

CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL
COISTE THÍR EOGHAIN

An Chomhsháil Bhliantúil 2021





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 Garbhachadh ar an 14ú Nollaig 2021 ag tosnu ar 7.30 i.n.

Mise, le fíor-mheas

Damhnaic Mac Eochaidh

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Rúnaí

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12. Dúnadh na Chomhdhála.



Miontuairiscí na Chomhdhála 2020

1.0 An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Contae Thír Eoghain was held on Tuesday 15th December 2020.

Due to the restrictive guidelines associated with the Covid-19 coronavirus, that were in place, attendance at County Convention was limited to the Coiste Bainistí and the County Committee member from each Club.

Attendance:

- (i) in the County's Headquarters at Garvaghey - Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara (Cathaoirleach), Eibhlín Ní Chongaile, Réamann Mac Eoghain, Cuthbert Ó Donnaile, Peadar Mac Giolla Cheara, Eoghan Mac Dhónaill, Micheálín Nic an Choiligh, Mairtín Ó Sludáin and Damhnaic Mac Eochaidh.
- (ii) via Microsoft Teams – Breandán Ó hEarghaill, Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh and the members as listed in the following table.

Club	Co. Committee Member
Achadh Lú	Patrick Colton
Achadh Uí Arain	
Ard Bó	Claire Wylie
Eochar	Patrick Donnelly
Bearach	Damian Corrigan
Breac an Bhíle	Sean Quinn
Brocach	
An Charraig Mhór	Padraig McCallan
Caisleán na Deirge	Joe Leonard
Clann na nGael	Niall Conway
Clochar	Sean McElroy
Cluain Eo	Mel Taggart
Oileán a'Ghuail	Fergus Harte
An Corra Chríochach	R Donnelly
Doire Lochain	Peter Kennedy
Doire Treasc	Aidan Fitzgerald
Domhnach Mór	Pauric Gallagher
An Droim Mór	Joe Rafferty
Droim Caoin	Brendan Harpur
Droim Ratha	
Dún Geanainn	Joe Toner
Eadán na dTorc	
Eaglais	Sean Donaghy
E. R. Uí Néill	Sarahjane Kelly
Aireagal Chiaráin	Sean McKenna
Eisceach	
Fionntamhnach	Kieran Cranny
An Gallbhaile	Kevin McVeigh
Gleann Eallaigh	Fergal McAneney
Goirtín	Barbara Ward
An Caisleán Glas	
Cill Dhreasa	Dominic McGurk
Cill Íseal	Dominic Donaghy
Coill an Chlochair	Niall McKenna
Cill na mBán	Conor McGahan
Loch Mhic Ruairí	Barney Gallagher
Baile na Móna	
An Mháigh	Patrick McKeown
Naomh Eoghan	Terence Timoney

Club	Co. Committee Member
An Ómaigh	Conor Sally
Cabhán a'Chaortainn	
An Charraig	
An Chraobh	Sean Gallagher
An Srath Ban	Mark Walsh
An Taite Riabhach	Nigel Mullan
Trí Leac	Raymond Monteith
Urnaí	Marcus Kelly
Éire Óg (H)	Colin Mullin
Eoghan Ruadh (H)	Tomás Colton
Naomh Colum Cille (H)	Cathaoir Corr
Na Seamroga (H)	
Cumann na mBúnscoileanna	
Childrens' Officer	Adrian Nugent
Referees' Administrator	

2.0 Miontuairiscí – 2019

The Minutes of the 2019 Convention were adopted on the proposal of P Kerr and seconded by E Connolly.

3.0 Standing Orders

On the proposal of C Donnelly, Standing Orders were adopted, and were seconded by M Cox.

4.0 Secretary's Report

- 4.1 The Secretary's Report was adopted on the proposal of R McKeown and seconded by M Sludden.
- 4.2 The Droim Caoin representative raised two queries relating to the employment of coaching staff and was assured by the Cathaoirleach of written responses within seven days.
- 4.3 The Doire Lochain representative referred to an omission from the County's website of any tribute to two recently deceased members who had contributed significantly to the Association. The Cathaoirleach confirmed that at a recent meeting of the Management Committee this matter had been addressed, and should not occur in future.

5.0 Sub-Committee Reports

5.1 The following Reports included in the Convention booklet were given consideration:

- (a) IT subcommittee
- (b) Strategic Planning workgroup
- (c) Health & Wellbeing subcommittee
- (d) Hearings subcommittee
- (e) PR & Marketing subcommittee
- (f) Referees' Administration subcommittee
- (g) Hurling Development subcommittee
- (h) Competitions Control committee
- (i) Irish Language & Culture subcommittee
- (j) Communications subcommittee

5.2 On the Hurling Development subcommittee report, the Cathaoirleach referred to the difficulties encountered by coaches in gaining access to schools due to the restrictions associated with the pandemic regulations. P Mac Giolla Cheara stated that there was a great desire on the part of schools to have our coaches in attendance, with many hoping for this in advance of the second academic term.

5.3 The CCC was congratulated on the implementation of a fixtures' programme at the end of the summer and autumn of a very difficult year, by B Ó hEarghail; it was disappointing that all competitions were not completed, and that so few patrons were able to gain admission to so many excellent Club championship games.



5.4 All Subcommittee Reports as presented to Convention were adopted on the proposal of M Cox and seconded by C Donnelly.

6.0 County Grounds' Accounts and Balance Sheets

6.1 The Treasurer, Eileen Connolly welcomed Ryan Falls - representing the auditors, Cavanagh & Kelly - to this stage of Convention. She presented the Accounts for Healy Park Omagh and O'Neill Park Dungannon. Total income for Healy Park showed a 53% fall from 2019 to £30,968 while the total expenditure showed little variation at £108,744 – due, in the main to professional fees of £41K, associated with pitch development plans. The overall deficit for the year ending 31st October amounted to £77,776.

6.2 Responding to a query on the accuracy of the Healy Park Accounts, from the Omagh representative, the Treasurer confirmed her satisfaction of their compliance with the terms of the 'Agreement' between the St Enda's Club and the County Committee; she also welcomed the suggestion that an independent auditor be invited to consider all financial aspects of the Agreement.

6.3 Total income for O'Neill Park Dungannon was double that of 2019 amounting to £2,250 and the expenditure was £18,010 giving an operating loss of £15,760 for the year.

6.4 The County Grounds' Accounts as presented were adopted on the proposal of M Sludden, seconded by C Donnelly.

7.0 Treasurer's Report

7.1 Eileen Connolly presented the Report of the Finance Committee and the County's Accounts for 2020. The Treasurer reported on a 27% decrease in income by comparison with 2019, to £1,141,017 with a comparable fall in expenditure to £1,122,207 providing a slight operating surplus of £18,816 for the year.

7.2 The Balance sheet indicated Current Assets of £730,949 with Current Liabilities of £108,104 resulting in a Net Assets figure of £5,867,016 compared to the 2019 figure of £5,613,707.

7.3 In response to a query from the Drumquin member, E Connolly agreed to issue the amount spent on Strength & Conditioning for senior football and hurling teams and on the Academies in 2020.

7.4 The Finance Report and the Accounts for 2020 were adopted on the proposal of M Cox which was seconded by E McConnell.

8.0 Oraid an Chathaoirligh (2020)

Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara



Is mor an honour dom a bheidh anseo anocht ar oiche specialta do CLG Tir Eoghain. Tonight it's a great honour as county chairperson to welcome you to our 2020 Convention. This convention is different too, like a lot of things we have experienced in 2020. But the more things change, the more they stay the same. Tonight I will highlight that once again it has been a year when the GAA showed great leadership within our community.

Before that I want to start by thanking a few people. First and foremost I want to thank my wife Mairead, children Aoibhin, Cillian and Caoimhe for their continued support.

To the members of the county committee and all the sub-committees, thanks for your continued promotion of Tyrone GAA. Our meetings were fewer this year, but nonetheless the affairs of our association thrived in the face of adversity.



To Coiste Bainisti, I thank you, individually and collectively for the guidance and help you afforded me last year. A special mention to both Cuthbert and Peter, who come to the end of their current portfolios tonight and I wish them well as they undertake different roles within our association. I first met Cuthbert in the summer of 1974 when he organised an underage match as curtain raiser to the final of Aghaloo tournament. That year he was a player in the Aghaloo team that won a Junior Championship. Since then he has covered many roles at club, county, provincial and national level since. He epitomises everything that a true gael is and I wish him good health to continue promoting the GAA for many more years to come.

Tonight marks the end of the term of our president Brendan as well. The varied roles he has undertaken at club, county and national level indicate his wealth of talent and commitment. His portfolio covered every aspect of the GAA's broad remit. On behalf of all of Tyrone GAA I wish Brendan continued good health to enjoy many more years of life and the GAA.

To the members of all the clubs I have met and visited this year, thanks for your hospitality and the respect you have shown to the office of County Chairperson. I want to especially thank Edendork Officers, Committee members and volunteers for the Trojan work carried out to allow us to stage our National League fixture with Kerry on 9th February.

To the Tyrone GAA staff, I want to thank you for your continued promotion and administration of our organisation under the difficult pandemic restrictions.

I want to especially mention Gregory and Roisin, who keep our premises here in Garvaghey in pristine condition. Their attention to detail is meticulous and we are blessed to have such great staff.

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

To all our managers, coaches, backroom teams and players at every level in both Football and Hurling, I thank you for the effort and commitment to Tyrone GAA and for the many great days you gave us in 2020. I especially thank the liaisons officers Aidan and Dermot for the great work in keeping Garvaghey a safe environment since our teams returned to training on 14th September.

Our senior hurlers came up just short at the top of the National League behind Armagh and Donegal. The Nicky Rackard rules were adapted to develop Groups of Six in years to come in Ring, Rackard and Meagher competitions. The protection of Warwickshire's status for 2021, because of Covid travel restrictions, meant two of the seven teams in Nicky Rackard would be relegated and there would be no promotion. This meant all teams were walking a tightrope from the start of the competition. After a great victory in Clontibret against Monaghan, we fell at the semi-final stage against Donegal. Thankfully we retained our Nicky Rackard status for 2021.

Our Minor Footballers had their competitions interrupted and are out this weekend in Ballybofey in the Ulster Championship. We wish them well.

Congratulations to our Under 20's who collected the Ulster Championship. Unfortunately after the long break they came up slightly short against Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Our Senior Footballers retained their division one status with an epic last round match against Mayo. A great first half display and super effort in the last ten minutes saw us victorious in Castlebar. The delayed first round of Ulster in Ballybofey saw us lose out by two points to Donegal. This match will be remembered as the last time that Mickey Harte led a Tyrone Team into battle. After thirty seasons managing Tyrone County teams, he chose not to seek a three year extension. No words of mine can do justice to what he has given and what he and his teams have achieved. On behalf of all Tyrone Gaels I express our sincere appreciation to Mickey for his time, dedication, commitment and leadership of Tyrone Teams. I also acknowledge and thank Marion and the Harte family for the support they provided Mickey, allowing him to devote so much time and energy to Tyrone GAA. I wish him well in his new role with Louth.



I wish Feargal and Brian all the best in their new role. Both men have been stalwarts of Tyrone GAA. My knowledge of both their professional and sporting prowess lets me know that they will leave no stone unturned in their quest to get Tyrone a fourth Sam Maguire.

2020 has been another great year for Physical Developments in Tyrone. Beragh, Pomeroy, Derrytresk, Carrickmore and Kildress, to name but a few, have all got ongoing development while Dungannon Thomas Clarkes are about to embark on their ambitious project. I know some clubs had to put on hold major fundraising efforts. Hopefully these can resume in the not too distant future.

At Garvaghey, we have completed the new hub. We haven't been able to hold the official opening yet but as soon as an appropriate time becomes available we will acknowledge and thank the PR and Marketing committee and the hub patrons for their magnificent contribution to Tyrone GAA.

In addition to our Club Tyrone funders, I thank most sincerely our sponsors. Tyrone Fabrication, O'Neills International Sportswear, LCC Group, Donnelly Group, Bank of Ireland, Rocwell Water and Todd's Leap. We hope that their generous sponsorship is recognised in the community and as a result, their businesses flourish.

2020 has been an extraordinary year. Dominic in his report has already mentioned that the GAA lead by example. The community needed leaders, workers and resources. It was evident from early on that the organisation capable of delivering this was the GAA. We had a footprint locally and nationally. The GAA is its members and supporters. While I commend our leadership at national level for the prompt action they took in March, I equally commend those members locally who organised and led their own communities. Their guidance has helped mitigate the effects of the Covid 19 virus within our communities. The generosity of time and resources donated to protect our people has been exemplary. History will remember your efforts.

When it came to leadership, I want to commend the club personnel who agreed to adapt changes in our fixtures programme to enable us to provide as many games as we could in the period from the lifting of the original restrictions to the second lockdown. Under strict compliance with the guidelines, the benefit of these games for the community far outweighed the risks. On the games themselves. What a year. Online viewing figures tell their own story. The quality of the championships in football and hurling was top class. After a wait of 64 years the O'Neill cup returned to the Hill of O'Neill in Dungannon. Although the Clarke's didn't win any of their four matches in ordinary time, they survived four extra times and penalty shoot outs over a five week period. The script was like a fairytale. I congratulate Dungannon Thomas Clarkes as well as all our club adult championship winners namely Edendork St Malachy's, Kildress Wolf Tones, Eire Og, An Charraig Mhor and Naomh Colmcille. Unfortunately they didn't get to represent us at provincial level, but it shouldn't diminish from their achievement.

Thanks to all our referees, as without them we couldn't have our games. A special word of congratulations to Sean Hurson who has been appointed as standby referee for the All Ireland Senior Football Final on Saturday coming.

It looks as though the county season will precede the club season in 2021. Bar a miracle, there will be no spectators when the National league games commence at the end of February 2021. This will have a serious detrimental impact on all counties finances. The diligence with which our finance people continue to manage our finances means that we can face into 2021 without the trepidation that some other county officers will experience. To Eileen our treasurer. Well done on a great year. I congratulate yourself, Raymond and the Finance Subcommittee on your great custodianship of Tyrone GAA finances.

To Dominic, thanks for all your help, guidance and wise counsel over the last twelve months. I concur you're your remarks re the handling of the pandemic by our Politicians. Too many of them seemed to think that the health of the economy was more important than the health of the people. Hopefully as we face the anticipated upsurge over the next few months they will learn from their mistakes. Regrettably for the second year running Dominic has lost a close relative. I, on behalf of Tyrone GAA, extend sympathy to you and the McCaughey family on the loss of your father Tom in May. At this time, I also want to extend to all who have suffered the loss of a loved one in the last twelve months our deepest condolences. Ar lamh dheis De go raibh siad.



Tonight we also keep in our thoughts and prayers Donal and everyone else who is ill at home or in hospital. Hopefully they recover to enjoy 2021 and many more years.

As the Tyrone GAA season draws to a close and I would like to thank you all for your co-operation, and assistance throughout 2020. Best wishes to those who have allowed themselves to be nominated for positions in the 2021 committee. I wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous and more normal 2021.

Go raibh maith agaibh.

9.0 Na Rúin

9.1 Motion 1 Proposed by C Sally and seconded by C Donnelly. C Sally stated that by passing this motion to change Rule 7.2, a CCC or a Hearings Committee would find it easier to increase the penalty for striking to a two-match ban.

Decision: Motion was passed, unanimously.

9.2 Motion 2 Proposed by C Sally and seconded by C Donnelly. The purpose of the motion was to insert a new clause in the Category V infractions, when the result of striking caused serious or significant injury to an opponent. C Sally suggested that if the motion was passed, the Club of an injured player may need to bring the resultant seriousness of an injury to the attention of the CCC, as it may not be evident at the time of the striking action.

Decision: Motion was passed, unanimously.

10.0 Na Moltaí

The Cathaoirleach advised that the Recommendations, as submitted to Convention, would be referred to the appropriate sub-committees when appointed in 2021.

11.0 Election of Officers

11.1 The Cathaoirleach declared all positions vacant.

11.2 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 E Connolly which was seconded by P Kerr. Tellers were also identified.

11.3 Voting had already taken place by a 'Delivered Vote' for the positions where more than one nominee remained standing, on the basis of the Proportional Representation. The Cathaoirleach advised that the position of Coaching Officer would remain vacant as the only nominee, Damian Harvey, was currently under suspension.

11.4 The results of the elections were as follows:

Cathaoirleach:	Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara (Unopposed)
Leas-Cathaoirleach:	Mairtín Ó Sludáin (Unopposed)
Cisteoir:	Eibhlín Ní Chongaile (Unopposed)
Cisteoir Cúnta:	Réamann Mac Eoghain (Unopposed)
Rúnaí Cúnta:	Micheálin Nic an Choiligh (Unopposed)
Ball Árd Chomhairle:	<i>(Valid votes cast: 56. Quota required: 29 votes)</i>
	Breandán Ó hEarghaill (33 votes – Elected)
	Róisin Ní Shúirtáin (8 votes)
	Gearóid Ó Brolchán (6 votes)
	Aodhán Mag Uidhir (5 votes)
	Dónal Mag Aoidh (4 votes)



Baill Chomhairle Uladh: *(Valid votes cast: 56. Quota required: 19 votes)*

Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh	(1 st Count: 29 votes - Elected)
Conchúr Mac Sálaigh	(1 st Count: 11 votes) (2 nd Count: 14 votes) (3 rd Count: 15 votes – Elected – based on 1 st preferences)
Peadar Ó Cinneide	(1 st Count: 10 votes) (2 nd Count: 13 votes) (3 rd Count: 15 votes – Eliminated - based on 1 st preferences)
Peadar Mac Giolla Cheara	(1 st Count: 6 votes) (2 nd Count: 10 votes - Eliminated)

Oifigeach Cultur & Teanga: Dónal Mag Aoidh (Unopposed)

Oifigeach Oiliúna:

Oifigeach Iomána: Adamhnán Ó Loingsigh (Unopposed)

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí: Eoghan Mac Dhónaill (Unopposed)

11.5 Club Representatives on County Committee

_____ (Achadh Lú), Patsy Connolly (Achadh Uí Aráin), _____ (Ard Bó), _____ (Eochar), _____ (An Béarach), _____ (Breac an Bhile), _____ (Brocach), Francie Grogan McMahan (An Charraig Mhór), _____ (Caisleán na Deirge), _____ (Clann na nGael), Ciaran McKenna (An Clochar), _____ (Cluain Eo), Fergus Harte (Oileán a'Ghuail), Raymond Donnelly (An Chorr Chriochach), _____ (Doire Lochain), _____ (Doire Treasc), _____ Domhnach Mór, Barry Campbell (An Droim Mhór), Brendan Harpur (Droim Caoin), Paddy Gallagher (An Droim Ratha), _____ (Dún Geanainn), Martin McGuigan (Éadán na dTorc), Sean Donaghy (Eaglais), _____ (Aireagal Chiaráin), Seamus Marlow (Eisceach), _____ (An Fionntamhnach), _____ (An Gallbhaile), Fergal McAneney (Gleann Eallaigh), Barbara Ward (An Goirtín), _____ (An Caisleán Glas), _____ (Cill Dhreasa), _____ (Cill Íseal), Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair), _____ (Cill na mBan), _____ (Loch Mhic Ruairí), _____ (Baile na Móna), _____ (An Mháigh), Terence Timoney (Naomh Eoghan), Ciaran McDaid (An Ómaigh), _____ (E. R. Uí Néill), Paddy Barrett (Cabán a'Chaortainn), _____ (An Charraig), _____ (An Chraobh), _____ (An Srath Ban), _____ (An Taite Riabhach), Raymond Monteith (Trí Leac), _____ (Urnaí), Colin Mullin (Éire Óg), _____ (Eoghan Ruadh), _____ (Naomh Colum Cille), _____ (Na Seamrogai).

12.0 Appointments

12.1 Convention ratified the re-appointment of Adrian Nugent (An Charraig), as recommended by the outgoing Management Committee, to the position of County Children's Officer.

12.2 Convention ratified the appointment of Aodhán Mag Uidhir (An Baile Nua) as recommended by the outgoing Management Committee to the position of County Development Officer.

Proposed by M Sludden; seconded by M Cox.

Convention concluded at 9.30 pm.

INTREOIR

Last year we described 2020 as being a year like no other, due to the Covid19 coronavirus pandemic, and we expressed the hope that 2021 would be a better experience for everyone. Regrettably, this has not been the case; the virus and its variants are still causing havoc in all aspects of our way of life and bringing illness and death to communities throughout the world. The research and development undertaken in science and medicine proved highly successful in the formulation of vaccines that significantly reduced the transmission rates of the virus, but much remains to be achieved if the disease is to be ever brought under control, or eliminated altogether. For now we will have to adapt our lifestyles, continue to take precautions, and learn to live with it.

The impact on the GAA and its members improved only slightly in 2021, and on a gradual basis as the year progressed. At the beginning of the year the restrictions imposed by government departments and the Association remained in place; the playing of games was not permitted, training sessions were banned, employees were placed on furlough or working from home, committee meetings could only be convened as online events, dressing-rooms and gymnasias were locked shut. As the summer approached, and with the vaccines having been widely distributed, teams were allowed to commence training, games could be played with restricted numbers of supporters attending, the furlough scheme remained in place, and the Association's emergency powers at all levels were extended.

At Provincial and County levels outstanding fixtures from 2020 were eventually played to complete the competitions, and then the 2021 leagues and championships - in their limited formats - could commence. There was no Dr McKenna Cup competition and no Ulster Minor league, but a championship at U17, U20 and Senior level were successfully organized; each division of the NFL was split in two, giving each county three matches – which started in mid-May without spectators - but no Division 1 final could be fitted into the allotted time, and the All-Ireland championship was completed without Qualifiers or a Super-8 stage. By the time of the All-Ireland finals the capacity of Croke Park had been increased to 50% of normal.

