

CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL
COISTE THÍR EOGHAIN

An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2022





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

Tionólfar an Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Contae Thír Eoghain ar an Garbhachadh ar an 13ú Nollaig 2022 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 2021

1.0 An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Contae Thír Eoghain was held on Tuesday 14th December 2021.

Due to the restrictive guidelines associated with the continuing Covid-19 coronavirus, attendance at County Convention was as follows:

- (i) in the County's Headquarters at Garvaghey - Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara (Cathaoirleach), Eoghan Mac Dhónaill, Micheálín Nic an Choiligh, Mairtín Ó Sludáin, Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh, Dónal Mag Aoidh, Adamhnamh Ó Loingsigh, Damán Ó hÁirmhí, and Damhnaic Mac Eochaidh (Rúnaí).
- (ii) via Microsoft Teams – Eibhlín Ní Chongaile (Cisteoir), Réamann Mac Eoghain, Conchúr Mac Sálaigh, Breandán Ó hEarghaill, and the members as listed in the following table.

Club	Co. Committee Member	Delegates
Achadh Lú	Patrick Colton	Patrick Gildernew, Felim Og Gildernew
Achadh Uí Arain	Patsy Connolly	Sean Byrne
Ard Bó	Claire Wylie	Malachy O'Neill, Denis Bradley
Eochar	Patrick Donnelly	Conor McElroy, Jarlath Daly
Bearach	Damian Corrigan	Patrick Mullan
Breac an Bhíle	Sean Quinn	Kaitlin Holdsworth, Brian McGeary
Brocach		Eoin Quinn
An Charraig Mhór	Padraig McCallan	Sean Grogan
Caisleán na Deirge	Joe Leonard	Harry Brennan, Sean Meehan
Clann na nGael	Niall Conway	Gary Devine, Conor McAleer
Clochar	Ciaran McKenna	Paul McElroy, Michael McCann
Cluain Eo	Mel Taggart	Shane Devlin
Oileán a'Ghuail	Fergus Harte	Vinny McCann, Gerard McStravock
An Corra Chríochach	Raymond Donnelly	Cathriona Gillen, Steven McElhatton
Doire Lochain	Peter Kennedy	Ciaran O'Hagan, Philip McCourt
Doire Treasc	Aidan Fitzgerald	Paul Hughes, Malachy Quinn
Domhnach Mór	Patsy Hetherington	Pauric Gallagher
An Droim Mór	Joe Rafferty	Barry Campbell, Aodhan O'Donnell
Droim Caoin	Brendan Harpur	Paul McCusker, Clare O'Kane
Droim Ratha	Cathal Gallagher	Adrian O'Kane, Eoin McGread
Dún Geanainn	Joe Toner	Steven Hughes, Karl Mallon
Eadán na dTorc	Martin McGuigan	Joseph McGuckin
Eaglais	Sean Donaghy	Cathal Daly, Ruairi Martin
E. R. Uí Néill		Sarahjane Kelly
Aireagal Chiaráin	Sean McKenna	Tommy Traynor, Joe Neill
Eiscreach	Seamus Marlow	Cathal McNamee, Karl Gartland
Fionntamhnach	Kieran Cranny	Pat McAtee
An Gallbhaile		Noel McKeown, Plunkett Nugent
Gleann Eallaigh	Fergal McAneney	Pearse O'Kane, Eamon McCullagh
Goirtín	Barbara Ward	Brian Muldoon, Fergal Daly
An Caisleán Glas	Francis Bradley	Emmett Bradley
Cill Dhreasa	Dominic McGurk	Donna Hagan, Christopher Potter
Cill Íseal	Dominic Donaghy	Colm Rafferty, Kevin Holland
Coill an Chlochair	Niall McKenna	Liam Cunningham, Eamon McGrath
Cill na mBán		Siobhan McLaughlin
Loch Mhic Ruairí	Barney Gallagher	Shane McCullagh, Aidan Gordon
Baile na Móna	Brian McLernon	Christine Devlin
An Mháigh	Patrick McKeown	Mary Daly
Naomh Eoghan	Terence Timoney	Denise McGillion, Mairead Gallagher
An Ómaigh	Paul Meldrum	Ciaran McDaid
Cabhán a'Chaortainn	Paddy Barrett	Andrew Quinn



An Charraig	Colm Mackle	Barry Ruddy
An Chraobh		Majella Quinn, Cathal Coyle
An Srath Ban	Mark Walsh	Liam Sweeney, Aidan McGrath
An Taite Riabhach	Nigel Mullan	Martin Cartin, Luke Darcy
Trí Leac	Raymond Monteith	Seamus McCaughey, Claire Donnelly
Urnaí		Vincent Langan, Desmond Roulston
Éire Óg (H)	Colin Mullin	Rory McCallan, Ciaran McElhatton
Eoghan Ruadh (H)	Thomas Colton	Ciarán McHugh
Naomh Colum Cille (H)		Colm Morgan, Louise McVeigh
Na Seamroga (H)		
Childrens' Officer	Adrian Nugent	
Referees' Administrator	John Devlin	
Member	Gerard Bradley	
Member	Mark Conway	
Honorary President	Patsy Forbes	

2.0 Miontuairiscí – 2020

The Minutes of the 2020 Convention were adopted on the proposal of M Sludden and seconded by M Cox.

3.0 Standing Orders

On the proposal of D Magee, Standing Orders were adopted, and were seconded by D Harvey.

4.0 Secretary's Report

4.1 The Secretary's Report was adopted on the proposal of E Lindsay and seconded by Dermot McCaughey.

5.0 Sub-Committee Reports

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

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

5.2 D Harvey (Coaching Officer) expressed his frustration with the inordinate delay in the publication of the Mazars report on HR matters that was undertaken a number of years ago and which was now having an impact on the employment of, and the salaries being permitted for payment to, Primary schools' coaches and Games Promotion Officers.

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

6.0 County Grounds' Accounts and Balance Sheets

6.1 The Treasurer, Eileen Connolly presented the Accounts for Healy Park Omagh and O'Neill Park Dungannon. Total income for Healy Park was on a par with last year at £28,651 while the total expenditure decreased to £39,666 – due, in the main to zero professional fees in 2021. The overall deficit for the year ending 30th September amounted to £11,015.

6.3 Total income for O'Neill Park Dungannon increased substantially in 2021 to £58,279 and there was a corresponding expenditure rise to £63,251 giving an operating loss of £4,972 for the year.



6.4 The County Grounds' Accounts, as presented, were adopted on the proposal of D Magee, seconded by E Lindsay.

7.0 Treasurer's Report

7.1 Eileen Connolly presented, online, the Report of the Finance Committee and the County's Accounts for 2021. As Central Council had decided that the financial year would end on 30th September, for all units, the reporting period this year was for eleven months.

She welcomed Ryan Falls - representing the auditors, Cavanagh & Kelly – who had joined Convention. The Treasurer reported on a decrease in income by comparison with 2020, to £976,693 with a similar drop in expenditure to £1,079,942 giving an operating deficit of £109,916 for the eleven-month period.

7.2 The Balance sheet indicated Current Assets of £1,064,143 with Current Liabilities of £395,736 resulting in a Net Assets figure of £5,926,597 compared to the 2020 figure of £5,867,016.

7.3 The Finance Report and the Accounts for 2021 were adopted on the proposal of D McCaughey which was seconded by D Magee.

8.0 Oraid an Chathaoirligh (2021)

Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara



Is mor an honor 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 2021 Annual Convention. I want to start by thanking a few people.

First and foremost I want to thank Mairead, Aoibhin, Cillian and Caoimhe for their patience and continued support. I want to thank my siblings, especially Cliodhna and Aoife for continuing the caring duties at home.

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

To Coiste Bainisti, I thank you all for the guidance and help you afforded me last year. I know that some of you come to the end of their current portfolios tonight and I wish you well as you undertake different roles within our association.

To those who serve on our subcommittees I want to say a special thank you. We don't get the opportunity to see you that often, and even less over the last 18 months, but we see the fruits of your labour reflected in the success of Tyrone GAA.

To the Tyrone GAA staff I want to thank you for your continued promotion of our games and the professional manner in which you portray our organisation. I especially thank Gregory, Roisin and Anne Marie for the great help they give to us all in Garvaghey.

To the staff and volunteers in our parent organisations at both Provincial and National Level thanks for the professional and courteous manner in which you carry out your duties.

During our championship we had occasion to utilise the Air Ambulance. I want to thank them for the great work they do for our communities and thank everyone for the generous contribution we were able to make to this great charity.

Once again we thank most sincerely our sponsors. Tyrone Fabrication, O'Neill's, LCC Group, Donnelly Group, Bank Of Ireland and Rocwell. We hope that your sponsorship is recognised in the community and as a result, your business is enhanced.

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 2021.

Congratulations are due to those who have been honoured at various levels within our organisation. Our 8 All-stars in football and one in hurling well done. Congratulations to Sean Hurson on his refereeing of the All-Ireland U20 Final and to Kieran Eanetta on his elevation to the National Referees panel for 2022.

Congratulations also to all our youth and adult club league and championship winners and especially those who went on to represent Tyrone in Ulster, namely Dromore, Moortown, Cookstown, Éire Óg and Naomh



Colm Cille. Unfortunately Moortown is the only one still standing and we wish them well this weekend in the Ulster Intermediate Championship Semi-final.

I congratulate Tyrone Senior Hurlers on a great Nicky Rackard campaign. Unfortunately you came up short against a very strong Mayo team in the final but I know plans are already afoot to go one better in 2022.

To our minor footballers, well done on being crowned Ulster Champions. Unfortunately, you were so unlucky in the All-Ireland final but you gave it your all and that's all that anyone could ask.

In my Chairman's addresses, I have never before mentioned the negativity running through our county. I always hoped that it would disappear but unfortunately year on year this continues and if anything it's getting worse. It will be hard to stop but it has a detrimental effect on our county. This negativity is being engineered by a very small group of people. This is so damaging to the people volunteering and working hard for our county. Over the last few years I'm constantly listening to people muttering in the background giving out about this should have done, he's useless, or they haven't a clue. Our volunteers are even being abused online by so called 'Gaels'. This to me is unacceptable behaviour and absolutely disgraceful. Do these people, that do this, realise the amount of time and energy real volunteers put into this county? Sooner or later good people are going to walk and there will be no one to pick up the pieces. As far as I'm concerned, those who criticise and abuse volunteers, they are not Great Gaels and their behaviour should not be tolerated by our county. It's difficult to take negativity and abuse from outsiders but you just take it on the chin and get on with it. But when it comes from within it's totally unacceptable. Even some committee members bring it on themselves to discuss our affairs outside meetings and then put their own spin on what should or should not have been done; this is unacceptable! When you lift the papers and you see all that has been discussed published, you know there is a mole. If, it's because they are working to their own agenda, they are not thinking of the good of our county or the GAA and we don't need them! Thankfully it's only a very small group of people but there is no room for them in our county.

We are blessed with a lot of brilliant members on our committees. People that give their heart and soul for the county, who will do anything that's asked of them, and who are willing to put themselves forward for any job. The others I mentioned earlier could do well to take a leaf out of their book as the real volunteer puts the good of the GAA first every time.

There are still plenty of good people out there, as I meet them in their clubs regularly. People who have skills that this county needs. I would implore them to get involved as the number of volunteers are diminishing year on year and the success that has been created is only sustainable with their help going forward.

2021 will long be remembered in history as the second year of the pandemic. The hardship it brought on to all our people will never be forgotten. The loss of life for those who in normal times had so much more to offer has been devastating on families and communities. Hopefully we have passed the peak and the virus weakens reducing the hardship it's inflicting. Like every section of our communities, our teams weren't immune from catching the virus. Our minor, U20 and senior panel in football plus our senior hurling panel were all impacted on various occasions. Thankfully all have recovered fully. Hopefully the manner in which the senior footballers recovered and performed against both Kerry and Mayo brought some comfort to those whose loved ones haven't been so fortunate. For all those great days I want to thank the players and management for their commitment, effort, skill and sportsmanship. Congratulations to our senior footballers on being crowned Ulster and All Ireland Champions.

This night last year I said the following:

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.

I want to highlight a few things in that statement. The first and most important is that their professionalism shone through in several facets in 2021. The manner in which they dealt with or often ignored the abuse that certain sections of the media fired at Tyrone GAA and them personally when Covid struck. The lockdown rules were strictly enforced by Feargal and Brian. Some of the other transgressors were caught but a lot more escaped, and some even took high moral ground in the latter part of the season. I can say without fear of contradiction that at no stage during the GAA's lockdown did Tyrone players train collectively. Unfortunately Covid did hit our players and we were not in a position to field on the original date that the All Ireland semifinal was fixed for. We asked for a postponement of two weeks to the weekend of 29th August, as professional medical advice had indicated from the number of cases, the isolation periods and recovery times required, we wouldn't be in a position to fulfil the fixture any earlier. Our position never changed, and was reiterated to the decision makers prior to their announcement of the first six day postponement. They went



ahead with this decision notifying all parties. We reconsidered and decided that if this new date wasn't feasible, we would notify everyone in good time of our position, so not to cause inconvenience to the supporters of both counties and the GAA. We did so 7 days before the rearranged date. While the decision was made by Coiste Banistí, Feargal and Brian advised us that the playing of a meaningless challenge match in Croke Park served nobody well. Both managers were willing to sacrifice the many hours they had laboured and the possible glory they could achieve for the greater good of our players and everyone in the association. They made one of the biggest and bravest calls not alone in the history Tyrone GAA but in the history of the association. That is as professional as you will get in sport or business anywhere in the world. The decision was based solely on the health and wellbeing of our players and the future of Tyrone GAA. Contrary to what some of the pundits pedalled it is not Tyrone's job to debate the health of our squad on National TV. That no details were released wasn't down to anybody being "cute whores" but the professionalism of Feargal and Brian. Their job was to manage Tyrone Senior team and not certain pundit's expectations! The following day, thankfully the CCC with the help of Kerry and Mayo fixed the match as we had originally requested, for a date when we had most but not all of our panel available.

The second part of my comments last year suggested that no stone would be left unturned in our quest for a fourth Sam Maguire.

Now it will be a quest for the fifth but I can honestly say that the attention to detail of these men is unreal. Both their family time and careers have had to suffer as a result of their stewardship of our senior team. The hours of meetings and sessions on the pitch will never be recovered, but their commitment to Tyrone GAA has been unwavering. I want to thank Mary, Eileen and both sets of children for forgoing the family time to Tyrone GAA. What Feargal, Brian and the team have delivered brought ecstasy to this county in an otherwise depressing period and they along with their achievement will be remembered by all for a long time to come. Go raibh maith agaibh, Brian agus Feargal

At the start of the year we elected a new President - Patsy Forbes from Ardboe. I want to thank Patsy for all his work, help and guidance not just in 2021 but down through the years.

Since we acquired Sam in September, Cuthbert came out of retirement. I want to thank him for all the hours he puts in to ensure that all the young and not so young get their photo with Sam.

Every team has an all-rounder and we are no different. Ours is Gerard Bradley. He can be found anywhere in the GAA at Club, County, Provincial and National Level. Thanks Gerard for another great years work.

To our Language and Culture Officer Donal, congratulations on being a recipient of the Scor Long Service award. Unfortunately you haven't had the presentation yet but it will happen in the not too distant future. You also leave the management committee tonight after 15 years of great service. You have diligently promoted our Culture and Language within Tyrone and further afield. In addition you have undertaken numerous other roles at club county and provincial level. Go raibh maith agat.

Earlier we had a look at our finances. I want to thank Eileen our treasurer. Well done on a great year. I congratulate yourself, Raymond and all the Finance Subcommittee on your great custodianship of our finances. The diligence with which you managed our finances means that again we can face into another year safe in the knowledge that despite all the curved balls that were pitched at you, we are in a healthy place. I know yourself and Raymond are not seeking election tonight but both of you have been should take great pride in what you have managed over the last decade and the position you have left us in going forward. We thank you both wholeheartedly.

To Dominic, thanks for all your guidance and wise counsel over the last twelve months. While you are about Tyrone will always be in safe red hands. Regrettably for the third year running you have lost a close relative. I, on behalf of Tyrone GAA extend sympathy to you and the McCaughey family on the loss of your mother Moira in July. At this time, I want to extend to all who have suffered the loss of a loved one in the last twelve months our deepest condolences. I remember especially our county committee member Paddy Gallagher, our PR and Marketing member Patrick Harte and our coach Fergal McCann. May they all rest in peace.

The 2021 Tyrone GAA year has come to an end and I would like to thank you all for your co-operation, enthusiasm and assistance throughout the year. Hopefully the smiles that were put on our faces on 11th September will remain for a long time to come. Best wishes to those who have allowed themselves to be nominated for positions in the 2022 committee. I wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous and more normal 2022.

9.0 Na Rúin



9.1 Motions 1-6 on the Clár introduced amendments to the Tyrone Byelaws that were necessary to comply with the changes made at Annual Congress and Special Congress in 2021 and which have been incorporated in the Official Guide. All were proposed by M Sludden and seconded by E Lindsay.

Decisions: Motions were passed unanimously without debate.

9.2 Motion 7 Proposed by M Conway on behalf of Cill Dhreasa and seconded by M Cartin (An Taite Riabhach).

Decision: Motion was passed, unanimously.

9.3 Motion 8 Proposed by T Traynor (Aireagal Chiaráin) and seconded by J Rafferty (An Droim Mór). The proposer of the motion felt that youth age grades should revert to U14, U16, U18 as there was now too large a gap from U17 level up to senior level; with the youth football programme concluding at U17 level this was leading to an increase in the drop-out of young players. A return to the U18 grade would restore a better bridge to adult football.

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 2022.

Recommendations 1-6 were referred to the CCC.

Recommendations 7 & 8 were referred to the Finance subcommittee.

Recommendations 9 & 10 were referred to the Management Committee.

Recommendations 11 & 12 required amendment and greater detail.

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 D Magee which was seconded by D Harvey. Tellers were also identified.

11.3 Voting, on the basis of the Proportional Representation, had already taken place by a 'Delivered Vote' for the positions where more than one nominee remained standing.

11.4 The results of the elections were as follows:

Cathaoirleach:	Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara	(Unopposed)
Leas-Cathaoirleach:	Mairtín Ó Sludáin	(Unopposed)
Cisteoir:	Niall Mac Cionnaith	(Unopposed)
Cisteoir Cúnta:	Séan Mag Uiginn	(Unopposed)
Rúnaí Cúnta:	Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh	(Unopposed)
Ball Árd Chomhairle:	Breandán Ó hEarghaill	(Unopposed)
Baill Chomhairle Uladh:	<i>(Valid votes cast: 119)</i>	
	Micheálín Nic an Choiligh	(49 votes - Elected)
	Conchúr Mac Sálaigh	(44 votes - Elected)
	Peadar Ó Cinneide	(26 votes - Eliminated)
Oifigeach Cultur & Teanga:	Stiofán Ó hAodha	(Unopposed)
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí:	<i>(Valid votes cast: 118)</i>	
	Eoghan Mac Dhónaill	(101 votes - Elected)
	Olibhear Mac an Bheatha	(17 votes - Eliminated)
Oifigeach Oiliúna:	Damán Ó hÁirmhí	(Unopposed)
Oifigeach Iomána:	Adamhnán Ó Loingsigh	(Unopposed)



11.5 Club Representatives on County Committee

Francie Grogan McMahon (An Charraig Mhór), Joe Leonard (Caisleán na Deirge), Conor McAleer (Clann na nGael), Ciaran McKenna (An Clochar), John McCrystal (An Chorr Chriochach), Peter Kennedy (Doire Lochain), Paul McCusker (Droim Caoin), Cathal Gallagher (An Droim Ratha), Joseph Toner (Dún Geanainn), Seamus Marlow (Eisceach), Kevin McVeigh (An Gallbhaile), Barbara Ward (An Goirtín), Francis Bradley (An Caisleán Glas), Dominic McGurk (Cill Dhreasa), Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair), Barney Gallagher (Loch Mhic Ruairí), Paul Meldrum (An Ómaigh), Paddy Barrett (Cabhán a' Chaortainn), Nigel Mullan (An Taite Riabhach), Raymond Monteith (Trí Leac), Ronan McSherry (Naomh Colum Cille).

12.0 Appointments

12.1 Convention ratified the appointment of Stephen Sherry (Achadh Lú), as recommended by the outgoing Management Committee, to the position of County Children's Officer.

12.2 Convention ratified the appointment of Ruairí Ó Bhriain (Loch Mhic Ruairí) as recommended by the outgoing Management Committee to the position of County Planning & Training Officer.
Proposed by E Lindsay; seconded by M Cox.

Convention concluded at 9.20 pm.



Tyrone Senior Football Champions 2022 - Errigal Ciaran



INTREOIR

A review of the year 2022 has many highlights, successes and joyful occasions for the Association at every level from national, through provincial, county, club and down to that of the individual and, as ever, there have been the usual disappointments, setbacks, and tragic events that affect and shape our lives.

2022 will probably be recognized as the year when the ravages of the Covid19 pandemic began to be brought under control thanks to the great work of research scientists and the very professional health care workers; we owe them a great debt of gratitude. Although not completely eradicated, the control of the Covid19 allowed players to return to proper training, games to resume as normal, and committees to meet in person once again.

It will be remembered as the first year of the implementation of so-called 'split season' for playing Gaelic games, in which there was a clearly-defined period for inter-county activity, with the rest of the year made available for the Clubs to play the leagues and championships. While some minor adjustments are being considered, the initiative is widely acknowledged as being a major success for the Association. The introduction of the Tailteann Cup afforded an opportunity to some of the 'lesser' county teams to enjoy a longer playing season and to achieve some footballing silverware.

At County level Tír Eoghain enjoyed major successes in both football and hurling in winning the Ulster Minor League and Championship, the Ulster U20 Championship and the All-Ireland U20 Championship in football. The senior hurling team won the National League Division 3A title and gained promotion to Division 2B, followed by championship success in the Nickey Rackard Cup, and promotion to the Joe McDonagh Cup for 2023.

Within the county, adult football leagues and championships remained highly competitive providing new champions at the senior grade in both competitions. Congratulations is extended to County championship winners Errigal Ciaran (SFC), Galbally Pearses (IFC), and Stewartstown Harps (JFC) - who went on enjoy remarkable success in the Ulster Championship with a penalty shoot out after extra-time against Drumlane (Cavan) in the final in Clones. In hurling, Carrickmore Éire Óg remained the dominant force, in winning the three-in-a-row once again, at the expense of Naomh Colum Cille this year.

Sean Hurson of the Galbally Pearses' is now acknowledged as the top referee in Ireland and is congratulated on his major achievements during the past season that included his appointment to take charge of the All-Ireland senior Club football final (Kilcoo v Kilmacud in Croke Park), the Ulster senior football final (Derry v Donegal in Clones), and the All-Ireland senior football final (Galway v Kerry in Croke Park). Congratulations also goes to his dependable high quality team of umpires: Cathal Forbes, Martin Coney, Martin Conway and Mel Taggart.

It is a further welcome sign of a return to some form of normality again to note that a significant number of Clubs are either planning, or progressing with physical developments, for the benefits of their players and members. These include the County grounds of Healy Park Omagh and O'Neill Park Dungannon, together with the grounds of Pomeroy, Carrickmore, Eskra, Edendork and Clonoe.

