Dáire	Coalisland	Derrytresk	05/03/2020
6	McGrath	Oran	Derrytresk	Coalisland	05/03/2020
7	O'Neill	Finbar	Coalisland	Derrytresk	05/03/2020
8	O'Neill	Riain	Killyman	Derrytresk	05/03/2020
9	Hamill	Dylan	Killyman	Derrytresk	05/03/2020
10	Devine	Darragh	Castlederg	Naomh Eoghan	05/03/2020
11	Rushe	Eamon	Brackaville	Cookstown	05/03/2020
12	Teague	Darren	Omagh	Gortin	05/03/2020
13	McBrien	Thomas	Donaghmore	Cookstown	05/03/2020
14	Collins	Shea	Strabane	Naomh Eoghan	05/03/2020



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16	McArdle	David	Donaghmore	Galbally	05/03/2020
17	Leonard	Dylan	Killyclogher	Beragh	05/03/2020
18	McGillion	Mark	Drumragh	Tattyreagh	05/03/2020
19	McMahon	Peadar	Carrickmore	Beragh	05/03/2020
20	Maguire	Darragh	Errigal Ciaran	Eskra	05/03/2020
21	McAleer	Daniel	Edendork	Clonoe	05/03/2020