Within the county, the CCC successfully organized a full programme of adult league and championship games with the only restriction being that all games – except the three adult championship finals - had to finish on the day. Youth leagues and championships at the new U13, U15, U17 and U19 levels were all completed during the summer and early autumn months - a credit to all Clubs and their players.

Physical development work at Club level reduced to near zero levels but Kildress Wolfe Tone's and Rock St Patrick's were able to proceed with the official openings of their new and impressive facilities. Scór activities were severely limited in 2021 while, on the other hand, there was a widespread demand for the football and hurling Summer Camps that were managed by the Coaching Committee.

In February the Annual Congress was held as an online event and several months later a Special Congress was convened in Croke Park, with reduced representation from each county, to deal with motions that were deemed to deserve more serious consideration.

On the field of play the senior hurlers contested the Nicky Rackard Cup final; the minor footballers won the Ulster championship and were narrowly defeated in the All-Ireland final; the senior footballers won the Ulster and the All-Ireland championships, all taking place in in Páirc an Chrócaigh

Within the Covid19 restrictions much was achieved in 2021, but a lot was left undone, again.

COUNTY TEAMS

Peil Minor (U17) Championship 2020

At the time of last year's County Convention the 2020 Minor Championship was in abeyance due to the Covid-19 restrictions that had been placed on under-age competitions. Then, a brief opening in the restrictive guidelines allowed the quarterfinals of the competition to take place. On December 20th, Tír Eoghain travelled to Ballybofey to engage with the home county in a re-drawn opening round fixture; this was a low-scoring event, in which Tír Eoghain were dominant throughout, but only managed to finish in the lead by a single point, on a scoreline of 0-08 to 0-07.

While the semifinal against Doire was fixed for Clones a fortnight later, increases in the transmission of the coronavirus required yet another severe 'lockdown', resulting in both semifinals being postponed, again.

The 2020 semifinal was eventually fixed for Saturday 26th June 2021, in Armagh, with the total attendance restricted to 500 spectators. In a highly-entertaining and most competitive match Tír Eoghain started well and had edged in front at the interval to lead by one point. By the three-quarter stage Doire were two points adrift until they were awarded a somewhat harsh penalty; its successful conversion gave them a one point lead which they managed to retain until the finish of the game. Congratulations is extended to Doire who went on to win the Ulster and All-Ireland titles.



U17 Panel (2020): Harry Morgan (Dungannon), Callan Kelly (Cookstown), Enda McCaffrey (Omagh), Michael Rafferty (Cappagh), James Donaghy (Carrickmore), Lorcan McGarrity (Carrickmore), Fionbharr Taggart (Omagh), Oran McGrath (Strabane), Ruairi Campbell (Coalisland), Conor McGillion (Fintona), Tom Grimes (Donaghmore), Ruairi McHugh (Coalisland), Cormac Devlin (Ardboe), Ruairi Canavan (Errigal Ciaran), Conor Cush (Donaghmore), Niall Robinson (Derrylaughan), Conor Colton (Dromore), Jack Hamilton (Moortown), Shea Quinn (Shea Quinn), Patrick McCann (Beragh), Danny McHugh (Naomh Eoghan), Oisín Miller (Omagh), Sean O'Donnell (Trillick), Tiernan Teague (Greencastle), Conal McConomy (Naomh Eoghan), Conor Hughes (Dungannon), Blaine Ryan (Moortown), Shea Lawn (Moortown), Eoin Neill (Killeeshill), Callum Lagan (Pomeroy), Adam Toner (Dungannon).

Sincere thanks is extended to Colin Holmes and his management team for all of the preparatory work undertaken with this panel of players throughout the prolonged lockdowns of a most bizarre start-stop season.



Minor Championship 2021

Again, due to limitations imposed as a consequence of the Covid19 restrictions, this year there was no Ulster League for the minor players, under the newly-appointed management team led by Gerry Donnelly from the Stewartstown Club,

Tír Eoghain was drawn against An Dún in the first round of the Ulster championship played in Healy Park. After a rather nervous start the home side settled well and remained dominant throughout the game; they enjoyed a two-goal lead at the half-time interval and stamped their authority on the game on the resumption to run out comfortable 16-point winners.

Semifinal opponents were Fear Manach who also travelled to Omagh (as a result of a coin toss for venue) following their victory over An Cabhán. Despite the visitors taking an early lead with a well taken goal they could not cope with the physical attributes and superior skills of Tír Eoghain. Trailing by 1-03 to 2-10 at the interval Fear Manach were facing an insurmountable task and when the home side added a further three goals within the third quarter the outcome was put beyond all doubt. Final scoreline 6-21 to 1-06.

The Ulster final was played in Brewster Park Enniskillen and the opposition was provided by Dún na nGall; while Tír Eoghain were the superior team in the opening half their inability to convert opportunities into scores resulted in them only having a four-point lead at the interval. In the third quarter they just managed a single point, but after the water-break and having a player black-carded, they turned on their style scoring two goals within a minute. From then until the final whistle they were able to keep Dún na nGall at arm's length and won the game on a comfortable scoreline of 2-10 to 1-07 - a first Ulster minor title since 2012 and the county's twenty-fourth in total.

The All-Ireland semifinal against Corcaigh was played in Tullamore, the following week on 21st August; here, Tír Eoghain was dominant in all sectors of the field and cruised to a most comfortable victory on a scoreline of 0-23 to 1-06. Indeed, the margin of victory would have been more staggering but for the outstanding display of the 'Rebels' goalkeeper who prevented at least three goal-scoring opportunities being taken.

The championship final was played in Croke Park as curtain-raiser to the All-Ireland senior football semifinal, involving Tír Eoghain and Ciarraí. An Mhí scored the opening two points but were soon overtaken as Tír Eoghain scored 1-03 while playing some excellent football. At the break, the Leinster champions had edged ahead by one point, and had pushed the lead out to three points by the end of the third quarter; as the game progressed Tír Eoghain closed the gap but could not draw level, with their scoring opportunities drifting wide or falling frustratingly short. The game ended in agonising fashion with a one-point defeat for this very young team (1-11 to 1-12)

U17 Panel (2021): Niall Robinson (Derrylaughan), Michael Rafferty (Killyclogher), Ronan Fox (Loughmacrory), Callan Kelly (Cookstown), Hugh Cunningham (Pomeroy), Shea O'Hare (Ardboe), Conan Devlin (Ardboe), Ronan Donnelly (Donaghmore), Ruairi McHugh (Coalisland), Ronan Strain (Omagh), Cormac Devlin (Ardboe), Gavin Potter (Killyclogher), Ronan Cassidy (Donaghmore), Paddy McCann (Beragh), Eoin McElholm (Loughmacrory), Conor McAneney (Glenelly), Matthew Mallon (Omagh), Barry McMenamin (Aghyaran), Brian Hampsey (Coalisland), Conor Owens (Beragh), Noah Grimes (Donaghmore), Caolan O'Hagan (Killyclogher), Fiachra Donnelly (Beragh), Odhran Brolly (Gortin), Ben Hughes (Donaghmore), Callum Lagan (Pomeroy), Conor Mc Garvey (Donaghmore), Daithi McCallan (Carrickmore), Jack Martin (Ardboe), Oisín Gormley (Drumquin), Oisín McAliskey (Derrylaughan), Ronan Molloy (Donaghmore), Ryan Donnelly (Eglish), Sean O'Hare (Ardboe), Shea Boyle (Dungannon), Thomas McGuigan (Donaghmore).

Congratulations are offered to Callan Kelly, Ruairi McHugh, Cormac Devlin, Shea O'Hare and Ronan Cassidy all of whom were well-deservedly selected in the Electric Ireland Minor Team of the Year.



Tyrone Minor Panel (2021)

We extend our appreciation and congratulations to all the players and management of this panel on their successful achievements in winning the Ulster Championship and participating in the All-Ireland final. Particular thanks is due to Gerry Donnelly and his management team and our liaison officer Benny Hurl for all of the work undertaken with, and the time devoted to, the young 2021 footballers in very difficult circumstances.

U20 Football

Tír Eoghain were drawn against Dún na nGall in this year's championship. Despite having home advantage Tír Eoghain fell badly behind in the opening half and gave themselves too much to do in the second. Dún na nGall won the game on a scoreline of 1-12 to 1-09.

Once again, we express our gratitude to manager Paul Devlin for the huge amount of time and effort that he has devoted to the selection of this panel and its preparation for the championship in the most trying of circumstances in 2021. Thanks is also due to the liaison officer, Dermot McCaughey, and the management team for their significant contributions

The Tír Eoghain U20 panel this year was: Mark McGale (Dromore), John Rafferty (Killyclogher), Lorcán McBride (Carrickmore), Cormac Quinn (Capt.) (Errigal Ciaran), Neil Kilpatrick (Edendork), Kevin Barker (Dungannon), Tarlach Quinn (Moortown), Michael McGleenan (Eglis), Shea Daly (Carrickmore), Ciarán Daly (Trillick), Rory Donnelly (Carrickmore), Ronan Duffin (Pomeroy), Daniel Fullerton (Carrickmore), Odhrán Robinson (Errigal Ciaran), Luke Donnelly (Eglis), Adam Groogan (Omagh), Dara Curran (Loughmacrory), Oisín McCann (Killyclogher), Simon Garrity (Trillick), Oran Mulgrew (Ardboe), Ciarán Bogue (Clogher), Steve Donaghy (Moy), James Donaghy (Carrickmore), Seán O'Donnell (Trillick), Rory Canavan (Aireagal Chiaráin), Lorcan McGarrity (An Charraig Mhór).

Senior Football

The 2021 National League commenced on 16th May in a split format, all due to the continuing lockdown associated with the Covid19 pandemic; in Division 1 North, Tír Eoghain were placed with Ard Mhacha, Dún na nGall and Muineachán, while Áth Cliath, Gaillimh, Ciarraí and Ros Comáin constituted the Division 1 South.

After a four-week preparation period Tír Eoghain hosted Dún na nGall at Healy Park in the first-round fixture; in the opening half the two teams were well-matched scoring ten points each, but when the home side lost a player due to a double yellow card, Dún na nGall edged ahead by two points and held this lead until the end.

In Round 2, Tír Eoghain made the short journey to the Athletic Grounds in Armagh; in another closely-contested affair the teams were level at halftime, with the home team edging in front in the third quarter. However, Tír Eoghain fought back vigorously in the closing period and claimed a five-point victory.

In the final ordinary round game Muineachán visited Healy Park and were fortunate to trail by only three points at the half-way stage; in the end, the sides finished level and so Tír Eoghain retained its Division 1 status and qualified for the semifinal, while the visitors faced a relegation play-off.

A very demanding trek to Killarney was the county's 'reward' for qualification for the NFL Division 1 semifinal, to take on the home side and reigning League title holders Ciarraí. Tír Eoghain lost the first half by fourteen points and the second half by two points, in a most humbling performance that almost matched the 2020 defeat by Gaillimh in Tuam. Having qualified for the NFL final, and not being available to participate in it due to their forthcoming championship fixture, Ciarraí retained its League title but shared it with Áth Cliath, who won the second semifinal.

NFL Panel

Players who represented the County in the 2021 NFL were:

Niall Morgan (Edendork), Darren McCurry (Edendork), Ronan McNamee (Aghyaran), Tiernan McCann (Killyclogher), Mark Bradley (Killyclogher), Rory Brennan (Trillick), Niall Sludden (Dromore), Ronan O'Neill (Omagh), Conor Meyler (Omagh), Peter Harte (Errigal Ciaran), Darragh Canavan (Errigal Ciaran), Kieran McGeary (Pomeroy), Frank Burns (Pomeroy), Michael Cassidy (Ardboe), Michael O'Neill (Ardboe), Liam Rafferty (Galbally), Michael McKernan (Coalisland), Pádraig Hampsey (Coalisland), Mattie Donnelly (Trillick), Richard Donnelly (Trillick), Brian Kennedy (Derrylaughan), Conor McKenna (Eglis), Cormac Monroe (Carrickmore), Conor Shields (Clogher), Paul Donaghy (Dungannon), Declan McClure (Clonoe).

Other panellists: Darragh McAnenly (Errigal Ciaran), Peter Teague (Dromore), Niall Kelly (Errigal Ciaran), Ben McDonnell (Errigal Ciaran), Hugh Pat McGeary (Pomeroy), Conor Quinn (Galbally), Cathal McShane (Owen Roes), Jonathan Monroe (Carrickmore), Shea Hamill (Donaghmore), Connor McAliskey (Clonoe), Danny McNulty (Clonoe), Michael Conroy (Moy).

In the first round of the Ulster championship Tír Eoghain faced the reigning champions, An Cabhán in Healy Park. There was little between the two counties in the opening half hour, but the Red Hands opened up a four-point lead before the break. A few minutes after the resumption, Tír Eoghain scored the only goal of the game and gradually took control, easing to an eight-point victory. Dún na nGall were next up as the semifinal opponents. This was, as expected, a closely-contested affair in which Tír Eoghain led by a single point at the break and it wasn't until the final quarter when the substitutes were introduced, that the winning scores were created.

The Ulster final against Muineachán took place in Croke Park in order to facilitate a greater number of patrons and supporters (18,000), in compliance with the restrictive guidelines required due to the Covid 19 virus. In the opening half Tír Eoghain probably gave its best performance of the year to date, and should have led by much more than just five points (0-11 to 0-06). On the re-start, there



was some loss of momentum with Muineachán being allowed to fight their way back into the game; however, Tír Eoghain again finished as the stronger side and with a one-point victory collected the Anglo-Celt Cup for the 16th time.

This was a remarkable achievement for the new management team of Brian Dooher and Feargal Logan especially taking into account the disrupted nature of their training schedule and the loss of four key players due to the Covid19 virus in the week before the final.

With no Qualifiers' competition this year again, the next game was the All-Ireland semifinal against Munster champions, Ciarraí. Unfortunately, due to further transmission of the virus among the football panel and members of the team's management, it was necessary to seek a postponement of this fixture. The CCCC agreed to a welcome six-day deferral which, however, was an insufficient time to allow all players to complete their required periods of isolation, and to safely return to training preparations for the All-Ireland semifinal. Having obtained medical opinion from one of the country's leading experts in the fields of Infectious Diseases and Microbial Diseases, it fell to Tír Eoghain to inform the CCCC that the county team could not field a team on the proposed date; the CCCC consulted with Ciarraí, and the agreed outcome was that the semifinal would be deferred for a further week, with the All-Ireland final re-set for Saturday 11th September.

It is appropriate at this point to express our sincere appreciation to Coiste Chontae Chiarraí for its sympathetic consideration of the difficult position that the Tír Eoghain team found itself in, and for its facilitation of the desire of the CCCC to defer the All-Ireland semifinal. Gratitude is also due to the CCCC and its officers for their understanding of our critical and difficult situation.

When the semifinal fixture took place, the capacity of Croke Park had been increased to 24,000. The Munster champions opened the scoring with two points in the first three minutes, but by the seventh minute Tir Eoghain were on level terms, and held a one-point lead at the interval. In the second half, the intensity of the game never waned, with the outcome always remaining in doubt; by the seventy-fifth minute, Tír Eoghain led by a single point, but two minutes later Ciarraí scored a simple equalising point from a soft 13m free to send the match into extra time.

In the first period, Tír Eoghain scored 1-03 while Ciarraí managed 0-03 and in the final period of extra time they scored a further two points to leave the Ulster champions ahead by one, and qualifying for a seventh All-Ireland final.

Simply put, this was a quite magnificent victory for Tír Eoghain taking into account, in advance, the severely disrupted preparations due to the Covid19 outbreak among players and management, and during the game, having participated with fourteen players for twenty-four minutes due to the imposition of three black cards.

In the All-Ireland final on Saturday 11th September, Tír Eoghain faced Connacht champions Maigh Eo who had unexpectedly defeated the then reigning champions, Áth Cliath, in the first semifinal. Just like Ciarraí, Maigh Eo had waited patiently and without complaint for this fixture. The sentimental view throughout the country suggested that Maigh Eo - appearing in an eleventh All-Ireland final since their historic victory in 1951 – would at last reap the benefits of this vast experience and achieve the ultimate prize; indeed, in any other year Tyrone would have supported this widespread view, and this county.

In front of a 50% attendance of 41,150 in Croke Park, Maigh Eo got off to a flying start with the opening two points but by the 10th minute Tír Eoghain had taken the lead, and they never again trailed in the match. The cold statistics show that Tír Eoghain scored equally in each half (0-10 and 2-04) while Maigh Eo had similar form (0-08 and 0-07) in both periods. The Red Hands' defence was well-organised throughout the final and made great recoveries when the few errors occurred; the

midfield section held the edge, working very hard, and contributed significantly to several scores, especially the second magnificent goal; and the forward division, including the substitutes whose introduction in the second half was well-timed, always posed serious threats for the Maigh Eo rearguard while playing clever football. There is no doubt that Tír Eoghain enjoyed some good fortune during the course of the game – and throughout the championship – while it eluded the Connacht champions, none more so than the second-half penalty miss. However, in this match Tír Eoghain rose to, and grew into, the occasion with most team members displaying personal bests in a well-executed gameplan, on the day.

When Joe McQuillan’s whistle sounded for the final time, Tír Eoghain had won its fourth All-Ireland senior football championship on a scoreline of 2-14 to 0-15.

While Brian Dooher became the sixth person to both captain and manage his county to All-Ireland victories at senior level, he and Feargal Logan became the first joint managers to win a senior All Ireland title. We congratulate Feargal and Brian on their remarkable achievement in winning the 2021 All-Ireland title, in their first year of senior football team management, and we thank them both for all of the work undertaken with this group of talented players during a very difficult year and in such adverse circumstances. Appreciation is also due to the management team of coaches, doctors, physios, statistics’ and analysis personnel, assembled by Feargal and Brian, all of whom made immeasurable contributions to the highly successful season.

Finally we pay tribute to all of the Tyrone players who committed so much of their time and energy, mostly in very demanding circumstances, sometimes on their own, on the training grounds, in their gyms and in games, in order to win the Ulster and All-Ireland championships. While some did not get the opportunity to take the field in as many games as they might have wished, each and every member of the 38-man panel contributed in some manner to these successes and we are grateful to all of them for bringing Tyrone back to the pinnacle of the GAA.

It was fitting that at the year’s end as many as fifteen of these men deservedly received nominations for All-Star awards; two were nominated for ‘Player of the Year’ and one was included in the nominations for ‘Young Player of the Year’. Congratulations to all.



Tyrone Senior Football Panel (2021)



The All-Ireland Championship Panel of 2021

Niall Morgan (Edendork), Darren McCurry (Edendork), Conn Kilpatrick (Edendork), Ronan McNamee (Aghyaran), Tiernan McCann (Killyclogher), Mark Bradley (Killyclogher), Rory Brennan (Trillick), Lee Brennan (Trillick), Mattie Donnelly (Trillick), Richard Donnelly (Trillick), Niall Sludden (Dromore), Peter Teague (Dromore), Ronan O'Neill (Omagh), Conor Meyler (Omagh), Peter Harte (Errigal Ciaran), Darragh Canavan (Errigal Ciaran), Darragh McAnenly (Errigal Ciaran), Niall Kelly (Errigal Ciaran), Ben McDonnell (Errigal Ciaran), Kieran McGearry (Pomeroy), Hugh Pat McGearry (Pomeroy), Frank Burns (Pomeroy), Michael Cassidy (Ardboe), Michael O'Neill (Ardboe), Liam Rafferty (Galbally), Conor Quinn (Galbally), Michael McKernan (Coalisland), Pádraig Hampsey (Coalisland), Brian Kennedy (Derrylaughan), Conor McKenna (Eglis), Lorcan Quinn (Donaghmore), Shea Hamill (Donaghmore), Conor Shields (Clogher), Paul Donaghy (Dungannon), Cathal McShane (Owen Roes), Jonathan Monroe (Carrickmore), Cormac Monroe (Carrickmore), Michael Conroy (Moy).

Due to the Covid19 restrictions that were then in existence in the southern jurisdiction it was decided that Tyrone's post-match celebrations would take place in the Armagh City hotel, where the limit on the capacity allowed 400 persons to attend. The organising committee led by the Cisteoir, Eileen Connolly, and the Cathaoirleach, Michael Kerr commenced their work in the immediate aftermath of the semifinal victory, and in the very short period of time available they devoted many hours and they travelled many miles to plan and deliver an event that was exceptionally fitting for All-Ireland champions.

On the following day, the triumphant team made the short journey across from Armagh to Healy Park Omagh, with hundreds of red and white bedecked supporters lining the route, and were greeted by thousands of jubilant fans in the stand and terraces. Then, for the next several hours, the players met and mixed with them, providing autographs and photographic opportunities to young and old.

Appreciation is extended to the officers of St Enda's GAC for the organising and hosting of this outstanding homecoming; also, to Donal Magee and Stephen Hughes of the Language and Culture committee, for the work done in advance of, and during, the event and for the musical entertainment that was laid on.

We acknowledge with thanks the contributions made by An Garda Síochána and the PSNI over the two days of the All-Ireland in ensuring that the Tyrone team travelled safely to, and arrived punctually at, all of the required locations.