Included in the most tragic events of the year were the road traffic accidents that occurred on the A5 – part of the arterial route from the capital, Dublin which runs through from Aughnacloy to Ballygawley and on to Derry. It is sad to record the deaths of three young members on this road, in close proximity to the County GAA headquarters at the start of the year: Peter McNamee, Peter Finnegan and Nathan Corrigan; and then in October, another Club member, and former U20 Tyrone



player John Rafferty died in another accident. Perhaps, if this road had been upgraded to dual carriageway standard as planned some fifteen years ago, these young men (and many others) would still be with us today.

Tyrone GAA first responded to the consultative process regarding the A5 upgrade in 2009 and it is most shameful that the Department of Infrastructure, and its predecessors, has failed to progress this proposed upgrade. Bereaved families and communities have paid a huge price for failure and inaction during the last decade and cannot accept further public consultations, planning appeals, judicial reviews, and stalling; it is not an acceptable situation, to continue to not make major improvements or undertake any upgrading of this busy main road, while members of our community, members of our GAA clubs in Tyrone, and general road users travelling through rural Tyrone, continue to die or suffer serious injuries on the A5.



All-Ireland Final Referee (2022) – Sean Hurson and umpires Cathal Forbes, Martin Coney, Mel Taggart, and Martin Conway



COUNTY TEAMS

Peil

Minor (U17) League

Tír Eoghain began the league competition with a comprehensive victory against a very weak Muineachán team in Clones, and followed up with a crushing defeat of Aontroim in Donaghmore. An impressive away victory over Ard Mhacha was followed by a further comfortable outing against An Dún at the County headquarters in Garvaghy. The League final - for the Jim McGuigan Cup - took place in Maghera against Section B winners, Doire. This was a close contest throughout between two evenly matched teams that were level on six points at the break; Tír Eoghain edged ahead in the second half with the help of two well-taken goals and held on to win the match by a single point.

Minor (U17) Championship

In the first round of the Ulster championship, Tír Eoghain began the defence of its title with an eight-point defeat of An Cabhán in Omagh. There was little between the sides in the opening half with only a one goal difference between them at the halfway stage and Tír Eoghain, with a very strong finish, progressed to Round 2 for a meeting with Aontroim.

Played in Corrigan Park Belfast, the home side struggled to create scoring opportunities and were unable to cope with the work rate and pace that the Tír Eoghain players brought to the game. At the halfway stage the scoreline was 0-09 to 0-02 and in the second half Tír Eoghain simply went from strength to strength for a most convincing victory and a place in the Ulster semifinals.

The match against Dún na nGall took place in Celtic Park on 21st May and it turned out to be a very low-scoring but epic struggle. Dún na nGall went two up before Tír Eoghain opened its account and at the interval they led by one; both teams played the same defensive strategy throughout the second half and at the end of normal time the teams were level on eight points each. In extra time Tír Eoghain stepped up their performance scoring five unanswered points, but then, from the seventy-seventh minute, they surprisingly conceded a goal and two points to allow the semifinal to be determined by a penalty 'shoot-out'. In this tense and nervous concluding phase, Dún na nGall's luck ran out and Tír Eoghain went on to win the semifinal by four goals to three.

The final took place as curtain-raiser to the USFC final between Doire and Dún na nGall in Clones on 29th May with Tír Eoghain facing Doire for the Fr Larry Murray Cup. This was a closely fought encounter between two well-matched and well-coached sets of players, in which Tír Eoghain's ability to create and execute goal opportunities was the deciding factor. Tír Eoghain scored two goals in the opening half to lead by four points at the break and then Doire came storming back to draw level ten minutes later; the young Red Hands remained calm and resilient responding with another goal and two points. Another opposition fightback ensued with the leading margin being reduced to a single point as the game entered injury time; then, Tír Eoghain struck for its fourth goal to bring a most absorbing encounter to a glorious conclusion and a 25th Ulster Minor championship to the O'Neill County.

The team that participated in the 2022 Ulster final was: C McAneney, J Clarke, B Hughes, Conor Devlin, B McMenamain, C Daly, N Farry, Conan Devlin, C O'Neill, S Hughes (0-1, 1F), E McElholm (2-1), C Donnelly (1-0), N Grimes (0-2, 1F), R Molloy (1-1), M McElhatton (0-2). Subs: C McGarvey for McAneney, N McCarney for Molloy, R McCullagh (0-1) for Hughes, S Fay for Conan Devlin, L Hughes for McElhatton

In the All-Ireland quarterfinal, Tír Eoghain faced the Munster runners-up, Ciarraí in O'Moore Park Portlaoise. Here they made their exit from the championship with a very disappointing performance and a one-point margin of defeat. Tír Eoghain failed to play the football that they were capable of and which brought them through a tough Ulster campaign and trailed 0-



06 to 1-04 at the halftime interval. With both teams adopting a defensive mode, they could only manage a further two points each in the second half.

Congratulations is extended to the U17 panel of 2022 and its management team under the guidance and direction of Gerard Donnelly (Manager) and Gary Hetherington (Assistant Manager) on their Ulster league and championship double. We thank the complete management team and especially Benny Hurl, the liaison officer, for all of their work with, and commitment to Tyrone's young players.



Ulster Minor Football Champions 2022

2022 Minor Panel

Barry McMenamin (Aghyaran), Conan Devlin (Ardboe), Conor Devlin (Ardboe), Pierce Byrne (An Charraig Mhór), Con Sweeney (An Charraig Mhór), Robbie Conway (Clann na nGael), Mark Donnelly (Coalisland), Micheal McElhatton (Cookstown), Joey Clarke (Donaghmore), Cormac Drayne (Donaghmore), Noah Grimes (Donaghmore), Ben Hughes (Donaghmore), Conan McGarvey (Donaghmore), Ronan Molloy (Donaghmore), Conor O'Neill (Donaghmore), Niall McCarney (Drumragh), Leo Hughes (Dungannon), Fiachra Nelis (Edendork), Ryan Donnelly (Eglis), Sheehan Fay (Eglis), Darragh McGinley (Errigal Ciaran), Caolan Donnelly (Fintona), Tom Gavin (Fintona), Sean Hughes (Galbally), Conal Quinn (Galbally), Conor McAneney (Glenelly), Liam Óg Mossey (Gortin), Shane McCaul (Killyclogher), Mathew Howe (Killyclogher), Eoin McElholm (Loughmacrory), Eoin Donaghy (Loughmacrory), Ruairi McCullagh (Loughmacrory), Callum Daly (Omagh), Charlie Donnelly (Trillick), Nathan Farry (Trillick).

U20 Football

Development League

In the Leo Murphy Cup, Tír Eoghain began with a facile victory over Aontroim in Portglenone on Saturday 19th February and earned a draw with An Lú at Garvaghy the following week. In the last game in their section, Tír Eoghain had an overwhelming victory against An Dún to qualify for the final against Dún na nGall. Following a coin toss, Ulster Council fixed the game in Letterkenny and the home side took full advantage to win comfortably (2-10 to 1-06), having led from start to finish.

Championship

In the opening game of the Ulster Championship Tír Eoghain took on the 2021 winners An Dún who had defeated Fear Manach in the preliminary round. Played in Loughmacrory, Tír Eoghain were slow to find their rhythm and were behind by a point at halftime (1-05 to 1-06); on the re-start the game was levelled and from then until the finish Tír Eoghain never fell behind again.



In the semifinal Dún na nGall provided the opposition at Celtic Park Derry – a repeat of the league final; on this occasion Tír Eoghain quickly settled into the task at hand with the opening three scores and led by four at the break. In a high-scoring second half both counties provided a brilliant display of football and were locked together at the end of injury time (Tír Eoghain 1-13 Dún na nGall 2-10). In extra time the Red Hands surged ahead again scoring 2-03 to win the match by three points and claim their place in the Ulster final.

An Cabhán came through from the other side of the championship with well-deserved victories over Muineachán and Doire. The 2022 final took place in Brewster Park on Friday 22nd April in perfect weather and ground conditions. An Cabhán played the better football in the first half and Tír Eoghain considered themselves very fortunate to be only one point in arrears at the break. On the resumption the Red Hands drew level and only edged ahead with ten minutes of the match remaining; they stretched the lead out to three points but could not shake off the young Breffni men who reduced the gap back to a single point as injury time concluded.

So, Tír Eoghain won its 15th Ulster title at this level and its 3rd in four years; the Danny Murphy Cup was presented to elated Tír Eoghain captain, Niall Devlin by Ulster President Ciarán Mag Lochlainn.

The All-Ireland semifinal against Ciarraí was played in Portlaoise on Sunday 8th May. This was an outstanding game of football played in excellent conditions with very little between the two counties. Ciarraí enjoyed the greater share of possession during the opening half with three points on the scoreboard before Tír Eoghain registered its first, but only held a one-point lead at the break. On the restart the sides were level, before the Munster champions scored a goal and a point; Tír Eoghain rose to the formidable challenge to close the four-point gap, and in the 57th minute took the lead for the first time with a well-deserved and match-winning goal. While both teams would register further scores well into four minutes of added time, Tír Eoghain defended resolutely to finish the game ahead by two points. This was a memorable match between two well-drilled teams that displayed great defending skills combined with excellent scoretaking, and a fully-merited victory for the Red Hands.

The Leinster champions – Cill Dara - had arrived in the All-Ireland final as a result of a convincing victory over Sligeach in the semifinal on Saturday 14th May; for some weird reasoning by the CCC, the final was taken to the strange location of Carrick-on-Shannon.

The match got off to a blistering start with Tír Eoghain's Ruairi Canavan opening goal scored within twenty seconds, only to be matched by a Cill Dara major within a minute. By the 18th minute the 'lily-whites' had a one-point lead - for the first and only time in the game - before Tír Eoghain opened up a four-point gap with a superb contribution of five unanswered points. In the second half Tír Eoghain remained dominant with some exceptional scores from play and a few frees; the defensive play was exceptionally good throughout and the overall teamwork never dipped in its quality. Cill Dara continued to make this an absorbing contest, scoring nine points to Tír Eoghain's eleven. In the end Tír Eoghain had won its first U20 All-Ireland championship, on a scoreline of 1-20 to 1-14, to add to its five titles at U21 level and captain Niall Devlin proudly accepted the Clarke Cup from the Association's Uachtarán, Larry McCarthy.

The Tír Eoghain team that participated with success in the 2022 All-Ireland final was:

S McMenamin, M Rafferty, B Conway, E Corry, J Donaghy (0-1), S Donaghy, N Devlin (0-3), R McHugh (0-1), C Daly (0-2), C Cush (0-1), C Bogue (0-1), R Canavan (1-7, 3F), S O'Donnell, M McGleenan (0-1), D Muldoon (0-1). Subs: G Potter (0-1) for Muldoon, F Taggart for O'Donnell, S Daly for Cush, L Donnelly (0-1) for Bogue, L McGarrity for Canavan.



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And the complete training panel for 2022:

James Donaghy (An Charraig Mhór), Brian Conway (An Charraig Mhór), Tiarnán McGarrity (An Charraig Mhór), Lórcan McGarrity (An Charraig Mhór), Séamus Sweeney (An Charraig Mhór), Michael McGleenan (Eglis), Luke Donnelly (Eglis), Dan Muldoon (Eglis), Míceál McCann (Greencastle), Ruairí Canavan (Errigal Ciaran), Stephen McMenamin (Errigal Ciaran), Michael Rafferty (Killyclogher), Gavin Potter (Killyclogher), Niall Devlin (Capt.) (Coalisland), Ruairí McHugh (Coalisland), Ronan Donnelly (Coalisland), Conor Cush (Donaghmore), James Fearon (Donaghmore), Eoin Montgomery (Drumragh), Steve Donaghy (Moy), Ronan Fox (Loughmacrory), Caolan McGinty (Aghyaran), Fionnbharr Taggart (Omagh), Eoin Corry (Omagh), Oisín Miller (Omagh), Harry Morgan (Dungannon), Shea O'Hare (Ardboe), Ciarán Bogue (Clogher), Ciarán Daly (Trillick), Seán O'Donnell (Trillick), Shea Daly (Rock), Peter Devlin (Ardboe), Cormac Devlin (Ardboe).

Sincere appreciation is due to Paul Devlin (Manager), Dermot Carlin and Owen Mulligan (Assistant Managers) for the work undertaken in the selection and preparation of these U20 players to become Ulster and All-Ireland champions. Gratitude is also due to their management team for the commitment of time and effort to this successful panel, and to Dermot McCaughey for the supportive role performed throughout the campaign.

Congratulations to the five players who were selected by the Gaelic Writers Association in the EirGrid top twenty U20 footballers in 2022:

Niall Devlin, Brian Conway, Eoin Corry, Seán O'Donnell, Ruairi Canavan.

Ruairi Canavan was also selected as Ulster Player of the Year and the overall Player of the Year at this age category.

Senior Football

Dr McKenna Cup

The opening fixture of the 2022 season was a Dr McKenna Cup first round game against An Cabhán in Cavan on Tuesday 11th January; the contrast with the last outing of the senior team – the 2021 All-Ireland final in Croke Park on 11th September – could not have been more stark. Having only returned from a team holiday in Florida, the management used the opportunity to trial new players and other panellists, only to find that they were well behind the level and pace of the home team. The end result was a 15-point defeat. The second defeat, which followed against Ard Mhacha in Omagh, terminated the county's interest in this competition.



National League

The NFL returned to its usual format following the Covid19 changes of 2021 and Muineachán were the first round visitors to Omagh. The match was played in difficult ground conditions with wintry weather and a swirling wind, yet both teams performed commendably and either side could have won the encounter; the final result of a draw was acknowledged by most as a fair outcome – despite the referee wrongly disallowing a winning point for Tír Eoghain.

In Round 2, Tír Eoghain made the short journey across to Armagh where they fell behind by ten points in a very poor opening half; showing significant improvement in the second half the gap was reduced to six points but the major talking point from the game was the sending off of four players from Tír Eoghain and one from Ard Mhacha for their involvement in an ugly and unjustified meleé in additional injury time.

Newly-promoted Cill Dara visited Omagh for Round 3 of the NFL and despite poor weather conditions once again, the visitors adapted best and led by four points at half-time; Tír Eoghain took the lead as the second half progressed, with two well-finished goals, and won the game by a single point. Six days later Tír Eoghain travelled to Ballybofey and in an excellent opening period eased into a four point lead only to let it all slip by the interval; there was little between the sides in the second half but some poor decision-making on the part of Tír Eoghain players allowed Dún na nGall to steal the match in the closing minutes.

In Round 5 Áth Cliath travelled to Omagh having lost all four of its league fixtures; on this occasion they romped to a nine-point half-time lead with the home side restricted to two miserly points scored from frees. In the second period it was the turn of the visitors to only score two points, but a fourteen-man Tír Eoghain could only reduce the deficit to five points.

In a repeat of last year's All-Ireland final Tír Eoghain and Maigh Eo met in the penultimate round of the league in Omagh; the Red Hands eased into a five point lead before the visitors opened their account with a 24th minute free, and maintained this lead until half-time. In the second half Maigh Eo reduced the deficit to a point but Tír Eoghain held on to win by two.

The final match in the league was a repeat of last year's NFL semifinal, involving a lengthy journey to Killarney; this time Tír Eoghain turned the tables on the home side with a very good performance throughout all sectors of the team. They led by a single point at the interval and by the same margin when the final whistle sounded to secure their Division 1 status, while Ciarraí progressed to win the league final against Maigh Eo.

Ulster Championship

In the preliminary round of the Ulster championship Tír Eoghain travelled to Brewster Park; the home side performed well in scoring eight points in the opening half against an unconvincing Tír Eoghain, who were fortunate to lead by one at the break. On the resumption the Red Hands struck some form, scoring 1-08, without response from Fear Manach, to put the match beyond their reach. They did score a couple of consolation goals but still lost by a seven point margin.

The major talking point from this victory was not the players' performance, but that of the match referee; to the consternation of everyone in attendance, he inexplicably identified one Tír Eoghain player contributing to a meleé in injury time at the end of the game, then showed him a red card and sent him off. No other player was sent off as a consequence of the meleé. The absurd decision was of course rightly overturned by the Central Hearings Committee when the player presented his video evidence.

Doire visited Healy Park in the first round of the championship and readily thwarted Tír Eoghain's attacks in the opening period; when Tír Eoghain had a player sent off in the second quarter, followed quickly by the concession of a penalty, the signs of a difficult afternoon were ominous. At the interval Doire had a comfortable seven-point cushion which they gradually increased in the second half to run out winners by eleven points. This was a very lethargic, flat performance from the reigning Ulster champions who feebly relinquished their title in front of a home attendance of 10,000 supporters.



All-Ireland Qualifier

In the All-Ireland Qualifiers Tír Eoghain were drawn against close neighbours Ard Mhacha and the game was fixed for Sunday 5th June in the Athletic Grounds. In front of an attendance of 16,000 enthusiastic and expectant supporters, Tír Eoghain got off to the best possible start with the opening goal of the game after three minutes. However they failed to build on this in another limp performance, allowing Ard Mhacha to dominate proceedings for most of the half. But, at the break the home side was only ahead by one point. On the resumption, they dominated in all sections and led by five points entering the final quarter; Tír Eoghain really needed another goal, but never created such an opportunity against the resilient opposition, and eventually exited the championship losing on a scoreline of 1-10 to 1-16.

While 2022 could best be described as a very disappointing season by comparison with the previous year, the effort and commitment by players and team management this year was as high and serious as in 2021. Once again we express our gratitude to Feargal Logan and Brian Dooher for the work undertaken with, and the time devoted to, the County's senior footballers in 2022 and wish them further success next year.



Tír Eoghain Senior Football Team (2022)

Back Row (l-r): Michael McGleenan, Cathal McShane, Matthew Donnelly, Darragh McAnenly, Ben McDonnell, Jonathan Monroe, Richard Donnelly, Conn Kilpatrick, Rory Brennan, Darragh Canavan, Peter Teague, Niall Morgan, Conor Meyler, Conor McKenna.

Front Row (l-r): Peter Harte, Kieran McGeary, Darren McCurry, Ronan McNamee, Frank Burns, Pádraig Hampsey, Michael McKernan, Niall Sludden, Niall Kelly, Michael O'Neill, Conor Shields, Ruairi Canavan.

At this point it would be remiss to not comment on a number of the incidents that occurred during the playing season and as are referred to above.

In all matches, mistakes and errors take place, and they are committed by all participants – the players, the managers and the match officials – but, in general, it is those of the referees that are highlighted by a team's supporters, particularly those associated with the losing team.

Down through the years, one of the Association's mantras has been 'Give Respect, Get Respect' and this has applied, and should always continue to apply, to our match officials. However, respect towards a referee or other match official diminishes greatly when blatantly wrong decisions are made on the field of play. The GAA's rule relating to 'contributing to a meleé' is one which leaves a referee and his other match officials in an impossible position to make correct decisions, and since this rule cannot be applied in a proper manner, it should be reviewed, as a matter of urgency, by the Rules Advisory Committee.



Of course, first and foremost, meleés should not occur in any league or championship game, but, regrettably they do.

In one of the games referred to above, one player from Tyrone was sent off for contributing to a meleé while it was apparent from the video-recording that there were nine players from the opposition associated with the meleé. And, in the second instance as previously mentioned, when four Tyrone players, and one from the opponent's team, were dismissed from the pitch for the same infraction, the match officials could have properly taken action, according to the rule, against over twenty players. By singling out and sending off one player for contributing to a meleé, a referee is clearly wrong; but, if the match officials identify over twenty players contributing to a meleé and all are dismissed then the match cannot be completed. An impossible situation for the referee to adjudicate on.

During the inter-county season of 2022 there was significant debate and questioning of the permissible frequency of training sessions for county players and their associated expenses for travel and nutrition. It was most disappointing to see the stance adopted by the body which claims to represent all county players in issuing suggestions of players threatening to take strike action. It is difficult to comprehend how players, participating in a voluntary capacity, could go on strike in order to be permitted to have a greater number of weekly training sessions with their expenses being paid. It has been argued that team managers arrange the training schedules and players are obliged to be in attendance on the field, or in the gym, with no consideration being given to the players' general welfare.

It seems absurd, however, that the players' representative body cannot direct all its members to only participate in a schedule of training that is common for all players and in all thirty-two counties. If such a directive was issued to all players, there would be no option for non-compliance by any county team manager. Excess training sessions could not be called by managers, as no players would turn up.

Of course most team managers advise that the training schedules are only put in place with the full agreement of their panel of players and that it is the players who are demanding the excessive number of training sessions in order to match what their colleagues in the other successful counties are doing. The players' representative body should take a clear position on this issue

Scór Clár

Peil

Corn an Dr Mhic Cionnaith

Eanáir 11	Tír Eoghain 0-05	An Cabhán 1-17	at Cavan
Eanáir 15	Tír Eoghain 1-15	Ard Mhacha 2-15	at Omagh

An Sraith Náisiúnta (Roinn 1)

Eanáir 29	Tír Eoghain 0-09	Muineachán 0-09	at Omagh
Feabhra 06	Tír Eoghain 0-14	Ard Mhacha 2-14	at Armagh
Feabhra 20	Tír Eoghain 2-07	Cill Dara 0-12	at Omagh
Feabhra 26	Tír Eoghain 0-12	Dún na nGall 2-10	at Ballybofey
Márta 13	Tír Eoghain 0-08	Áth Cliath 0-13	at Omagh
Márta 19	Tír Eoghain 0-11	Maigh Eo 0-08	at Omagh
Márta 27	Tír Eoghain 1-15	Ciarraí 2-11	at Killarney

Ulster Championship

Aibreán 16	Tír Eoghain 2-17	Fear Manach 2-10	at Enniskillen
Bealtaine 01	Tír Eoghain 0-10	Doire 1-18	at Omagh



All-Ireland Championship

Meitheamh 05 Tír Eoghain 1-10 Ard Mhacha 1-16 at Armagh

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Development League – Leo Murphy Cup

Feabhra 19 Tír Eoghain 4-17 Aontroim 0-09 at Portglenone
 Feabhra 26 Tír Eoghain 0-13 An Lú 1-10 at Garvaghey
 Márta 06 Tír Eoghain 3-14 An Dún 0-07 at Garvaghey
 Márta 13 Tír Eoghain 1-06 Dún na nGall 2-10 at Letterkenny (Final)

Championship

Aibreán 02 Tír Eoghain 1-13 An Dún 1-08 at Loughmacrory
 Aibreán 08 Tír Eoghain 3-16 Dún na nGall 2-16 (AET) at Derry
 Aibreán 22 Tír Eoghain 0-11 An Cabhán 0-10 at Enniskillen (Ulster Final)
 Bealtaine 08 Tír Eoghain 1-14 Ciarraí 1-12 at Portlaoise
 Bealtaine 14 Tír Eoghain 1-20 Cill Dara 1-14 at Carrick-on-Shannon (All-Ireland Final)

U-17

League (Section A)

Márta 05 Tír Eoghain 2-15 Muineachán 0-05 at Clones
 Márta 19 Tír Eoghain 4-13 Aontroim 0-08 at Donaghmore
 Márta 26 Tír Eoghain 2-21 Ard Mhacha 1-07 at Armagh
 Aibreán 02 Tír Eoghain 2-14 An Dún 0-08 at Garvaghey

Final

Aibreán 09 Tír Eoghain 2-07 Doire 1-09 at Maghera

Championship

Aibreán 23 Tír Eoghain 3-17 An Cabhán 1-15 at Omagh
 Bealtaine 07 Tír Eoghain 3-17 Aontroim 0-05 at Belfast
 Bealtaine 21 Tír Eoghain 0-13 Dún na nGall 1-10 (AET) at Derry
 (Tír Eoghain won 4-3 on penalties)
 Bealtaine 29 Tír Eoghain 4-08 Doire 0-16 at Clones (Final)

All-Ireland Quarterfinal

Meitheamh 11 Tír Eoghain 1-04 Ciarraí 0-08 at Portlaoise

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
U17	10	9	0	1
U20	9	7	1	1
Senior	12	4	1	7
Total	31	20	2	9



Senior Hurling

National League

Tír Eoghain commenced the 2022 season, in Division 3A, with an away fixture in Roscommon; playing with a strong wind, the home side scored the opening eight points, and led by nine points at the break. Tír Eoghain fought back strongly throughout the second half and while leading by a point in injury time, they were unable to prevent Ros Comain levelling the score.