Scór Clár 2021

Peil

An Sraith Náisiúnta (Roinn 1)

Bealtaine 15	Tír Eoghain 0-16	Dún na nGall	0-18	at Omagh
Bealtaine 22	Tír Eoghain 2-15	Ard Mhacha	2-10	at Armagh
Bealtaine 29	Tír Eoghain 0-14	Muineachán	0-14	at Omagh
Meitheamh 12	Tír Eoghain 1-13	Ciarraí	6-16	at Killarney (Semifinal)

Craobh Peile

Lúil 10	Tír Eoghain 1-18	An Cabhán	0-13	at Omagh
Lúil 18	Tír Eoghain 0-23	Dún na nGall	1-14	at Enniskillen
Lúil 31	Tír Eoghain 0-16	Muineachán	0-15	at Croke Park (Ulster Final)
Lunasa 28	Tír Eoghain 3-14	Ciarraí	0-22	at Croke Park
Meán Fómhair 11	Tír Eoghain 2-14	Maigh Eo	0-15	at Croke Park (All-Ireland Final)



U20 Craobh Peile Uladh

Iúil 09 Tír Eoghain 1-09 Dún na nGall 1-12 at Omagh

U17 Craobh Peile Uladh

2020

Meitheamh 26 Tír Eoghain 2-12 Doire 3-10 at Armagh (Semifinal)

U17 Craobh Peile

2021

Iúil 28 Tír Eoghain 3-16 An Dún 0-09 at Omagh

Lunása 06 Tír Eoghain 6-21 Fear Manach 1-06 at Omagh

Lunása 13 Tír Eoghain 2-11 Dún na nGall 1-07 at Enniskillen (Ulster Final)

Lunása 21 Tír Eoghain 0-23 Corcaigh 1-06 at Tullamore

Lunása 28 Tír Eoghain 1-11 An Mhí 1-12 at Croke Park (All-Ireland Final)

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
Minor (U17) (2020)	1	0	0	1
Minor (U17) (2021)	5	4	0	1
U20	1	0	0	1
Senior	9	6	1	2
Total	16	10	1	5

Iomána

NHL

Tír Eoghain commenced its 2021 campaign in Division 3A with a well-deserved home victory over neighbouring Muineachán; in the opening half the visitors had opened up a two-point lead, but Tír Eoghain performed powerfully in the second half outscoring Muineachán by 1-14 to 0-06 to win by a comfortable nine points.

In round 2, a week later, Tír Eoghain made the long trip to Longfort where they deservedly shared the points, in a very high-scoring encounter. Having led by two points at the interval, Tír Eoghain endured an onslaught at the start of the second half when the home county scored four consecutive points. From then until the end the lead interchanged several times and the final score, taken by Tír Eoghain, levelled the game.

In the second home game of the NHL Sligeach and Tír Eoghain were well-matched in a low-scoring opening half with 6 points apiece; in the third quarter the home side went ahead by two points, but the visitors fought back, finishing strongly to clinch the game by seven points. In doing so, Sligeach also claimed the Division 3A title.

The final game for Tír Eoghain involved a short trip to Armagh; this game followed the pattern of the previous one – being highly competitive throughout. Ard Mhacha led by three points at the break and by the same margin at the end of the match – an outcome which left Tír Eoghain in a mid-table position of Division 3A.

Nicky Rackard Cup

In this competition's first round fixture, Tír Eoghain made the short journey back to Armagh on Saturday 3rd July; the opening half against the home county was very competitive and Tír Eoghain

trailed by two points (1-06 to 1-08) at the break, having failed to convert up to a dozen other scoring opportunities. In the third quarter they fell further behind until the home side led by seven points. However, an exhilarating fightback commenced, and the sides were level on a number of stages as additional time approached; Tír Eoghain finished off stronger scoring the final two points to win an epic encounter by the same margin to qualify for the semifinal.

The semifinal against Dún na nGall was played on one of the hottest afternoons of the July heatwave in Páirc Cholmcille Carrickmore; this was a very evenly-contested game with the home side edging into a three-point lead at the interval. Throughout the second half Tír Eoghain extended the lead up to eight points although Dún na nGall did manage to reduce the margin to five at the end of almost ten minutes of additional time. While this was an accomplished performance by a well-drilled team, it would be remiss to not pay special tribute to the team's goalkeeper, Conor McElhatton, whose father Jim died during the week and whose funeral took place on the day before this game.

The final took place in Croke Park as a curtain-raiser to the Ulster senior football championship final with Maigh Eo providing the opposition. This was a day of bitter disappointment for the county's senior hurlers when their game-plan didn't materialise as they came up against a better team, which plays its league games in a higher division than Tír Eoghain. While the Red Hands played with great spirit and no little determination the Westerners had opened up a 13-point lead by the half-time interval; Tír Eoghain battled hard during the second half and reduced the lead to nine points but could not continue to match their opponents who ran out as comfortable winners.



Tyrone Senior Hurling Panel (2021)

The panel which participated in the Nicky Rackard Cup and the NHL in 2021: Sean Paul McKernan (Eoghan Ruadh), Tiernan Morgan (Eoghan Ruadh), Damian Casey (Eoghan Ruadh), CJ McGourty (Naomh Gall), Fionn Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Lorcan Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Chris Kearns (Naomh Colum Cille), Liam Armstrong (Éire Óg), Ciaran Donovan (Éire Óg), Lochrann Ó Donnaile (Éire Óg), Ciaran Lagan (An Ómaigh), Rory Weir (Eoghan Ruadh), John McGurk (Coill an Chlochair), Bryan McGurk (Éire Óg), Dean Rafferty (Éire Óg), Conor McElhatton (Éire Óg), Conor Grogan (Éire Óg), Jarlath Kerr (Éire Óg), Sean Kerr (Éire Óg), Chris Cross (Naomh Colum Cille), Sean Donaghy (Eoghan Ruadh), Sheamus Hagan (Naomh Colum Cille), Conor McNally (Eoghan Ruadh), John Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Mickey Little (Eoghan Ruadh), Niall McKenna (Éire Óg), Duibhir Marshall (Eoghan Ruadh), Cain Ferguson (Eoghan Ruadh), Anthony Crossan (Éire Óg), Darragh Grogan (Éire Óg), Dermot Begley (Éire Óg), Pádraig McHugh (Eoghan Ruadh), Justin Kelly (Éire Óg), Sean Óg Grogan (Éire Óg).

All players are to be congratulated on their serious and genuine commitment to training, especially with very limited access to facilities, and also on this year's achievements, in the victories over both Ard Mhacha and Dún na nGall to reach the Nicky Rackard final in Croke.

We express our gratitude to the newly-appointed team manager Michael McShane for his preparation of the panel of players and his contribution to their development during 2021. Sincere thanks is also due to Aidan Maguire, the team's liaison officer, who never missed a training session and was an ever-present at all the League and Cup games.

Scór Clár

An Sraith Náisiúnta Roinn 3A

Bealtaine 16	Tír Eoghain 1-25	Muineachán	2-13	at Omagh
Bealtaine 22	Tír Eoghain 2-22	Longfort	2-22	at Longford
Meitheamh 12	Tír Eoghain 0-14	Sligeach	1-18	at Omagh
Meitheamh 19	Tír Eoghain 2-19	Ard Mhacha	1-25	at Armagh

Corn Nicky Rackard

Lúil 03	Tír Eoghain 1-18	Ard Mhacha	1-16	at Armagh
Lúil 24	Tír Eoghain 2-23	Dún na nGall	1-21	at Carrickmore
Lúil 31	Tír Eoghain 1-14	Maigh Eo	2-27	at Croke Park

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
Senior	7	3	1	3



Senior Hurling Champions 2021 – Éire Óg Carrickmore



CLUB COMPETITIONS

Competitions at Club level commenced in Tyrone on the second weekend of May, with the finalization of the 2020 leagues and championships that were delayed due to the Covid19 pandemic restrictions that had been imposed. As indicated in the table below all of these were successfully completed during a two week period, and still with no spectators permitted in attendance. For this achievement, credit is due to the Competitions Control Committee as well as the participating players from a large group of Clubs.

The official Club competitions for the current year began on 20th May with the Minor football league, followed by the adult football leagues on Friday 28th May - providing a regular programme of games that are ongoing at time of writing. The adult football championships were deferred until two weeks after the senior county team had successfully concluded the All-Ireland series on 11th September, and all three of these delivered the quality, intensity, excitement and surprises that is now anticipated in Tyrone.

The one aspect of our fixtures' programme that caused some disappointment was the inability to commence official hurling competitions at adult or youth levels until mid-September this year. The adult league commenced on 26th September, followed by the championship on 15th October. In the now-traditional final, Carrickmore Éire Óg retained its senior title with a seven-point victory over Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh, while Naomh Colum Cille were successful once again against Omagh in the Junior final.

The LCC Junior football championship commenced on 23rd September and concluded on 7th November. Cookstown Fr Rock's reached the final, having overcome Castlederg, Errigal Ciaran III's and Drumragh, while their opponents Eskra Emmett's had a first-round bye, followed by comfortable successes against Brockagh and Urney. In an exciting final the sides were locked together on scores at the half-time break, with Eskra then edging ahead by two points at the end of the third quarter and beginning to look as if they would add the championship to the league title that was already won. But, Cookstown came storming back in a high-scoring finale, opening up a seven point winning margin, and so collected the Junior championship's Pat Darcy Cup.

The LCC Intermediate championship began on 30th September and was successfully finished on 13th November. This year's finalists were Moortown St Malachy's and Leckpatrick Owen Roes; Moortown defeated Aghaloo, Kildress and Rock while Owen Roes progressed to the final having accounted for Clogher, and then Gortin in a semifinal that required extra-time and a penalty shoot-out to determine winners. In a low-scoring encounter the sides were level at the water-break and then Moortown scored four unanswered points as half-time approached to lead 0-07 to 0-03. The second half continued with four points for Moortown and another three for Owen Roes. So, Moortown was crowned Intermediate champions for the second time in the Club's history – the first success having occurred in 1975 – and there is now a welcome return to senior level after an eight-year gap.

At senior level the CCC organized another very compact football championship which, as ever, threw up many absorbing games with totally unpredictable outcomes in almost every round. It commenced on Sunday 3rd October and the last teams standing in the final on 14th November were Dromore St Dymphna's and Coalisland Fianna. Dromore travelled the longer journey, having been drawn to meet Ardboe in a preliminary encounter; following a two-point victory they then squeezed out last year's champions, Dungannon after extra time. Extra time was required again in overcoming

Eglis in the quarter-final and there was another two-point victory, over neighbouring Trillick to reach the final.

Coalisland's path was equally dramatic, coming from behind in all three of their championship games against Edendork, Carrickmore and Errigal Ciaran to win by the slender margins of two points, one point, and one point, respectively. In the opening stages of the final Dromore were second best in most aspects of play and Coalisland were on top everywhere, except in taking the scoring opportunities that were created, with the result that the teams were level on 0-05 at the interval. In the second period Dromore were totally transformed and began playing with new energy, more creativity, a fast-moving attack and a highly-disciplined defensive structure. The St Dymrna's side went on to score a further ten points while Coalisland, who continued to work very hard, struggled to get just three more scores. On a final scoreline of 0-15 to 0-08 Dromore claimed its fourth senior football championship to add to the O'Neill Cup victories of 2007, 2009 and 2011. Conor O'Hara, the Dromore team captain was presented with the Cup by County Chairman Michael Kerr in the added presence of the Association's President, Larry McCarthy.



Senior Football Champions 2021 – St Dymrna's Dromore

The third Club highly represented on County Final day was Carrickmore St Colmcille's, whose Silver Jubilee teams, that won back-to-back championships in 1995 and 1996, were honoured. Each of the thirty-five players, and the teams' managers, was introduced to the capacity attendance in Healy Park and was presented with a special medal by the County Chairman in recognition of their outstanding achievements of twenty-five years earlier.

At this point it is appropriate to express grateful appreciation to all who contributed so much, and in so many different ways, to make the Tyrone championships such a magnificent success in another historic year for the county. Firstly, gratitude is due to all of the participating Clubs, their players and the management teams who prepared so diligently in very difficult circumstances; also, to the Clubs that hosted matches and who ensured that their grounds were in the best possible condition; to the match officials, the National Anthem singers, the officers of the CCC who planned the schedule of fixtures, the stewards who managed the car-parking, the stewards who worked at gates and

turnstiles, and the stewards who dealt with crowd control; and finally, to the members of the Communications and IT subcommittees who delivered the streaming of all games, the match programmes, and managed all the ticketing arrangements.

When it is recognised that, in total, fifty adult championship games were successfully completed in a period of just fifty-three days we can begin to realise the massive amount of work undertaken by a comparatively small number of people, as above, all of whom were doing so in a voluntary capacity. We cannot pay a high enough tribute to them.



Intermediate Football Champions 2021 – St Malachy's Moortown



Junior Football Champions 2021 – Fr Rock's Cookstown

2020	Competition				
Date	Championship	Winner	Runner –up	Referee	Venue
08/05/21	U18 F (G1)	Carrickmore St Colmcille's	Omagh St Enda's	Cathal Bell	Drumragh
10/05/21	U18 F (G2)	Donaghmore St Patrick's	Cookstown Fr Rock's	Stephen Campbell	Stewartstown
13/05/21	U18 F (G3)	Bodoney	Killeeshil, St Mary's	Mark O'Neill	Rock
08/05/21	U18 F (G4)	Stewartstown Harps	Brackaville Owen Roe's	Martin Coney	Moortown
13/05/21	U16 F (G1)	Donaghmore, St Patrick's	Cappagh	Mickey McCann	Carrickmore
09/05/21	U16 F (G3)	Edendork St Malachy's	Killeeshil, St Mary's	Martin McErlan	Donaghmore
10/05/21	U16 F (G4)	Naomh Bríd	Rock St Patrick's	Eugene McConnell	Aghaloo
2021	Competition				
Date	Championship	Winner	Runner –up	Referee	Venue
06/11/21	Senior Hurling	Carrickmore Éire Óg	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	Owen Elliott	Omagh
06/11/21	Junior Hurling	Naomh Colum Cille	Omagh St Enda's	Michael McCarron	Omagh
13/11/21	U15 Hurling (G1)	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	Carrickmore Éire Óg	Gerard Fox	Galbally
20/11/21	U15 Hurling (G2)	Fintona Pearse's	Omagh St Enda's		Omagh
10/11/21	U13 Hurling	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	Omagh St Enda's	Gary Gormley	Omagh
07/11/21	Junior Football	Cookstown Fr Rock's	Eskra Emmett's	Mark Loughran	Omagh
13/11/21	Intermediate Football	Moortown St Malachy's	Owen Roes	Stephen Campbell	Omagh
14/11/21	Senior Football	Dromore St Dympna's	Coalisland, Na Fianna	Kieran Eannatta	Omagh
06/10/21	U17 F (G1)	Donaghmore St Patrick's	Loughmacrory St Teresa's	Shane Meehan	Stewartstown
25/09/21	U17 F (G2)	Trillick St Macartan's	Galbally Pearse's	Mark O'Neill	Carrickmore
20/09/21	U17 F (G3)	Moy Tír na nÓg	Moortown St Malachy's	Michael McCann	Stewartstown
20/09/21	U17 F (G4)	Dtumquin Wolfe Tone's	Aghaloo O'Neill's	Aiden Graham	Dromore
04/10/21	U15 F (G1)	Trillick St Macartan's	Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa	Cathal McCrory	Kildress
13/09/21	U15 F (G2)	Errigal Ciaran	Omagh, St Enda's	Conor McGahan	Dromore
18/09/21	U15 F (G3)	Castlederg St Eugene's	Pomeroy Plunkett's	Brian McGinn	Drumragh
13/09/21	U15 F (G4)	Aghaloo O'Neill's	Stewartstown Harps	John Devlin	Augher
08/09/21	U13 F (G1)	Errigal Ciaran	Eglisk St Patrick's	Michael McCarron	Donaghmore
08/09/21	U13 F (G2)	Loughmacrory St Teresa's	Clonoe O'Rahilly's	Conall McGinn	Kildress

08/09/21	U13 F (G3)	Rock St Patrick's	Moortown St Malachy's	Eugene Hughes	Cookstown
08/09/21	U13 F (G4)	Eskra Emmett's	Stewartstown Harps	Shane King	Dungannon



Junior Hurling Champions (2021) – Naomh Colum Cille

Ulster Championship Results 2021

20-11-21	JFC	Cookstown	1-06	Sean McDermott's (Monaghan)	3-08 at Clones
27-11-21	JHC	Naomh Colmcille	1-08	Con Magee's (Glenravel)	2-16 at Ballycastle
28-11-21	IHC	Éire Óg Carrickmore	4-09	Carey Faughs (Antrim)	1-13 at Ballycastle

TICKETING INNOVATION

This year, in association with Ticketmaster, the GAA upgraded its ticketing system and made it available to all counties. Making use of the modern advances in technology it became possible to move the complete sales of tickets to a totally online system, bringing huge advantages, particularly in the workload, to the Club and County administrators.

For the major inter-county games, Club members provided their email addresses along with their tickets' requests to the Clubs' secretaries who compiled a list for forwarding to the County's administrators; the same procedure was adopted at county level with a total list of individuals' requests and email addresses being submitted to the Ticket Office in Croke Park. From here, each individual was emailed a notification of the allocated tickets, and given the option to proceed with the purchase of the allocation within a specified deadline; the purchase and delivery of the order could then be completed online.

It is pleasing to report that Clubs responded positively and enthusiastically to the new system and were quick to recognize the benefits and advantages associated with it. For most administrators the initial step of taking the members' orders (which also had to be done in previous years) and their email addresses was the most time-consuming, mainly due to the fact that some email addresses

provided to them were inaccurate – with the result that the member did not receive an offer of tickets.

The major advantages accrued for the Club once the order had been submitted; then the Club administrator did not have to play any further part in the collection of payments from the members; now, there was no time spent awaiting the availability of the printed tickets, nor time spent on their collection from the county office, nor distribution to members; and finally there was no payment to be made by the Club to the county office.

With this being the initial year for implementing the system, there was a small number of unforeseen snags, some of which were readily resolved and others that will require some amendment for next year's programme of games. It is acknowledged that a totally random selection of tickets should not result in the order from the members of a Club all being allocated tickets that could be described as 'less good' for a specific game. It is also recognized that a Club may properly wish to acquire some 'better' tickets that it might allocate to its main officers, its Club sponsors, or dignitaries associated with the Club, and this can be achieved within the new system.

For games that could be described as 'non-major inter-county', there was a similar system introduced for the online purchase of tickets (known as Universe) and this has also been made available to counties for their Club championship fixtures. This online system allows all patrons to purchase tickets directly using their mobile phones or computers, and with simple scanning at turnstiles, all games have become cashless. Again, this system reduced the workload for administrators, eliminated the handling of cash, reduced the numbers of gate stewards required, and did away with the queues for patrons at games.

We thank the Clubs' officers – mainly secretaries and treasurers - who readily adopted and implemented these new ticketing systems in a hectic 2021, and we look forward to their improved usage in the leagues and championships next year. It is appropriate at this point also to express our gratitude to the staff of the Ticket Office in Croke Park under the leadership of Emma Tormey for their patience, guidance and helpfulness with the delivery of tickets to Tyrone during one of our most successful and lengthy seasons.



Ulster-Champions (2020) Coill an Chlochair – Rince Seit



BUÍOCHAS

At the outset I pay tribute to all of the brand partners and sponsors who supported Tyrone GAA either financially, or in kind, throughout a highly successful but somewhat disrupted season due to the dreaded Covid19 coronavirus. This support contributed immensely to the achievements that were made by our footballers and hurlers in 2021 and we trust that all of these contributors benefitted in a fitting manner from their valued association with Tyrone GAA.

It was highly pleasing that the main County sponsor – *Tyrone Fabrication Ltd* – opted in for a fourth consecutive year and for this, we express our sincere thanks to the McDermott family based in Ballygawley.

O’Neills International Sportswear continued to support the County and its teams in a most beneficial manner and particularly when the senior hurlers, minor footballers and senior footballers made their appearances in this year’s finals in Croke Park. Tyrone GAA will always be deeply appreciative of the sponsorship provided by this Strabane-based business and a special word of thanks is extended to Kieran Kennedy who retired as its managing director, during the summer. We thank also Christine O’Donnell, who has since taken charge, for all of her support and assistance and the delivery of our players’ gear.

Thanks is due to Brian Quinn the managing director of *Rocwell* for his limitless provision of water to all of the county’s teams for the preparation for, and participation in games.

We gratefully acknowledge the financial commitments made to Tyrone GAA by *Strathroy Dairies*, *The Donnelly Group* and *Bank of Ireland* and their support of our teams.

The Club championships were sponsored this year, again, by the *LCC Group* headquartered in Kildress and for this generosity, we thank the Loughran family and Adrian Scullin.

Despite the difficult restrictions associated with the pandemic, there was another strong financial performance in 2021 from the Club Tyrone membership; we thank these contributors and the PR & Marketing Committee, under the leadership of Mark Conway and Jackie Duffy, for their oversight of Club Tyrone.

The Management Committee convened on thirteen occasions during 2021 with the following attendances:

Michael Kerr (13), Martin Sludden (12), Dominic McCaughey (13), Eileen Connolly (12), Michelle Cox (12), Raymond McKeown (9), Conor Sally (10), Dermot McCaughey (11), Benny Hurl (11), Eugene McConnell (12), Damian Harvey (9), Aidan Maguire (10), Eunan Lindsay (13), Donal Magee (13).

I pay tribute to all of these fellow officers for their attendance at meetings – twelve of which were online - for their significant contributions and for the many important and difficult decisions that they took in the management of the county’s affairs this year.

A special thanks is extended to the Officers of the CCC – Martin Sludden and Michelle Cox – for their planning and delivery of a most successful programme of games at adult and youth levels. Of course one of the consequences of a games’ programme is the disciplinary matters that arise, and we are thankful to the Hearings Committee under Seamus Hannigan and Margaret Keenan for effectively processing the issues that arose in a fair and unbiased manner.

Similarly, thanks is due to the PRO and his Communications committee for the work undertaken in the publicising and promotion of the Association’s affairs, especially for match programmes, video-records and the streaming of championship matches.

I include here also, Gerard Bradley for his work done on streaming and for resolving, so readily, the many IT issues which were encountered by Clubs and at County level.

This year, again, the 5-year rule brings to an end the distinguished terms of office of three of the members of Coiste Bainistí; Michelle Cox departs the post of Assistant Secretary, Dermot



McCaughey completes his membership of Comhairle Uladh, and Donal Magee steps down from the post of Language and Culture Officer, for the second time. Donal's first term in the post ran from 2007 to 2011 after which he was elected as the Assistant Secretary (2012-16), and at the end of today's Convention he has completed a period of fifteen years continuous service on the County Management Committee. It was fitting that Donal's outstanding contribution to culture and the Irish language was recognised at last month's All-Ireland Scór finals when he was presented with the prestigious Provincial Gradam as Seirbhís Fhada.