In the first home game of the season the opposition made the long journey across from Warwickshire. Although underfoot conditions were poor, Tír Eoghain enjoyed the best possible start with a goal in the opening minute, and this was added to regularly, resulting in a ten-point lead by half-time. The visitors were restricted to a single point in the second period while Tír Eoghain added a further two goals and nineteen points to comfortably ease to a first win in the league.

In the Round 3 fixture, played in Carrickmore, the home side took control at an early stage and led Ard Mhacha by six points at half-time; they scored a further 1-11 in the second period to register a second comprehensive win, which lifted Tír Eoghain to the top of the division. This position was retained following the fourth round victory over Muineachán in Inniskeen; Tír Eoghain led by a goal at the break, but took until the final quarter to dispatch the home side, with a nine-point winning margin.

In the final game against An Lú the home side struggled to find their form and rhythm in the opening half and trailed by four points at the break. When An Lú widened the gap to seven on the re-start, Tír Eoghain's chances of going directly into the final looked very slim. But, the Red Hands improved immensely in all aspects of their play and scored an outstanding 2-11 to win the game by seven points, and finish in top spot of the division.

In the final, played at Owenbeg, Tír Eoghain met Ard Mhacha who had defeated Ros Comáin in their semifinal encounter. The opening score of the match was a goal for Tír Eoghain who went on to perform magnificently throughout the first half and led 2-12 to 1-08 at the break. The anticipated fightback from Ard Mhacha did materialise during the second half but try as they might, the closest they could manage was to within two points as the match ended. This well-merited victory saw Tír Eoghain promoted to Division 2B for the 2023 season – an excellent achievement for such a limited panel of players.

Conor Grogan (captain), Dermot Begley, Anthony Crossan, Aidan Kelly, Conor McElhatton, Bryan McGurk, Oran McKee, Lóchrann Ó Donnghaile, Dean Rafferty, Sean Og Grogan, Ruairi Slane (Éire Óg), Lorcan Devlin (Vice Captain), Damian Casey, John Devlin, Fionn Devlin, Ruairi Devlin, Sean Paul McKernan, Conor McNally, Tiernan Morgan, Rory Weir, Ryan Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Chris Cross, Chris Kearns (Naomh Colum Cille), Ciaran Lagan (An Ómaigh), CJ McGourty (Ardboe), Tiernan Murphy (O'Donovan Rossa)

Nickey Rackard Cup

Fresh from winning the Division 3A league title Tír Eoghain opened its Nickey Rackard Cup campaign with an emphatic victory in Birmingham against Warwickshire. Scoring a goal from the opening puck-off, Tír Eoghain raced into halftime lead of 5-06 to 0-08. The game resumed in similar fashion with another onslaught from the visitors to record one of the highest winning scores ever. Tír Eoghain 7-18, Warwickshire 2-11

In round 2, newly promoted Fear Manach visited Omagh and were unable to prevent Tír Eoghain easily picking off scores to lead 1-10 to 0-06 at the half-time interval. In the second half Fear Manach managed to reduce the deficit to three points before Tír Eoghain surged ahead again to win by four points.

Next up, the following week, was Ard Mhacha in Carrickmore; the first half was an evenly-contested affair with the counties level (1-07 to 0-10) after thirty-five minutes. In the second period Tír Eoghain were the much stronger side scoring 3-07, to 0-08 from Ard Mhacha, to maintain its 100% winning record. Ros Comáin provided the opposition at Hyde Park in round 4 and they inflicted the heaviest defeat of the season on Tír Eoghain; by the end of the first half they were ahead by ten points, and



although Tír Eoghain improved considerably in the third quarter to reduce the deficit significantly, it was not possible to maintain the momentum as the game concluded in a serious loss.

The final round of this championship provided Tír Eoghain with a last opportunity to claim a place in the Nickey Rackard final; they faced Dún na nGall in Páirc Cholmcille Carrickmore and certainly seized their opportunity. Totally dominant in the opening half they led by six, on a scoreline of 1-11 to 0-08, at the interval; but, in the second half Dún na nGall began a fightback and had drawn level with eight minutes remaining. However, Tír Eoghain stepped up their performance once again and won the match by four points.

In the final, played in Croke Park, Tír Eoghain faced the Ros Comáin team who had inflicted a serious 12-point defeat on the Red Hands a fortnight earlier. In 2021 the hurlers had learned a hard lesson in the Nickey Rackard final against Maigh Eo, and being back again this year they were determined to, make amends. They got off to an excellent start with a score straight from the throw-in and from then on, never fell behind throughout the match - probably playing some of their best hurling of the year. Tír Eoghain led by 1-14 to 0-09 at the halftime break with every player dominating their opposite number, and playing with great intensity and no little skill. In the opening minutes of the second half Ros Comáin did begin to close the gap – to five points - but their comeback could not be maintained and the Red Hands eventually outscored them by thirteen points to ten, to win the competition for the second time and make amends for last year's defeat.

The winning captain, Conor Grogan, was presented with the Nickey Rackard Cup by Leas-Uachtarán, Ciarán Mag Lochlainn in front of a small, but highly jubilant attendance.



Tír Eoghain – 2022 Nickey Rackard Cup and NHL Div 3A champions – players and management

Senior Hurling Panel (2022):

Conor Grogan (Éire Óg) (Captain), Dermot Begley (Éire Óg), Aidan Kelly (Éire Óg), Conor McElhatton (Éire Óg), Bryan McGurk (Éire Óg), Oran McKee (Éire Óg), Dean Rafferty (Éire Óg), Sean Og Grogan (Éire Óg), Ruairi Slane (Éire Óg), Lorcan Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh) (Vice Captain), Damian Casey (Eoghan Ruadh), Chris Kearns (Naomh Colum Cille), CJ McGourty (Ard Bó), Ruairi Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Tiernan Morgan (Eoghan Ruadh), Anthony Crossan (Éire Óg), Rory Weir (Eoghan Ruadh), Conor McNally (Eoghan Ruadh), John Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Ciaran Lagan (An Ómaigh), Chris Cross,



Lóchrann Ó Donnghaile (Éire Óg), Ryan Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Sean Paul McKernan (Eoghan Ruadh), Fionn Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh).

We congratulate this relatively small panel of players on their remarkable and outstanding achievements in winning both national competitions in which they participated this year – the National League Division 3A and the Nickey Rackard Cup; congratulations is also due to team manager Michael McShane and his backup personnel for the management and leadership provided to Tyrone’s senior hurlers. We thank Eunan Lindsay who acted as liaison officer with this team in its most successful season.

At the season’s end three members of the successful senior team were recognised for their outstanding performances in the Nickey Rackard Cup; on the McDonagh/Rackard/ Meagher team of 2022 Dermot Begley (a previous award winner in 2018) was selected at corner back, Chris Kearns was selected at number 5, and the late Damian Casey was posthumously selected at wing half-forward (also an award winner in 2019, 2020, 2021). Damian was also selected as the Nickey Rackard Cup Player of the Year (2022). Congratulations to Dermot and Chris, and the family of Damian, on their magnificent achievements.

Scór Clár

Iomána

An Sraith Náisiúnta (Roinn 3A)

Feabhra 06	Tír Eoghain 1-17	Ros Comain	0-20	at Roscommon
Feabhra 13	Tír Eoghain 4-29	Warwickshire	0-07	at Omagh
Feabhra 27	Tír Eoghain 2-21	Ard Mhacha	1-14	at Carrickmore
Márta 06	Tír Eoghain 3-14	Muineachán	1-11	at Inniskeen
Márta 20	Tír Eoghain 3-16	An Lú	2-13	at Omagh
Aibreán 02	Tír Eoghain 2-21	Ard Mhacha	2-19	at Owenbeg (Final)

Corn Nickey Rackard

Aibreán 10	Tír Eoghain 7-18	Warwickshire	2-11	at Birmingham
Aibreán 17	Tír Eoghain 1-18	Fear Manach	1-14	at Omagh
Aibreán 23	Tír Eoghain 3-17	Ard Mhacha	1-15	at Carrickmore
Bealtaine 07	Tír Eoghain 0-21	Ros Comáin	3-24	at Roscommon
Bealtaine 14	Tír Eoghain 1-23	Dún na nGall	1-19	at Carrickmore
Bealtaine 21	Tír Eoghain 1-27	Ros Comáin	0-19	at Croke Park (Final)

U17 Celtic Hurling Challenge

Aibreán 09	Tír Eoghain 1-09	Dún na nGall	1-07	at Letterkenny
Aibreán 16	Tír Eoghain 1-12	Sligeach	0-17	at Fintona
Aibreán 23	Tír Eoghain 3-03	Maigh Eo	3-11	at Manorhamilton
Bealtaine 14	Tír Eoghain 1-09	Cill Mhantáin	3-12	at Abbottstown

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
U17	4	1	0	3
Senior	12	10	1	1
Total	16	11	1	4



Club Competitions

2022 was the first year of the implementation of the so-called 'split season', in which inter-county competitions were played in the first 'half' of the year and Club fixtures were allocated the second 'half' of the year. In reality there was some overlap, as had been intended; the inter-county adult schedule commenced with the Dr McKenna Cup competition in January and concluded with the All-Ireland senior football final on 24th July. In this county the adult leagues commenced on 6th May, the championships were slotted into September and October, and all promotion and relegation issues were completely determined on 13th November.

It is fair to say that the split season has been regarded as a success; in particular, players welcomed the well-planned programme of regular games as provided by the CCC and it was also given widespread approval by patrons and supporters. Team managers who devote their skills and expertise to both Clubs and Counties have found the split season programme of games to be most beneficial; now they can spread their workload over a complete year rather than juggling their time and diluting their efforts with the two panels of players. Some observers bemoaned the loss of club players who decided to travel to the USA to participate in Gaelic games and while there were a few high-profile players from Tír Eoghain who did so, the overall number of players who availed of sanctions this year was twentyfive from seventeen clubs – a very small proportion of the county's adult playing population.

We acknowledge the outstanding work done by the county's CCC in preparing and delivering such an excellent programme of games this year, not only at adult level, but also for the youth of Tír Eoghain. There would remain some concern that an effective schedule of hurling fixtures cannot be implemented within the county; this matter should be addressed further and seriously with the nine Clubs that are participating in, and promoting the national game.

The CCC commenced the Club football championships immediately following the completion of the ordinary rounds of all league competitions.

First up this year was the LCC Group Junior football championship on Sunday 11th September with a preliminary double bill at the Rock featuring, Stewartstown against Donaghmore (III), and Brockagh against Errigal Ciaran (III). Stewartstown progressed to the county final with victories over Errigal Ciaran (III), Drumquin and Strabane. Their opponents, Aghaloo, defeated Drumragh in their first round encounter and overcame the challenges of Fintona and Derrytresk in the quarterfinal and semifinal respectively. The Junior championship final was played as one half of a double bill with the Intermediate final, on Sunday 23rd October in Omagh. Aghaloo performed well throughout the match but the concession of two goals – the first after just twelve seconds - created a challenge that could not be overcome. Stewartstown proved to be the better team, growing in strength as the game progressed, to win the Junior championship by a two-goal margin for the second time in the Club's history. The acceptance of the Pat Darcy Cup concluded a most successful and remarkable season for the Club, within Tyrone, in which they won the League and Championship without losing a single game.

At Intermediate level the championship got under way on Thursday 15th September with Eskra taking on Tattyreagh, at Fintona. On their paths to the county final Galbally accounted for Pomeroy, Tattyreagh and then Killeeshil, while Edendork enjoyed victories against Kildress, Beragh and Eglis in the semifinal. In the final, Edendork looked the sharper side in the opening quarter but their lead was reduced to one point at the halftime interval; on the resumption Galbally stormed ahead initially, only to be reined in again as a result of two goals from the St Malachy's. They significantly

stepped up their performance once again and although their lead was cut from four points to one, the Pearse's deservedly won a second IFC title to add to that of 2019.



Tyrone Intermediate Football Champions 2022 - Galbally Pearses

The LCC Group senior football championship started on Thursday 22nd September in Omagh with a clash between two recent winning Clubs, Dungannon and Trillick. The championship was completed in a 38-day period when Errigal Ciaran overcame An Charraig Mhór in the final at Omagh. An Charraig Mhór accounted for Coalisland, Loughmacrory and Clonoe en route to the final while Errigal Ciaran progressed with wins against Moy, Dungannon, and the 2021 champions Dromore. The Ballygawley Club entered the final as firm favourites and lived up to expectations to lead by seven points at the break (1-08 to 0-04); on the re-start, the Carrickmore side came storming back into the contest and closed the gap to two points, only to concede a stunning goal that gave Errigal Ciaran new life and comfort. The closing stages of a gripping encounter were tense and exciting but Errigal Ciaran secured their first championship in ten years with a two-point winning margin (2-11 to 1-12).

County final day was certainly one to remember for Errigal Ciaran as the club's U15 team won the football championship with a dominant performance against Loughmacrory, in the curtain-raiser. And its 1997 championship winners were presented with their silver jubilee medals by County Chairman, Michael Kerr during the halftime interval.

In the LCC Group hurling championship Naomh Colum Cille had a surprise, but deserved two-point victory over Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh in the final group game, to reach the senior final for the first time since 2011. In the final they faced the reigning champions, Carrickmore Éire Óg who stamped their authority on the match from the outset with a powerful and skilful display of hurling. When the final whistle sounded Éire Óg had comfortably won its 28th senior county championship on a scoreline of 1-28 to 0-04.

In the Junior final, played as a curtain-raiser, Dungannon had a similar winning margin against Omagh St Enda's, whose expected challenge never really materialised.

Congratulations to all adult championship winners – in football - Errigal Ciaran, Galbally, Stewartstown, - in hurling - Éire Óg and Eoghan Ruadh, and the All-County League champions, Trillick (Division 1), Eglisk (Division 2) and Stewartstown (Division 3).



As in most years, the campaigns in the Ulster Championship for Tyrone's representatives were quite mixed; Errigal Ciaran and Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh suffered defeat in the opening rounds to Glen (Derry) and Setanta (Donegal), respectively. Carrickmore's Éire Óg fought two very tough battles, each of which went to extra time, with a victory over Lisbellaw (Fermanagh) followed by a loss against Middletown (Armagh).

Galbally qualified for its second Ulster final in three years against Corduff (Monaghan) following victories over Glenullin and Dungloe. Stewartstown swept aside the challenges of Teconnaught and Letterkenny before a tough provincial final encounter with Drumlane (Cavan) saw the Club emerge as Ulster champions in a penalty shoot-out after extra time.



Tyrone Senior Hurling Champions 2022 – Carrickmore Éire Óg



Tyrone Minor Football Champions 2022 – Donaghmore St Patrick's



2022	Competition	Winner	Runner –up	Referee	Venue
22/10/22	Senior Hurling	Carrickmore Éire Óg	Naomh Colum Cille	Barry Winters	Omagh
22/10/22	Junior Hurling	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	Omagh St Enda's	Dave Ryan	Omagh
19/10/22	U17 Hurling	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	Carrickmore Éire Óg	Shane King	Garvaghey
12/10/22	U15 Hurling (G1)	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	Fintona Pearse's	Gerard Fox	Carrickmore
17/10/22	U13 Hurling (G1)	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	Omagh St Enda's	Brian McGinn	Fintona
05/10/22	U13 Hurling (G2)	Cappagh	Benburb Duíche Néill	Shane King	Garvaghey
23/10/22	Junior Football	Stewartstown Harps	Aghaloo O'Neills	Cathal Forbes	Omagh
23/10/22	Intermediate Football	Galbally Pearse's	Edendork St Malachy's	Cathal Bell	Omagh
30/10/22	Senior Football	Errigal Ciarán	An Charraig Mhór Naomh Colmcille	Stephen Campbell	Omagh
25/08/22	Junior Reserve	Stewartstown Harps	Drumragh Sarsfields	Michael McCann	Garvaghey
18/08/22	Intermediate Reserve	Pomeroy Plunkett's	Eglisk St Patrick's	Hugo Devine	Killeeshil
18/08/22	Senior Reserve	Dromore St Dympna's	An Charraig Mhór Naomh Colmcille	Conor McGahan	Beragh
03/08/22	U19 F (G3)	Drumquin Wolfe Tone's	Rock St Patrick's	Francie Gallagher	Clogher
31/08/22	U17 F (G1)	Donaghmore St Patrick's	Eglisk St Patrick's	Paul Gallagher	Fintona
14/09/22	U17 F (G2)	Galbally Pearse's	Cookstown Fr Rock's	Sean Devenney	Stewartstown
14/09/22	U17 F (G3)	Clann na nGael/Owen Roes	Moy Tír na nÓg	Michael Quinn	Omagh
26/07/22	U17 F (G4)	Errigal Ciaran	Augher St Macartan's	Owen McCaffrey	Killeeshil
30/10/22	U15 F (G1)	Errigal Ciaran	Loughmacrory St Teresa's	Garry Gormley	Omagh
22/10/22	U15 F (G2)	Moy Tír na nÓg	Dromore St Dympna's	Brian McCallion	Augher
15/10/22	U15 F (G3)	Pomeroy Plunkett's	Eskra Emmett's	Martin McErlain	Donaghmore
01/10/22	U15 F (G4)	Cookstown Fr Rock's	Dromore St Dympna's	Cahir McConnell	Loughmacrory
01/10/22	U13 F (G1)	An Charraig Mhór Naomh Colmcille	Eglisk St Patrick's	Sean Darcy	Donaghmore
22/06/22	U13 F (G2)	Clonoe O'Rahilly's	Galbally Pearse's	Shane McKeown	Eglisk
23/06/22	U13 F (G3)	Edendork St Malachy's	Eskra Emmett's	Gerard Mullan	Pomeroy
23/06/22	U13 F (G4)	Tattyreagh St Patrick's	Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's	John Kerlin	Garvaghey



Ulster Club Championships (2021)

04/12/21	SFC: Dromore	0-13	Derrygonnelly	1-16 (AET)	at Carrickmore
05/12/21	IFC: Moortown	3-12	Erne Gaels	2-05	at Carrickmore
19/12/21	IFC: Moortown	0-09	Tír na nÓg (Randalstown)	0-08	at Ballinderry
09/01/22	IFC: Moortown	0-04	Steelstown	0-06	at Owenbeg
(Steelstown went on to win the All-Ireland title with victory over Trim)					
12/12/21	IHC: Éire Óg	0-10	Lisbellaw	1-17	at Clones

Ulster Club Championships (2022)

05/11/22	IHC Quarterfinal:	Éire Óg	2-23	Lisbellaw	2-18 (AET)	at Carrickmore
19/11/22	IHC Semifinal:	Éire Óg	2-20	Middletown	3-19 (AET)	at Armagh
05/11/22	JFC Quarterfinal:	Stewartstown	2-20	Teconnaught	0-05	at Newry
20/11/22	JFC Semifinal:	Stewartstown	2-15	Letterkeny	2-05	at Owenbeg
26/11/22	JFC Final:	Stewartstown	1-12	Drumlane (Cavan)	0-15	at Clones
AET Stewartstown won 5 – 4 on penalties						
06/11/22	JHC Quarterfinal:	Eoghan Ruadh	2-11	Setanta	1-16	at Letterkenny
13/11/22	SFC Quarterfinal:	Errigal Ciaran	1-12	Glen	3-10	at Derry
13/11/22	IFC Quarterfinal:	Galbally	7-12	Glenullin	1-11	at Derry
27/11/22	IFC Semifinal:	Galbally	1-12	Dungloe	0-10	at Derry

Affiliated Clubs 2022

Senior (Division 1) (16)

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

Intermediate (Division 2) (16)

Aghyaran, Beragh, Clogher, Cookstown, Edendork, Egliskra, Eskra, Galbally, Gortin, Kildress, Killeeshil, Naomh Eoghan, Owen Roes, Pomeroy, Rock, Tattyreagh.

Junior (Division 3) (15)

Aghaloo, Augher, Brackville, Brockagh, Castlederg, Clann na nGael, Derrytresk, Drumquin, Drumragh, Fintona, Glenelly, Killyman, Stewartstown, Strabane, Urney.

Hurling (7)

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

SPONSORSHIP

Firstly, our sincere thanks is extended to McAleer & Rushe, who returned as the main County sponsor in 2022, and in particular to its directors, Eamonn Laverty and Seamus McAleer for the generous financial support provided; we acknowledge the commitment made by the Cookstown based construction company to Tyrone GAA for a two year period.



Eamonn Laverty and Seamus McAleer with County Chairman Michael Kerr and Tyrone players Pádraig Hampsey, Cormac Devlin, Kieran McGeary and Conor Grogan at the launch of the McAleer & Rushe sponsorship

At the end of 2022 we were greatly pleased to be offered a new and enhanced sponsorship arrangement with *O'Neills Irish International Sports Company* for the five-year period ending in 2027. We are grateful to the company's directors Tony and Paul Towell for the outstanding support and provision of players' gear over many years and we are delighted to learn that this will continue to be forthcoming from O'Neills well throughout this decade.

This year the County continued to enjoy the benefits of the adult championships' sponsorship provided by another Cookstown-based company – the *LCC Group*. We are most grateful to its managing director Mickey Loughran and to Adrian Scullin for this sponsorship and for their total support of our games.

Once again, our appreciation is due to our other brand partners, *Bank of Ireland, Rocwell, The Donnelly Group*, all of whom have remained committed to Tyrone GAA in their financial contributions and their product or services' provision, and to *Begley's Sports* (Dungannon) who became Tyrone's newest brand partner in 2022.

As ever, we would urge all our Clubs and patrons who can do so, to support those who have generously supported us.

Grateful appreciation is expressed to the members of Club Tyrone and the Patrons who continuously provide 'sponsorship' towards the Association in Tyrone; this valuable source of income allows the



players to be well catered for, and the physical developments to be undertaken and progressed, all of which is necessary to maintain Tyrone as a leading unit of the Association. We trust that this membership of Club Tyrone can be maintained by the business community, individuals and Clubs in the current difficult financial climate, and we would urge the Clubs with lapsed membership to reconsider their position in supporting the county.

BUÍOCHAS

Firstly, I express sincere thanks to the Officers of all Clubs in Tyrone for their co-operation and assistance throughout another different but busy year; a special word of thanks to the Treasurers and Secretaries for all of this work. Appreciation also goes to the Clubs' representatives on the County Committee and its wide range of subcommittees for their time, their interest in the affairs of the County and for their valued contributions to the management and decision-making processes.

The Management Committee met on eleven occasions this year with the following attendances: Michael Kerr (11), Martin Sludden (11), Niall McKenna (11), Dominic McCaughey (11), Conor Sally (11), Dermot McCaughey (11), Eugene McConnell (11), Eunan Lindsay (11), Benny Hurl (10), Sean McGuigan (9), Michelle Cox (9), Steven Hughes (9), Rory O'Brien (8) and Damian Harvey (5)

I thank the members of Coiste Bainistí for the guidance and direction that is provided to Tyrone GAA through their attendance at meetings, leadership of many subcommittees and workgroups, and representation on higher bodies. I acknowledge, in particular, the work undertaken by the four newly-elected members of Coiste Bainistí – Rory O'Brien (Planning & Training Officer), Niall McKenna (Treasurer), Sean McGuigan (Assistant Treasurer) and Steven Hughes (Language & Culture Officer) – all of whom led their subcommittees with great success in a range of aspects and initiatives in 2022.

I offer special gratitude to Cisteoir, Niall McKenna, who stepped into one of the most important roles of the Association, for his highly efficient manner and professional approach in the management of Tyrone GAA's finances; I acknowledge his advice, guidance and assistance on many issues and thank him for the excellent work that he has carried out in this his first year overseeing all matters of finance.

To the many other chairpersons of subcommittees, who are not elected members of the Coiste Bainistí, similar grateful appreciation is extended, and their expertise is acknowledged, particularly Gerard Bradley (IT officer), Seamus Hannigan (Hearings Committee), Malachi McCann (Health & Wellbeing), Martin Haughey (PR & Marketing) and Seamus McDonald (Strategic Planning). I thank all of the members of the subcommittees for their time and commitment – their work which is so essential to the smooth operation of the Tyrone GAA is carried out effectively and mostly in an unseen manner.

Again, I congratulate Michael Kerr on his leadership of the Association in Tyrone, not just this year, but for the complete five-year period in the office of County Chairman. In any period of five years there will always be setbacks, difficult experiences, and successes and it is the manner in which these are dealt with that is always a measure of one's leadership. The major challenging issue that no-one could have predicted or foreseen was the Covid19 pandemic which changed everything and affected everyone throughout the world, and of course it had a significant impact on the Association. However, Michael brought Tyrone GAA successfully through this prolonged lockdown, a disrupted fixture programme, an absence of physical meetings, and a reduction in financial income; he leaves office at this Convention with the county now in a stronger financial position and our



football and hurling teams back challenging for, and winning, Provincial and All-Ireland titles at adult and youth levels. I thank Michael Kerr for his support, his advice, and his management of Tyrone GAA during the past five years.

The five-year rule for membership of the Management Committee also brings about the departure of Eugene McConnell, from the role of PRO, at this year's Convention. I thank Eugene for the onerous and time-consuming workload that he has undertaken in this position, managing all matters of communication, on a daily basis.

It is appropriate to recognise the work that is done by many of our members at provincial and national levels on subcommittees and workgroups; and we thank them for volunteering so much of their time:

Adrian O'Kane – chairman of National Child Safeguarding Appeals Panel

Conor Sally - member of Ulster Council

Michelle Cox – member of Ulster Council

Benny Hurl - member of Central Council

Eunan Lindsay – member of the Central Fixtures Analysis Committee

Raymond McKeown – member of the National Financial Management Committee

Stephen Donnelly – member of the National Fixtures' Oversight Committee

Donal McAnallen – member of the National History & Commemorations Committee

Gerard Bradley – member of the National Officer Development Committee

Ciaran McLaughlin – President of Ulster Council

On 14th January 2022 at the Ulster Convention in Belfast, Ciaran McLaughlin was elected as the 38th Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh; our former Tyrone County Chairman is a member of the Strabane Sigersons GAC, as was his predecessor M.V. O'Nolan at the beginning of the last century (1904-8).

Ciaran becomes the fifth Tyrone man to be elected to the position of Ulster GAA President following in the footsteps of the highly influential Frank O'Neill (1958-60), Peter Harte (1980-3), and Brian McLernon (1992-5). We welcome him to this position in leading the Association at Provincial level, offer him the support of all the Gaels of Tyrone, and wish him every success in dealing with the challenges that will arise in the years ahead.

I express my appreciation to the officers and staff at national level in Croke Park for their support and guidance throughout the year, especially Tom Ryan (Ard Stiúrthóir), Teresa Rehill and Emma Tormey (Ticketing Manager); likewise, at provincial level I am particularly grateful to Brian McAvoy (Rúnaí), Geraldine McKavanagh and Stephen Donnelly for all of the assistance and helpfulness that has been so readily and promptly provided.

Finally, I am grateful to the members of staff who are employed by Tyrone GAA in the field of coaching and those who assist in the administration and management of our facilities; in particular, Brian Laverty who manages the coaching staff and the Summer Camps; Roisin McSorley and Gregory McSorley who carefully manage the upkeep and maintenance of all aspects – indoors and outside - of the facilities at the County headquarters; Anne Marie McNulty who manages the office reception, the booking of all facilities, and who makes all the necessary arrangements for the county's teams is deserving of the greatest gratitude. In expressing appreciation to these staff members it is acknowledged that duties are undertaken well above and beyond their job descriptions, and over and above their designated hours, with everything being done for the benefit of Tyrone GAA.



Tyrone & Ulster Junior Football Champions 2022 – Stewartstown Harps



Tyrone ACL Division 1 Champions – Trillick St Macartan's

COMBHRÓN

As another year in the life of Tyrone GAA draws to a close we remember all those who have died during 2022 – family members, Club members, colleagues and friends. Sincere sympathy is offered to all bereaved families and the Clubs that have suffered sad, tragic and difficult losses.

In particular we remember:

Peggy Kerr (Carrickmore) – mother of County Chairman, Michael and former Culture Officer Clíodhna.

Margaret McLaughlin (Strabane) – mother of Ulster President, and former County Chairman, Ciaran.

Maureen McKenna (Clogher) – mother of Finance Committee member, Ciaran.

Mary Nugent (Galbally) – mother of Club secretary, Plunkett.

Tony Byrne (Dungannon) – Tyrone senior player in the '50s, and O'Neill Cup winner with the Clarkes.

Michael Shields (Clogher) – father of Tyrone senior football player, Conor.

Padraic (Patsy) McCann (Ballygawley) - brother of Health & Wellbeing Chairman, Malachi.

Patsy Gallagher (Donaghmore) – former referee, and Treasurer of the Games Administration Committee (1982-2000).

Francie (Dúbh) Devlin (Moortown) - father of U20 football manager, Paul.

Conor McCaughey (Trillick) – son of Assistant Secretary, Dermot.

Bro Laurence (Larry) Ennis – former President Ulster Colleges' Council.

Noel Devlin (Dungannon) – former Tyrone senior hurler, administrator and referee.

Peter Loughran (Castleknock & formerly Carrickmore) – generous benefactor to Tyrone GAA.

Lee Mallaghan (Maynooth) - generous benefactor to Tyrone GAA.

Noel Tracey (Kildress) – Referee.

Brendan McAnallen (Eglis).

Tom Sheehy (Cookstown) – Founding member of Club Tyrone.

Peter McNamee (Beragh), Nathan Corrigan (Beragh) and Peter Finnegan (Clogher) – killed in traffic accident on A5 at Garvaghey.

John Rafferty (Killyclogher) - Member of 2021 U20 football panel - killed in traffic accident on A5.

Damian Casey



It was with deep shock and profound sadness that Tyrone GAA learned of the sudden and untimely death of Damian Casey in Spain on 17th June 2022 at the young age of twenty-nine.

Damian played underage football with the Dungannon Clarke's Club and devoted his whole playing career to the Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh Club. At club level, he won four Tyrone senior hurling championship titles with Eoghan Ruadh's, with their last Benburb Cup success coming in 2019 and when they came desperately close to provincial glory, only losing an Ulster final in a penalty shoot-out. He played with distinction for Tyrone hurling teams at all levels - minor, U21 and senior, making his senior debut in 2012 as a

teenager. In the following ten years, he started in all of the next 101 games in the leagues and championships where he was the county's ace marksman – scoring in every fixture. Remarkably, he never lost his form, was never dropped from the team, and never picked up an injury that would prevent him playing; he was never sent off nor suspended, such was the respect that he had for the opposition players and his exceptional self-discipline. At the conclusion of this year's successful Rackard Cup competition, Damian was acknowledged as being the most prolific hurler to ever play the game, scoring an average of over ten points per game.



Damian Casey's exploits on the hurling fields were widely recognised right through from his school days, when he was awarded an Ulster Colleges' All-Star with St Patrick's Academy Dungannon, until this year when he was selected as the Nickey Rackard Player of the Year. He was selected for the Ulster team to participate in the 2015 Railway Cup and represented Ireland against Scotland, on two occasions in the hurling / shinty internationals.

His list of major honours and achievements includes:

County Championships (4): 2012, 2013, 2018, 2019.
Nickey Rackard Cups (2): 2014 (Team captain), 2022
Lory Meagher Cup: (2012)
NHL Division 3A (2) : 2015, 2022, Div 3B : (1) 2014
GAA/GPA Champions 15 All-Stars (4): 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Nickey Rackard Player of the Year (2): 2014, 2022

Damian was a perfect role model both on and off the field with his modest manner and unassuming attitude; we are all sincerely grateful for his outstanding contribution to Tyrone hurling and the promotion of the game – he is one of the greatest players to have worn the Tyrone jersey.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to Damian's father Sean, to his mother Susan, to his sisters Louise and Catherine, to his extended family circle, to his County team-mates and to his Eoghan Ruadh Club, on their sad and tragic loss.

Ar lamh dheis Dé go raibh siad.



TUARASCÁLA NA FO-CHOISTI (SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS)

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Strategic Implementation Committee

Cathaoirleach: Séamus Mac Domhnail

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

The Strategic Implementation Committee met 7 times during the year. The attendance was as follows: Barbara Ward 7 Cuthbert Donnelly 4 Mark Conway 7 Seamus Mc Donald 7, Michael Kerr 4, Dominic Mc Caughey 2

Our work included the following targets

- 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

All sub committees were asked to complete and submit their work plans for the coming year.

The following committees submitted work plans:

CCC

Communications Committee

Strategic Implementation Committee.

Our work includes reviewing the progress towards completing the targets within the strategy and updating where appropriate. As the consultation for the next plan was ongoing subcommittees did not respond. This lack of response from subcommittees is an area which needs to be addressed.

We invited all our partner groups including Ulster and National GAA, Local Government, Education, and other agencies including Health to participate through the Delphi method. A more in-depth Delphi 2 survey was circulated to the participants to elicit further information.

To ensure that a wide consultation was conducted, the chairs of the subcommittee meet with the committee in May. The meeting was most productive

The Coiste Airgeadais Committee also met the Strategic committee. This meeting highlighted a number of challenges and practical solutions.

In June we meet with the members of the County Committee who suggested important targets for core GAA values to be tackled in the next five years.

Through the regular County Committee meetings members were asked to submit additional information.

The committee have completed the sifting of the wealth of information provided and the document is prepared for the printers.

We make the following suggestions for the incoming committee,

- Launch the Strategic document early in 2023 before club competitions begin.
- Request that all sub committees submit annual work plans to Secretary of County Committee and to the secretary of the Strategic Committee.
- Meet with each sub committee to ascertain any challenges they may have and to review their plans with the Strategic Document.



I, on behalf of the committee, would like to pay tribute and thank Dominic Mc Caughey Rúnaí Coiste Contae for his continual assistance and support over the years. Dominic was always available to give that kind word of encouragement when required.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the members of the committee but especially Mark for leading us all through the consultation and our secretary Barbara, for her commitment and dedication.

Garvaghey Management Group

Cathaoirleach: Sean McGuigan

Members and Meetings

The Sub-Committee met seven times during the year, on 1 February, 15 March, 25 April, 31 May, 21 July, 25 August and 24 October. Several other issue-specific meetings were also held.

The Committee members and their attendances at meetings were: Sean McGuigan (7), Michael Kerr (3), Dominic McCaughey (2), Niall McKenna (7), Mark Conway (6), Jackie Duffy (2), Michael Harvey (4) and Hugh McCallan (6). Brian Hackett was absent during the year but remains a valued member of the Group.

Committee's Role and Remit

The role of our Group is to:

Oversee the management of the Garvaghey Centre to best effect for Tyrone GAA

Set and work within budgets agreed by Tyrone GAA, including achieving the best possible income streams to set against the Centre's costs

Identify and take forward appropriate new developments at the Centre

Seek and pursue grant aid opportunities for the Centre

Overview

This year marked our first return to 'near normality' in Garvaghey, following the tight restrictions imposed on us and our facilities during COVID. Garvaghey is still not back to its pre-COVID activity levels, but both our current position and the outlook are much brighter than they had been for most of 2020 and 2021.

Garvaghey has now completed its first decade of operations and in that time has catered for almost half-a-million users and has been at the centre of virtually all of Tyrone's GAA business. In those ten years it has been a launching pad for Tyrone football teams winning 10 major Ulster and 4 major All-Ireland titles, and for our hurlers clinching four major national titles. And, a decade on, the Centre's borrowings have now been essentially cleared by Tyrone GAA.

Our Year in Summary

- Garvaghey's and our Group's performances during the year included:
- Accommodating Tyrone's County teams, as well as many Club, School/College, and Ulster GAA activities
- Restoring the DIMAC-delivered pitch maintenance schedules to their pre-COVID levels
- Completing significant maintenance and wear-and-tear works



- Refurbishing the Centre’s scoreboard
- Completing significant maintenance work on the wind turbine and appointing professional help to scope out how the turbine can be used to maximum effect for Tyrone GAA
- Accommodating all Tyrone GAA’s administrative activities
- Hosting several major events/seminars including: National GAA ‘Green Clubs’ seminar on 23 October 2021 | County PROs Seminar on 21 March 2022 | Sacred Heart College event, 22 March | Club Tyrone members’ Night, 13 April | Tyrone’s All-Stars event, 29 September |
- Discussing a possible ‘Levelling Up’ application with Fermanagh and Omagh Council re putting a roof on the 60 x 40 3G area
- Meeting with the Garvaghey Area Community Association
- Supporting four major grant applications (worth £410,000) by Tyrone GAA

Performance Hub

- Tyrone’s Performance Hub resource became fully operational in 2022, following this five year ‘development story’:
- 2016 | Initial researching, scoping, researching and planning
- 2017 | Detailed plans finalised and Planning Approval obtained
- 2018 | Funding plans developed and GAA support sought
- 2019 | Project put out to tender, funding drive launched and work begun on site
- 2020 | Construction completed, but project locked down via COVID
- 2021 | Project remaining in lock-down, even throughout Tyrone’s Senior and Minor footballers’ successes
- 2022 | Hub ‘open for business’ and showcased at the annual Club Tyrone members’ event
- All of Tyrone GAA, plus ADP Architects, McQuaid Construction, Blk Box Fitness and their teams, should be proud that this project came in on budget, on time and to specification. Tyrone should be particularly proud of its ‘home grown’ funding of the project, our 100+ Garvaghey Hub Patron more-or-less totally meeting its build and fit-out costs. We are very appreciative of Fermanagh and Omagh Council’s £20,000 grant but remain disappointed in the total lack of support from the rest of government/civic society here, and the GAA. The benefits of the Hub to Tyrone GAA are already being seen and will just grow over the years.

Grants

During the 2021/22 year we applied for grants to support what we’re doing at Garvaghey. They, and their outcomes are summarised below:

Grant Giver	Grant Programme/Project	Amount	Result
FODC	Cycle stands	Supply and installation	Completed
FODC	‘Strategic Capital Projects Programme’: Tensile roof cover over the outdoor events/performance space to improve our public/community realm	£175,000	Pending
Sport NI	‘Building Better Sports Facilities’: external pitch dug-outs and 4WD ATV	£24,850	Refused
Energia/CFNI	‘Tyrone 3 Community Benefit Fund’: fitting out an internal archive room/facility at Garvaghey	£17,000	Refused

It’s again disappointing, but unfortunately not unusual, to have to remark on the poor support generally from grant givers to Garvaghey. Tyrone, its people, and Tyrone GAA deserve and are entitled to better.



O'Neill Park Floodlighting Project

Whilst not in any way a Garvaghey project, members of the Group were delighted to work with Tyrone's three Chief Officers, with Rory O'Brien (Planning and Training Officer), and with Dungannon Thomas Clarkes Officers to submit an application to the GAA's 2022 County Capital Infrastructure Grants Programme for floodlighting O'Neill Park. Support of €225,000 was sought and was initially turned down. Tyrone contested that decision and at the time of writing the application is being re-considered.

Dominic McCaughey

Towards the end of the year we were honoured to mark Dominic McCaughey's imminent retirement as Tyrone County Secretary with a small presentation. Dominic's contribution to Tyrone GAA is immeasurable. And that also applies to his input to Garvaghey. An ever-present from the project's original scoping and planning, on through its tendering, on-site delivery, completion and hand-over, overall financial management, and then, for the past decade, the ongoing management of the Centre, he stands as a giant within and beside the project. 'If you seek his monument, look around you.' 'Molainn an obair an fear | The work praises the man.'

Looking Ahead

Garvaghey is an £8m capital asset that we believe is still unequalled anywhere in Ireland. It is delivering on all fronts for Tyrone and our volunteers and staff team keep it in outstanding condition – something virtually every outside visitor comments on.

We need to continue to care for it as we have been doing, and as it moves into its second decade, significant planned maintenance needs will now be coming into view. It is essential that Tyrone maintains its tight focus on Garvaghey, and continues to invest strongly and wisely in it. With energy costs changing so dramatically, and 'net-zero' being so important for us all, we also need to maximize the input from our wind-turbine.

We also need to look at how we can maximise people's use of this wonderful facility and start work on scoping a project to cover our 60 x 40 3G drills area.

Appreciation

I want to finish by thanking my Committee for their work, commitment and enthusiasm throughout the 2021/22 year. And I feel exactly the same way about our Garvaghey staff team: Greg, Roisin and Anne Marie are such good, committed people who are relentless in delivering only the very best for Tyrone.

Garvaghey works because Tyrone's other Officers and Committees make it work, because so many good people use it and take care of it, and so many others provide the significant money and resources it takes to run it.

Tyrone is in the debt of them all.



Coiste Eisteachta

Cathaoirleach: Séamus Ó hAnnagháin

Meetings Attendance: Seamus Hannigan 11, Margaret Keenan 13, Mary Daly 10, Martin O'Neill 9, Patrick Donnelly 13, Paddy O'Brien 9, Noel McGeary 9, Shane Doherty 10, Adrian Scullin 4

The remit of the Hearings Committee is to endeavour at all times to make decisions correctly, within rule and without favour, based on the evidence presented by both the appellant and the CCC. The standard set out in the Official Guide for use in all decisions is that the Hearings Committee must be satisfied that the infraction is 'more likely to have occurred than not to have occurred.'

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

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

In the period from 9th March until Nov 15th 2022 Coiste Eisteachta met on 15 occasions. In total there were 31 cases where a hearing was requested with 3 of these being withdrawn before the hearing took place. In 8 cases sanctions ranging from a one or two match ban were imposed as per rule; in 3 cases the infraction was reduced to a yellow/black card offence; in 9 cases the defendant was deemed to have no case to answer based on evidence presented at the hearing. One case went to an appeal at Ulster and the appeal failed. In 8 cases involving transfer appeals 5 were granted, 1 was ruled out of order and 2 temporary transfers were granted at youth level.

It has to be noted that a Club or Player seeking a hearing only does so now when they feel they have compelling evidence or some error has been made in the processing of their sanction. I would also like to emphasise that the application for a hearing within rule is the responsibility of the Club/Player and Club administrators.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the committee members for their co-operation and commitment throughout the year with special thanks to Margaret Keenan in her role as secretary. Thanks also to Mary Daly/Paddy O'Brien for deputising as chairperson and Mary Daly / Shane Doherty/ Noel McGeary for standing in for Margaret when the occasion arose. Tyrone CHC would also like to thank Omagh St Enda's for the use of their facilities when Garvaghey was unavailable or when an urgent case arose.

I would like to pay special thanks to and acknowledge the guidance and support received from Dominic McCaughey County Secretary over the years. On behalf of the committee I would like to wish Dominic a long and healthy retirement.

Thanks also to Sarahjane Kelly, Martin Sludden, Michelle Cox, Pat McAtee, Sean Gallagher and Michael McCaughey from the CCC, Michael Kerr County Chairperson and Gregory McSorley, Roisin McSorley and Anne Marie McNulty in Garvaghey, for their assistance and support throughout the year.



PR and Marketing

Cathaoirleach: Mairtín Ó hEochaidh

The Committee in 2022

During the year ended 30 September 2022, our Sub-Committee continued its focus on fund-raising for Tyrone GAA and on developing our County's PR and Marketing agenda. We also had to come to terms with coming out of COVID and getting back to face-to-face meetings. In doing so we were delighted to welcome two new members to the Committee, Eamon Donnelly and Stephen Toal.

Seven full meetings were held, attended as follows: Gerard Bradley (5), Adrian Colton (4), Eamon Donnelly (2), Declan Devlin (1), Roisin Dooher/Shanks (4), Jackie Duffy (4), Martin Haughey (7), Eugene McConnell (7), Sean McGuigan (3), Stephen Toal (5) and Michael Winters (6).

County Chair Michael Kerr (2 meetings) and County Treasurer Niall McKenna (6) are welcomed Ex-Officio members of our Committee. Past Tyrone GAA President Jimmy Treacy remains an honorary and important member of our group. Patsy Forbes, Hugh McAleer, Niall Laird and Mark Conway are not directly involved in meetings but continue to input.

I also want to thank everyone elsewhere in Tyrone GAA, and beyond, who helped make 2022 such a good year for us.

The Committee's Work in 2022

Club Tyrone has always relied very heavily on face-to-face contact, for communicating what it does and why, for bringing people on board, and in the various events it runs. COVID has therefore been particularly sore on our business model.

In that context, and with the continuing though diminishing legacy of COVID, the past year was again one of strong performance, with an income of some £175,000 generated. Club Tyrone membership always fluctuates, but there are currently c350 on board, 10% of whom were newly signed up in 2022.

Club Tyrone's contribution to Tyrone GAA has now flown past the £6m mark, something that everyone involved should be very proud of. No other County has anything like it.

In a year definitely returning to normal, our Committee's work included:

Overseeing, managing and developing Club Tyrone Member and Hub Patron contributions and continuing to recruit new members

Publishing the 2021 Club Tyrone Annual Report and circulating it to Members, Patrons and others

Helping Tyrone, via the 'Onside' professional brand valuation exercise commissioned in 2021, secure our new title sponsors, McAleer & Rushe

Meeting Bank of Ireland officials and helping secure a renewal of the Bank's support for Tyrone GAA

Hosting, for the first time since 2019, a Club Tyrone Members' Night at Garvaghey

Organising an event to celebrate 50 years of the All-Stars and Tyrone

Hosting a commemoration night in Belfast for our inspirational colleague, the late Patrick Harte

We were delighted that we were able to honour our National League and Tyrone Club Championship ticket commitments to our Hub Patrons. This was our first proper post-COVID roll-out of those



commitments and I want to thank all those good people elsewhere in Tyrone GAA who helped make that happen.

The ‘Onside’ Report

This Report, delivered late in 2021, analyzed, in a structured and professional way, the commercial value of the Tyrone GAA brand and its constituent parts. It has already helped Tyrone GAA maximize its income from that area. Sponsorship and commercial income are increasingly important for Tyrone and as a County we need to give it the attention it deserves. That means investing in it and in our sponsors and delivering over and above what we promise. A great start has been made on foot of ‘Onside’ and we need to continue it. It is also our intention to continue to add Brand Partners moving forward into 2023.