We pay tribute to all three members for the work that they have done for, and on behalf of, the Association in Tyrone.

At this year's end, we have also learned of the retirement of the two officers who have been in charge of the finances of Tyrone GAA for the past eight years, Eileen Connolly and Raymond McKeown. Raymond was elected as County Treasurer in mid-2013 and fulfilled the role until 2018 after which he stepped across to the Assistant Treasurer's seat; Eileen Connolly moved in the opposite direction, being first elected as Assistant Treasurer in 2014 for a five-year period, followed by election as County Treasurer in 2019. This two-person team took control of Tyrone's financial affairs when the new headquarters at Garvaghey had just been constructed, and its management was one of the top priorities for the incoming officers. With Raymond's expertise and professional financial background, new procedures and controls were soon put in place, and these were continuously upgraded and implemented by himself and Eileen through the following years. We are all aware of the matters that come under the heading of finance, such as affiliation fees, insurances, ticket transactions, players' expenses, banking, VAT returns, championship gates, sponsorship, staffing and development work, but very few could even imagine the magnitude of the work, and the quantity of hours, that is required to deal with these affairs for a county of Tyrone's present standing. During the previous eight years these matters, and many more, were not just dealt with, but they were professionally managed by Raymond and Eileen working diligently, in a voluntary capacity.

It would be a huge understatement to say that, together they have left Tyrone GAA in a much better financial and governance position than when they took over.

They are each owed a massive debt of gratitude.

Perhaps at this time, when we are considered by many to be a medium-sized business, it would be appropriate that some serious thought should be given to the employment of a fulltime member of staff who would be responsible for the management and control of the financial affairs of the county and who would report to the County Finance Committee.

I thank all of the officers and members who served on the County's subcommittees that continued to meet, in awkward circumstances, in order to achieve their objectives during 2021. I thank them also for their reports which follow in the next section of this booklet. Particular appreciation is offered to the members of the small workgroup that was appointed this year to undertake a comprehensive review of coaching in Tyrone, under the chairmanship of Seamus Woods.

To those who were selected to work on committees at National level, by the Uachtaran, Larry McCarthy, we express our congratulations:

Raymond McKeown – member of the National Financial Management Committee

Eunan Lindsay - member of the Central Fixtures' Analysis Committee

Gerard Bradley - member of the National Officer Development Committee

Dónal McAnallen – member of the National History & Commemorations Committee

Adrian O'Kane – Chairman of the Central Child Safeguarding Appeals' Panel



Once again, I pay a special tribute to Michael Kerr who has now completed his fourth year in the top position of leadership, as County Chairman. While the last two years can only be described as strange and abnormal due to the Covid19 pandemic, Michael has worked very hard to manage the restrictions that have been imposed, and the challenges that have arisen; the ability to adapt to the changes that are presented or encountered is one of the most important qualities of good leadership. We thank him sincerely for all of his work, his commitment and the time that he has devoted to his role in this most successful of years.

Personal thanks is due to the members of staff based at the county's headquarters in Garvaghey – Gregory, Anne Marie, Roisin – each of whom has made an immense contribution to the organisation and upkeep of the facilities, and thereby ensuring that as many as possible can visit, or be safely accommodated, within the restrictions that have been in place this year. Thanks is also due to the acting Games Development Manager, Brian Laverty, for his work with the coaching staff during this most problematic year.

Patsy Forbes - Honorary President of Tyrone GAA



We congratulate Patsy Forbes on his elevation to the position of Honorary President of Tyrone GAA for the five-year period 2021-5. He becomes the County's third President, following in the footsteps of James Treacy (Clonoe) and Brendan Harkin (Killyclogher) and is a member of the Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa GAC.

Most famously, he was team captain when Ardboe won its first senior football championship in 1968, and later was a member of the triple winning SFC teams of 1971-3. Patsy has played for Tyrone at all levels and has managed and been involved with teams in this county and in Derry.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the innovative and highly successful Club Tyrone and has played a most significant role in its fund-raising, from the inception to the present day. One of the outcomes of this fund-raising is, of course, the County headquarters at Garvaghey. He founded and built his own thriving business and in his spare time has been a boxing champion, and a 'senior' sprinting champion over 100m and 200m, at national and European levels.



COMBHRÓN

In 2020 anxiety, apprehension and fear spread quickly throughout our Clubs, our parishes and our communities when the Covid19 virus entered the country causing widespread illness and death. While the transmission of the virus continued aggressively this year its negative impact on the general health of the public was lessened somewhat due to vaccination programmes that were rolled out over the course of the year.

Sadly, however, the Covid19 virus did bring death to many families in 2021 and once again we offer our deepest sympathy to all the relatives and friends of those who died as a result of the virus, in the most difficult circumstances. We remember also all Club members, friends and colleagues who died from other causes in 2021.

Sincere condolences are extended to the families and Clubs of:

Nuala McLaughlin – sister of Cathal McAnenly, Errigal Ciaran Chairman and niece of Cuthbert Donnelly

Paddy Gallagher – County Committee member for Drumragh GAC

Jimmy McLaughlin (Strabane) – Father of Ciaran, former County Chairman and current Ulster Council Vice-President

Eamon Harvey (Cookstown) – Father of Coaching Officer, Damian and brother of former County Treasurer, Michael

Brigid Hurl (Ardboe) – Mother of Central Council member, Benny

Joe Pat Prunty (Newtownbutler) – Pitch developer and constructor for many Clubs in Tyrone

Patrick Harte (Pomeroy & Bredagh) - Founder member of Club Tyrone and member of the PR & Marketing Committee

Jim McElhatton (Carrickmore) – Former referee and member of several County subcommittees

Joshua Griggs (19) (Brackaville) - Former member of the Tyrone U16 Football Academy who died as a result of a workplace accident in Banbridge

Teddy Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh Dungannon) – Club President. Founding member of the Club - a player, referee and office bearer; a former member of the County Hurling Board

Chris Keyes (Omagh) – Former playing member with Tyrone senior hurling team

Ben McQuaid (Beragh) – member of the 1967 Ulster Championship winning minor team and All-Ireland Vocational Schools team

Mick Kerr (Beragh) - One of the youngest members of the Tyrone senior football team that captured the first-ever historic Ulster Championship title in 1956

Patsy Donnelly (Omagh) – Playing member of the Tyrone minor panel that won Ulster championships in 1946 and 1947, and the County's first All-Ireland Minor football championship in 1947

Thady Turbett (Omagh) – A legendary goalkeeper who enjoyed an illustrious career with his Club, with Tyrone, with Ulster, and who was included on the Ireland representative team in 1954 and 1958. He was a winner of three Railway Cups (1956, 1960 and 1963), two senior



Ulster championships (1956 and 1957), and six Tyrone senior championships (1948, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1957 and 1963).

John Joe O'Hagan (Clonoe) - Played for Tyrone minors from 1947-1949 winning two Ulster and All-Ireland titles. A member of the 1956 and 1957 teams that won Tyrone's first senior Ulster championships. Holder of 5 Tyrone SFC medals (1958-60, 1964-5).

Fergal McCann



Fergal McCann was a lifelong member of St Macartan's GAC Augher, having played for the Club's teams at all youth and adult levels; and before his playing career concluded, he was already giving back to the Club by training and coaching its under-age teams.

In July 2003 Fergal took up employment with Tyrone GAA as a Games Promotion Officer and continued in this role until his untimely death on 8th March this year; he travelled to the Primary Schools throughout the county where he enjoyed delivering a programme of football skills

to teachers and young children with enthusiasm, passion and no little expertise.

In advance of the commencement of the 2005 football season, the senior team manager Mickey Harte, made an approach to Fergal to take charge of the training of the County team. While only thirty-one years of age, and younger than several of the panel of players that had just won the All-Ireland Championship two years earlier, Fergal did not hesitate to take on such a responsible role, and immediately joined with Mickey and fellow Clubman Tony Donnelly, to soon become the most successful management team in Tyrone's history.

His knowledge, manner, meticulous planning, inventiveness, coaching expertise, talent, energy, effectiveness, were quickly recognised as being of a highly professional standard by all players. His contribution to the winning of the All-Ireland senior football titles in 2005 and 2008 was immeasurable. And, during the decade that he worked with the County's footballers they would also win three Ulster senior championships.

After 2014, Fergal continued to manage and train youth teams at his Club, and he went on to do the same with several Club sides within Tyrone, and outside the county.

As an employee Fergal set an exemplary standard and was highly dependable and reliable, whether working in the schools, the Club Tyrone Summer Camps, or the Go-Game blitzes. He never sought the limelight but the fruits of his work throughout Tyrone require no illumination, and will continue to shine brightly, as his lasting legacy.

As a person he was always modest, unassuming, private, even a shy individual – always a gentleman. We are all sincerely grateful for all that Fergal McCann did for the GAA in Tyrone, as a highly-valued employee and as the senior football team coach, in his very short lifetime of forty-seven years.

On behalf of Tyrone GAA our deepest sympathy is extended to Fergal's wife Roisin, to his daughters Aoife and Áine, to his sister Lisa, to his mother Maura, to his extended family circle and his Club Augher.

Ar lamh dheis Dé go raibh siad.



Affiliated Clubs 2021

Senior (Division 1) (18)

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

Intermediate (Division 2) (16)

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

Junior (Division 3) (13)

Brackaville, Brockagh, Castlederg, Clann na nGael, Cookstown, Derrytresk, Drumquin, Drumragh, Eskra, Fintona, Glenelly, 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).



TUARASCÁLA NA FO-CHOISTI (SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS)

- 1. Coiste Caidrimh Phoiblí & Margaíochta**
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- 4. Coiste Riaracháin Réiteoirí**
- 5. Coiste Teicneolaíochta**
- 6. Coiste Éisteachta**
- 7. Coiste Forbartha Iomána**
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- 9. Coiste Oiliúna & Traenála & Forbartha na gCluichí**
- 10. Coiste Ceannais na gComórtaisí**
- 11. Fixtures' Analysts**
- 12. Coiste Pleanála & Forbartha Fisiciúla**
- 13. Coiste Sláinte & Foilláine**

1. Coiste Caidrimh Phoiblí & Margaíochta

Cathaoirleach: Jackie Duffy

Patrick Harte: *Níl sa Bhás ach Malairt Beatha* | Death is but a Change of Life

During 2021 we lost, after a two-year illness, our dear friend and colleague, Patrick Harte, long of Belfast but always of Pomeroy and Tyrone.

A founder Committee member of Club Tyrone, Patrick was a key driver of our success, so central to everything we may have done and achieved. Yet he was never in, let alone sought, any spotlight. In his chosen world of pharmacy Patrick was equally successful and equally generous, never forgetting his roots and acting as a mentor, helper and career guide for so many young people, especially from Tyrone.

As true legacy is the good you do and the good you leave behind, Patrick's legacy to us all is immeasurable. 'Ná caoin deor ar m'imeacht ach cuimhnigh orm mar a bhí mé | Do not mourn my departure but remember me as I was.'

The Committee in 2021

During the year ended 30 September 2021 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.

Ten meetings were held, all by Zoom/Teams, attended as follows: Gerard Bradley (10), Adrian Colton (7), Mark Conway (3), Declan Devlin (8), Roisin Dooher/Shanks (10), Jackie Duffy (9), Patsy Forbes (5), Martin Haughey (10), Hugh McAleer (5), Eugene McConnell (7) and Michael Winters (8). Each meeting was minuted and reported to the Tyrone Management Committee.

County Chair Michael Kerr (5 meetings) and County Treasurer Eileen Connolly (6) 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 and Niall Laird provides valuable inputs, support and advice.

The Committee's Work in 2021

In the continuing COVID-19 circumstances, the past year (an eleven month one this time due to changes in the GAA's accounting year) was one of strong performance, with an income of some £185,000 generated (including an estimated £10,000 in HMRC Gift Aid repayments to be claimed).

That is again a remarkable testament to our Members and our Committee and remains the result of consistent, focused, grafting work.

Club Tyrone's contribution since its outset to Tyrone GAA has now reached £6m. Everyone involved should be very proud of that.

In a necessarily restricted year, our Committee also:

- Oversaw, managed and developed Club Tyrone Member and Hub Patron contributions and continued to recruit new members
- Published the 2020 Club Tyrone Annual Report and circulated it to Members, Patrons and others
- Scoped and oversaw a professional brand valuation exercise which is looking at the commercial value of the Tyrone GAA brand and its constituent parts, something that will help Tyrone GAA maximize its income from that area
- Scoped out and made the case again for a Tyrone GAA Club/County Draw in the firm belief that without this, or a similar initiative, direct Club levies to cover County affairs are an inevitable requirement for Tyrone GAA

We were delighted that we were able to honour our All-Ireland ticket commitment to our Hub Patrons (the right to buy two tickets for the next three All-Ireland Senior Finals Tyrone might be in). Those people



have effectively single-handedly funded Tyrone's new Performance Hub at Garvaghey and deserve our heartfelt appreciation.

'Thall o na Toim | Beyond the Bushes'

Whilst our strong Club Tyrone presences persist in New York and Philadelphia, COVID-19 again prevented any engagement there in 2021.

Looking to 2022 and Beyond

It is inevitable that 2022 will again be influenced by COVID-19. That means that until things become clearer, we can't and won't be planning any Club Tyrone events or activities that involve face-to-face contact. We simply won't put our people's health and well-being at risk.

As we've been saying for some time now, Club Tyrone increasingly requires succession and renewal. After more than a quarter of a century delivered by the same core group, a new younger generation needs to step up. The challenge is there for them. The answer to it is in their hands alone.

'Tada Gan Iarracht | Nothing Without Effort'

If we didn't know it before, the achievements of our Senior and Minor footballers in 2021 prove yet again what the application of talent, commitment, hard work, good planning and willingly provided resources can achieve.

A year ago we welcomed Feargal Logan and Brian Dooher into their new roles. A year on we are simply bedazzled by their and their team's achievements. A simple 'Thank You' never seems enough. But never were those two words more meaningful and more deserved. Go mba seacht fear a bheas sibh bliain ó inniu.

2. Strategic Implementation Committee

Cathaoirleach: Seamus Mac Domhnaill

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

The committee met 9 times during the year. Eight meetings were held virtually, and one physical meeting was held.

The attendance was as follows: Barbara Ward 9, Cuthbert Donnelly 9, Mark Conway 9, Seamus Mc Donald 9, Michael Kerr 3, Dominic Mc Caughey 3.

The work of the committee during 2021 was to

- Review the progress of all sub committees and identify areas for development for future strategic plans
- Host a structured, Tyrone GAA planning, review and/or consultation event

Subsequently the workplan template was revised to include opportunities for the subcommittees to

- Highlight the implications of Covid 19 for their sub committee
- Identify how we, collectively can best respond coming out of Covid 19.

In addition, all sub committees were provided with the specific targets identified in Strategic Document Ag Ardú Níos Airde Aris na Laimhe Deirge and requested to identify those targets achieved, those which are being addressed at present and those to be still addressed

Work plans and responses were received from the following

- (i) CCC
- (ii) Coaching Review
- (iii) Communications
- (iv) Finance
- (v) PR and Marketing
- (vi) Referees Administration
- (vii) Scor and Language
- (viii) Strategic Implementation

On receipt of the workplans the responses were analysed to assist the next consultation event.

With the current restrictions and the success of County teams the Structured planning review with all our stakeholders has not been completed yet. That review will be concluded shortly, and the committee hope to launch the Strategic Document for the period 2022 to 2026/2027 in preparation for the 2022 season.

Whilst 2021 year has been different, I would like to thank Gerard Bradley and Dominic Mc Caughey for their assistance in conducting the consultations.

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

3. Coiste Cultúir agus Teanga

Cathaoirleach: Dónal Mac Aoidh (Coill an Chlochair)

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).

Due hugely to the Covid pandemic Culture and Language activities almost totally ceased to exist.

There follows a brief summary of the limited activities which took place

Coiste Scór Uladh

The few meetings which took place were all done on computer via TEAMS. The main item was efforts to have the Scór Sinsear Ulster Finals for 2020 completed and to hold an All-Ireland final. The Ulster final was eventually held in October 2021 and Tyrone's Ulster Champions for 2020 was the Rince Seit team from Coill an Chlochair who went on to represent Tyrone and Ulster in the All Ireland Finals in The Dome, near Ballyhaunis Co Mayo on 20th November. Unfortunately Tyrone were unsuccessful on this occasion. I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Steven Hughes for his input into these activities as I was unable to take part due to Covid issues.

Coiste na Gaeilge, Cúige Uladh

Again activities in this area also ceased to exist due to Covid.

Tráth na gCeist Boird

The function of this committee was also curtailed by Covid 19.



Scór na nÓg 2020/2021

Further to the All-Ireland finals in Killarney in February 2019 no activities in Scór na nÓg have taken place. The National and Ulster Committees of Scór fully intend to engage in a full revival of all activities in 2022, hopeful that Covid restrictions will be largely relaxed.

Scór Sinsear 2021

Scór Sinsear activities were very limited as previously indicated.

An Teanga

Again Covid decimated the language and activities came to a virtual halt but again, with the easing of restrictions, these will be fully resumed in the new year.

Gaeltacht Grants

Unfortunately, the Gaeltacht grants scheme run by Coiste an Chontae fell a victim of the Covid-19 pandemic for a second year but hopefully the scheme will be up and running again in 2022.

Cúrsa Gaeilge – Séamus de Faoite – Comhairle Uladh

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

Amhrán na bhFiann

One of the few activities carried out was the on-going provision of leading the singing of the National Anthem at games in the county. I am deeply grateful to Cara Rose Brogan, An Caisleán Glas, and Aisling McCourt, Doire Locháin for their continual efforts in providing this important activity.

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.

One of the positive ventures from last year was the presentation of match reports on Twitter in Irish. Apparently Tír Eoghain was the only county in Ireland that provided this element in the promotion of the Irish Language. This was successfully promoted by Richard McDevitt with the co-operation of Rory Cox of the Communications committee.

All Ireland Football Celebrations

I acknowledge the help of Steven Hughes, who acted as fear a' tí, Dominic Douglas and Eamon McCullagh for their help at the homecoming event for the All-Ireland football champions at Healy Park and also for the musical presentations of the Ceol Uirlise Group from Omagh with the addition of Dearbhla Scallon, Ciara Fox and the available members of the Blackwater Ceilí Band.

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 in the county for the past fifteen years.

Further to this I acknowledge the support received from the National and Ulster Culture and Language Committees for their recent long service award to me in the promotion of Scór and the National Language at the recent All Ireland Finals of Scór Sinsear. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the event due to Covid issues. I am deeply grateful to Steven Hughes who ably represented the interests of Tír Eoghain and myself at that event.

Personal

As I now come to an end of my third term on Coiste Bainistí, (Culture and Language 2007 – 2011; Assistant Secretary 2012 – 2016 and Culture and Language 2017 – 2021) I would like to formally thank the members of Coiste Bainistí, the members of Coiste an Chontae and the clubs of the county for all their patience, understanding and chiefly, their encouragement, for a hugely enjoyable period in my life with my involvement in the affairs of Coiste Chontae Thír Eoghain.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere best wishes to Coiste Chontae Thír Eoghain for many years to come.

4. 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 5, Alan Richardson 5, Paul Mallon 4, Fabian McGlone 4, Michael McCarron 4, Martin Mohan 4, Eugene McConnell 4, Fergal Ward 5.

Referees courses: The Referees Development Committee from Croke Park sent out the Annual In-Service course. The course covered the Rules of Football and contained the Child Protection course, the training was done on the GAA Learning Portal.

Youth and Adult football: The leagues started in May and it was a hectic schedule with matches on five consecutive days of the week. This programme of games was very testing on our Referees and great credit is due to them for having the commitment to referee 5 games in a week.

Championship: The championship fitness tests were held in September in Pomeroy and Galbally. Thanks to Sean Hurson and Shane Dorrity who oversaw the fitness test and to Pomeroy Plunketts and Galbally Pearses for the use of their facilities. I would like to thank our Referees who took control of our championship games, who acted as linesmen and sideline officials. Thanks to our umpires who diligently helped in the overall control of our games.

Senior Final Referee: Kieran Eannetta, Intermediate Final: Stephen Campbell, Junior Final Referee: Mark Loughran.

Hurling: This year we recruited two hurling referees, one of whom was from our new hurling club Tulach Óg, which was encouraging to see. The recruitment of hurling referees from established clubs this coming season will be high on the list of priorities.

Senior Final Referee: Owen Elliott, Antrim; Junior Final Referee: Michael McCarron, Fintona. Congratulations to Gerard Fox, Omagh who took charge of the Armagh senior hurling final.

Recruitment: With the number of Referees dwindling, it was imperative that we put all our efforts into recruitment which wasn't an easy task, due to the negative light in which referees are portrayed. The only time referees come under the scrutiny is when the media highlight a mistake or something controversial has happened in a game. We decided that we would send out the message that we were looking for new Referees and issued a poster that was aimed at recruiting Tyrone Referees. The CCC contacted clubs who didn't have any referees and appealed for them to try and get a candidate to go



forward and take up the whistle. I am pleased to say this strategy proved successful as 15 people took the Referees foundation course, of the 15 who signed up 11 completed the course and some have progressed from refereeing U13s to refereeing in the reserve league. A second Referees Foundation course was held at the end of July, four new referees completed the course, unfortunately the underage leagues and championships were at the semi-final stages and these Referees will be used at the start of the new season in 2022. As some clubs fail to provide referees it is imperative that we keep up the efforts to recruit more referees in 2022 and subsequent years to ensure we have sufficient numbers of Officials.