‘Thall o na Toim | Beyond the Bushes’

Whilst our strong Club Tyrone presences persist in New York and Philadelphia, the legacy of COVID-19 again prevented any engagement there in 2022. Logistical reasons and, again, COVID, prevented a hoped-for link-up between the early 2022 Senior Team holiday and our Club Tyrone presences in New York and Philadelphia.

Looking to 2023 and Beyond

We’ve been saying for some time now that Club Tyrone requires succession and renewal. In 2022 we made good progress on that front, but more is needed. Involvement with Club Tyrone demands commitment, belief, hard work and delivery. I know there are new, and younger, Tyrone Gaels out there with those qualities in abundance. And we intend to come looking for them.

Club Tyrone also needs to look at new forms of membership/engagement, particularly for our vibrant Tyrone business sectors. Another key area of focus will be our efforts to get all our County’s Clubs back in as members. Currently half our Clubs step up to the plate with us, but we need to increase that significantly. The support of our Clubs and their buy in is one of our strongest messages and sales tools.

‘Tada Gan Iarracht | Nothing Without Effort’

Our Committee Reports have traditionally always made this point. In 2022, it was the turn of our Under 20 and Minor footballers, and our Senior Hurlers, to prove yet again what the application of talent, commitment, hard work, good planning and willingly provided resources can achieve. We like to think Club Tyrone contributes to those and to Tyrone’s other successes. But we definitely know that those achievements in turn do make our job that bit easier.

Finally, it’s right and proper that I also fit Dominic McCaughey’s retirement in under this heading.

“Nearly 20 All-Ireland titles, over 50 major Ulster wins, our £8m Garvaghey project scoped, delivered and paid for, and 37 years of the best guidance, administration and friendship you could wish for. Life, and particularly GAA life, is never just all about numbers. But those few alone give some sense of what Dominic McCaughey has helped deliver for Tyrone GAA in his time as our County Secretary.”

That was part of how our County Chair Michael Kerr commented on Dominic’s announcement. I don’t need to add to it. It’s just been our honour and delight to work with Dominic, our friend, guide and mentor since the day and hour we came into being. Thank you for it all, Dominic.



Grúpa Oibre Theicneolaíocht Cathairleach: 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

Online Meetings

Online meetings were widely adopted to comply with restrictions during the height of the Covid pandemic but even after the major restrictions were lifted, many club and county meetings continue to be hosted online. Even when meetings are held face to face, often the facility to allow a member who is unable to travel to the meeting to join online is made available.

IT Systems and Support

Foireann, the system for registration used by the GAA, LGFA and Camogie was updated early in 2022. The facility to merge duplicate accounts was deployed and is relatively simple to use. Clubs are asked to utilise this feature to ensure that their membership is updated and kept within the GDPR regulations.

An increasing number of Tyrone clubs use the Stripe Account within Foireann for Online Registrations. This allows members to pay their registration fees online and many clubs also include subscriptions for the club's weekly lotto as part of a membership package. 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.

As a county, we continue to be indebted to the many clubs who provided support for their own members with limited IT experience or online connection, to purchase Admission and Streaming tickets for our club championship.

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, had the licence removed and archived to reduce the overall cost to the Association. Any club requiring a new account, or an old account reactivated, should contact the County IT Officer (itofficer.tyrone@gaa.ie). The resetting of passwords has been delegated to each county and any request for a password to be reset should be made to the IT Officer.

Newly created Microsoft 365 accounts will be forced to change the password every 90 days. This forced regular updating of passwords will 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. December to February.

In 2022, 27 new club accounts were requested by Tyrone clubs and 21 of these accounts were created for Club Children's Officers.



Club Officer	Active Accounts
Chairperson	29
Children's Officer	37
Injury Fund Officer	8
PRO	34
Secretary	55
Treasurer	27
	190

A new Microsoft security deployment could impact the ability of club officers to access their email accounts, but this can be avoided if:

- You are using an up-to-date version of the Outlook App on your phone
- You connect to Office 365 using your web browser.
- You connect using the Exchange Protocol rather than POP/IMAP

Many club and county officers use mobile phones to receive and send emails, the new security measures may impact on this facility.

It is recommended that you install the latest version of the Outlook App from the relevant provider. Other email applications installed on the phone may work if they are up to date but ensure you are connecting using Exchange rather than POP or IMAP.

The increased security of email system has reduced the level of spam.

IT Training and Communications

Over the last 3 years in Tyrone there has been little demand or apparent appetite for I.T. training offered as part of the CLDP. This poor uptake has been mirrored by very low response rates to communications including a recent club survey where only 5 clubs in Tyrone responded. This was disappointing return, but it appears to be part of a growing trend within Tyrone. Emails requesting club views on important proposals frequently get less than a 20% response rate. A request for clubs to apply for a rebate on PL and Property insurance fees initially got very few responses. Repeated emails had to be sent to remind clubs to complete this Form which resulted in clubs saving several thousand pounds over the period 2022-2023. It would appear that many club officers are entirely relying on a mobile phone for all communication. Unless the email is very brief, important links and information may not appear on the first screen and are missed. A part of a club secretary's role is forwarding relevant communication to other officers or member of the club. It is possible to automate a significant part of the email flow and if we can determine that there is a demand, we will organise a local training session on organising and automating email traffic.

IT Infrastructure

Tyrone GAA Centre currently does not have a cabled high-speed internet connection. Project Stratum is to deliver high speed broadband to all areas in the 6 counties but up until this year the Tyrone GAA Centre was not included in this project. An additional 8,500 premises were added to the proposed project, and we are happy to report that we are now included but there is currently no proposed date for connection. It would appear that the proposed connection may not be provided before 2024.

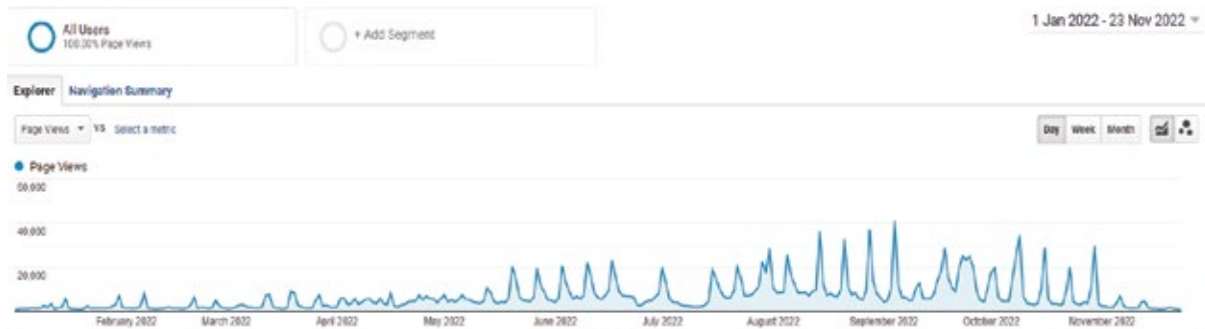
The Universe system continued to be used for the sale of online tickets for the club championship and it again proved to be a resounding success in terms of ease of use, resilience and uptake by our supporters, with all admission tickets being purchased online.

Croke Park provided financial support for the upgrade of the IT infrastructure at all turnstiles in Healy Park. This system was used for the first time during the 2022 National Football League and subsequently has been used for all adult championship fixtures held in Healy Park. The upgrade included fibre connections to network switches and WiFi connections for scanning admission tickets at the turnstiles. This system also provides WiFi connection for accredited media in the Control Tower

and a designated area of the stand. This WiFi connection is not available to the general public. This network hosts CCTV, turnstile scanners and has the capability to support an expanding range of media.

Website and Social Media

The website continues 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 also significant numbers using the website for reference material and club information. The graph below shows the number of website views, and the regular sawtooth pattern is caused by very large number of views within a few hours on a Sunday evening. This reached a maximum in early September with over 41,400 views.



The overall viewing figures show for the current calendar year to date has just exceeded 2.25 million views. On closer inspection almost all of this activity was compressed into the six months between mid-May and October 2022. 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 large audiences and followers year on year. Recent redundancy announcements by a number of social media companies, in conjunction with reduced income streams and losses, highlight the volatile nature of these platforms. A number of clubs entirely rely on this form of media for communications and the only recent record of important club events could be hosted on these platforms. Clubs should consider keeping a record in an alternative location, such as OneDrive provided to all club officers as part of their Office 365 account or consider using a website. The Tyrone GAA website remains the principal point for sales for Streaming and Admission Tickets.

Live Streaming

In 2020 and 2021 we had used Nemeton as our network provider, but they made a decision to concentrate their activities on their core business of Television and informed us early in the year that they would not be providing the service they had previously offered. We were fortunate that InPlayer, an established CDN provider was able to take over for the 2022 season. We formed a successful relationship with this company and together with MacAV we were able to provide an enhanced service. A simple measure of the success and quality of the live streaming was that less than 0.1% (30 subscribers) requested a refund.

The Live Stream of this year's championship attracted over 30,355 subscriptions from 10,100 customers. The total number of subscribers is very similar to 2021 but there was an increase in the number of subscriptions. The attendance at matches continued to exceed the number of live stream tickets sold except in a few instances where there was very wet weather.

As in previous years, the County Management Committee decided to Live Stream all club championship fixtures. The number of venues used for championship fixtures was extended but this is still limited by the type of connection available. Live Streaming 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 high speed 4G signal. To ensure the highest level of security and stability for the upload of the live stream, we again used a satellite uplink for the Senior football final.



As in previous years, having MacAV, a local company continues to deliver excellent video and production for all of our Live Streams The facility to provide replays during the live stream, was a much-appreciated enhancement. Our commentators and analysts provided a professional service that competes on level terms with any terrestrial broadcaster.

Grúpa Oibre Comhfhreagrais

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), Rory Cox (Droim Ratha), Pauline Fee (Fionntamhnach), Ryan O’Neill (Naomh Colum Cille).

The old saying “Where does time go?” is very relevant to me as I write my 2022 PRO’s Annual Report. The past 5 years has flown by like the “Blink of an eye”. As I draft my final Communications report for Convention, I do so with a heavy heart, my term as Tyrone County PRO comes to an end on the 13th December. The journey over the 5 years as PRO has been full of many highlights and just a few lows but it has also provided one of the most rewarding opportunities I have experienced in my 40 plus years involved with the GAA at both Club and County.

In 2018, I was afforded the privilege to serve my County as head of Tyrone Communications and from the outset I was well aware of the challenge that lay ahead and to be honest it was the daunting challenge that spurred me on. Tyrone GAA always strive to be the best they can be on all fronts. For me Communications was a key element on setting out our standards on all we do as a County, and I sincerely hope over the course of the 5 years at the helm I have managed to do justice to how we Communicate and how we get our message out to all Gaels everywhere.

From day one in the role, I set out my goals to, **No. 1.** Improve all our Social Media platforms and to reach out to as many as possible via the many forms of social media, **No. 2,** my second aim was to improve our coverage of Hurling within our County and provide more exposure of our games both within the Club scene and also at County Level, at **No.3,** I wanted to open up better communications between our other GAA codes within the County, (ie) Camogie, Ladies Football and Handball. **At No.4,** my ambition was to introduce and develop the Live Streaming of our GAA club games via Tyrone GAA TV. On top of these 4 pivotal areas to improve Communication I also wanted to relaunch “The Red Hand View” Match Day programmes with a much wider appeal and a much broader content input.

Looking back now, I feel on all fronts Tyrone Communications have led the way and the aspirations from the outset have all been accomplished and have created a much better engagement with our Tyrone GAA family all over the world. The hunger and desire to be kept informed on every aspect of GAA activity within our County has grown to such an extent that thankfully Tyrone Communications have stepped up and been able to satisfy the demand to be kept informed. This was even more relevant during the past 2 to 3 years with the Covid Pandemic at its height and the reality of a Lockdown being to the fore. Communications was an important link to keep Gaels up to speed and informed on what was happening on the GAA scene.

In my final report, I must once again start my Annual Report by acknowledging the vital contribution made by my loyal and committed band of volunteers within my Communications team. From the very first day I took up the post, I was intent on bringing together a group of individuals who had a very much similar likeminded approach to improving communications within our County.



I was very lucky to be able to call upon a group of genuine Gaels who have become very real close friends and who throughout my 5 years have been a driving force for me as County PRO. I want to thank them all for their dedication and commitment and I hope they will stay involved in the years ahead.

The start of 2022 like all other years before presented once again plenty of hurdles to overcome. The challenges to maintain the high standards set to keep Tyrone Communications to the fore had not diminished. The aim as always was to keep "Raising the Red Hand! The task to ensure this came about was down to teamwork and ambition and driven by an enthusiastic Communications Sub Committee. The joint efforts from all the team meant all the goals set out in the Communications Committee's Action plan for 2022 were met.

The goals as set out in my Communications Action Plan help to create the focus which allows myself and my team to set about raising the standards but at the same time not allowing the standards set to drop. Every start to a new season the benchmark is provided by the targets which are set and the objectives for 2022 were no different.

The main targets for the Sub-Committee in 2022:

- Explore ways to Review & Enhance the Red Hand View Match Day Programme (Examine a few new options on content & design)
- Look at ways to increase revenue streams via Sponsorship & Advertisements in Match programmes & Live Streaming. (Open discussions around having Sponsor Ad's during Live Streaming Coverage)
- Further develop a new co-operation and relationship with a new Tyrone GAA TV Brand Partner & Sponsor for 2022.
- 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. Set up a Programmes Sales Team.
- Continue post-match interviews at both Club & County games 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).
- Continue to promote the Tyrone Club Championship Draws via a Live Streaming of the event.
- Explore avenues to broaden the usage of Tyrone GAA Radio to cover more Tyrone ACL matches in 2022
- 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 and in place at all games.
- Organise a Club PRO's Seminar on the Role of a PRO.
- Enhance further Tyrone Communications via use of social media using more upgraded graphics in the design.
- Further develop the Tyrone GAA Instagram page with more content to increase growing number of followers.
- Co-ordinate the Promotion of the Tyrone Club Championships plus continue to Stream live the Matches.
- Enhance the profile of Communications Committee through regular Podcasts interviews. (One per Quarter)
- 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.
- Upload all Tyrone GAA photos into a Tyrone GAA Gallery Archive.
- Introduce a Tyrone Communications Admission Pass to access games/events within our County.
- Provide Technical/Digital support for County PRO.
- Activate the Tyrone GAA YouTube page and have it functioning in 2022.

The widely known Tyrone brand in terms of Communications is now recognised across every spectrum associated with the Communication message. The main desire from the Gaels and supporters both home and abroad is to expect and a demand to be kept informed this same plea has never once diminished if anything it multiplied dramatically.

As I conclude my 5 years in the County PRO role, I now know more than ever that what I have stressed many times before, there is a real need to address the now excessive demands placed on a County PRO. I say again that the role has become almost a full-time position. Communications is a massive part of Tyrone GAA there are endless forms of communications and associated demands being placed on County PRO's requiring an immediate response or follow up actions. These all need immediate action. A volunteer working in their own Full time Job and being expected to carry out the PRO responsibilities has now got to the stage where it is virtually impossible.

The pressures of the job are immense! and a County like Tyrone so constantly in the limelight brings a continual magnitude of enquiries on so many fronts. As has been said many times before, the progressive nature of Communications requires a professional approach thus only someone who can provide and devote the time plus concentration required to be able to deliver this important role needs serious consideration.

Social Media:

Social Media and all that this brings in forms of Communication has not gone away. In the past 5 years I have witnessed first-hand the dramatic explosion of interest in the various forms associated with social media. It is now accepted that beyond any doubts Social Media is the main vehicle for getting the Communications messages out to the vast wider audience. The sharing of social media is the accepted norm at all age levels. The variety of avenues to cascade information via social media continues to expand in many formats. All this desire to be kept informed, places the Volunteer trying to do their best in such a busy and demanding role under extreme pressure.

There is no getting away from all the alerts hitting our phones on a minute-by-minute basis with updates from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tic Tok, and LinkedIn as well as YouTube.

In Tyrone the increasing numbers of followers and those who interact with all The Tyrone GAA posts has reached astounding numbers, 77,000 plus followers on Twitter, 50,000 on Facebook & 25,000 on Instagram. A reach of millions now every month on all our platforms such as our Official Tyrone GAA Website.

Tyrone Communications continues to respond to the challenge to keep people in touch and up to date. This demand will no doubt increases as another new season beckons.

Website:

Tyrone's GAA website continues to show some astounding facts and figures. In 2022 the stats continued to show an amazing increase in followers, with people all over the world visiting our Tyrone GAA Website. In 2022 the high volume of visitors has continued to rise with viewing figures

having reached a figure of 2.5 million visitors to the website. Massive work has been undertaken during the year with a complete overhaul of the Tyrone GAA Official Web Site. The new design and updates provide even more access to information and resources than ever before. These are truly amazing figures and go to show the importance of having a County Website. The user friendly lay out and content is a great credit to Niall Laird and his team at L2Design.

Red Hand View Match Programmes:



The publication of the match day programmes for all the Allianz National League games in both Football and Hurling over the past 5 years has shown incredible growth and demand. The highly sought-after match programmes are very popular amongst not only Tyrone Supporters but also the travelling supporters. In 2022 Four editions of our award-winning Red Hand View match day programme were produced. On top of this 3 full colour match Programmes were also produced for our home games in the National Hurling league. In 2022 we continued our partnership of the design of the Red Hand View with the Northwest News Group while Joe and his staff at Ecclesville again looked after the Printing.

The time and effort which goes into the publication of match programmes is huge. The page plan and lay out plus deciding on the content takes considerable planning so we can maintain the quality of programmes produced. 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 the experience needed from the expectation of all the supporters.

The past few years the addition of both pre match and post-match interviews for all our major games both at County and Club Championship encounters has proved a very popular aspect to our Communications profile and has been welcomed by all our followers.

Internal Competitions Match Day Programmes ONLINE VERSION.

While the “Red Hand View” match day programmes is available for all the major games at Inter County Levels plus our own Club Championship Finals and proves hugely popular, the production of our internal match day programmes have also proven to be a key part of the Communications strategy to promote our games. The normal Single page match day programmes produced for all our internal youth finals as well as Club Championship matches are a huge success. The copy of the programme is also produced online and accessible via our Social Media platforms or via the Official Tyrone Website. This format was highly successful and welcomed by all.

To be able to produce the online programmes my thanks and appreciation must go out to all Clubs especially the Team Managers and the Club secretaries for their co-operation. Appreciation must also go out to the members of my communications Committee, who worked tirelessly to get programmes made available, in some instances at very short notice. A big thanks to Anne-Marie in Garvaghey for her support to get programmes printed.

County Final Programmes 2022:

In the past year all the major 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 22nd September with a full colour 36 pages edition. A month later the Tyrone Junior Football



Final along with the Intermediate Football Final had a full colour 60 pages Edition. To conclude the County Finals on the 30th October a bumper edition 56 pages Colour programme was produced for the U.15 Gr. 1 Championship Final alongside the Senior County Final. The short turnaround in time between the Semi Finals and the Final added to huge and demanding workload. Thankfully great co-operation from the Clubs meant all the deadlines were met and the Programmes were ready on time.

The County Championship Finals are seen as the show case events in terms of profiling what are the major programme publications. The huge crowds attending all the finals resulted in a huge demand for a hard copy match programme. Very few were left, and all my thanks and deserving credit must go to the brilliant team efforts by all the contributors, The Club Officers, and the loyal band of Programme sellers. Everyone played part in what is now well recognised as a much-expected part of the County Final day experience.

I wish to acknowledge the help provided by Cathal Mc Erlean, (Vector Design) who published the Hurling final programme and all the NHL programmes. Thanks also to the NorthWest 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 recognised, the efforts from all our many contributors especially Paddy Hunter, Aodhan Harkin, Francie Mooney, Eunan Lindsay, Stephen Hughes Brian Laverty, Risteard Mac Daibhéid, 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 Tyrone Print Media have continually played a vital role in the promotion of Gaelic games within our County. Tyrone is in the lucky position to have the extensive coverage provided of our games across all codes by those local papers who assist the great work undertaken by the Tyrone Communications Committee. The Editors and journalists go about their roles with an enthusiasm and vigour to cover our games and I want to record my appreciation and I want to record my thanks to them all for the part they play.

I personally want to thank all of Editors and Journalists who work diligently to promote our games and who offer great support to me as County PRO, namely Dominic Mc Clements, Nigel McDonagh, Barry O'Donnell, Darren Beattie, plus Francie Mooney, Kevin Kelly, Alan Rodgers, Niall Gartland, Damien Donnelly, as well as Declan Bogue, John Campbell, Brendan Crossan, plus Andy Watters, Kenny Archer, Paul McConville, Neill Loughran, Orla Bannon, plus any others I may have overlooked.

Tyrone GAA TV:



MAC AV & Tyrone GAA TV Commentary team members



Well, if there was really one thing which made me so proud during my 5 years tenure above all else it would have to be the introduction of Tyrone GAA TV. It is hard to believe after 5 years since I started out on my journey to get Tyrone GAA TV off the ground and up and running it has now become a phenomenal success. Tyrone GAA TV is now ranked amongst the best Live Streaming service available anywhere in Ireland. Starting out to stream only 5 games in the first year to at the end of 2022 being able to stream live a total of 49 games across all three grades as well as Hurling and a Division 1 Tyrone Senior League Final thrown in for good measure. The onset of Covid in 2020 really brought home the value of Tyrone GAA TV and when supporters were not able to get to games Tyrone TV was able to bring them all the Action! It really did prove to be an invaluable service for Gaels everywhere.

As County PRO it would be wrong of me not to acknowledge since Tyrone GAA TV was introduced 5 years ago it has come a long way and developed along the journey. I am so proud to have been able to assist in this journey and while early on there may have been some issues but thankfully perseverance and teamwork got us through the early setbacks.

Tyrone GAA TV is now firmly established as massive addition to the promotion of our games and ability to connect with Tyrone Gaels all over the world. What makes me even equally proud is the fact that Tyrone GAA TV is now one of the main revenue streams to assist in generating finances for the County.

My initial ambition was to attempt to deliver a service that would see Gaelic games rightly demand equal share of coverage within our County. For far too long the coverage of Gaelic games has not gained an equal share of airtime via those terrestrial TV Channels especially at Club Level.

Tyrone GAA TV, I do hope going forward will continue to provide coverage of Gaelic Games in Tyrone. We have a product and a demand that must be satisfied and although we have managed to make it thus far there are still lots of room for improvement. The challenge is to maintain what we have and make strides to make it even better.

In 2022 an over ambitious schedule of games was planned by Tyrone GAA TV. Once again, we delivered. The onerous task in covering every single Championship game across all 3 Grades in the Tyrone Senior, Intermediate & Junior Club Championship plus coverage of the two County Hurling Finals and the Div. 1 Senior League Final was a logistical nightmare on every front. The short period of times between games also proved a tough call.

Despite all the heartache and stressful moments along the way, I am very proud to state again that Tyrone GAA TV managed to stream live a total of 49 Matches spread over just seven weeks. No other County managed to match such an impressive coverage of Club Championship matches.

Tyrone GAA TV gives us that a fantastic opportunity to showcase our games, and this is something that must be maintained. The Tyrone GAA TV experience is both memorable and professional in every sense of the word. The positive feedback has been totally amazing.

I wish to place on record within my last Annual Report that I personally do feel going forward that we do need to review the overall pricing structure to watch our games. We have built up a loyal and faithful following and they are grateful for our efforts to bring the Live games to their living rooms or workplaces all over the world. I do sincerely hope that a serious discussion takes place that can reach a sensible outcome which provides a compromise and thus will attract even more followers who would like to watch our games.

The old argument presented centred on Tyrone GAA TV affecting numbers attending our games and thankfully that has not materialised as attendance figures at our games are up overall. Now is the time to look at ways to enhance what Tyrone TV has to offer and the market that it is now reaching.



We have a quality product that with proper marketing it can attract new Sponsorship opportunities in various ways.

Tyrone GAA TV is here to stay, and I am also hopeful that even much greater Coverage can be provided as I have already stated with an enhanced package to make the whole experience even more enjoyable. The streaming service that is provided I firmly believe is starting to have such a positive impact on those who are not normally able for whatever reasons to get to watch our games and who now can view our games via our Live Streaming. This has been a “God Send”.

In conclusion to my comments on Tyrone GAA TV, I wish to record my thanks to MAC AV both Kieran & Darren Mc Mullan plus all their staff. We are very fortunate to have on our doorstep a Tyrone Streaming & Video Company who provide such a professional service. MAC AV have been here from day one and have at all times provided total support and assistance to me as County PRO. I am indebted to them for their efforts. In addition, my sincere thanks must go to all those who also play a vital role in Commentary, plus Co-Commentary. Tyrone GAA TV have a wealth of talent, To Ger, Paddy, Irial, and Conal as well as Eunan thank you all for your contribution. The list of Tyrone Gaels who assist with Co-Commentary is unique in itself, and each of them play such a vital role which I am so grateful for. Without them Tyrone GAA TV would be at a great loss.

Every year it is only right to mention all those people who continue their efforts to cover our games, plus assist the communications process, I want to acknowledge Owen Mc Connon, Thomas Kane, Thomas Niblock, Emma Patterson, Ailing Moynagh, 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, Michael McArdle, 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 shown to over the past 5 years.

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, Maurice McPhilips, Áine McAnnuala, Joe Toner, Gerald McCloughan, Fionnula Mc Menamin, Cathriona Gillen, Rory Cox, Benny Hurl, Phil Armstrong, Jay McGahran, Martin McGlone, Dominic Mc Clements, Seamus Loughran, Damien Donnelly, Pat Mc Sorley, Philip Walsh, 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:



Over the past 5 years one of my main aims was to assist as best I could the Club PRO's and one very successful method to do this was through the Annual Club PRO's Seminar. Despite the Covid Pandemic which resulted in a postponement for 2021 the positive feedback and the high attendance levels at the Seminars proved beyond doubt a very successful venture for all concerned.

It is vital for the new County PRO to maintain a direct connection with all the Club PRO's and thankfully for me I was proud to have built up such a great rapport with all Club PRO's. I again thank them for their tremendous support and friendship always shown to me.

They made my job so much easier. The Club PRO's which Tyrone have in place are a credit to our County and the GAA. Communications is in a much better place due to their dedication and commitment.

Our Club PRO Seminars has been invaluable tool to assist in the aim of enhancing the Role of Communications both at Club & County Levels. Hopefully going forward this same approach will remain. I wish to acknowledge the vital role the head of Communications in Croke Park, Alan Milton played in making our seminars the huge success they were, his very presence at them all really added to the event and his willingness to impart his wealth of knowledge and expertise to all those who attended was a massive benefit.

The LCC Group Club Championship Draws Streamed Live in 2022

As always, the LCC Group Tyrone Club Championship draws attracts huge interest and excitement. In 2022 this was no different and once again Tyrone Communications & Tyrone GAA TV stepped up to provide Gaels everywhere the opportunity to witness the Draws Live by streaming the event via our Facebook Social Media platform.

The big draw match ups certainly delivered with several big local derbies and many other intriguing ties.

The Tyrone Club Championship Draw night has become a now 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:

In 2022 we returned once again to providing the popular high-profile event giving equal coverage for both our Senior Hurling Manager and our Senior Football managers ahead of their Ulster Senior Championship opening round as well as the opening rounds of the Nicky Rickard Cup.

In conclusion to 2022 I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to the Tyrone Joint Senior Managers Feargal Logan and Brian Dooher it has been both a privilege and a great honour to work alongside these men as County PRO. I received nothing but total respect and appreciation at all times. Both these men afforded me total respect as The County PRO, they are a credit to our County. They are both fantastic individuals who are professional in everything they do and as regards Communications both Feargal and Brian afforded the due respect to this important area of team affairs. I felt very lucky to be involved over the past 2 years and I have so many Happy memories. To all the players involved at County level I have nothing but total respect for each of them and I was very lucky to work with a group of players who assisted me on every occasion with my roles and responsibilities as County PRO.

The Senior Hurling Manager Michael McShane and his team reached the Nicky Rackard Cup Final and brought such joy to our County in Croke Park. I was so proud to have travelled on their journey along the way and just like the footballers every member of the Hurling squad plus Management treated me with total respect. I want to thank Michael for his professional attitude and his total



support and appreciation shown to me in my role as County PRO. They were a joy to work with. The exact same can be said of all our County Management structures at every level, I was extremely lucky to be in a position where each management team did their utmost to keep me up to speed with all that was happening within their squads

My job was a delight and a such a joy when you always have the co-operation and respect which has been afforded to me over the past 5 years as County PRO. A massive thanks to all the County team Officials, Managers, and players. I will miss the banter and the craic.

Live Streaming: By Tyrone GAATV

The playing of the Games at Venues which can cater for appropriate 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 has been overwhelming, and it made up for those unable to get to the games for whatever reasons. The introduction of the Support Team provision provided by “In Player” has been superb throughout and provided super back up.

In 2022 huge crowds flocked back to see our games which is great to witness but so too the viewing audiences to watch Tyrone GAA TV has again increased. Thankfully there has not been a drop off in numbers attending our games and via Tyrone GAA TV an even greater numbers are now able to watch the games via Tyrone GAA TV and appreciate the service we provide.

The popularity of tuning in from the comfort of their own home is still as evident as it had been in 2021. Tyrone GAA TV delivers the magic and the atmosphere from the Live Championship Games. It is now so popular amongst our supporters

2022 again proved that Tyrone Communications Committee are ready to step 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 established and is here to stay.

This year Tyrone GAA TV has raised the Ante! Providing much better graphics as well as the Action Replays of the Live games, more in-depth match analysis. A new core of Commentators and Co-Commentators.



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. Irial O’Ceallaigh, Conal Martin Helping to assist them in the Co-Commentary roles has been some high-profile names such as Peter Canavan, Joe McMahon, Enda McGinley, Paddy Tally, John Moylan, Liam Grugan, Finbarr McConnell, Damian O’Hagan, Seamus McCallan, Eunan Lindsay, Enda Kilpatrick, Chris Rafferty, Conleth Donnelly, Archie Beattie, Rodger Keenan, Stevie O’Neill, Kyle Coney, plus County Managers Paul Devlin and

Gerard Donnelly 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 as well as the Tyrone Senior Hurling Championship Final involving Éire Óg Charraig Mór V. Naomh Colum Cille, plus the Junior decider between Eoghan Ruadh, Dún Geannain V. Omagh all 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 highlighted and must be tackled. Tyrone like all other Counties should expect to have proper high-speed broadband across all the County. I would stress again that the powers that are concerned must be pressed to make sure this happens immediately!

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 committees 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 5 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. A measured approach will prove the best option in the long run.

In Conclusion:

Finally, as I conclude my last 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 the past 5 years. To Dominic McCaughey our County Secretary who has retired, thanks for all your advice. To all my fellow Officers on the Management Committee I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to you all for all your support.

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 5 years. The Clubs are the lynchpin in our County and the support mechanism given to me as County PRO was invaluable. I thank them again, for going out of their way to assist me when I came calling. It is important for a County to have a strong working relationship between the Clubs and the County PRO. We have that In Tyrone.

Finally, I wish to Thank my Family and my Club for affording me the opportunity to serve my County. They have had to endure a lot over the past 5 years and without the support from my Family and the encouragement from my Club it would have been somewhat more challenging to get through.

I have honestly loved the role of being County PRO and I have done so with Pride! I hope I have not let you down.

Go raibh míle mhaith agaibh.



Coiste Cultúir agus Teanga

Cathaoirleach: Stíofán Ó hAodha

Fo-Choiste Cultúir agus Teanga: Stíofán Ó hAodha (Dún Geanainn), Dónal Mac Aoidh (Coill an Chlochair), Daibhéid Ó Tiarnaigh (An Ómaigh), Dearbhla Ní Scalláin (An Goirtín), Doiminic Mac Dúghlais (An Caisleán Glas), Eamonn Mac Cathmhaoil (Naomh Colm Cille), Máire Nic Suibhne (Trí Leac), Risteard Mac Daibhéid (Droim Rátha),

Coiste Scór Uladh

This year saw the revival of both Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsear. Coiste Scór Uladh convened on several occasions throughout the year both via teams and in Oifigí Chomhairle Uladh, Ard Mhacha. Fo-choiste Cultúir agus Teanga was represented on all occasions by Steven Hughes.

In the first instance, the order of business included overseeing the completion of the long overdue 2020 Scór Sinsear competition at both Ulster and National level. Later the focus moved to preparations for the 2022 Scór na nÓg and 2022 Scór Sinsear competitions at Ulster and National level.

An Fo-choiste Cultúir agus Teanga are very grateful to Piarasigh an Ghallbhaile for the great efforts they went to in hosting the 2022 Ulster Final of Scór Sinsear.

Coiste na Gaeilge, Cúige Uladh

After a spell of dormancy due to Covid 19, Coiste na Gaeilge was reawakened under the leadership of Fergus Mag Aoidh, Dún na nGall. Bi-monthly meetings have been attended by Steven Hughes and Risteard Mac Daibhéid via Teams. As Coiste na Gaeilge continue to rebuild, the focus moving forward is to try to continue to ensure that the Irish language is prominent at both Club and County level. Fo-choiste Cultúir agus Teanga are delighted to see that a number of clubs in Tyrone are re-engaging with the Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha scheme and look forward to supporting all clubs in this venture.

Tráth na gCeist Boird

The Tráth na gCeist Boird, run by Coiste na Gaeilge, Cúige Uladh, took place on Friday 18th 2022 for the first time since the Covid 19 pandemic. Steven Hughes and Dearbhla Scallan represented Tyrone on the marking panel, whilst Naomh Pádraig, An Eaglais did Tyrone proud in their efforts against teams from the other Ulster counties.

Scór na nÓg 2022



2 semi-final rounds of Scór na nÓg 2022 were held in Tyrone with over 20 clubs taking part across all 8 disciplines. The County final was held on 6th March with winners from 6 different clubs progressing to represent Tyrone at Ulster level. Naomh Éanna, An Ómagh were successful in securing a place in Babhta Ceannais na hÉireann in 2 disciplines, namely Rince Foirne and Ceol Uirlise and were subsequently successful in gaining an All-Ireland title in Ceol Uirlise. Fo-choiste Cultúir agus Teanga were represented in the NEC, Killarney by members Steven Hughes and David Tierney.

Ceoltóirí na hÓmaí, Buaitoirí Uile-Éireann, 2022

Scór Sinsear 2020 (completed in 2021)



Member of Fo-Choiste Cultúir agus Teanga were delighted to be present at the 2020, Babhta Ceannais na hÉireann of Scór Sinsear on Saturday, 20th November, 2021 in An Cruinneachán Aeir, Cúige Chonnacht when Naomh Muire, Coill an Chlochair represented Tyrone and Ulster in the Rince Seit competition. Unfortunately, Coill an Chlochair were denied the silverware at this long awaited final.

One Coill an Chlochair man and true Gael Thír Eoghain in particular was recognised, in absentia, on the occasion. Dónal Mag Aoidh, past Cathaoirleach ar an Choiste Cultúir agus Teanga was announced as a recipient of the prestigious *Gradam as Seirbhís Fhada*, Award for Long Service, for his unwavering support and endless contributions to culture and language at all levels.

Scór Sinsear 2022

The Tyrone Scór Sinsear 2022 County Final was held on 17th September. Despite the unorthodox time of year for this competition, there was an overwhelming show of strength from clubs, with Tyrone successfully awarding county champions in all 8 disciplines. Competitors from 5 different clubs went on to represent Tyrone at ulster level but unfortunately none were successful in progressing to National level on this occasion.

Fó-choiste Cultúir are very grateful to all the competitors and mentors in the Clubs across the County who continue to show such enthusiasm and passion for this important part of our culture. A debt of gratitude is also owed to the Clubs who were kind enough to host the various rounds of Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsear over the past year – Na Cléirigh, Dún Geanainn, Naomh Éanna, An Ómaigh, Na Píarsaigh, An Gallbhaile, Na Pluncéidí, Cabhán a' Chaortháinn

An Teanga

Thankfully 2022 saw the re-opening of the Gaeltacht Summer Colleges and with that, the re-opening of the Scoláireachtaí Gaeltachta scheme. Over 50 young people from a number of clubs across the county availed of the Gaeltacht grant to assist with the cost of attending a Gaeltacht summer college.

The Fo-Choiste continues to offer, to all committees and clubs in Tír Eoghain, a language proofing facility most competently delivered by committee member Risteard Mac Daibhéid. We look forward to continuing to work closely with Club representatives and PR officers in ensuring the positive promotion of the language online.

Members of Fo-Choiste Cultúir agus Teanga congratulate our member Risteard Mac Daibhéid on his most recent joint initiative with fellow gael, Joe Martin – *Mo Chlub agus Mo Shaol*, a book in Irish which encapsulates all what the GAA is about: football, hurling, camogie, handball, Scór, Irish language and community.

With the assistance of Coiste Scór Uladh members, Paula Magee, An Dún and Bronagh Carlin, Aontroim, club members from across Tyrone took part in online Amhrán na bhFiann workshops. Fo-choiste Cultúir agus Teanga are extremely grateful to our 2019 Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsear solo singing champions Cara Rose Brogan, An Caisleán Glas, and Aisling McCourt, Doire Locháin who have continued to provide excellent renditions of our National Anthem at County and Ulster level matches over this past year. We are delighted that through the online workshops, additional singers will now join them in continuing to ensure that Amhrán na bhFiann is sung with pride and respect in Tyrone.



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.

Referee representatives: Sean Hurson and Shane Meehan

Meetings Attended: John Devlin 10, Alan Richardson 10, Paul Mallon 4, Fabian McGlone 8, Michael McCarron 6, Martin Mohan 7, Eugene McConnell 8, Fergal Ward 7, Sean Hurson 7, Shane Meehan 6.

Referees courses:

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

Youth and Adult football:

The youth leagues started in March and it was the start of a hectic schedule. Up first was the U13 league and it was pleasing to see five of our new referees officiated in the first round. In the following rounds five more new referees took up the challenge and officiated at games. In the following weeks the U19 and U17 leagues commenced also the Feile Peile na Oig was completed. Adult leagues started in May and ran until mid-September.

During the season there were times that it was impossible to get all games covered and this was evident in the Reserve league. There were numerous reasons why Referees couldn't officiate, mostly due to injury but sadly it was also due to some Referees who wouldn't take games.

Championship:

The championship fitness tests were held in August in Garvaghey. Thanks to Sean Hurson who oversaw the fitness test.

I would like to thank the 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: Stephen Campbell, Intermediate Final: Cathal Forbes, Junior Final Referee: Cathal Bell.

Hurling:

It was pleasing to see that Naomh Colmcille stepped up and provided two new referees this year. The recruitment of Hurling Referees needs to be on the agenda annually as it is important that we have sufficient numbers of referees to officiate in our hurling leagues and championships.

Senior Final Referee: Barry Winters Junior Hurling Final: Shane King

Recruitment:

This year we recruited ten new referees who officiated in the U13 league and progressed up to refereeing in the Reserve leagues. Indeed, only for their willingness to take charge of Reserve games the Reserve leagues would have been in disarray due to the shortage of referees.

Recruitment of Referees is essential, the smooth running of our fixtures is dependent on more clubs providing people who are willing to officiate at our games. It is not acceptable that some clubs put



people forward who complete the referee's foundation course and have no intention to referee games, some clubs seem to think that recruitment is a tick box exercise.

Retention:

It is pleasing to report that of the ten new Referees only one has decided to stop officiating this year. The Mentoring programme has been a success as this has reassured our new Referees.

It is imperative that we keep up the efforts to recruit more referees in 2023 and subsequent years to ensure we have sufficient numbers of Officials.

Advisors / Assessments:

This year we undertook to give meaningful feedback to our Referees. The Referees performance was analysed, and feedback was given to the Referee regarding his performance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following current advisors, Henry McNally John Coney, Alan Richardson, Pat McAtee, Shane Dorriety, Michael McCarron and Martin Mohan.

Mentoring:

Our Mentors have had a busy year, ten new referees had Mentors appointed and they accompanied the new Referees to their first three 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 games 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 the experience they had in the first game without the support of a Mentor was usually their last game, but thankfully this has changed and retention of first year Referees has improved considerably.

Intercounty Referees:

All Ireland Senior Football Final 2022 Referee Sean Hurson

Tyrone Referees were immensely happy when Sean Hurson was appointed to referee the senior All Ireland Final in July. Sean has worked hard to attain the position at the top. It is good recognition for his Umpires who have been so loyal to Sean. Hopefully now that Sean has officiated at an All-Ireland final more will follow. Sean also was in-charge of the All Ireland Senior Club final and was chosen to officiate in New York at the Connacht Senior Championship New York v Sligo on Easter Sunday.

Kieran Eannetta was promoted to the National Referees panel for 2022. Kieran took control of three National league games and was active as Linesman and 4th Official in this year's Ulster and All-Ireland Championship.

Tyrone provides Referees for the National support panel, they help out by acting as Linesmen and 4th Official: Football Support Panel - Mark Loughran and Garry Gormley. Hurling Support Panel - Gerard Fox and Shane King.

Sean, Kieran and Mark have officiated in this year's Ulster Club Championship, Barry Winters and Gerard Fox took charge of a game in the Ulster Club Hurling Championship.

Ulster Academy:

Martin Coyle is in the Ulster GAA Academy. The Academy under the leadership of Ryan Mellon will help Martin in good refereeing practices, hopefully he will progress to the next level and take charge of Ulster games.

In 2023 Ulster GAA hope to start an Academy for Club referees. Tyrone have nominated Referees to take part in the Academy.



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.

Eternal Rest:

Noel Tracey RIP: Referee Kildress Wolfe Tones

We sympathise with the family of our fellow Referee Noel Tracey who passed away in August. Noel was a modest man, he passed the fitness test in April and was looking forward to refereeing this season, it was shocking that Noel's health deteriorated in a short space of time. Deepest Sympathy to Noel's wife Fionnuala, children Ella, Annie and the Tracey and Keenan Families. Deepest Sympathy to all our Referees who lost family members this year. Eternal Rest Grant unto Them O Lord.

Finally:

I would like to thank Cathaoirleach Michael Kerr who appointed myself as Referees Administrator for this last five years. Thanks to everyone who helped our committee over this number of years.

Coiste Forbartha Iomána

Cathaoirleach: Adhamhnán Ó Loingsigh

With Covid restrictions mainly in the past, Hurling in Tyrone was able to get back on track early in 2022 with the majority of competitions resuming within the county, provincially and nationally & there were plenty of positive developments on and off the field.

I wish to extend my thanks to our Tyrone schools coach Damhlaic Rush and our Ulster Schools coach Colm Dillon as well as GDM Brian Laverty. Both Damhlaic and Colm go above and beyond what should realistically be expected of them and their contributions within schools as well as with clubs, in particular coach the coaches evenings, and with County Academy squads need to be seen to be fully appreciated. There has been no further progress on the employment of additional hurling coaches and this needs to be resolved in the short term as the demand for additional coaching remains high from schools and clubs.

Activity for the year commenced with Indoor Hurling at Go-Games level at U7.5/U9.5/U11.5 levels with blitzes taking place at the Torrent Complex Donaghmore, the Station Centre Omagh & Meadowbank Magherafelt over 3 different dates. While attendance was limited on these dates, perhaps because indoor Covid restrictions had not been long removed, the clubs found that these went well and a fuller programme of indoor games for clubs has been arranged by the Tyrone & Ulster coaches and will take place from February to Easter 2023.

Outdoor Go-Games recommenced in late April at P3/P5/P7 levels with every club being given the opportunity to host an event. While this did not suit every club, go-games ran on five dates, with one date postponed, with the final event being hosted in Garvaghey. It was great to see all clubs represented on the evening at Garvaghey, with great numbers in attendance on a perfect late Summer evening. We all are striving to improve things and there will be some tweaks to the Go-Games hosting formats & dates for the incoming season and hopefully this will resolve the issues that emerged over the course of the year. Thanks to the many coaches and parents within clubs that give freely of their time without many weekends off – it's not an easy task and is greatly appreciated.



There remain some issues with football tournaments continuing to be arranged on weekends that are supposed to be kept free for hurling but the situation is improving and with greater communication and co-operation we can get this sorted out. With the number of clubs and participants continuing to increase year on year, we need to keep all players playing as many games as possible, in the best environment possible and in as many codes as possible for as long as possible as it will only help all our clubs.

At U13/15/17 levels competitions took place internally as well as at Tain Og level with a number of clubs also competing in other Counties. The Tain Og leagues alternated between U13 & U15 week to week in the first half of the year followed by the U17 competition and this seemed to work well for clubs. Internally, the U13 competitions ran well with the early finish to the u13 Football leagues in the county contributing to very competitive competitions in Grade 1 & Grade 2. Comhghairdeas to Eoghan Ruadh on their Grade 1 double and to Grade 2 League Winners Fintona and Championship winners Killyclogher. While there were a few issues with the U15 competition, it was also extremely competitive with different winners in each of the League and Championship in both Grades 1 & 2 and it's been quite a while since this has happened in Hurling in Tyrone. Well done to the all the winners - Eoghan Ruadh U15 Grade 1 Championship and to runners-up Fintona who qualified for a Grade 1 final for the first time (as well as collecting another Tain Og title at u15 level) and to Killyclogher in the Grade 2 Championship & Shamrocks in the Grade 2 League – it was great to see these clubs back collecting silverware and hopefully further strides can be made at minor and we'll see them back in adult competition in the years ahead.

A special mention must be made to Grade 1 League & Feile winners Eire Og, who subsequently went on to win the All-Ireland Feile Grade 4 title in what was a great year for this group of lads.

The U17 competitions were truncated and played as Championship only due to the deadline for the Ulster Club in Ballinascreen (which was subsequently delayed by Ulster). Congratulations to Eire Og on their victory and best of luck at Ballinascreen!

The Poc Fada returned for the first time since 2019 with the Senior and Underage competitions in Hurling and Camogie taking place at Garvaghey in May. Comhghairdeas to the winners - Ryan Woods Omagh (Senior Hurling), Catherine Muldoon Eglis (Senior Camogie), Pascal O'Neill Omagh (Underage Hurling), and Órlaith McElduff Eire Og (Underage Camogie), with special congratulations to Catherine who went on claim the Ulster title. Maith Sibh!

One of the major developments within the county this year came in senior hurling with Cúchulainn an Ghleanna fielding a side at adult level for the first time. After a very successful social hurling initiative in 2021, the Clogher Valley based side felt they had the numbers and the commitment to take the next step and competed in the South Ulster Junior League at the start of 2022 and subsequently went on to participate in the CúChulainn Cup, Tyrone League and Junior Championship, and the Monaghan league and gave an excellent account of themselves through the year. While there have been several reformations of hurling clubs within Tyrone over the years, this is the first time since the 1980s that an entirely new club has competed at adult level within Tyrone.