Advisors / Assessments: Our Advisors this past few years have decreased in numbers, this is due to the number of hours and the amount of work that is needed to gather the information and write up the report. (It takes up to 10 hours to complete a report) This didn't help in the retention of our Advisors. In 2022 Advisors is one area that we must try to improve, we will have to source new Advisors, amend the report that it is less cumbersome and make sure it gives meaningful feedback to the referee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following current advisors, Henry McNally John Coney and Alan Richardson.

Mentoring: Our mentors have had a busy year, 11 new referees had mentors appointed and they accompanied the referees for their first 3 games. The mentor is the referees friend, he will introduce the new referee to the management of both teams and try to make sure the first game that he referees is a positive experience. Mentors help and give reassurance to the new referee. In years gone by new referees were appointed to a game and in most cases, it was sink or swim. It was very common that this would be the only game they would officiate. Thankfully I am happy to report that our mentors have turned this around and the retention of our new referees this year is 100%.

Intercounty Referees: Sean Hurson once again has performed to a very high standard in the National League and in the All-Ireland Championship. It was great to see Sean take charge of the U20 All-Ireland Final in Croke Park - Offaly v Roscommon. Hopefully the senior All-Ireland football final will soon be on Sean's list of achievements. Kieran Eannetta took charge of the Ulster U20 final - Down v Monaghan and hopefully Kieran will make the step up to the national panel of Referees in 2022.

Ulster Academy: We have two referees in the Academy - Mark Loughran (football) and Gerard Fox (hurling), they are due to qualify from the Academy in December. The Academy under the leadership of Ryan Mellon has schooled Mark and Gerard in good refereeing practices, hopefully they will progress to the next level and take charge of Ulster games.

Social Media: Once again, I would like to remind the keyboard warriors on social media that the referees you are criticising have feelings and families, some with young children. It is important to remember the detrimental effect these negative and sarcastic remarks can have on the health and wellbeing of our referees.

For Consideration: Nationwide referee recruitment is at an all-time low. We have great media outlets in RTE, TG4 and Sky Sports who show our Provincial and All-Ireland championships in hurling and football; it would be encouraging if Croke Park invested in our referees and put an advertisement on these television stations during games to show referees in a positive light which may inspire people to get involved in refereeing.

Conclusion: I would like to thank my fellow committee members and referees for the commitment shown this year. Thank you also to Raymond Monteith and Fabian McGlone, Appointment Officers and to the CCC for all their help and assistance. We sympathise with the families of former referees Jim



McElhatton (Carrickmore) and Teddy Devlin (Dungannon) who died earlier this year and to all the referees who have lost loved ones.

5. Grúpa Oibre Theicneolaíocht

Cathaoirleach: Gearóid Ó Brolcháin

The areas covered by this workgroup are as follows:

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

Impact of Pandemic on I.T. and Online Meetings

In November 2020, when the Grúpa Oibre Theicneolaíocht 2020 report was submitted the Covid restrictions were about to be lifted. By January 2021 the restrictions were reimposed in response to escalating infection figures and all units of the GAA reverted back to online meetings, so once again the most active 'Team' was Microsoft's online platform. Clubs had already developed significant skills in organising and running online meetings which were quickly re-established. While we all look forward to the end of the current pandemic, the use of online meetings probably has become an established part of our organisation. Face to face meetings were always an integral part of our organisation and will be again, but the spectre of a volunteer driving for 4 or 5 hours to attend a meeting lasting only an hour or two, will certainly be less common and increasingly hard to justify.

IT Systems and Support

Foireann, the long-awaited replacement for the GAA GMS (formerly Servasport) system was rolled out early in 2020. For the first time a single system for registration was used by the GAA, LGFA and Camogie. While the system in its current configuration still has limited functionality, it has the potential to deliver a much wider range of features than its predecessor. The introduction of Foireann in the midst of a pandemic did require a very steep learning curve, this was exasperated by the support system being unable to cope with multiple issues in a timely manner. By the time clubs had to submit registrations they were able to overcome most of the outstanding deficiencies. The ongoing issue of duplicate accounts remains but a solution for the removal or merger of duplicate records is scheduled for delivery before the end of this calendar year. Tyrone clubs who persevered and setup a Stripe Account within Foireann for Online Registrations, very quickly discovered the potential benefits of this facility. The younger cohort of members including players seem to find paying registration fees online is far more acceptable than the traditional face to face collections. There have been ongoing upgrades and all club/county administrators have recently received communication re. proposed enhancements.

As a county, we are also aware of the many clubs who provided support to enable their own members with limited IT experience, to purchase Admission tickets for our club championship.

There has been an overall increase in the number of clubs requesting password resets and the provision of new accounts within the suite provided. All Clubs are entitled to have accounts for the following officers: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, P.R.O, Children's Officer and in some situations, Injury Fund. Dormant accounts e.g. not used in the past year, will have their licence removed and archived to reduce the overall cost to the association.

Newly created Microsoft 365 accounts will be forced to change the password every 90 days. This forced regular updating of passwords could eventually be expanded to cover all accounts to provide greater account security. Those using the Outlook App will receive warnings of the password expiry but these warning may not be delivered



to non Microsoft Apps on phones and tablets. Requests for password resets when new devices are purchased has a seasonal pattern that peaks in the period over the next 3 months.

IT Training

While the IT training this year has been particularly focused towards upskilling club and county officers in the use of Foireann, there is still an apparent skills gap with many other common Office applications. The experience gained during the previous 2 years could provide Tyrone with an opportunity to deliver online training in a variety of IT programmes and procedures. Foireann webinars will be organised at national level for all GAA/LGFA and Camogie units.

IT Infrastructure

As outlined in last year's report, the Tyrone GAA Centre does not have a cabled high-speed internet connection. Currently Garvaghey is not listed as part of Project Stratum which was supposed to deliver high speed broadband to all areas in the 6 counties

The decision to move to online ticket sales for admission to the Ulster and All Ireland series was extended to our club championship. The Universe system was adopted for the club championship and it proved to be a resounding success in terms of ease of use, resilience and uptake by our supporters, where over 98% of all admission tickets were purchased online. Croke Park are now providing financial support to provide an upgrade of the IT infrastructure at turnstiles in the County Ground that will be used for National Football League fixtures in 2022. This upgrade will include fibre connections to network switches and WiFi connections for scanning admission tickets at the turnstiles. This proposed upgrade will need to be completed over the next two months.

Website and Social Media

The website has continued to be the most popular online platform for Tyrone GAA. The viewing figures, as in previous years are dominated by club fixtures and results but there are significant numbers using the website for reference material and club information. This year the website has become the principal point for sales for Streaming and Admission Tickets. The overall viewing figures show for the current calendar year to date has just exceeded 2.3 million views. On closer inspection almost all of this activity was compressed into the seven months between the start of May and November 2021. Analysis of viewing devices for the website shows that the vast majority of viewing has moved away from desktop/laptops and tablets to mobile phones. Our Social Media Platforms continue to attract larger audiences and followers year on year. Currently only Dublin GAA with a population almost 10 times larger than Tyrone has more followers or views on Social Media.

Live Streaming

The Live Stream of this year's championship attracted over 27,000 subscribers, this level of subscription would place Tyrone as one of the most successful counties in terms of Live Streaming uptake.

The County Management decision to Live Stream all club championship fixtures meant that the venues for these fixtures must have a stable high speed internet upload connection. The preferred connection would be a fibre or cable connection but in a very few situations there is suitable 4G signal. If Project Stratum does reach many of our club premises in rural areas this might enable more of our clubs' grounds to be able to host championship fixtures. The high standards for delivery of Live Stream established in conjunction with Nemeton in 2020 were maintained and this probably contributed to the unexpected increase in viewing numbers, despite spectators being able to attend all of our fixtures. To ensure the highest level of security and stability for the upload of the live stream, we used a satellite uplink for the Senior and Intermediate Finals.

As in previous years, having MacAV, a local company to deliver excellent video and production for all of our Live Streams was an integral part of the success of this project. Our commentators and analysts provided a very professional service that competes on level terms with any terrestrial broadcaster. As in previous years we are indebted to these volunteers who added immensely to the quality of the product, conveying the excitement on the pitch to the living rooms and bar rooms around the county.

6 .Coiste Eisteachta

Cathaoirleach: Séamus Ó hAnnagáin

Meetings Attendance

Seamus Hannigan (12), Margaret Keenan (10), Mary Daly (11), Martin O'Neill (10), Patrick Donnelly (9), Paddy O'Brien (9), Noel McGreary (10), Shane Dorrity (8), Adrain Scullin (2).

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. In arriving at their decision the standard set out in the Official Guide, 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 has 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 feels the decision made by the Hearings Committee is 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 29th April 2021 until 24th Nov 2021 Coiste Eisteachta met on 14 occasions. In total there were 28 cases where a hearing was requested with an additional one ruled out of order due to not meeting the time limit. In 12 cases sanctions ranging from a one-match ban to a 48-week suspension were imposed; in 4 cases the infraction was reduced to a yellow/black card offence; in 9 cases the defendant was deemed to have no case to answer, and 3 cases were withdrawn before the hearing took place. One request for an appeal was received and the appeal was upheld by the CHC. One CHC decision was taken to appeal to the Ulster Council and the appeal failed.

At the beginning of the current football season the secretary and myself met with a group of referees and members of the Referees' Administration Committee. The meeting was arranged at the request of the referees some of whom were of the opinion that, in a few cases last year, players/officials had been dealt with too leniently by the Hearings Committee. Reassurance was given to them that this was far from being the case and the reason for no sanctions being imposed in some cases was that most people requesting a hearing only do so if they have compelling evidence to show that they were not guilty of the alleged infraction or that some error had been made in the application of their sanction. It was agreed that CHC would provide feedback throughout the year to the referees, via the Referees Administration Committee, on any issues arising out of hearings which CHC considered would be beneficial to them in the completion of their referees' reports.

Throughout the year Covid 19 presented many difficulties for the committee in arranging meetings to deal with hearing requests. Initially meetings were arranged to be heard via zoom/microsoft teams but due to some technical difficulties the CHC decided that in the interest of natural justice and fairness to all appellants the hearings should be held in Garvaghey under strict Covid protocols. All persons attending were requested to wear face masks, sanitise, and follow Covid 19 guidelines re social distancing. CHC wish to thank all who complied with these protocols which helped to keep everyone safe.



I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Committee members for their co-operation and commitment throughout the year with a special word of thanks to our secretary Margaret Keenan. Thanks also to Mary Daly for deputising for me as chairperson and to Mary and Shane Dorrity for standing in for Margaret when the occasion arose. Tyrone CHC would also like to thank Omagh St Enda's GAC for the use of its facilities when Garvaghey was unavailable.

On behalf of the committee I would like to acknowledge the work and co-operation of Dominic McCaughey County Secretary, Disciplinary Secretaries Sarahjane Kelly and Mel Taggart, Martin Sludden from the CCC, Michael Kerr and Gregory McSorley, Roisin McSorley and Ann Marie McNulty for facilitating our meetings in Garvaghey.

7. Coiste Forbartha Iomána

Cathaoirleach: Adhamhnán Ó Loingsigh

Hurling Development Committee: Thomas Colton, Peter Kerr, Brian Laverty, Brendan Hurl, Declan Bennett, Ciaran Mc Hugh, Colm Morgan, Damien O'Neill, Ryan Woods, Kieran Cranny, Cathal Daly, Nial Murphy, Owen Corrigan, Cathal Mc Garry, Martin Finlay, Andrew Kelly, Brendan Gallagher, Paddy Hunter.

The difficult position that Hurling Development within Tyrone found itself in during 2020 and the Covid situation regrettably followed us into 2021 in many regards.

The continuation of Furlough into 2021 wreaked havoc on our ability to provide coaching within the schools and, coupled with the continued delay to appoint the replacement second coach, it meant that our available schools coaches were unable to recommence their roles until September. Despite the advertisement in Autumn of the second full time coach we have been unable to fill the position to date and are still two coaches down from 2018/2019, including the placement student. The demand from schools remains high and several clubs have attempted to fill these gaps in primary schools coaching using their own volunteers. It is critical that these posts are filled as soon as possible as the reduced contact within our primary schools has had a disproportionately negative impact on many of our recently formed and our established clubs in terms of playing standards as well as the recruitment and retention of players and volunteers.

In our second level schools, it is unfortunate that none of them are competing at senior level (year 13/14) in 2021/22 due to the respective competitions being run in parallel with their footballing equivalents. Hopefully, this will just be a temporary blip and things return to normal in 2022/23 when the calendar issues are resolved. I also hope that we can see a return of the combined Tyrone schools' team competing at senior level next year as it was not permitted this year due to Covid regulations. It is proposed that a Tyrone Hurling Schools Development League will be run in Spring of 2022 and that will assist with extra games for our players and will feed into our Academy and Celtic Challenge squads. Thanks to GDO Brian Laverty for his work on this initiative.

With a cursory glance, club teams in Tyrone would have appeared to have played plenty of games in 2021 and that it was a decent year but scratching below the surface shows that there are major issues internally within the county.

A Go-Games programme was laid out for the clubs but the traditional first weekend of the month being left free for hurling was disregarded in some instances by a few football clubs. In an attempt to rectify



this in 2022, it is currently planned that the hurling and football Go-Games schedule are integrated and run on a two-week football, one week hurling basis so that players at this level can be given room to develop without being forced to pick one sport over another at such a young age.

At Under 13/15/17 levels, it was difficult to find an appropriate slot for our internal competitions given the intensive nature of the football programme with each of the age groups scheduled to play every week. While the clubs got hurling externally through the Tain Óg and Derry Leagues, the inability to commit to run internal competitions until Autumn is less than ideal given the issues with daylight and the weather with some competitions running on until December. If the CCC adopt a similar system for the incoming year with the U13/15/17 competitions running concurrently, it would be hoped that these underage leagues can be run on a similar basis to the two-week football, one week hurling proposal that is proposed for Go-Games.

While there have been plenty of negatives at club level, there have been some big positives with Fintona picking up their first pieces of hurling silverware at Under 15 level in the Tain Óg League and the U15 Grade 2 Championship and Omagh winning the South Ulster League Junior Hurling Shield at adult level. Comhghairdeas to both sides on these achievements and indeed to all our winners within the county this year. It was also good to see the return of Killyclogher and Shamrocks at competitive underage levels and the growth of Social Hurling within the County at adult level within the past year.

After the 2020 convention had taken place, Mattie Lennon stepped down as manager of the County senior hurling team and it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the time and effort Mattie put into the position during his 6 years and two terms as manager. While a visit to Croke Park and promotion just eluded the senior team during his second term, they were always knocking on the door and the success of his first term, delivering a Rackard Cup and back-to-back League titles won't be forgotten quickly.

The subsequent vacancy merited some discussion in the media in the early part of the year and the post generated quite a bit of interest. Michael McShane was appointed as manager bringing with him a tremendous track record of success at Slaughtneil and there was great enthusiasm within the camp. The quick turnaround from the return to training to the start of the Allianz Hurling League meant that promotion was going to be a difficult ask but it allowed a good opportunity to give some of the players their first proper taste of senior hurling and with the quick development of many of our younger players it was a productive campaign. After a two-week gap, the side then began their Nicky Rackard Cup campaign against Armagh and produced a fine second half display coming from behind to advance to the Semi Final on a score of 1-18 to 1-16. The semifinal against Donegal took place on an emotional day in Carrickmore, and Tyrone produced their best display in a number of seasons to overcome Donegal on a score of 2-24 to 1-21. This led to our first visit to Croke Park in Hurling since 2014 to meet Mayo in the Nicky Rackard final. Mayo proved to be the stronger side on the day and emerged victorious but with such a youthful and talented squad I imagine it won't be as long until we see a Tyrone hurling team in Croke Park again. Thanks to Michael and all the backroom team for their efforts this year, in particular, Dr. Ronan Brannigan who is stepping aside as team doctor after 8 years of service to not only the senior hurlers but many of the County's underage teams as well. Thanks also to Liaison Officer Aidan Maguire for his commitment and efforts, not least having to be the first man to Garvaghey for every session to ensure the Covid protocols were followed.

A young squad entered the Celtic Challenge this year and, based on the exploits of the squad of 2019 that had competed at a high level, their fixtures were very difficult. They suffered a heavy defeat to Antrim, before defeating Donegal to qualify for the Corn John Scott Final against Roscommon. This young side worked hard and put in a plucky second half performance against an excellent Roscommon side but came out on the wrong end of the result. Thanks for our two coaches Damhlaic Rush and Colm Dillon for



their work with the Celtic Challenge squad and for the Summer Camp training sessions that they facilitated with the Under 15 players.

There was a small increase in the referee's pool, however, there continues to be a chronic shortage of referees both within the county and beyond. As the referee's administrator has stated, more referees are needed urgently. On a positive note, congratulations to Gerard Fox of Omagh on his appointment to the Armagh SHC final. Gerard has made great strides and has qualified from the Ulster Refereeing Academy and joins Barry Winters in the Ulster Refereeing Support Panel.

To mark the anniversaries of the successful Hurling teams in the mid-90s, the players from the 1996 All Ireland winning JHC squad, 95 & 96 Ulster JHC winning squads and 1997 NHL Division 4 winners were invited to the County senior hurling final and presented to the crowd at half time. While events like this in the recent past have been usually held at Garvaghey, it was well received by both the former players and management involved and the supporters at the game and is perhaps something that should be looked at again in the future.

Tyrone lost 3 dedicated hurling stalwarts in 2021 in Teddy Devlin, Jimmy McElhatton and Chris Keyes. Each gave a lifetime of service to their respective clubs and sincere sympathy is offered to all bereaved families and the Clubs that have suffered these sad and difficult losses. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam.

8. Grúpa Oibre Comhfhreagrais 2021

Cathaoirleach: Eoghan Mac Dhónaill

Committee Members: Eugene Mc Connell (An Clochar), Paddy Hunter (An Omaigh), Francie Mooney (Éadan na dTorc), Aodhan Harkin (An Srath Bán), Colin Mackle (An Maigh), Chris Curran (Loch Mhíic Ruairí), Rory Cox (Droim Ratha), Michael Devlin, (An Craobh).

Hard to believe I have now completed my fourth year as County PRO, as always, I must again start my Annual Report by acknowledging the vital contribution which Communications has played in what once again can only be described as another hugely difficult and trying year for people due to the Covid Pandemic and the issues faced by everyone in 2021. High expectations were to the fore in terms of the demands placed on Tyrone Communications to keep Gaels informed on all aspects of Tyrone GAA activities. The desire for information and updates was equally as intent as in the previous long periods of lockdown in 2020. The hunger to know what was happening on the GAA scene within our County has increased tenfold.

4 years now as County PRO, the reality of how important Communications is to all Tyrone Gaels not just within our County but equally to all those others living across the world has hit home with even more vigour. Gaels everywhere want to be kept up to speed with all the news and events going on within Tyrone. All the many difficulties which the Covid 19 Pandemic has presented, thankfully Tyrone Communications using all the outlets provided by our various Social Media platforms as well as Tyrone GAA TV managed to keep all Tyrone Gaels fully informed on what was happening within their beloved County.

The start of 2021 presented obstacles and hurdles to overcome but with a renewed optimism the passion remained to enhance the great work from 2020. Having retained the services of most of my Communications team plus a new face or two helping from the wings allowed me to maintain the dynamic thus ensuring our Communications workload was achieved.



Success is built on teamwork and as County PRO I have been extremely lucky to have a team around me 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.

Each year our main driver is always driven by the goals set out in my Communications Action Plan. All my focus is propelled by what I seek to achieve to **“Raising The Red Hand Higher”**. Every start to a new season the benchmark is provided by the targets I had set and the Goals I wanted to achieve. In 2021 the plan was no different.

The main targets for the Sub-Committee in 2021 were to:

- Continue to Review & Enhance the Red Hand View Match Day Programme (Look at few new additions to content)
- Explore ways of increasing revenue streams via Sponsorship & Advertisements in Match programmes & Live Streaming. (Open discussions around having Sponsor Ad’s during Live Streaming Coverage)
- Further develop the co-operation and relationship with our Tyrone GAA TV Brand
- Continue to publish at least 2 NHL Match Day programmes in full colour
- Look at ways in which we can continue to increase Match Day Programme sales.
- Conduct post-match interviews with Managers/Players & upload to Tyrone Facebook page.
- Look to explore additional Live Streaming of our Games in Tyrone with more matches being covered (ie League Games).
- Promote the Tyrone Club Championship Draws via a Live Streaming of the event.
- Explore ways to enhance use of Tyrone GAA Radio to cover more Tyrone ACL matches in 2021
- Look to create a unique Tyrone GAA TV & Tyrone GAA Radio brand to promote and raise the profile.
- Have the Signage for match day Programme Sellers sales points up-graded.
- Organise a Club PRO’s Seminar on the Role of a PRO if allowed under Covid restrictions.
- Enhance further Communications via use of Social-Media using more graphics in the design.
- Further develop the Tyrone GAA Instagram page with more content to increase growing number of followers.
- Co-ordinate the Promotion Launch of the Tyrone LCC Group Club Championships plus Stream live the event.
- Raise profile of Communications Committee through regular Podcasts interviews.
- Enhance further the on-line facility of Club Championship programmes and Youth finals programmes in both codes.
- Continue to create better co-operation amongst other Codes – Ladies/Camogie/Hurling/Handball/Rounders/Scór.
- Look at ways to improve the Tyrone Meet & Greet experience for all Fans in tandem with Club Tyrone.

For the 4th year it is satisfying to report that the 2021 Communications Action -plan for 2021 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 many huge challenges which The Covid 19 virus presented along the way.

The High Standards set allow Tyrone Communications to continue in raising the bar even further, Tyrone Communications are now rightly recognised in helping to ensure a dynamic approach in delivering a clear communications message in so many different formats. The Tyrone brand in terms of Communications is now recognised across every spectrum associated with the Communication message.

Each year we 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 2021 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.

Like 2020 many of our difficulties were once again present but despite all our obstacles the appetite and desire from the Gaels and supporters both home and abroad wanting and demanding to be kept informed never once diminished if nothing it multiplied dramatically.