Another social hurling initiative has been ongoing for the past several months by the Tulach Óg club, based in Cookstown, and they have been having similar success and plans are afoot for them to participate in a variety of competitions at county and provincial level in 2023 and we wish them well in their efforts.

Comhghairdeas to Eire Og on completing their 3-in-a-row in the Benburb Cup and commiserations to Naomh Colum Cille, who despite their loss must be congratulated on reaching & competing in their 2nd ever County Senior Hurling Final. Congratulations also to Eoghan Ruadh on their Junior Championship success and to Omagh who picked up back to back trophies in the South Ulster Junior Hurling League.



The Under 15 County Development squad in 2022 were managed by Colm Dillon, Kieran Cranny & Conor Gallagher. The number of players that made themselves available for this squad exceeded all expectations with 48 lads turning out on a consistent basis. The team comprehensively defeated Monaghan in the Hibernia Cup while further games against Roscommon (fixed for same day as the Rackard Final) & Louth (18th June) did not take place, through no fault of their own. They subsequently lost out by 1 point against Roscommon & Donegal and progressed to the Corn Niall McInerney. The side comprehensively defeated Leitrim & Derry B to win this competition. Congratulations to the players and hopefully this will not be the last silverware they pick up in county colours.

This year's County Minor side participated in the Celtic Challenge, in a competitive group along with Mayo, Sligo & Donegal. Managed by the team of Damhlaic Rush, Russell Bell, Cathal Donnelly and Gerard Fox, a very committed bunch of players put in a tremendous effort over the course of the season, playing 9 times between the Celtic Challenge and challenge games. They defeated Donegal and narrowly lost out to Sligo and Mayo in the group stages. They advanced to the Corn Tom Hogan and had a good win against Fermanagh in the Quarter Final before losing out to a physical Wicklow side in the Semi Final. With a large number of players eligible again in 2023, several excellent prospects emerging from the Under 15 squad and the addition of an Ulster Development League in the early part of the year, hopefully further progress can be made at County Minor level again next year.

An Ulster Under 20 League for developing counties has been set up for the incoming year. This will be a good opportunity for younger players on our Senior club teams who, in some cases, can get established in their first 15 to gain more competitive action in the early part of the season and hopefully provide a pathway to their club senior team and is also a shop window for the County Senior setup.

Anyone who is interested in assisting at this level, or indeed with any of the County Academy squads is asked to get in touch with Damhlaic Rush, Colm Dillon, Brian Laverty, Peter Kerr or myself.

After reaching Croke Park last year, the senior team returned to training in December with a view to gaining promotion to Division 2B and winning the Nickey Rackard Cup. The backroom team was bolstered with several important additions and a small, but very committed, panel of players got on with the business at hand. A tough pre-season with challenge games that increased in difficulty each week was a good preparation for the start of the NHL. A comeback draw in extremely difficult conditions away to Roscommon showed the character of the team and 4 wins in the next 4 games meant that the side qualified directly for the NHL Division 3A final on score difference. The final was played against Armagh in Owenbeg and Tyrone emerged victorious on a score of 2-21 to 2-19 in a high octane game to gain promotion to Division 2B.

With one goal achieved, there was not much time for celebrations and the team was on a flight across the water the following weekend to meet Warwickshire in the Nickey Rackard Cup where they recorded a strong win. Subsequent wins over Fermanagh & Armagh meant Tyrone went into their final two games with Roscommon and Donegal needing two more points to ensure back-to-back trips to the Nickey Rackard Final and Croke Park. It did not go to plan against a Roscommon team that needed to win and coupled with a lacklustre Tyrone performance, the Rossies inflicted the first defeat of the year on the team. Like 2021, the game against Donegal became a de-facto Semi Final and, in an unfortunate case of Deja-vu, another Tyrone goalkeeper suffered the loss of their father in the week leading up to the game with Eoghan Ruadh founder Noel Devlin, father of John and past county players Eamonn and Martin, and grandfather of panellist Ryan, passing away. Another emotionally charged day in Carrickmore saw Tyrone produce an excellent performance to defeat Donegal 1-24 to 1-19 and it was fitting that on this day our 2022 and 2021 team captains



Conor Grogan and Damian Casey reached 100 competitive appearances in League and Championship for the County, the first men to do so.

The team secured a League and Championship double following a 1-27 to 0-19 win over Roscommon in the Nickey Rackard Cup Final at Croke Park. After a year of, for the most part, consistent performances, and incremental improvement it was fantastic to see the side deliver their best performance of the season on its biggest day. Comhghairdeas to the players, management and backroom team of Michael McShane, Coach Stephen McGarry, Goalkeeping coach Tom Hennessy, S&C coach Caolan Harvey, Selector Stephen McHugh, Sport Psychologist/Statistician Dr Noel Brick, Physios Sean Doherty and Orlagh Kearns and Kitman Aodhan McHugh on their success and thanks to all their hard work which we will see Tyrone playing in Division 2B and the Christy Ring Cup for the first time in 2023.

Thanks are extended to Omagh St Enda's, Eire Og Carrickmore, An Charraig Mhór Naomh Colmcille, Brackaville Owen Roes, Eoghan Ruadh Dungannon for facilitating games and training at different points of the year as well as to Gregory and Roisin at Garvaghey for all their assistance and hard work.

Thanks also to Anne-Marie, Dominic and Eugene for their logistical and organisational support throughout the year in terms of the organisation of gear, hotels, player passes, tickets, promotion of the game and much, much more.

The support received from Helen McElroy and the team at the Edge, Performa Sports, Carmen Cryospa, All Sports Recovery Moy and The Kitchen, Omagh were all integral to the ensuring the performance levels of the side stayed consistent throughout the year.

There can be a direct correlation made between the efforts of the players and management both on and off the pitch and the success experienced this year. The preparation that went into all facets of the 2022 campaign was phenomenal and has led the county to its highest point, to date, in Inter-County Hurling.

A number of Senior players were honoured this year, Comhghairdeas to Dermot Begley who picked up another National award when he was selected for the Ring/Rackard/Meagher Champions 15 and to Chris Kearns who, as well as being selected on the Champions 15 for the first time, was also selected on the Irish News Hurling Team of the Year along with Damian Casey.

Damian Casey R.I.P.

Despite all the successes and the many positives that occurred within Tyrone Hurling in 2022, a shadow was cast over them on June 17th with the passing of Damian Casey. It hit like a hammer blow. It's impossible to quantify what Damian has meant to the Hurling fraternities within Eoghan Ruadh, Tyrone and beyond and the impact he has had. He was the talisman, a leader and the face of hurling within our county for a decade. The County Senior captain at 20 years of age. He inspired those he played with as a peer, many of the younger players of the current Senior and underage squads who grew up trying to emulate him and the countless youngsters who have saw him in Croke Park in May and will be aiming to make their mark as the 'next' Damian Casey.

Like many free takers, he got most of the plaudits but, in this case, they were certainly earned. His dedication meant he would start every one of 101 consecutive League and Championship games for the County over 12 seasons. He collected individual awards for fun but would always credit the team as the catalyst for his successes. A two-time Nickey Rackard Player of the Year. The Irish News Hurler of the Year and the Ulster GAA writers Hurler of the Year. Representing his Country in the Hurling/Shinty international. Things not traditionally achieved by Tyrone hurlers in the past, but he has shown it can be done. He has helped Tyrone reach its highest heights to date but, alas, we will miss him at this summit.



We extend our deepest sympathies to Sean, Susan, Louise and Catherine and to the wider Casey & Eoghan Ruadh families.

Tá ár Rí imithe uainn agus tá ár gcroíthe briste.

We are also mindful of and extend our sympathies to the Devlin, Cunningham, McKee, Lagan, Molloy, Kerr, Kelly and Mallon families, our colleagues in the U20 football panel after the loss of John Rafferty and Conor McCaughey and our friends in Tipperary and Derry after the loss of Dillon Quirke and Colm McGurk and to all other families that suffered losses this year.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam.

Health & Wellbeing Committee

Cathaoirleach: Malachi McCann

Committee: Maura McMenamín – Secretary, Joe Neill – PRO, Karen Mc Elhill – LGFA, Stephen Sherry – Safeguarding Officer, Fiona Teague, Tracy Monaghan, Patsy Farley, Peter Toal, Nora O’Neill

We held five formal meetings to date during 2022 plus a further six ad hoc meetings leading up to our event on the 17th November (details to follow) From the outset our main focus was to improve communication outlets to ensure that messages sent out were reaching the correct individuals in each club. We updated our database yet again and forged stronger links within the Tyrone Communications network. We also took a more critical look at information held on the Tyrone website and decided that a lot of it was outdated and in some cases irrelevant. The team decided which data to remove and replaced it with more meaningful and relevant information presented in a more simplified manner.

A lot of good work continues within our clubs with some more proactive than others. It is worth pointing out that, whereas on the field of play there is much rivalry and tactical secrecy, in relation to health and wellbeing (HWB) this need not be the case. Clubs in this instance are not in competition and if anything, should be working together for the common good i.e., improving health and wellbeing structures within their clubs and sharing their ideas with others. To that end, as a committee we decided to encourage clubs to share their experiences with us so that in turn we could share with other clubs on Tyrone social media on a monthly basis. This has worked well with nine clubs volunteering but as yet and in the absence of constructive feedback, we cannot determine the benefits. It is in effect a work in progress.

Primarily of course the Tyrone Health and Wellbeing Committee’s function is to help and support the clubs. We are here to encourage clubs to have HWB personnel, structures and policies in place and assist them where possible. We are not experts or counsellors and our main objective/remit is to signpost clubs to the appropriate organisations and services as and when required. During the course of this year, we have had many queries and enquiries.

In May we met with representatives from the successful Phase 5 applicants i.e., those Tyrone clubs who had applied to Croke Park in 2021 to become healthy clubs – the fifth such tranche since the programme began. This was a very worthwhile exercise and necessary liaison for both parties. In 2023 Croke Park will launch Phase 6 of the healthy club’s programme. Currently, we have 14 Healthy Clubs i.e., fourteen clubs who have or are in the process of attaining accreditation from Croke Park. Like any scheme there are several criterion and requirements e.g., the club should have a healthy club team who are willing to undergo training, carry out internal and community wide mapping exercises/programmes and deliver and report on at least three healthy initiatives. These are only some of the requirements but it is not a difficult process. Since 2021 the main changes in the



programme are that every club must gain the Foundation Level initially but can then progress to Silver and ultimately Gold Accreditation if they so desire. Obviously, the requirements and demands increase the further you progress! There are many benefits to gaining accreditation none more so than the structures and health incentives it brings to a club. There is also a financial contribution on successful completion.

Ulster GAA are currently involved in many campaigns which will assist us in the long run. For example, they have formalised their link with the Anthony Nolan Trust which helps people with blood diseases e.g., blood cancers. The trust's aim is to recruit people to sign up to the stem cell and bone marrow register. The Trust, having received contact from a club will visit the said club and register volunteers who are willing to become donors. Apparently young males make the best donors. Perhaps Tyrone clubs could take the initiative here and support a very worthy cause. It takes very little organisation and over the Winter months it would be a very worthwhile and charitable thing to do. If your club would be interested in taking part in this initiative please contact chair.hwc.tyrone@gaa.ie for more details. Ulster GAA for some time now have also been working on a mental health programme for players so hopefully this can be finalised in the near future. In essence, there is a wealth of information available or in the planning on many HWB topics in Ulster and these can be had on demand or by visiting the appropriate website. In any case, Tyrone clubs are informed by email directly to their Healthy Club Officers or club contact on our database of any new schemes or programmes.

Our event "Supporting our Youth to be Safe and Healthy" on Thursday 17th November was the best attended HWB event ever. We had close on 100 people present. For the event we merged with Stephen Sherry and combined with the Safeguarding Committee in welcoming Professor Niall Moyna and Michael, Cybersafe Kids Ireland as keynote speakers. We wanted to concentrate on the themes of internet safety and the importance/connection of physical exercise to good mental health. The feedback from the attendees was very, very encouraging. Both contributors were excellent and the panel discussion involving the two keynote speakers plus Feargal Logan and Gerard Donnelly completed a totally memorable evening. As a committee, we will discuss shortly how best to disseminate and utilise the advice and information given by both Niall and Michael for the benefit of club members at large.

As GAA members we have many things in common. We celebrate unilaterally when we win and we commiserate collectively in times of adversity. This past month and prior to mid November 2022, we have stood together in solidarity with many bereaved families. However, the recent deaths of John Rafferty and Conor McCaughey (RIP) in the most tragic of circumstances numbed us all at the loss of two such talented and endearing young men. Notwithstanding the inherent resourcefulness of the GAA club in general, the GAA Critical Incident Plan (C.I.P) currently being revised in Croke Park is a very useful, consultative document in times of sudden and unexpected death. We advise all clubs to update, constantly review and ensure a number of members are familiar with the contents. Unfortunately, we never know when we might need it.

Going forward Tyrone GAA are entering a new era. Our current Cathaoirleach, Michael Kerr has completed his term in office. Our long serving Rúnaí, Dominic McCaughey is retiring from his role. We wish them both health and best wishes for the future. New leaders will be elected. From our perspective, the Health and Wellbeing portfolio must continue to receive support in order to make progress. We need to raise its profile. Healthy Club Officers are doing a great job and need to get the recognition they deserve at all levels. Conversely however, they must impose themselves more; they must reenforce the message to their club executives that we face challenges off the field which directly impact on the wellbeing of our players. We must acknowledge the challenges that face our young people in society. We need to work together and deal with the elephant in the room i.e., Drugs and Alcohol. Parents and guardians at the very least need guidance on this issue. It's time for a meaningful discussion on how best to do this... Surely the largest sporting organisation on this island



with thousands of young people as members must be a major stakeholder in any debate. The GAA needs to take the lead. Perhaps we can take the initiative and start this discussion in Tyrone.....

Coiste Ceannais na gComórtaisí

Cathaoirleach: Mairtín Ó Sludain

Football

The 2022 season started on Saturday 12th March with the Under 17 league. The Under 13 league commenced the following Saturday. Four grades were played in each age group – some with single round fixtures and some with home/away fixtures.

Players got more games this year with some playing up to 14 matches in their age group,

The Under 17 league paused after four rounds of fixtures to allow the County U17's to prepare for their Ulster Championship campaign. The competition recommenced on Wednesday 15th June and was played weekly until finished. The Under 15 league started on Saturday 16th August. 951 games were scheduled at Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 levels.

Feile and Og sport returned this year.

Errigal Ciaran won grade 1. Pomeroy won grade 2. Eglisnagh won Og Sport and also won Ulster Og Sport

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. This competition is on its knees. I do not know when it could be played so that clubs would have interest in entering or playing in it.

The All County League started in early May. Division 3 commenced on 6th May with Divisions 1 and 2 starting on 20th May due to the Tyrone U20's reaching the All Ireland Final. Friday night football proved to be a great success with players once again. Each Division had 5 starred games. 948 games were scheduled at adult level.

There was over 100 games conceded, mostly reserve games.

Shortage of referees was a constant problem throughout the season. There has to be serious recruitment of referees as the numbers are reducing each year.

Thanks to all the referees who made themselves available throughout the year. Some of our referees are refereeing 4 games per week. Some even did reserve and senior games on the same night so the reserve game could be played.

The CCC set themselves the target of having all leagues finished before the championship commenced. The final round of league fixtures was played on Sunday 4th September.

The Junior championship started on 11th September with the Intermediate and Senior Championships starting two weeks later and over the next six weeks there were 46 championship games played.

- Junior Football Winners – Stewartstown Harps
- Intermediate Football Winners – Galbally Pearses
- Senior Football Winners – Errigal Ciaran

Hurling

Five teams entered the Tyrone Hurling League this year. Eire Óg Carrickmore finished top and won the league title. Teams also agreed that their finishing place in the league would decide their placing in the Senior/Junior Championship. 1st and 2nd place would play in the Senior Championship Final while 3rd and 4th place would play in the Junior Championship Final.

Eire Óg Carrickmore played Naomh Colum Cille in the Senior Final. Eoghan Ruadh Dungannon played Omagh St. Enda's in the Junior Final.

- Junior Hurling Winners – Eoghan Ruadh Dungannon
- Senior Hurling Winners – Eire Óg Carrickmore

Competitions were played at Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 levels. There was an increase in the number of teams entering at U13 and U15 levels with two grades (1 & 2) being played at both ages.

Discipline Report 2022

	ADULT				OFFICIALS				YOUTH				
	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
Mar	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	1	0	0
May	5	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0
June	12	10	3	0	0	2	0	0	4	4	3	0	0
July	3	13	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	1	0	0
Aug	10	12	4	0	0	2	1	0	6	5	1	0	0
Sept	7	8	4	0	0	1	0	4	6	6	1	0	0
Oct	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0
Nov	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0

Conclusion

Finally, I would like to thank all the clubs who made their venues available throughout this year for finals or championship matches.

Also thanks to CCC members for their hard work during the season, Michelle Cox, Pat McAtee, Michael McCaughey, Fabian McGlone, Raymond Monteith, Kieran McGuire, Phelim Og Gildernew, Tommy Colton, Sarah-Jane Kelly, Sean Gallagher, Dessie O Doherty and John Devlin.



Planning & Learning

Cathaoirleach: Ruairí Ó Briain

Membership: Rory O'Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairí) (Chairperson), Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín), Mel Taggart (Cluain Eo), Paul Maxwell (Éadan na dTorc), Michael McCarney (An Ómaigh), John O'Neill (Domhnach Mor). The Committee held various meetings throughout the year as and when needed.

Club Developments

The Committee assisted and continue to assist Clubs that were planning or had started major capital projects of various disciplines. Clubs including Clonoe O' Rahillys, Pomeroy Plunketts, Dungannon Clarkes, Carrickmore St Colmcilles, Omagh St Endas, Naomh Eoghan, Eskra Emmets, Edendork St Malachys, Killeeshil St Marys, had meetings/discussions with us throughout the year. It is very important that Clubs contact the Planning and Training officer in the County first, when looking to carry out capital projects on GAA vested grounds. It makes the process somewhat easier than contacting Ulster or Croke Park in the first instance.

GAA Grant Workshop

On October 17th in Garvaghey our Committee held a Workshop on the GAA Grants process. 31 delegates from 25 Clubs were in attendance. Many thanks to Paul Sanders from Ulster GAA for explaining the process and providing advice and assistance on the night. At the time of writing this report, the outcome of the Tyrone clubs applications is not yet known.

Development Officer Forums

I attended one Ulster Planning and Training Forum in March and three National

Planning and Learning Committee Forums throughout the year with the most recent in October.

At the National Development Officer Forum in October it was announced that there would be a Club Officer Training event for all Clubs in Tyrone in Q1 2023. It will likely be in Garvaghey late January/early February. All clubs will be notified in advance and encouraged to avail of this excellent training.

O'Neill Park, Dungannon

Mark Conway took the lead in submitting a grant application to Croke Park for financial assistance towards the installation of match quality floodlighting at O'Neill Park Dungannon. The application was made to the 2022 GAA County Infrastructure Capital Grants. While the application was unsuccessful at the outset, we have now been informed that it is being reconsidered by the National Finance Committee; it is hoped this review will result in a different outcome.

On a more positive note, Dungannon Clarkes have in the summer of 2022 started works on the highly ambitious redevelopment plans of O'Neill Park. The 1st stage of these plans seen them redevelop their playing pitch with the 2nd stage being the demolition and replacement of their new pavilion. We wish Dungannon Clarkes all the best on these works and commend them for all their hard work to date.

Trustees

With recent bereavements many of our Clubs find that their Deeds of Trust are now out of date. This causes problems when Clubs are applying for grants, borrowings etc. There are three options now



available for Clubs to consider when renewing. I would urge Clubs to check that their current Deeds are valid. If you find that they are not please get in touch.

Forward Look – The Year Ahead

- In 2023 our committee will look to work and deliver on the following items:
- Continue to support clubs as and when they need it. This is mostly done on a 1-2-1 basis.
- Training will be rolled out in Q1 for all club officers in Garvaghey. This will be rolled out by Croke Park with our committee assisting with this.
- Oversee and assist clubs with development issues, ranging from trustee issues, borrowing requirements etc
- Attend Ulster GAA County Club Planning & Physical Development Committee meetings with Clubs to seek approval for loan borrowing.
- Support clubs to be financially sustainable, by advising on maximising or creating a new Cairde scheme.
- Support clubs on producing and monitoring the Club's development plan.
- Support or lead on major projects, e.g. new pitch; stand; etc.
- Keeps up-to-date on others' plans (eg local authorities & Sports Councils).
- Keep up-to-date and share information to club officers on funding programmes, GAA and other.
- Support club officers in applying to any funding programmes
- Feed into consultations, GAA or other, to ensure the needs and requirements of the GAA fraternity are properly documented and taken into account.
- Contributes at County level as appropriate.
- Share best practise with clubs

Conclusion

It was an honour and privilege to serve as the Tyrone Training and Planning Officer for 2022. My thanks to the members of the Planning and Learning Committee, Michael, Gerard, Paul, John and Mel for their knowledge, assistance, willingness and desire to make a difference. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dominic and the Staff of Garvaghey, for the countless times they have assisted and helped me throughout the year. My thanks to County Treasurer, Niall Mc Kenna, who has been a great help to our committee assisting Clubs on financial matters.

Oifigeach na bPáisti: Stiofán Mac Searraigh

Introduction

This has been an exciting but busy time in what has been my first year as County Children's Officer. Prior to coming into this post I had been carrying out Safeguarding Training for Ulster for five years and had been a source of advice and guidance for Tyrone, Ulster and National Level in areas of Safeguarding, Child Protection and Public Protection for over ten years.

I came into post as the GAA was coming out of restrictions following the COVID pandemic and all clubs were evaluating their position on how to move forward not least with providing a safe and secure environment for children and families. This meant that a lot of work was required to allow children and families to avail of their club facilities and play games no matter what their age.

Safeguarding Within Tyrone GAA



On commencement of my Children's Officer Role at the beginning of the year I started by forming a Safeguarding Committee. This consisted of nine individuals all who were Safeguarding Tutors and all who have a wealth of knowledge and experience working with children either through coaching and/or carrying out Safeguarding Training. This committee met on a regular basis and was vital in allowing me to carry out my role and ensuring that the County's Safeguarding commitments were being met.

As I settled in to this role I was very aware of the need for safeguarding to be a priority across the organisation. I established links with key committee's such as Coaching & Games, Health & Wellbeing and Refereeing. This is currently an area that is being reviewed at National level. I currently sit as a member of the Health & Wellbeing Committee.

I also attended regular Ulster Safeguarding Meetings which include Bernie Fox Ulster Child Protection Manager and all County Children's Officers to ensure there is a consistent approach to safeguarding and that key messages are conveyed to County and Clubs. Close links were established with the National Children's Office and the National Safeguarding Committee. I have attended a number of Webinars and face to face training events for Children's Officers throughout Ireland.

Safeguarding Training with County Board

On the 26th April I organised the first ever Safeguarding Training for the Tyrone County Board. This training was the first of its kind at any County Board and was open to not only the Management Committee but also all other sub-committee's and all codes within the County. This was well attended and will be worth looking at for future committees.

Safeguarding Training & Access NI

Safeguarding Training has been a key aspect of this role. At the beginning of the year I put a significant amount of time and effort ensuring that all clubs were aware of the need for this. All club officers who had a role either coaching children or making decisions about children needed to have their *Safeguarding 1* Training as well as their Access NI checks completed. Most clubs were not compliant in this regard.