Each year I have referred to the need to address the now excessive demands placed on a County PRO, it is now beyond question that the role has become a full-time position. The constant requests being placed on County PRO's requiring a reply or an update immediately are increasing daily.

The responses can no longer be ignored or put on the long finger. The pressures of the Job are immense! The magnitude of constant enquiries and the progressive nature of Communications requires a professional approach. Only someone who is there on a permanent basis can concentrate on delivering this important role.

Social Media:

Social Media despite all its faults is without doubt the main vehicle for getting the Communications messages out to the huge wider audience. It is now a constant chore and a huge part of the County PRO's remit. Every aspect about GAA activities within the County is automatically shared via all the various Social Media platforms. The GAA followers of Tyrone GAA demand that that they receive all updates and information almost as soon as it happens. The unfortunate downside to the unsatisfiable demands placed is at times those individuals can lose the run of what expectations they may have of someone who is simply a Volunteer trying to do their best in such a busy and demanding Role.

This season the ever-increasing workloads aligned with the role of Communications and one which all PRO's are trying to manage and cope with to satisfy the ever increasing hunger for all the various Social Media platforms to be updated with an immediate message.

Social Media is the means to keeping in touch and now all age categories use this method for daily contact with not just Family and Friends but also all the other important contacts in their lives. There is no getting away from the alerts hitting the phones on a minute by minute basis with updates from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn as well as YouTube.

The high volume of followers and those who interact with all The Tyrone GAA posts has reach astounding numbers, 70,000 followers on Twitter, 46,000 on Facebook & 21,000 on Instagram. A reach of millions now every month on all our platforms.

Social Media is now seen as an accepted norm on how we communicate and get our message out.

Tyrone's high profile as a County only means that these numbers will increase even more. People's busy lifestyles are such that they find the easiest way to stay in touch is via Social Media. Tyrone Communications continues to respond to the challenge to keep people in touch and up to date. This fact will no doubt increase a new season beckons.

Website:

Tyrone's GAA website once again showed some astounding facts and figures in 2021 it continued to witness an amazing increase in followers with people all parts of the world visiting our Tyrone GAA Website. In 2021 the high volume of visitors has continued to increase with viewing figures having reached a figure of 2.3 million visitors to the website. These are truly amazing figures and go to show the importance of having a County Website.

Red Hand View Match Programmes:

The publication of the match day programmes for all the Allianz National League games in both Football and Hurling are still a very much a priority for the County PRO but sadly again restrictions in the numbers allowed to attend our games resulted in a reduction in the production of the normal full colour 32-page editions. This year we opted to produce our Red Hand View Match programme online for supporters to



download. Three editions of our award-winning Red Hand View match day programme were produced. In 2021 we maintained our partnership of the design of the Red Hand View with the North West News Group while Joe and his staff at Ecclesville again looked after the Printing.

The publication of match programmes takes considerable time and effort and the quality of programmes produced are of such a high standard. 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 of programmes match experience meets the expectation of all the supporters.

The Communications Committee on a regular basis provided both pre match and post-match interviews for all our major games both at County and Club Championship encounters. This has proved a very popular addition to our methods of communications. This method of communications allows us to build up and preview our games as well as the ability to review and analyse our big key games. A simple method to expand and help spread the word from both the Club & County scenes.

As County PRO I wish to offer my sincere thanks to our programme sellers who helped on match days also Kieran Kennedy from O'Neill for his kind sponsorship and support shown to myself and the Communications Team throughout the year. I want to wish Kieran well in his retirement. Programme sellers are a vital part of our County Final days and I feel they need to be afforded some respect and acknowledgement. They help provide such a valuable stream of revenue. I feel there is a need to establish a Special Team with sole responsibility to ensure our Award Winning Match Programmes are available and sold at all our County Finals plus our National League home games. As County PRO it takes a huge amount of time and effort to getting a Match Programme pulled together and printed. On a match day the County PRO has a very demanding remit and workload. The arranging to get Programmes sold and try to pull together a team of sellers should not fall to the County PRO. This vital task needs a special group of individuals with a sole person in charge to oversee. Sadly, at this years Hurling County Finals the programmes had to be given out Free to all supporters as they was No one available to arrange their sale or take responsibility. As County PRO I place a huge amount of time and effort into providing our match day publications to a very professional and high standard, they are recognised as such both at provincial and National level. We now need a recognised Group to take responsibility to ensure they are sold on Match days.

Internal Competitions Match Day Programmes ONLINE VERSION.

The Pandemic has resulted in 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 as well as Club Championship matches were again produced online and could be accessed via our Social Media platforms or via the Official Tyrone Website. This format proved successful To be able to operate this system and be able to produce online programmes my thanks and appreciation must go out to all Clubs especially the Team Managers and the Club secretaries. Thanks must go out to the members of my Communications Committee, who worked tirelessly to get programmes made available, in some instances at very short notice.

County Final Programmes:

This year the 5 main County Finals in Football and Hurling all had a Special Edition souvenir Programmes produced to mark the occasion. First up was the dual Senior and Junior Hurling Finals on the 6th Nov with a full colour 36 pages edition. The next day the Tyrone Junior Football Final had a full colour 28 pages Edition. Three major Finals in the space of 2 days was a tough ask and the short turnaround in time between the Semi Finals and the Final added to huge workload. Our County Championship Finals are seen as the show case events in terms of profiling what are the major programme publications. The return of much larger groups of supporters to the matches meant the demand for a hard copy match programme was a much-required part of the County Final day experience.

The Intermediate & Senior County Finals were played over the weekend of the 13th & 14th Nov and instead of two separate programmes, a special bumper double edition single match programme was



published with 56 pages in total. 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 special. In all the County Final days the popularity of the match day programme again witnessed a huge demand for what are now a collector's items.

I wish to acknowledge the help provided by Cathal McErlean, (Vector Design) who published the Hurling final programme and the NHL programmes. 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, the efforts from all our many contributors especially Paddy Hunter, Aodhan Harkin, Francie Mooney and Rory Cox. I thank each of them for their massive commitment and support. I am indebted to them for all their tireless efforts to make things like this happen.

The Print Media:

The Print Media in Tyrone continue to play a vital role in the promotion of Gaelic games, Tyrone are extremely lucky to have the extensive coverage provided of our games in all codes by those local papers who assist the great work undertaken by the Tyrone Communications Committee. 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, namely Dominic Mc Clements, Nigel McDonagh, Barry O'Donnell, plus Francie Mooney, Kevin Kelly, Alan Rodgers, Niall Gartland, Niall Mc Coy, Damien Donnelly, Darren Beattie, as well as Declan Bogue, John Campbell, Brendan Crossan, plus Andy Watters, Kenny Archer, Paul Mc Conville, Neill Loughran, Orla Bannon.

Tyrone GAA TV:



2021 was again badly impacted by Covid and as in the previous year we were more than ever glad to avail of Tyrone GAA TV and the valuable service IT provided with the coverage of our Gaelic games. This year it proved an invaluable service.

As a County PRO it would be wrong of me not to acknowledge this and since Tyrone GAA TV was introduced 4 years ago it has come a long way. I was glad to be able to assist in this journey and while there may have been some issues which arose in the later part of the season, Tyrone GAA TV is now firmly established as massive addition to the promotion of our games and connecting with Tyrone Gaels all over the world.

I have said many times previously the intervention of Live Streaming has been a Godsend not only in terms of the additional revenue it can provide for Counties but even more importantly it allows all our Supporters and Gaels no matter where they may be to be able to tune in and have the opportunity to see their Parish team in action. Gaelic games should rightly demand equal share of coverage. For far too



long the coverage of Gaelic games has not gained an equal share of airtime via those terrestrial TV Channels.

Tyrone GAA TV has endured some early introduction issues, but these have been successfully overcome and going forward the continued coverage of Gaelic Games must be part and parcel of the service we provide to GAA Gaels no matter where they happen to be.

In 2021 an over ambitious schedule of games was planned by Tyrone GAA TV. The tough task in covering every single Championship game across all Grade in the Tyrone Senior, Intermediate & Junior Club Championship plus coverage of the two County Hurling Finals was a logistical nightmare never mind a massive task to try to achieve. Despite plenty of hurdles along the way, in my report I am very proud to reveal that Tyrone GAA TV managed to stream Live a total of 47 Matches spread over just seven weeks. No other County managed to match such an impressive coverage of Club Championship matches.

I have always been a strong advocate of insisting Tyrone should provide coverage of our Games. Tyrone GAA TV gives us that opportunity, and this is something that must be maintained. The build up to the County Finals in some ways took away from the huge time and effort spent in trying to make the Tyrone GAA TV experience as memorable and professional as possible.

I wish to place on record within my Annual Report that I personally at every stage was not in favour of any Price Increases and furthermore I disagreed at those suggested increases. In the aftermath I was subjected to horrendous and vile abuse directed not only to me but also to my immediate Family and Friends.

At the time I had to accept the decisions made but I feel in the interests of fairness I must try to set the record straight. Looking forward, I feel a consensus needs to be reached on what should be a Fair and Equal cost charge for the ability to watch our games. Ultimately this will benefit all concerned. I personally have put so much time and energy into making Tyrone GAA TV a success and I am so lucky to be able to call on a large group of individuals who help to make this happen at No Cost to anyone. They are all Volunteers and they do not charge a penny. Again, many nameless individuals ridicule and criticise their efforts which is totally unfair. I thank them for their loyalty shown to me and Tyrone GAA.

Tyrone GAA TV is here to stay, and I am hopeful that even much greater Coverage can be provided with an enhanced package to make the whole experience even more enjoyable. I firmly believe that the service being provided through streaming is starting to have an impact on those who we would normally are not able for whatever reasons to get to watch our games and who are now given the opportunity to view our games via our Live Streaming.

Each year in my 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, I include Owen Mc Connon, Thomas Kane, Thomas Niblock, Emma Patterson, Tom Comac, Marty Morrissey, Fintan Walsh, Declan Mc Bennett as well as our own Paddy Hunter and Ger Tracey.

I am extremely lucky to work alongside all these Press/Media Corp and they greatly assist in expanding the coverage of the GAA within the County. At Provincial level, Declan Woods, Paul McGurk, Stephen Donnelly, Michael Devlin, while at National GAA Level, I wish to single out several people like Alan Milton and Siobhan Brady who provided such huge support to me during the year, also Niamh Boyle, Noel Quinn plus Cian Murtagh. Their support and advice offered to a County PRO is invaluable and worthwhile. I am very grateful for their friendship and assistance given at all times.

I extend my appreciation to Noel McGinn and his team at Teamtalk for their efforts to continue to 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 namely Michael Cullen, Rory Cox, Benny Hurl, Judith Browne, Phil Armstrong, Jay McGahran, Martin McGlone, Dominic Mc Clements, Seamus Loughran,



Damien Donnelly, Pat Mc Sorley, and Sportsfile plus Inpho. Accessibility to photographs when required is vitally important to any PRO and for me I am extremely lucky to be able to call up a team of Photographers who give of their time and expertise and I thank them again for all their efforts and support.

Tyrone Club PRO's Seminar:

As County PRO I feel the contact with all the local Club PRO's is a vital component to assist with Communications coverage. I like to maintain a direct connection with all the Club PRO's. I keep this as a key aim in creating a two-way process of co-operation between the Clubs and their PRO's.

Sadly, our Annual Club PRO's Seminar was not able to be held this year but looking ahead I do hope this event can be organised in 2022. It is such an important vehicle to helping to develop good practice as well as developing building up a good rapport with those delegated as the Communications Officers within the Clubs.

The Club PRO's Seminar has been invaluable tool to assist in the aim of enhancing the Role of Communications both at Club & County Levels. Hopefully in 2022, the head of Communications in Croke Park, Alan Milton will return to impart his wealth of knowledge and expertise to all those who will be present.

The Tyrone LCC Group Club Championship Draws Streamed Live in 2021

Each year the anticipation of who will play who in the Club Championship attracts huge interest and excitement. In 2021 this was no different but again unfortunately due to the Covid Restrictions Tyrone GAA TV were able to bring the Draws Live to Gaels everywhere. The reduced audience did not dampen the enthusiasm.

The Championship Sponsors, The LCC Group are now into their 4th term and Adrian Scully joined with the Tyrone CCC plus Tyrone Communication Committee to bring live coverage of our Club Championship Draws.

What a championship 2021 proved to be once again. The intrigue as well as the big key games provided for a real feast of Club Championship action. The big draw clashes certainly delivered with several local derbies plus down to the wire all action clashes.

The entire event was streamed live via our Social Media Facebook page. The Tyrone Club Championship Draw night has become a regular and highly popular event on the Communications calendar. Thanks again to MAC AV and the LCC Group.

The Pre Ulster-Championship & Nicky Rickard Cup Press Night:

Sadly, due to the lockdown and restrictions posed by Covid 19, Tyrone Communications were not able to host their Hurling & Football Pre-Championship Press night which had become a hugely successful joint venture. Looking forward to 2021 It is intended to return to once again providing the popular high profile event giving equal coverage for both our Senior Hurling Manager and our New Senior Football manager ahead of their Ulster Senior Championship opening round as well as the opening rounds of the Nicky Rickard Cup. In conclusion to 2021 I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to the Tyrone Joint Senior Managers Feargal Logan and Brian Dooher both these men afforded me total respect as The County PRO, they are a credit to our County. It was a fantastic journey to be part of as Tyrone captured the All Ireland title and brought Sam Maguire back home again to Tyrone. I felt very lucky to be involved and I have so many Happy memories. Also being given to opportunity to work alongside and liaise with all the County players was a total joy with each & everyone of them being so co-operative at every juncture. The New Senior Hurling Manager Michael McShane and his team reached the Nicky Rackard Cup Final and a day out in Croke Park. I want to thank Michael for his professional attitude and his complete support and appreciation shown to me in my role as County PRO. They were as joy to work with.

Finally, to another man who came in this year as the New Tyrone Minor Manager Gerard Donnelly, both Gerard and each of his backroom team were so respectful to me and no task was any bother or hassle to



Gerard. Again, I was extremely lucky to be on the U.17's journey winning the Ulster title and losing out narrowly in the All Ireland Final. At all times Gerry and his team made my job such a joy to be a part of with their co-operation and respect afforded to me over as County PRO. A massive thanks to all the County team managers and players.

Live Streaming: By Tyrone GAATV

In my previous Report I alluded to the continued growth of Tyrone GAA TV. Last year I had stated that Live Streaming of our Games had arrived and what has now emerged without doubt has been one of the most successful ventures overseen by the Tyrone Communications in the 4 years from it was introduced. A total of 42 Live Championship matches in 2020, **47 in 2021** streamed Live. A simply amazing Figure. The playing of the Games at Venues which can cater for good Broadband Connection has greatly enhanced the production quality. Huge thanks must go to the CCC for their help and support in this vital area. The joy and appreciation of supporters everywhere was untold, and it made up for those unable to get to the Games.

In 2020 there was a great deal of fear and apprehension as the Covid Pandemic greatly restricted people's movements. Crowds were limited at our matches and the provision of Tyrone GAA TV was seen as a huge and welcome relief to Gaels everywhere. For the 11 weeks of the Tyrone Championship Tyrone TV stepped up to the mark and all games were streamed live.

In 2021 crowds were allowed back into see our games but despite this fact The Tyrone GAA TV was once again called into action and while there would have been justified reasoning for a drop off in numbers watching our games via Tyrone GAA TV it was in fact the opposite. The large crowds flocked back to the venues but so also did the huge audience numbers wanting to watch the games via Tyrone GAA TV. The popularity of tuning in from the comfort of their own home was still as evident as it had been in 2020. Tyrone GAA TV delivers the magic and the atmosphere from the Live Championship Games. 2021 was again a testing year for everyone but Tyrone Communications Committee stepped up to the plate and helped make it happen in terms of coverage of our games. The product concept of Tyrone GAA TV is now firmly here to stay.

September 2018 was the historic year when Tyrone GAATV was launched providing the first Club Championship action to be streamed live across the world. To date Tyrone GAA TV has now Streamed live well over 100 plus games in the Championship. Looking back on 2021 there was still many restrictions in place, but this year Tyrone GAA TV has gone to another 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 within the County as we move into a new season.

One of the main components around the huge success story of Tyrone GAA TV has been its ability to not just provide coverage of the games with some high-quality Commentary provided by experienced commentators such as Paddy Hunter, Ger Tracey. Helping to assist them in the Co-Commentary roles has been some high-profile names such as and Peter Canavan, Joe McMahon, Enda McGinley, Paddy Tally, John Moylan, Liam Grugan, Finbarr Mc Connell, Damian O'Hagan, Conall Martin, Seamus McCallan, Raymond Montieth, Eunan Lindsay, Enda Kilpatrick, Chris Rafferty, Conleth Donnelly, Archie Beattie, Rodger Keenan, Niall Morgan plus County Managers Feargal Logan & Paul Devlin who helped add to the excitement and the thrill of Tyrone Championship Football. Feedback generally has been very positive from GAA Supporters all over the world whose appetite to watch our games has not diminished. I thank them all for their support.

County Final Coverage

The 3 major Adult LCC Group Club Championship Football Finals were streamed live and for the first time both the Tyrone Senior Hurling Championship Final involving Éire Óg Charraig Mór V. Eoghan Ruadh, Dún Geannain, plus the Junior decider between Naomh Colmcille V. Omagh went out Live via Tyrone GAA TV. 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.**

In my final summary I need to thank some key personnel and very genuine volunteers who all played a massive part to ensure that Tyrone GAATV has been such a brilliant success story. The recognition richly deserved goes out to Gerard Bradley for his IT expertise, the Commentators, namely Paddy Hunter, Gerard Tracey and Eunan, all the guest co-commentators who I listed previously, each of them played such a vital role in making this happen. My gratitude must go to Kieran and Darren Mc Mullan and all their professional staff at MAC AV who worked tirelessly to ensure the quality production was of the highest standards possible. **An Amazing 47 Games!**

It was a manic 7 weeks during which time it took huge sacrifices and took extreme pressures but thankfully the dedicated commitment of our loyal volunteers and the expertise knowledge from our friends in MAC AV ensured that we were to provide this magnificent facility and make it available to Gaels everywhere. Every Club stepped up to the mark and gave me total co-operation and No Fuss. They played their part in contributing to every occasion during the Live Streams.

I say a heartfelt Thank You to every Club, their Committee and all who helped in whatever small way. We all now know that Live Streaming of our games is here to stay and there is no doubt now in what we witnessed in over the past 2 years provides a huge potential to generate much needed income for our County Funds. If this is done in a sensible and fair manner everyone will turn out to be winners. As I have said previously there is additional revenue bonus opportunities to be tapped into via Sponsorship and Advertising. This could in turn reduce the costs for the LIVE STREAMING. A measured approach will prove the best option in the long run.



In Conclusion:

Finally, as I conclude my Annual Report, 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. All of them afforded me fantastic support throughout a difficult 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.

To all the Club PRO's and Club Secretaries who never let me down and who provided such a fantastic support to me over the past 12 months I am indebted your continued co-operation. Tyrone as a County are blessed to be able to call upon such a dedicated and talented bunch of Gaels who provide immense commitment to their Clubs and the County. The Clubs are the lynchpin in our County and the support mechanism given to me as County PRO is invaluable. I thank them again, for going out of their way to assist me when I come calling. It is important for a County to have a strong working relationship between the Clubs and the County PRO. It makes my job that little bit easier.

I look forward to working with you all again in 2022, if they chose me to continue in the role.



Finally, I wish to Thank my Family and my Club for affording me the opportunity to serve my County. This year was a particularly difficult one but without the support from my Family and the encouragement from my Club it would have been somewhat more challenging to get through.

I love the role of being County PRO and I do so with Pride!

Go raibh míle mhaith agaibh.

9. Coiste Oilúna & Traenála & Forbartha na gCluichí

Cathaoirleach: Damán Ó hÁirmhí

Committee

Damian Harvey (Cathaoirleach), Brian Laverty (Rúnaí), Roger Keenan, Benny Hurl, Ger O'Connor, Brendan Harpur, Joe Canavan (Primary Schools), Paddy Corrigan (Post Primary Schools).

The committee met on 11 occasions during 2021 and we thank them for their hard work and commitment during another challenging year in the development of Coaching and Games in Tyrone.

Games Development Administration

Brian Laverty continued in his role as Games Development Manager during 2021. This is one of the busiest and most challenging positions in the county. Despite a huge workload Brian has always remained calm, reassured, and diligent in carrying out the role as have the coaching staff under his line management. We are very fortunate to have coaching staff who are committed and professional in their delivery and promotion of Gaelic Games in Tyrone. That said I believe that the GAA in general is taking the passion and commitment of coaching staff for granted. I will return to this point later in this report.

Hurling

The Hurling Development Committee are once again to be commended for their constant drive in wanting to leave Hurling in the county in a better place year after year. Their work and energy is to be applauded. This is evidenced by the fact that our three newest clubs continue to increase their playing numbers and the more established clubs are working harder than ever to seek out the best coaching and playing opportunities for their cohort of underage players. A gap has been identified in the construction of a suitable Go-Games programme for our youngest Hurlers. Despite a recent attempt to fill the vacancy associated with the Primary School Hurling coach the position remain unfill and this is a deep concern to myself and the C&G committee. I will address this in the Retention of Coaches section later in this report.

Go Games

As was the case in 2020 the 2021 Go Games programme provided an alternative arrangement to the blitz style model. The one club v one other club model has been broadly welcomed by coaches and parents as a way to negotiate the challenges the Covid brought. The fixture plan was produced early in the year and this provided everyone with clarity on when and where the Go Games would take place. The C&G committee plan to take feedback from all clubs prior to the start of the 2022 season on the 2021 programme. An attempt was made at the beginning of the 2021 year to co-ordinate a Go Games programme that would encapsulate Football, Ladies Football, Hurling and Camogie. Unfortunately, the information to produce such a programme was not forthcoming. The Hurling Development Committee have confirmed that the incoming Coaching & Games Officer will have the information required to produce a coordinated Go Games programme in 2022. I've no doubt that will be welcomed by club coaches and more importantly parents and players.



Once again I thank all the Go Games coaches and volunteers for their help in supporting this programme in all part of the county.

Number of Fixtures in 2021

	Football	Hurling
U7.5	949	215
U9.5	935	209
U11.5	928	208

Coaching and Games Staff

Games Development Manager – Brian Laverty

Football Coaches – Macartan McKenna (Omagh/Fermanagh Council Area), Fiachra McNulty (North Tyrone), Conor Gormley (Mid Tyrone)

Hurling Coach – Damhlaic Rush

Ulster DENI Staff, Geraldine McLaughlin (Strabane area), Rory McKillion (South Tyrone)

Ulster Hurling, Colm Dillon

There are currently two roles at interview stage for the Mid Ulster Council area GPO and for an additional Hurling GPO. There are two positions currently vacant in the Post Primary role and a placement Hurling support role for the new clubs as part of the 5-year Hurling Development plan. In the early part of this year, coaches were placed on furlough due to schools being closed. Everyone returned to work in April. I wish to place on record the professionalism that our coaching staff have shown throughout this uncertain and daunting period of time.

The role of exercise in supporting the Health and Wellbeing of our young people has never been more important. We must ensure that all is done to support the coaches in schools and clubs support their regional GPO's in whatever way that they can.

Cumann Na mBunscol

Tyrone GAA are extremely fortunate to have a very energetic and passionate group of teachers associated with CNMB. Every one of our All Ireland Senior Football Champions in 2021 passed through a Primary School in Tyrone. No doubt all of them were supported and encouraged by teachers in schools committed to the Coaching and Games programmes.

Despite the fact that school staff were operating away from the school buildings at the beginning of the year they were still in communication young people at home. Thousands of young people across the county were encouraged to keep active and lots of skills challenges were set by teachers to support Coaching and Games. Our staff were also welcomed back at the earliest possible opportunity. I thank each and every one of the CNMB committee and their members in schools for the superb work they do.

We look forward to 2022 in the hope that a full resumption of a primary schools' games programme can be fulfilled under the watchful eye of Cookstown man Eddie Doris. Not much slips past that man.

Post Primary

The Tyrone C&G committee would also like to acknowledge the tremendous work that teachers and non teaching staff are undertaking in our Post Primary Schools. We also welcome the news that the Post Primary competitions are back up and running which will only strengthen the development of our young players in the county.

County Teams



2021 saw the departure of Tyrone Senior Manager Mickey Harte. Mickey was a tremendous support to our Acadamh programme while manager. His input into the overall objectives of the C&G programme over the last 20 years or so has been incredible.

Our congratulations go the Tyrone Senior Football squad and in particular all of the coaches involved under the expert eyes of Brian Dooher and Feargal Logan. A number of these men have served their time looking after Acadamh squads in recent years and it's no surprise to us that they are now delivering at the very highest level.

Congratulations are also extended to the Tyrone Minor Management and coaches on the fabulous Ulster Championship victory. They lost out narrowly in their All Ireland final but that defeat should not take away from a remarkable year for Gerard Donnelly and his players.

On the Hurling front new Senior Manager Michael McShane has made a hugely positive impact on the senior side and I've no doubt that he will have the team pushing hard for major honours in the near future.

Coach Education

The Tyrone Coaching and Games committee has in my opinion some of the most creative, experience and professional coaching minds in the country. Unphased by the lack of access to pitches and facilities C&G meetings took place and a set of online seminars were arranged with the aim of upskilling our club coaches and volunteers.

The Coaching Committee held six webinar sessions focusing on Go Games and Underage Coaching. These were hugely successful events as evidenced by the table below. Evidence if it were needed that our club coaches are eager to learn and continuing to show a thirst for better coaching knowledge. The list of speakers included Niall Moyna, Emma and Louise Byrne, Paul Kinnerk, Aine McNamara, John Humphries and Paul Kilgannon.

Coaching Webinar Programme 2021

Webinar	Date	Attendance
Coaching Children in Sport Paul Kilgannon	17 th February 2021	391
Connecting Players During Lockdown Emma & Louise Byrne	23 rd February 2021	301
New Go-Games Model Niall Moyna & Ger O'Connor	2 nd March 2021	362
Building a Culture to Develop Young Players Dr Aine McNamara (DCU)	16 th March 2021	286
Developing Decision Makers Through Games Paul Kinnerk	23 rd March 2021	539
Empowering Young People through Gaelic Games Tony Humphreys	30 th March 2021	325

In addition to these online webinars six foundation courses were held with a mixture of online and theory throughout the year.



The 'Introduction to Gaelic Games' programme will be officially launched in January 2022. This will cater for and cover both GAA and LGFA. It is anticipated that this will bring both associations closer together and eradicate the need for a coach to complete similar separate awards for each governing body.

Scileanna Programme

On top of the online work, the Tyrone C&G committee launched a pilot coach education programme called 'Scileanna'. This is a new coaching programme developed by Ger O'Connor, Brendan Harpur and Roger Keenan is focused on many aspects including language, communication and most importantly the skills of the game.

At present Kildress, Derrylaughan and Naomh Eoghan have been included in the pilot programme through online and practical workshops. The C&G committee are interested in extending the programme in 2022 by training up additional Tyrone based tutors. This will in enable delivery to more clubs in the coming years. So far feedback on the programme has been excellent and we look forward to sharing the programme with more clubs in the coming months.

GAA For All

The GAA for all programme sadly suffered during the pandemic through regulations and staffing but plans are in place for a new programme in 2022, all volunteer help in this area is always hugely appreciated.

Summer Camps

After a break in 2020, the Club Tyrone Summer Camps returned in 2021. The appetite for camps has not diminished with the programme attracting some 5310 children this year. Our thanks once again to the 44 football and hurling camps across the county.

The camps in the Covid era presented many challenges but these challenges would never have been overcome without the help of the club volunteers. Following covid protocols, monitoring groups/bubbles and providing coaching cover at short notice is extremely challenging and unsustainable without a properly funded and well thought out 'Coach Recruitment and Retention scheme.' Unless this is addressed in the near future the Club Tyrone Summer Camp programme is at risk of operating in the same format.

Coach Recruitment and Retention

The single biggest challenge to Tyrone Coaching and Games next year is the recruitment and retention of our full time and voluntary coaches. I want to start by addressing the voluntary coaches. I believe that the Tyrone C&G committee has gone a long way over the last 5 to 7 years to address the whole area of Club Coach Education. The success of the online webinars in February and March and the pilot introduction of the Scileanna programme is testament to the expertise and skillset of the members of this committee. This programme has the potential to meet the needs of more clubs if suitable tutors can be sourced and resourced. I would encourage the management and county committees to commit financial investment into this programme as it will increase the expertise of all of our club coaches and that can only benefit everyone.

The situation with regards to our full time staff is less positive. While our staff continue to do a brilliant job in schools in challenging circumstances these posts are undervalued in terms of salary. Current GAA guidelines set out a GPO starting salary at a figure very significantly lower than the average starting salary for this part of the world (Average starting salary £22,425 source NISRA).

This has led to a difficulty in attracting suitable candidates for vacant posts. Croke Park commissioned



Mazars to produce a report on HR in the GAA in 2018. This report was completed and returned to Croke Park but never published. Despite numerous appeals from several counties and the Ulster Coaching and Games committee that contents of that report have never been released. In the meantime the pay structure for our full time coaches remain unresolved.

Tyrone GAA need to press Croke Park for direction on this issue as a matter of urgency. Otherwise, Tyrone GAA will need to step outside the coaching salary structure in order to attract coaches. This is required urgently to stop the requirement for clubs to send their own voluntary coaches out to cover Primary School and Club Tyrone Summer Camp coaching.

Acadamh Tir Eoghain

With Acadamh Tir Eoghain action curtailed in 2020 due to covid, the coaching committee felt it best to focus on club action. As the youth season has now passed, Acadamh management teams are now in place. They are currently undertaking player identification initiatives for both football and hurling with a view to running a winter Acadamh programme with a range of underage groups. As always the aim is to expose players to high calibre coaching and enable these players to stretch their athletic and skills development alongside players of a similar ability. In the short term that benefits Acadamh Tir Eoghain. More importantly in the longer term in benefits the clubs of Tyrone. Players attending Acadamh sessions will be expected to train and leave in their club gear. At this stage in their development this is about becoming better players. Not becoming county players. All games played for Acadamh Tir Eoghain will be in the black Club Tyrone kit. The county jersey and other merchandise will come at minor level when they have earned it.

Athletic Development

Club Tyrone continue to push the boundaries when it comes to producing the facilities required for our young people to be the best they can be. The Hub at Garvaghey is an incredible facility and one that we need to fully utilise. To this extent we need to ensure that we resource this facility with personnel who know what they are about. The Acadamh programme requires expertise in this area and it's incumbent on the next C&G committee and Tyrone GAA in general that this is properly financed.

Referees

Refereeing in Tyrone continues to remain a challenge despite the welcome introduction of some new faces in 2021. John Devlin and his committee remain steadfast in recruiting new referees and clubs are encourage to step up by bringing additional names to the table.

Garvaghey

Coaching and games in Tyrone are indebted to the hard work and dedication of the Garvaghey staff. Without their cooperation coaching and games in Tyrone would suffer. In particular the C&G committee would like to thank Gregory, Roisin and Anne Marie who always go above and beyond what it takes to support Acadamh teams, the coaches and management teams throughout the session. That support feeds into the success of these Acadamh structures.

Concluding Remarks

From the outside looking in Tyrone GAA has never been in a better place and it's hard to argue with that viewpoint. Our clubs and the volunteers associated with our clubs are on top of their game and that should never be taken for granted. Success at county level is impossible without the support of our clubs.

As I've said previously the C&G committee contain some of the best people in the country when it comes to planning and managing the coach education programme and providing opportunities for anyone who is interested to better themselves as coaches. It's somewhat disappointing that eleven months on from



the beginning of the Coaching Review that not one of the volunteers on that committee has been asked to participate in that review. I'm sure that the Coaching Review group have their own reasons for that decision. I look forward to their engagement with the incoming C&G committee. After all we are all here for the one reason.

Fergal McCann RIP

2021 will go down as one of the brightest points in the history of the association here our county. It brought many highs and sadly one or two lows. None more so than the untimely passing of our friend and colleague Fergal McCann on 8th March 2021.

Fergal had been a GPO for 14 years with Tyrone GAA and despite his illness he continued to contribute to the role via online meetings right up to the last few weeks before his passing. His contribution to coaching in our county is so fulsome that it's almost immeasurable.

The many tributes and kind words written about him since his passing demonstrate for all Fergal's character and the high esteem in which he was held. Right from the school yards to Croke Park, he crafted and moulded several generations of young players. As one Primary Principal commented in the days following his passing, "every child in our school knew Fergal and the every one of them loved him. He was just part of us".

Fergal was an exceptional coach but no doubt he will be remembered as a fantastic father to his two girls Aine and Aoife and husband to his wife Roisin. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all over this Christmas period.

He will be sorely missed by all of us who knew him. His contribution will never be forgotten.

Life is not measured by the number of breaths that we take but by the number of moments that take our breath away.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

10. Coiste Ceannais na gComórtaisí

Cathaoirleach: Mairtin Ó Sludain

Football

Prior to the commencement of the 2021 season, the CCC focused on completing any outstanding competitions from 2020. In total, 17 youth and adult finals were carried over and completed.

2021 youth competitions commenced on 19th May, with home & away fixtures being introduced this year. Over 900 games were scheduled at Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 levels with four grades at each age.

The Under 19 competition was played with three grades. A high number of games at this level were conceded with reasons from Clubs including: shortage of players and players being used in Senior, Reserve and Under 17 leagues.

Ahead of the commencement of adult leagues, Clubs agreed to four teams being relegated in both Division 1 and Division 2. This was to correct the imbalance caused by the absence of relegation in 2020. The League started on Friday 28th May. Friday night football proved to be a great success with the players.

- Division 1 had 9 starred games and 8 non-starred games.
- Division 2 had 7 starred games and 8 non-starred games.
- Division 3 had 14 non-starred games.



At present, Division 3 has been completed with Eskra winning the title after an unbeaten league campaign. The final rounds of Division 1 and Division 2 are being played on Sunday 12th December. The LCC Group Club Championships commenced with the first round of the Junior (Fintona v Urney) on Thursday 23rd October and finished with Senior Final (Dromore v Coalisland) on Sunday 14th November. 45 games were played during our 3 competitions.

- Junior Football winners were Cookstown Fr Rocks.
- Intermediate Football winners were Moortown St Malachy's.
- Senior Football winners were Dromore St Dymrna's.

Hurling

Competitions were hard to organise alongside double rounds of football fixtures which led to unavailability of a lot of players. The Hurling Clubs competed outside the county and there was notable success for Fintona Pearses (U15 Tain Óg Final) and Omagh St Enda's (Ulster Junior Development Hurling League Shield Final). Competitions commenced after football was finished within Under 13, Under 15 & Under 17 and Senior league.

In the Senior Hurling Championship, semi-finals were played with Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh and Carrickmore Eire Óg both winning to play each other in the final. Omagh St Enda's played Naomh Colum Cille in the Junior Final.

- Junior Hurling winners Naomh Colum Cille.
- Senior Hurling winners Carrickmore Eire Óg.

Finally, I would like to thank all the clubs who made their venues available throughout this year.

Also thanks to CCC members for their hard work during the season - Michelle Cox, Pat McAtee, Mel Taggart, Fabian McGlone, Raymond Monteith, Niall McKenna, Stephen McCullagh, Tommy Colton, Aidan Gordon, Sarah-jane Kelly, Dessie Doherty and John Devlin.

2021 Discipline Report																	
	ADULT					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		
May	6	11	10	0		0	0	0	0		6	10	1	0	0		
June	6	9	4	2		0	0	1	0		12	19	4	0	0		1
July	8	14	12	2		0	0	1	0		5	11	1	0	0		
Aug	2	7	0	1		0	0	0	0		5	0	2	0	0		
Sept	9	8	1	0		0	0	0	0		6	4	1	0	0		
Oct	10	10	2	0		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		
Nov	1	4	1	0		0	0	0	0		1	2	2	0	0		



NA RÚIN (Motions)

Motions 1 – 6 introduce amendments to the Tyrone Byelaws that are necessary to comply with the changes made at the Annual Congress and Special Congress in 2021, and which are now incorporated in the Official Guide.

Motion 1

County Byelaw 2 be amended to read:

2. (a) In accordance with Rule 3.11, T.O. 2021 the annual County Convention shall elect the following: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language & Culture, Hurling Officer and PRO. It shall also elect a representative on Central Council and two representatives on the Ulster Council.

It shall also appoint (i) a Children's Officer and (ii) a **Planning and Training Officer**, as recommended by the outgoing County Committee

(b) In accordance with Rule 3.11 (b) Exception (2), T.O. 2021 the County Treasurer will not be subject to the maximum period of office of five years.

(c) Nominations for conventions within the County shall be automatically withdrawn at the Convention unless the nominee indicates that he / she is standing for election.

(Coiste Bainistí)

Motion 2

County Byelaw 3 be amended to read:

3. The County Committee shall consist of the following:

(a) Officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, **Planning and Training Officer**, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language & Culture, Hurling Officer, PRO and Children's Officer

(b) Central Council Representative (1)

(c) Ulster Council Representatives (2)

(d) Representatives of Clubs (1 person to be nominated from each Adult Club, on nomination form issued for County Convention)

(e) Two nominees of the Chairman and Secretary

(f) County Referees' Administrator

(g) County Handball Committee Representative

(h) County Primary Schools Committee Representative

(i) County Post-Primary Schools Committee Representative

(j) County Safety and Facilities Officer

(Coiste Bainistí)

Motion 3

County Byelaw 4.1 be amended to read:

4.1 Management Committee (14 Members)

To consist of the following Officers and Representatives elected at the County Convention: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, **Planning and Training Officer**, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Hurling Officer, Public Relations Officer, two Provincial Council Representatives, and the Central Council Representative.

The County Secretary shall also be a member of the County Management Committee.

(Coiste Bainistí)



Motion 4

The following new Byelaw be introduced:

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

(Coiste Bainistí)

Motion 5

The following new Byelaw be introduced:

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

(Coiste Bainistí)

Motion 6

The following new Byelaw be introduced:

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

(Coiste Bainistí)

Motion 7

All Coaching and Development Funding must be allocated to individual counties on an equal basis based on registered GAA members in the preceding year in each county up to a maximum variance of 5%. Any proposal to allocate Coaching and Development funding in excess of a 5% variance must be brought to Annual Congress every two years for approval with a transparent plan and business case for such increased funding.

(It is proposed that this motion will amend Rule 3.43 of the GAA Official Guide which governs the "Powers and Functions" of the Central Council, Rule 3.44 which governs the "Powers of the Director General and other Officers" and also, Rule 3.46 which governs the Management Committee that makes recommendations on policy and finance to Central Council.)

**Cumann Uilf Toin, Cill Dhreasa
Cumann Naomh Pádraig, An Taite Riabhach**

Motion 8

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

Club
Adult

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

Under - Age Grades

A county shall determine its internal Under-Age Grades for competition purposes within the parameter of Under 21 down to Under 11.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Aireagal Chiaráin



NA MOLTAÍ (Recommendations)

Nos 1-6, for referral to the Competitions Control Committee

1. That the Tyrone CCC organize the playing of League and Championship fixtures for all youth levels on the basis of U17 and U13 at the similar time of the year. That they play the U15 competitions upon the completion of the other two youth competitions.

Cumann Éire Óg, Clochar

2. More joined up approach of fixtures between codes (Ladies, Men's and Camogie etc) E.g. Senior men's games Friday evenings, Senior ladies Saturday nights.

Cumann Naomh Pádraig An Caisleán Glas

3. Tyrone CCC review the criteria granting transfers between clubs within the county. A major issue over recent years has been the loss to Gaelic games of adult men over 18 who for various reasons are not selected on a regular basis for adult football within their Club. The current bye-laws should include a ruling that where there is agreement between the Club the player is leaving and the Club to which he wishes to transfer then the transfer should be granted, especially where there is hardship either on mental or physical grounds.

The key points here are GAA participation and player retention through access to regular adult football, which goes hand in hand with mental health which is a major factor at present.

Cumann Naomh Pádraig, An Ghoirtín

4. CCC shall have discretion, depending on the circumstances, to grant a transfer if the club the player is leaving has no objection notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bye- Laws.

Cumann Naomh Pádraig, An Ghoirtín

5. 1.1 POWERS OF THE REFEREE

The Referee's decision on any question of fact (except as provided for in Rule 7.3 (aa) (1) (vi), Part 1, Official Guide) and in regard to time, shall be final.

The referee shall have the following powers:

(i) To declare the ground or other conditions unsuitable for play after consulting, where feasible, with the Officials in Charge of the fixture.

(vii) To terminate a game because of outside interference, or any other serious reason that merits such action.

Bye law to be considered.

In case of a serious injury to a player during a game the game will be abandoned once a reasonable period of time has passed (30 mins) and a new date is set within 7 days for the refixture, taking into account any issues raised by the two Clubs involved.

Cumann Naomh Pádraig, An Ghoirtín

6. As all clubs contribute club Tyrone why are senior championship games (at junior, intermediate and senior) not split evenly across all clubs who wish to host? This is a great financial boost for clubs and at present 6/7 clubs in the county benefit heavily (with this financial income new improvements to lights/facilities can be done). As such we believe there should be a greater distribution of games across all clubs wishing to host.

Cumann Naomh Pádraig An Caisleán Glas



Nos 7 – 8, for referral to the Finance Committee

7. That Tyrone Finance Committee make provision to accept payment at the gates for all Club championship matches including finals as well as any league play-offs to allow for those unable to purchase tickets online.

Cumann Éire Óg, Clochar

8. Under any circumstances should the County Board charge U16s in to any club game in Tyrone.

Cumann Éire Óg, Clochar

Nos 9 – 10, for referral to the Management Committee

9. Whilst it is acknowledged that Tyrone TV has been a fantastic tool in the county to facilitate many people in watching our Club games. If either TG4 or RTÉ request to show any of our games, that request should be granted in order to allow a small percentage of our games to be free to watch.

Cumann Éire Óg, Clochar

10. That for distribution of match tickets for any game involving Tyrone in the qualifiers or Ulster championship as well as All-Ireland series should be given to the Clubs to distribute amongst their members. Clubs should be allowed to allocate their tickets.

Cumann Éire Óg, Clochar

11. Removal of the advanced and defensive marks.

Cumann Naomh Pádraig An Caisleán Glas

12. Removal of the water breaks.

Cumann Naomh Pádraig An Caisleán Glas



Ainmniúchain (Nominations)

Cathaoirleach: Michael Kerr (Éire Óg) (outgoing).

Cisteoir: Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair).

Leas-Cathaoirleach: Martin Sludden (An Droim Mór) (outgoing).

Cisteoir Cúnta: Sean McGuigan (An Charraig Mhór).

Rúnaí Cúnta: Dermot McCaughey (Trí Leac).

Ball Árd Chomhairle: Benny Hurl (Ard Bó) (outgoing).

Baill Chomhairle Uladh (2): Michelle Cox (Droim Ratha), Peter Kennedy (Doire Locháin),
Conor Sally (An Ómaigh) (outgoing).

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

Oifigeach Cultúr & Teanga: Stephen Hughes (Dún Geannain), Michael McCaughey (An Bearach).

Oifigeach Iomána: Eunan Lindsay (Gleann Éallaigh) (outgoing).

Caidreamh Poiblí: Rory Cox (Droim Ratha), Eugene McConnell (An Clochar) (outgoing),
Oliver McVeigh (Domhnach Mór).

APPENDIX 1

CLUB MEMBERSHIP - 2021					
Club	Full	Youth	Club	Full	Youth
Aghaloo O'Neill's	150	149	Glenelly St Joseph's	171	76
Aghyaran St Davog's	216	77	Gortin St Patrick's	225	96
Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa	249	156	Greencastle St Patrick's	215	206
Augher St Macartan's	182	120	Kildress Wolfe Tones	255	185
Beragh Red Knights	177	191	Killeeshil St Mary's	177	198
Brackaville Owen Roes	213	74	Killyclogher St Mary's	343	323
Brockagh Emmetts	122	60	Killyman St Mary's	129	69
Carrickmore St Colmcille's	253	245	Loughmacrory St Teresa's	48	0
Castlederg St Eugene's	229	214	Moortown St Malachy's	191	131
Clann na nGael	211	68	Moy Tír na nÓg	324	153
Clogher Eire Óg	198	115	Naomh Eoghan	210	115
Clonoe O'Rahilly's	345	157	Omagh St Enda's	404	367
Coalisland Fianna	413	173	Owen Roe O'Neill's	239	177
Cookstown FrRocks	220	240	Pomeroy Plunketts	302	138
Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's	355	55	Rock St Patrick's	150	105
Derrytresk Fir an Chnoic	126	78	Stewartstown Harps	80	81
Donaghmore St Patrick's	273	102	Strabane Sigersons	310	332
Dromore St Dymrna's	308	168	Tattyreagh St Patrick's	80	36
Drumquin Wolfe Tones	156	95	Trillick St Macartan's	338	196
Drumragh Sarsfields	287	331	Urney St Columba's	149	81
Dungannon Thomas Clarkes	261	196	Naomh Colum Cille	106	78
Edendork St Malachy's	299	173	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	41	76
Eglish St Patrick's	154	160	Strabane Shamrocks	10	36
Eskra Emmetts	145	117	Carrickmore Éire Óg	120	142
Errigal Ciaran	244	210	Tulach Óg	2	38
Fintona Pearses	89	63	Cumann Dúiche Néill,	40	64
Galbally Pearses	526	408	Cúchulainn an Ghleanna	17	84
Totals:				11077	7778



APPENDIX 2

Subcommittee Membership – 2021

Management Committee (14)

Michael Kerr (An Charraig Mhór) (Chairperson)
Martin Sludden (An Droim Mhór) (Vice-Chairperson)
Eileen Connolly (Naomh Eoghan) (Treasurer)
Benny Hurl (Ard Bó) (Central Council)
Dermot McCaughey (Trí Leac) (Ulster Council)
Conor Sally (Omagh) (Ulster Council)
Eugene McConnell (Clochar) (PRO)
Michelle Cox (Droim Ratha) (Assistant Secretary)
Damian Harvey (Éadan na dTorc) (Coaching Officer)
Eunan Lindsay (Glenelly) (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)
Pat McAtee (Fionntamhnach) (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)
Adrian Conway (Clann nan Gael) (Fixtures' Analyst)

Hearings Committee (9)

Seamus Hannigan (An Ómaigh) (Chairperson)
Margaret Keenan (An Goirtín) (Secretary)
Mary Daly (An Mháigh)
Shane Dorrity (Oileán a'Ghuail)
Adrian Scullin (An Chorr Chríochach)
Noel McGeary (An Gallbhaile)
Martin O'Neill (Broccagh)
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 (Cabán a'Chaortainn)

Planning Physical Development and Safety Commtee (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 (Cabán 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 (18)

Eunan Lindsay (Glean Eallaigh) (Chairperson)

Brian Lavery (Oileán a'Ghuail) (Acting CGDM) (Secretary)

Damian Harvey (An Chorra Chríochach) (Coaching Officer)

Declan Bennett (Éire Óg)

Cathal Daly (Duiche Néill)

Damian O'Neill (Naomh Colum Cille)

Ciarán McHugh (Eoghan Ruadh)

Thomas Colton (Eoghan Ruadh)

Kieran Cranny (Fionntamhnach)

Drew Doherty (Tulach Óg)

Gary McGettigan (Na Seamrogaí)

Peter O'Kane (Coill an Chlochair)

Paddy Hunter (An Ómaigh)

Benny Hurl (Ard Bó)

Ryan Woods (An Ómaigh)

Colm Morgan (Naomh Colum Cille)

Cathal McGarry (Cuchulainn an Ghleanna)

Peter Kerr (Éire Óg)

Language & Culture Committee (8)

Donal Magee (Coill an Chlochair) (Chairperson)

Ristéard Mac Daibhéid (Droim Ratha)

Stephen Hughes (Dún Geanainn)

Eamon Campbell (Doire Treasc)

Caroline McHugh (Achadh Uí Aráin)

Clíodhna Kerr (An Charraig Mhór)

Oliver Corr (Oileán a'Ghuail)

Dominic Douglas (Aireagal Chiaráin)



Safety Officer

Michael Mc Carney (An Ómaigh)

Finance Sub-Committee (10)

Eileen Connolly (Naomh Eoghan) (Chairperson)

Raymond Mc Keown (An Mháigh) (Secretary)

Michael Harvey (Cabán a'Chaorthainn)

Michael Kerr (Éire Óg)

Seamus Marlow (Eisceach)

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 (9)

Damian Harvey (An Chorr Chríochach) (Chairperson)

Brian Laverty (Oileán a'Ghuail) (Acting GDM) (Secretary)

Benny Hurl (Ard Bó)

Brendan Harpur (Droim Caoin)

Roger Keenan (An Goirtín)

Paddy Corrigan (An Ghallbhaile) (Post-Primary)

Joe Neill (Aireagal Chiaráin) (Go-Games)

Eunan Lindsay (Gleann Eallaigh) (Hurling Officer)

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

Health & Wellbeing Committee (7)

Malachi McCann (Aireagal Chiaráin) (Chairperson)

Ciaran McLaughlin (An Srath Ban) (Secretary)

Cuthbert Donnelly (Achadh Lú) (ASAP Officer)

Tracey Monaghan (An Ómaigh)

Francis Mooney (Éadan na dTorc)

Adrian Nugent (An Charraig) (Childrens' Officer)

Martin McCarron (Aireagal Chiaráin)

Communications Workgroup (8)

Eugene McConnell (Clochar) (Chairperson/PRO)
Rory Cox (Droim Ratha) (Secretary)
Francis Mooney (Éadan na dTorc)
Chris Curran (Loch Mhic Ruairí)
Colin Mackle (An Mháigh)
Paddy Hunter (An Ómaigh)
Aodhán Harkin (An Srath Bán)
Michael Devlin (An Chraobh)

County HQ Management Committee (9)

Michael Kerr (Éire Óg) (Chairperson)
Mark Conway (Cill Dhreasa) (Secretary)
Eileen Connolly (Naomh Eoghan)
Raymond Mc Keown (An Mháigh)
Dominic Mc Caughey (Trí Leac)
Michael Harvey (Cabán a' Chaorthainn)
Jackie Duffy (An Mháigh)
Brian Hackett (Eiscreach)
Hugh McCallan (An Charraig Mhór)

Human Resources Committee (5)

Niall Conway (Clann na nGael) (Chairperson)
Eileen Connolly (Naomh Eoghan) (Secretary)
Cliodhna Kerr (An Charraig Mhór)
Hugh McCallan (An Charraig Mhór)
Martin Ferguson (An Gallbhaile)

PR & Marketing Committee (13)

Jackie Duffy (An Mháigh) (Chairperson)
Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín) (Secretary)
Declan Devlin (An Ómaigh)
Roisin Shanks (E.R.Uí Néill) (Treasurer)
Mark Conway (Cill Dhreasa)
Eugene McConnell (Clochar) (PRO)
Martin Haughey (An Goirtín)
Hugh McAleer (An Bearach)
Eileen Connolly (Naomh Eoghan) (County Treasurer)
Patsy Forbes (Ard Bó) (County President)
Patrick Harte (Cabán a' Chaortainn) (RIP)
Adrian Colton (An Droim Mór)
Michael Winters (Trí Leac)

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' Football 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)
Declan McGirr (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 (10)

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

Coaching Review Workgroup (6)

Seamus Woods (Droim Ratha) (Chairperson)
Mark Conway (Cill Dhreasa) (Secretary)
Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín)
Benny Hurl (Ard Bó)
Stephen O'Neill (Clann na nGael)
Niall Muldoon (Ard Bo)



APPENDIX 3

Transfer Applications Approved by Ard Chomhairle

No	Surname	Forename	Present Club	New Club	Date
1	McGowan	Owen	Fintona	Dulwich Harps	18/11/2020
2	McCarron	Cathal	Dromore	Athy, Kildare	27/11/2020
3	Sheehy	Edward	St Michael's, Toronto	Ardboe	04/12/2020
4	de Butleir	Conchúr	Eoghan Ruadh, Dungannon	Cill Bhriotain, Cork	15/12/2020
5	Forbes	Paul	Moortown	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	02/02/2021
6	Loughran	Colum	Kildress	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	02/02/2021
7	Gallen	Niall	Castlelurg	St Claret's, London	02/02/2021
8	McAuley	John	Ardboe	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	02/02/2021
9	Quinn	Connor	Donaghmore	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	03/02/2021
10	Wylie	Mark	Ardboe	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	08/02/2021
11	McKeown	Shane	Moortown	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	08/02/2021
12	O'Keefe	Ryan	Beragh	Sinn Fein, Victoria, Australia	18/02/2021
13	McKenna	Aaron	Killeeshil	Sinn Fein, Victoria, Australia	18/02/2021
14	Murray	Gregory	Omagh	Sinn Fein, Victoria, Australia	18/02/2021
15	O'Neill	Cormac	Omagh	Sinn Fein, Victoria, Australia	18/02/2021
16	Ward	Calinn	Carrickmore	Sinn Fein, Victoria, Australia	18/02/2021
17	Gallen	Steafain	Castlelurg	Trinity Gaels, Dublin	18/02/2021
18	McGinn	Luke	Killiclogher	Sinn Fein, Victoria, Australia	01/03/2021
19	Morris	Christopher	Young Irelands, Philadelphia	Galbally	04/03/2021
20	Dolan	Conor	Kiltormer, Galway	Naomh Colum Cille	04/03/2021
21	McGrath	Gareth	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Drumragh	04/03/2021
22	Kilcullen	David	Ballaghaderreen, Mayo	Errigal Ciaran	05/03/2021
23	Greville	Paul	Raharney, Westmeath	Naomh Colum Cille	01/03/2021
24	Creighton	Thomas	Éire Óg, Roscommon	Errigal Ciaran	03/03/2021
25	Lagan	Rian	St Brigid's, Dublin	Kildress	04/03/2021
26	Campbell	Patrick	Stewartstown	Durham Robert Emmett's, Toronto	26/03/2021
27	McKenna	Sean	Madrid, Europe	Killeeshil	24/03/2021
28	Lajeunesse	Jonathan	Kildress	Ottawa Gaels	26/03/2021
29	McDonald	Ryan	John Mitchells, Lancashire	Rock	30/03/2021
30	Hughes	Patrick	Clonoe	Clan na nGael, Atlanta	01/04/2021
31	Devine	Ronan	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Castlelurg	09/04/2021
32	Donnelly	Ciarán	Eglis	ISSC, Vancouver	31/03/2021
33	Clarke	Edan	Greencastle	Kevin Barry's Philadelphia	12/04/2021
34	Keaveney	Michael	Omagh	Round Towers, London	06/04/2021
35	Hughes	Patrick	Donaghmore	Clan na nGael, Atlanta	12/04/2021
36	Murray	Gregory	Sinn Féin, Victoria, MSW	Omagh	16/04/2021
37	Nugent	Liam	Kildress	Harlesden Harps, London	09/04/2021
38	Mackle	Marcus	Brackaville	Glasgow Gaels	13/04/2021
39	Cullen	Conor	John Mitchells, Lancashire	Edendork	14/04/2021
40	McCartan	Liam	Loughmacrory	Sean McDermott's, Warws	26/04/2021



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41	O'Neill	Niall	Clann na nGael	Sean McDermott's, Warwickshire	15/04/2021
42	Hamilton	Thomas	Dungannon	St Benedict's, Yorkshire	12/04/2021
43	Quinn	Connor	Donaghmore	Thomas McCurtain's, London	16/04/2021
44	McCaughey	Frank	Wolfe Tones, Victoria	Trillick	22/04/2021
45	McGirr	Pierce	Drumquin	St Joseph's, London	27/04/2021
46	Northern	Patrick	Gortin	St Vincent's, Hertfordshire	04/05/2021
47	McLoughlin	Tighearnan	Killyman	Dalriada, Scotland	04/05/2021
48	Coyle	Shane	Southern Districts, WA	Greencastle	27/04/2021
49	McAlynn	Niall	Drumquin	St Joseph's, London	27/04/2021
50	O'Hagan	Jarlath	Coalisland	Dunedin Connolly's, Scotland	04/05/2021
51	Cummings	Colm	Cookstown	St Joseph's, London	28/04/2021
52	McNamee	Hugh	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Pomeroy	06/05/2021
53	O'Neill	Fearghal	Dromore	Greenwood, Western Australia	11/05/2021
54	Kelly	David	Éire Óg, Vancouver	Errigal Ciaran	17/05/2021
55	McGovern	Eamon	St Joseph's, London	Naomh Eoghan	18/05/2021
56	Kelly	Caolan	Aghaloo	Dlariada, Scotland	26/05/2021
57	McGinley	Raymond	Eskra	Ballina, Tipperary	03/06/2021
58	Mullin	Damian	Errigal Ciaran	Oisin, Lancashire	15/06/2021
59	Quinn	Conor	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Stewartstown	22/06/2021
60	Walsh	Matthew	Dungannon	Fulham Irish	21/06/2021
61	McCallan	Tommy	Éire Óg, Carrickmore	Fulham Irish	18/06/2021
62	O'Keefe	Ryan	Sinn Féin, Victoria, MSW	Beragh	28/06/2021
63	Fox	Peter	Greencastle	Kerry, New York	21/06/2021
64	McCoy	Páraic	Strabane	Kerry, New York	21/06/2021
65	O'Neill	Eoghan	Moy	The Hague, Europe	05/07/2021
66	McSorley	Piaras	St Brendan's Warws	Naomh Eoghan	28/06/2021
67	McManus	Adrian	Dromore	Round Towers, London	28/06/2021
68	McGrath	Lorcan	John Mitchells, Lancashire	Edendork	29/06/2021
69	Warnock	Sean	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Greencastle	01/07/2021
70	McCourt	John	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Pomeroy	01/07/2021
71	McGonigle	Mark	St Brendan's, Lancashire	Edendork	05/07/2021
72	Butler	Ryan	Éire Óg, Carrickmore	Castlebar Mitchell's	05/07/2021
73	Groogan	Ben	Omagh	St Finbarr's, Cork	06/07/2021
74	McArdle	Emmett	Omagh	St Patrick's Limerick	19/07/2021
75	Donaghy	Eoghan	Michael Cusack's, NAB	Killeeshil	26/07/2021
76	Mallon	Pádraig	Edendork	St Brendan's, Lancashire	20/07/2021
77	McLaughlin	Conor	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Killyclogher	23/07/2021
78	Harvey	Patrick	Moy	St Brendan's, Lancashire	26/07/2021
79	McErlean	Leon	St Brendan's, London	Derrytresk	27/07/2021
80	Devlin	Eunan	Ardboe	St Kiernan's, London	03/08/2021
81	Mullan	Mark	Eire Óg	Kilburn Gaels	03/08/2021
82	Hanna	David	St Michael's, Toronto	Moortown	09/08/2021
83	McGrath	Lorcan	Edendork	John Mitchell's, Lancashire	10/08/2021
84	Muldoon	Stephen	Eglis	John Mitchell's, Lancashire	12/08/2021
85	Gormley	Jody	Clann na nGael	St John's, Sligo	17/08/2021



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86	McGonigle	Mark	Edendork	St Brendan's, Lancashire	06/09/2021
87	Howard	Shaun	An Ríocht/Kerry Gaels, London	Castleberg	06/09/2021
88	Ridewood	Aaron	Cookstown	Garryowen, London	06/09/2021
89	Cunningham	Patrick	Connemara Gaels NAB	Killyclogher	27/09/2021
90	Sheeky	Edward	Ardboe	St Peter's, Lancashire	22/09/2021
91	Walsh	Danny	Strabane	Neasden Gaels, London	04/10/2021
92	Ward	Darragh	Gortin	St Vincent's, Yorkshire	01/10/2021
93	Conlon	Ruairi	Edendork	Fulham Irish	11/10/2021
94	O'Donnell	Caoimhin	Galbally	St Brendan's, Lancashire	15/10/2021
95	McKenna	Sean	Killeeshil	Madrid, Europe	15/10/2021
96	Potter	Odhran	St Joseph's, London	Killyclogher	02/11/2021

Transfer Applications Approved Comhairle Uladh

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1	McKenna	Ryan	Errigal Ciaran	Warrenpoint	18/11/2020
2	McAlinden	Niall	Edendork	Maghery	19/11/2020
3	O'Neill	Donal	Burren	Donaghmore	26/11/2020
4	Monteith	Shaun	Fintona	Letterkenny Gaels	07/12/2020
5	King	Ruairí	Bryansford	Trillick	07/12/2020
6	Mulgrew	Shane	Ballinascreen	Donaghmore	14/12/2020
7	Conway	Ciaran	Ballinderry	Killyman	21/12/2021
8	Daly	Darragh	Carrickmore	Eoghan Rua, Coleraine	15/02/2021
9	Gillen	Keelan	Donaghmore	East Belfast	22/01/2021
10	Haughey	Ronan	Strabane	East Belfast	25/01/2021
11	Thomson	Nathan	Naomh Eoghan	East Belfast	25/01/2021
12	Martin	Aidan	Convoy, Donegal	Tattyreagh	08/03/2021
13	Devlin	Shea	Clonoe	Wolfe Tones, Antrim	01/03/2021
14	Allen	Jamie	St Brigid's, Antrim	Tattyreagh	01/03/2021
15	Marron	Kevin	St Ergnat's Moneyglass	Drumragh	02/03/2021
16	Colville	Lee	Ballinascreen	Naomh Colum Cille	16/03/2021
17	O'Hagan	Sean	Coalisland	East Belfast	05/04/2021
18	Donaghy	Ciaran	Loughmacrory	East Belfast	05/04/2021
19	Gillen	Keelan	Donaghmore	East Belfast	16/04/2021
20	McElvogue	Enda	Killeeshil	East Belfast	19/04/2021
21	Campbell	Daniel	Killyclogher	East Belfast	19/04/2021
22	Doyle	Aidan	Cookstown	East Belfast	16/04/2021
23	Maguire	Shane	Clonmore	Clonoe	26/04/2021
24	Byrne	Emmett	Aghyaran	East Belfast	20/04/2021
25	Mullan	Tom	Cookstown	Bredagh	04/05/2021
26	Owens	Michael	Beragh	East Belfast	26/04/2021
27	McGill	Shane	Clann na nGael	Drum, Derry	18/05/2021
28	O'Neill	Dónal	Donaghmore	Burren	25/05/2021
29	Hughes	Sean	Ballymartin, Down	Urney	04/06/2021



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31	Fox	Caolan	An Port Mór	Eglish	27/05/2021
32	McGoldrick	Caelan	Trillick	Irvinestown	02/06/2021
33	Rea	Eamon	Drumragh	St Paul's, Down	07/06/2021
34	McKenna	Odhrán	Dungannon	East Belfast	05/07/2021
35	Fairon	Daniel	Grange, Armagh	Killyman	21/06/2021
36	Devlin	Thomas	Robert Emmett's, Donegal	Urney	07/07/2021
37	Mallon	Costin	Drumquin	An Port Mór, Armagh	26/07/2021
38	Quinn	Dáire	Moortown	East Belfast	19/07/2021
39	Tennyson	Shea	An Port Mór	Derrytresk	23/07/2021
40	McGourty	Conor	Naomh Gall, Antrim	Ardboe	02/08/2021
41	Campbell	Jack	Moy	Ballinderry	24/08/2021
42	McCann	Caoimhín	Errigal Ciaran	St Michael's, Down	24/08/2021
43	Tierney	Caolan	Carryduff	Errigal Ciaran	02/09/2021
44	O'Neill	Daniel	Cookstown	Ogra Colmcille, Derry	02/09/2021
45	Owens	Ciaran	Cookstown	Ogra Colmcille, Derry	02/09/2021
46	Devlin	Stephen	Cookstown	Ogra Colmcille, Derry	02/09/2021
47	Morrow	Dermot	Kilrea	Errigal Ciaran	15/09/2021
48	Traynor	Neil	Augher	An Port Mór	06/10/2021

Transfer Applications Approved by Coiste Thír Eoghain

No	Surname	Forename	Present Club	New Club	Date
1	Havlin	Mark	Killyclogher	Gortin	02/03/2021
2	O'Connor	Luke	Greencastle	Gortin	02/03/2021
3	Brogan	Kevin	Greencastle	Trillick	02/03/2021
4	Sharkey	Jake	Strabane	Owen Roes	02/03/2021
5	Shields	Donovan	Clonoe	Stewartstown	02/03/2021
6	McCusker	Joseph	Drumquin	Dromore	02/03/2021
7	Small	Callum	Edendork	Killeeshill	02/03/2021
8	Brady	Mattie	Ardboe	Clonoe	02/03/2021
9	Sharkey	Colum	Donaghmore	Brackville	02/03/2021
10	Corr	Caolan	Clonoe	Derrytresk	02/03/2021
11	McKenna	Mattie	Killeeshil	Galbally	02/03/2021
12	Burke	Callum	Clonoe	Stewartstown	02/03/2021
13	Burke	Shea	Clonoe	Stewartstown	02/03/2021
14	Morgan	Ethan	Stewartstown	Brackville	02/03/2021
15	Talbot	Conor	Stewartstown	Coalisland	02/03/2021