January to April 22 saw a significant uptake in Safeguarding 1 Training with over 50 sessions being completed by Safeguarding Tutors both face to face and online. Also, during this period there was an increase in activity in clubs processing Access NI checks which was welcomed. Clubs were also encouraged to ensure all their coaches had completed their Introduction to Coaching Award before working with children.

I also organised *Safeguarding 2 Training* for all club children's officers. This was well attended with 19 children's officers attending Garvaghy on the 28th April 2022. I also attended Safeguarding 2 Tutor Training in Dublin on the 9th April 22 which allows me know to carry out SG2 training with club children's officers.

Safeguarding 3 Training was organised for all club Designated Liaison Persons in Garvaghy on the 17th May 2022. This was attended by 13 clubs.

This work is ongoing and will remain a key priority moving forward into 2023.

Sport Ireland Safeguarding Self-Assessment Audit 2022

The first Sport Ireland Safeguarding Self-Assessment Audit was completed by the GAA on the 19th May 2022. There was 1,559 GAA or One Club Model clubs who field underage players completed the assessment. There was 100% compliance with all clubs in Tyrone in relation to the completion of this audit.

Section 8 – ‘Gaelic Games only section’ enabled the GAA to identify various information on a club by club and county by county basis.

Sport Ireland Safeguarding Self-Assessment Audit 2022 – Section 8 (Gaelic Games Section); Tir Eoghain

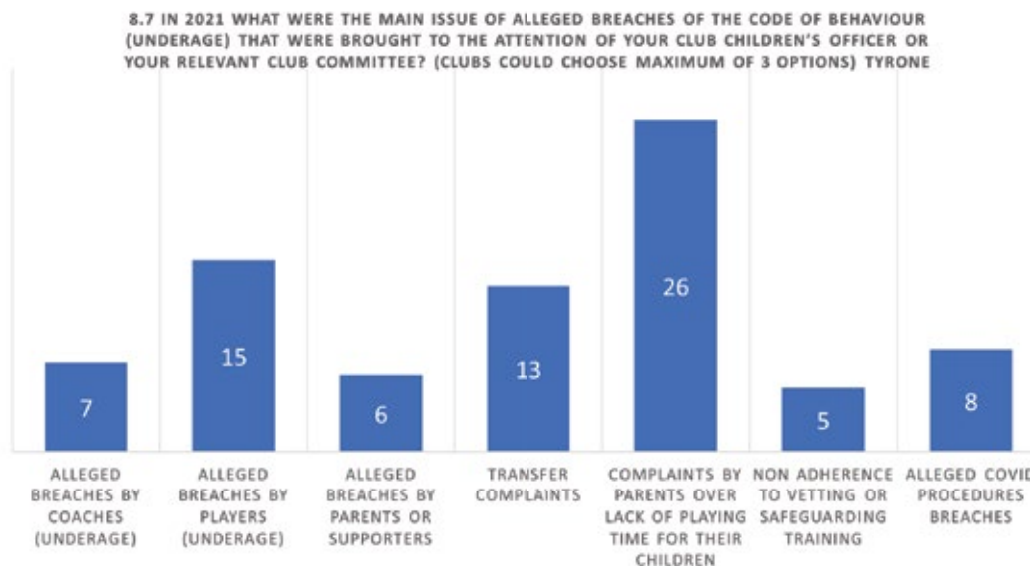
Total submissions: 54

8.1 GAA only submissions: 19

8.2 One club Model submissions: 35

8.3 Has your Club selected a 3 person Code of Behaviour Hearings Committee?

No – 20; Yes - 34



The Sport Ireland Self-Assessment shows that in 30 of the 32 counties of Ireland the ‘lack of playing time for children in our clubs’ was the main complaint or breach of the Code of Behaviour (Underage) that our clubs received.

Croke Park recognise that this is a serious issue and one that needs to be addressed throughout the island of Ireland.

County Children’s Officer Investigations in 2022

Overall the level of activity was relatively low comparing it to the number of clubs and the numbers of children within each of the clubs. It is encouraging to note that most clubs sought out the advice and support of the County Children’s Officer and the majority of queries were dealt with at source in an informal manner.

However there were a number of incidents that required a more formal response.

There were 0 Child Protection Investigations.

There were 8 Breaches of Code of Behaviour (Rule 1:13)



These consisted of alleged breaches by coaches, parents, players and supporters. These figures were the cases that were escalated to the County Children's Officer. Other incidents were investigated by the club and resolved as per the chart above.

Health & Wellbeing and Safeguarding Seminar

The first ever joint Health & Wellbeing and Safeguarding Seminar was held in Garvaghy on the 17th November 2022. It was titled "Supporting Our Youth to be Safe & Healthy". The seminar was opened by our County Chairman Michael Kerr with keynote speakers Niall Moyna, Professor of Clinical Exercise Physiology and Michael Harrison from Cybersafe Kids. Then followed a panel discussion with the keynote speakers and also included the very successful Tyrone Managers Fergal Logan and Gerry Donnelly. Closing remarks were made by the Ulster GAA President Ciaran McLaughlin. The whole night was compared by Fiona Teague.

I can safely say that this was a very successful night with nearly 100 individuals in attendance representing most of our clubs. All who attended including the organising committee agree that it was extremely interesting, educational and I have no doubt will be a benefit to our County and our Clubs and ultimately our children and families. I believe this is an event that we can build on and I have no doubt will be an annual occurrence.

Amendment to Transfer Rule at Congress 2022

Rule 6.5 (a) A County shall have the option, within County Bye-Law, to allow a player to play with a club in the area in which he works. *However, a Bye-Law shall not prevent a transfer being granted where the relevant Competitions Control Committee is satisfied that it is necessary to do so to protect a child from harm and to comply with the child safeguarding commitments of the Association.....*

Relative to Motion 24, the following directive was issued by Central Council to CCC's (under Rule 3.34(b)):

If a transfer request cites child safeguarding as one of the grounds for the request, that ground should only be considered if there has been a prior compliant in relation to child safeguarding to a Children's Officer- Club, County, Provincial or National.

Where such a compliant has been made, the CCC considering the transfer request shall obtain a report of any investigation carried out by the relevant Children's Officer before considering the transfer request. If there has been no compliant or investigation, then the transfer request should be adjudicated upon without reference to child safeguarding.

Since 26 March 2022 (implementation date) the CCC adjudicated on 2 cases which were relevant to this rule. I want to acknowledge the CCC Chair Martin Sludden and the CCC Secretary Michelle Cox for their hard work and diligence regarding this rule and recognising the need to liaise closely with the County Children's Officer in order to reach a satisfactory outcome.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR is legislation that updated and unified privacy laws across the European Union (EU) and went into effect on the 25 May 2018. Since this time there has been a significant number of fines with large costs incurred by businesses and organisations including sporting organisations for the misuse and inability to store information in the way in which the regulation was set out.

This year I have actively encouraged clubs and individuals within the clubs to adhere to these Data Protection Principles. One way was that all individuals who have an official role within their clubs should use the official GAA email address. This is so important when it comes to sharing sensitive data regarding a safeguarding issue. Personal emails should not be used for communicating or

storing information. This is a breach of GDPR and leaves the organisation vulnerable. This needs further reinforcement by the County Board during the 2023 season.

Looking to the Future

As alluded to in my report there are a number of key issues which will be taken forward in 2023. However, one of the main areas will be the need for all clubs to update their 2023 Risk Assessment & Child Safeguarding Statement. This process opens on 1st March 2023, and the deadline will be the 31st of March 2023.

On the 1st of April 2023 Clubs that are non-compliant and in breach of legislation will be discussed at a special committee and the possible suspension of all club underage activities considered.

Information Webinars for clubs - Saturday 11th and 25th of February 2023.

Overall this has been a very successful year with large numbers of members trained, an increase in clubs engaging in a positive way and Club Children's Officers providing high levels of support to their clubs. This coupled with low figures for Child Protection Investigations and other breach proceedings indicates that the systems in place are working and protecting our children and families. However, this doesn't mean we can relax and 2023 will no doubt bring a new set of challenges as well as building on the fantastic work that has been achieved in 2022.



1Tír Eoghain Minor (U17) Hurling Team 2022



NA RÚIN (Motions)

Motion 1

Amend County Bye Law 4.2 by removing the following '*who will be the Vice-Chairperson of the County Committee*'

Bye Law be amended to read as follows:

Competitions Control Committee (14 Members) To consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, an Adult Fixtures Secretary, two Youth Fixtures' Secretaries, a Hurling Fixtures' Secretary, a Disciplinary Secretary for Adult Fixtures, a Disciplinary Secretary for Youth fixtures, an Assistant Secretary for Adult Referees' notifications, an Assistant Secretary for Youth Referees' notifications, one fixtures analyst, the County Referees' Administrator who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees, and one other named member.

Cumann Naomh Pádraig An Ghoirtín

Motion 2

That Rule 6.17 -Games & Competitons -Age Grades -Official Guide – Part 1 (page 89/90) 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 U21 down to U11, subject to the stipulation that competitions at U14, U16 and U18 must take place within each County together with one further underage competition above the U18 grade.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

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

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

**Cumann Aireagal Chiaráin, Cumann Naomh Pádraig Domhnach Mór, Cumann Uilf Tóin Cill Dhreasa,
Cumann Eoghan Rua Uí Néill**



NA MOLTAÍ (Recommendations)

Nos 1-11, for referral to the Competitions Control Committee

1. The CCC Competition Regulations 2022, Regulation 23 shall be amended to conform with Official Guide Rule 6.25 Part 5(c). **(Cumann Naomh Pádraig An Ghoirtín)**
2. CCC Adult & Youth Regulations must be published each year before competitions commence. Official Guide 6.37 **(Cumann Naomh Pádraig An Ghoirtín)**
3. Tyrone CCC to implement catchment areas for all clubs that offer hurling in Tyrone and to ensure fairness and consistency in the granting of sanctions and players transfers. **(Cumann Naomh Éanna An Ómaigh)**
4. In considering the aim of as many games as possible, for as long as possible in the best possible environment possible, that Tyrone CCC provide a longer, effective program of fixtures for all age groups and codes within the County. **(Cumann Naomh Éanna An Ómaigh)**
5. That the CCC set up a sub-committee to investigate and seek alternative ways of applying “results on the day protocols” other than penalties. **(Cumann Naomh Mhuire Coill an Chlochair)**
6. 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. **(Cumann Naomh Pádraig An Ghoirtín)**
7. CCC shall also 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)**
8. In the interest of player retention that consideration is given to a “thirds” division separate and distinct from Division 3 of the ACL. **(Cumann Naomh Éanna An Ómaigh)**
9. That Tyrone CCC Adult Regulations 2022 for football and hurling should put in place a regulation which affords all Clubs participating in Adult League Competitions the right to an equal measure of Home & Away fixtures as the League Competition progresses weekly. No Club should have to play any more than 2 successive away fixtures following the issue of Adult League fixtures. There should be no imbalance on Clubs being expected to play an inappropriate amount of games either at home or away. The League programme of games must show a fair and equal proportion of games throughout the entire season. **(Cumann Éire Óg Clochar)**
10. That Tyrone CCC Youth Regulation 17 (2022) should include the additional paragraph to cover player eligibility / registration of teams which have an “A” and “B” side taking part in youth competitions. “That any team wishing to enter a 2nd team or a “B” team into any of the Tyrone youth competitions must be expected to provide a registered list of players who are only eligible to play for their “A” team. A



list of those players solely registered for their “B” team should also be submitted to the CCC and final completed lists must be issued to all the Clubs competing in the relevant grade or competition prior to the start of the season. **(Cumann Éire Óg Clochar)**

11 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)**

Nos. 12 – 14 for referral to the Management Committee

12. Tyrone GAA should take serious the issue of integration and set a date for full GAA integration within Tyrone GAA as a One County model. **(Cumann Naomh Éanna An Ómaigh)**

13. Killyclogher GAA call upon the GAA to take proactive and meaningful action to provide support for Mental Health, and counselling as part of the GAA Benefit fund or support for an alternative service. **(Cumann Naomh Mhuire Coill an Chlochair)**

14. That a review committee be established to look at the longer term viability of rural clubs. **(Cumann Naomh Éanna An Ómaigh)**

For referral to the Culture & Language Committee

15. That the Scór competitions revert to their normal dates from 2023 onwards. **(Cumann na Clairseacha An Chraobh)**

16. The GAA should lobby relevant government departments to allow GAA Club members special consideration when they are applying for planning permission. Current Planning policies make it very difficult to obtain Permission to build in the countryside and as a result, many rural clubs across Ireland are dying. GAA clubs are very often the centre of these rural communities and they need a supply of young families in particular to keep them viable. The GAA should use its influence to try and assist these Clubs. They should ask that any GAA member be given special consideration when applying for Planning Permission in the vicinity of their local GAA club. **(Cumann Eimeid An Brocach)**



Ainmniúchain (Nominations)

Cathaoirleach: Eugene McConnell (An Clochar), Conor Sally (An Ómaigh), Martin Sludden (An Droim Mór).

Rúnaí: Michael Kerr (Éire Óg), Eunan Lindsay (Gleann Éallaigh), Dermot McCaughey (Trí Leac).

Cisteoir: Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair) (outgoing).

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

Cisteoir Cúnta: Sean McGuigan (An Charraig Mhór) (outgoing).

Rúnaí Cúnta: Eunan Lindsay, Eugene McConnell.

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

Baill Chomhairle Uladh (2): Michelle Cox (Droim Ratha) (outgoing), Peter Kennedy (Doire Locháin), Michael Kerr, Aidan Maguire (Naomh Eoghan), Eugene McConnell, Conor Sally (outgoing).

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

Oifigeach Cultúr & Teanga: Steven Hughes (Dún Geannain) (outgoing).

Oifigeach Iomána: Eunan Lindsay (outgoing), Aidan Maguire, Eugene McConnell.

Caidreamh Poiblí: Rory Cox (Droim Ratha), Eunan Lindsay.

Baill an Choiste:

Patrick Colton (Achadh Lú), Patrick Donnelly (Eochar), Christina McElduff (An Charraig Mhór), Conor McAleer (Clann na nGael), Ciaran McKenna (Clochar), Fergus Harte (Oileán an Ghuail), John McCrystal (An Chorr Chríochach), Peter Kennedy (Doire Locháin), Patsy Hetherington (Domhnach Mór), Barry Campbell (An Droim Mór), Paul McCusker (Droim Caoin), Cathal Gallagher (An Droim Ratha), Seamus Marlow (Eiscreach), Tommy Traynor (Aireagal Chiaráin), Sarahjane Kelly (E. R. Uí Néill), Kevin McVeigh (An Galbhaile), Barbara Ward (An Goirtín), Donal Magee (Coill an Chlochair), Barney Gallagher (Loch Mhic Ruairí), Terence Timoney (Naomh Eoghan), Declan Devlin (An Ómaigh), Paddy Barrett (Cabán a'Chaortainn), Sean Gallagher (An Chraobh), Raymond Monteith (Trí Leac).

Childrens' Officer: Stephen Sherry (Achadh Lú)

Planning & Training Officer: Rory O'Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairí)



APPENDIX 1

CLUB MEMBERSHIP -2022					
Club	Full	Youth	Club	Full	Youth
Aghaloo	132	126	Eglis	211	179
Aghyaran	212	89	Errigal Ciaran	511	237
Ardboe	272	92	Eskra	154	115
Augher	217	133	Fintona	133	178
Beragh	270	245	Galbally	523	393
Brackaville	290	83	Glenelly	269	189
Brockagh	153	91	Gortin	189	99
Carrickmore Éire Óg	95	167	Greencastle	241	215
An Charraig Mhór	294	289	Kildress	241	189
Castledearg	216	163	Killeeshil	297	248
Clann na nGael	182	61	Killyclogher	368	405
Clogher	160	113	Killyman	184	83
Clonoe	306	147	Loughmacrory	230	198
Coalisland	408	192	Moortown	191	142
Cookstown	199	227	Moy	364	147
Cúchulainn an Ghleanna	36	65	Naomh Colum Cille	123	102
An Binn Bhorb	52	74	Naomh Eoghan	206	108
Túlach Óg	7	69	Omagh	380	409
Derrylaughan	360	61	Owen Roes	215	194
Derrytresk	141	72	Pomeroy	264	143
Donaghmore	101	41	Rock	249	185
Dromore	377	180	Stewartstown	139	99
Drumquin	229	94	Shamrocks	40	59
Drumragh	208	236	Strabane	270	358
Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	205	132	Tattyreagh	126	126
Dungannon	314	143	Trillick	311	188
Edendork	218	116	Urney	146	75
Totals:				12229	8564



APPENDIX 2

2022 Subcommittee Membership
Management Committee (14)
Michael Kerr (Éire Óg, An Charraig Mhór) (Chairperson)
Martin Sludden (An Droim Mór)(Vice-Chairperson)
Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair) (Treasurer)
Benny Hurl (Ard Bó) (Central Council)
Michelle Cox (Droim Ratha) (Ulster Council)
Conor Sally (An Ómaigh) (Ulster Council)
Eugene McConnell (Clochar) (PRO)
Dermot McCaughey (Trí Leac) (Assistant Secretary)
Damian Harvey (An Chorra Chríochach)
Eunan Lindsay (Gleann Eallaigh) (Hurling Officer)
Rory O'Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairí) (Planning & Training Officer)
Sean McGuigan (An Charraig Mhór) (Assistant Treasurer)
Stephen Hughes (Dún Geanainn)(Irish Language and Culture Officer)
Dominic McCaughey (Trí Leac) (Secretary)
Competitions Control Committee (CCC) (14)
Martin Sludden (An Droim Mór)(Chairperson)
Pat McAtee (Fionntamhnach) (Vice-Chairperson)
Michelle Cox (Droim Ratha)(Secretary)
Kieran Maguire (Achadh Uí Arain) (Adult Fixtures)
Michael McCaughey (Bearach) (Youth Fixtures)
Phelim Gildernew (Achadh Lú) (Youth Fixtures)
Tomas Colton (Eoghan Ruadh) (Hurling Fixtures)
Raymond Monteith (Trí Leac) (Adult Referees)
Fabian McGlone (Droim Ratha) (Youth Referees)
SarahjaneKelly (E.R Uí Néill) (Discipline)
Sean Gallagher (An Chraobh) (Discipline)
John Devlin (Cabhán a' Chaorthainn) (Referees Administrator)
Des O'Doherty (An Ómaigh) (Feile & Óg Sport)
Adrian Conway (Clann na nGael) (Fixtures' Analyst)
Fixtures Analysts (2)
Adrian Conway (Clann na nGael)
Cathal Daly (Eaglais)
Referees' Administrator
John Devlin (Cabhán a' Chaorthainn)



Hearings Committee
Seamus Hannigan (An Ómaigh) (Chairperson)
Margaret Keenan (An Goirtín) (Secretary)
Mary Daly (An Mháigh)
Martin O'Neill (Brocagh)
Patrick Donnelly (An Eochair)
Adrian Scullin (An Chorra Chríochach)
Noel McGeary (An Ghallbhaile)
Shane Dorrity (Oilean a'Ghuail)
Paddy O' Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairí)
Planning and Training Commtee (6)
Rory O'Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairí) (Chairperson)
Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín)
Mel Taggart (Cluain Eo)
Paul Maxwell (Éadan na dTorc)
Michael McCarney (An Ómaigh)
John O'Neill (Domhnach Mór)
Referees' Administration Committee (8)
John Devlin (Cabhán a' Chaorthainn) (Chairman)
Alan Richardson (Fionntamhnach) (Secretary)
Michael McCarron (Fionntamhnach)
Fabian McGlone (Droim Ratha)
Martin Mohan (Eaglais)
Paul Mallon (Éadan na dTorc)
Feargal Ward (Aireagal Chiaráin)
Eugene McConnell (Clochar)
Information Technology Committee (2)
Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín) (Chairperson)
Damian Harvey (An Chorra Chríochach)
Hurling Development Workgroup
Eunan Lindsay (Gleann Eallaigh) (Hurling Officer)
Thomas Colton (Eoghan Ruadh)
Ryan Woods (An Ómaigh)
Gary Mc Gettigan (Na Seamrogai)
Kieran Cranny (Fionntamhnach)
Peter O'Kane (Coill an Chlochair)
Damian O'Neill (Naomh Colum Cille)
Cathal Daly (Duiche Neill)



Cathal McGarry (Cuchulainn an Ghleanna)
Brian Laverty (Oileán an Ghuail) (GDM) (Secretary)
Peter Kerr (Éire Óg)
Language & Culture Committee (7)
Stevhen Hughes (Dún Geanainn)(Chairperson)
Eamon Campbell (Doire Treasc)
David Tierney (An Ómaigh)
Dominic Douglas (Aireagal Chiaráin) (Rúnaí)
Donal Magee (Coill an Chlochair)
Dearbhla Scallon (An Goirtin)
Risteard Mac Daibhéid (Droim Ratha)
Safety Officer
Michael Mc Carney (An Ómaigh)
Finance Committee (12)
Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair) (Chairperson)
Sean McGuigan (An Charraig Mhór) (Secretary)
Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín)
Rory O'Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairí)
Sarahjane Kelly (E.R. Uí Néill)
Michael Kerr (Éire Óg)
Seamus Marlow (Eisceach)
Aidan Mc Grath (An Srath Bán)
Dominic McCaughey (Trí Leac)
Ciaran McKenna (Clochar)
Gerard Donaghy (Cill Íseal)
Stewards Work Group
Oliver McHugh (Dún Geanainn) (Chairperson)
Peter Toal (Dún Geanainn)
Mickey Kelly (Dún Geanainn)
Michael Mc Carney (An Ómaigh) (Safety Officer)
Paul Maxwell (Éadan na dTorc)
Coaching & Games Development Committee
Damian Harvey (An Chorra Chríochach) (Chairperson)
Brian Laverty (Oileán an Ghuail) (GDM) (Secretary)
Roger Keenan (An Goirtín)
Brendan Harper (Droim Caoin)
Benny Hurl (Ard Bó)
Joe Canavan (Aireagal Chiaráin) Go-Games



Paddy Corrigan (An Ghallbhaile) (Post Primary)
Health & Wellbeing Committee
Malachi McCann (Aireagal Chiaráin) (Chairperson)
Maura McMenamin (Secretary)
Joe Neill (Aireagal Chiaran) (PRO)
Tracey Monaghan (An Ómaigh)
Stephen Sherry (Achadh Lú) (Children's Officer)
Peter Toal (Dún Geanainn)
Patsy Farley (An Bearach)
Fiona Teague (An Caislean Glas)
Karen McElhill
Nora O'Neill
Communications Workgroup
Eugene McConnell (Clochar) (Chairperson/PRO)
Ruairi Cox (Droim Ratha)
Aodhán Harkin (An Srath Bán)
Paddy Hunter (An Ómaigh)
Colin Mackle (An Mháigh) (Secretary)
Francis Mooney (Éadan na dTorc)
Pauline Fee (Fionntamhnach)
Ryan O'Neill (Naomh Colum Cille)
County HQ Management Committee
Sean McGuigan (An Charraig Mhor)(Chairperson)
Mark Conway (Cill Dreasa) (Secretary)
Jackie Duffy (An Mháigh)
Brian Hackett (Eisceach)
Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair)
Dominic Mc Caughey (Trí Leac)
Michael Kerr (Éire Óg)
Hugh McCallan (An Charraig Mhor)
Michael Harvey (Cabhán a'Chaortainn)
Human Resources Committee
Eileen Connolly (Naomh Eoghan) (Chairperson)
Martin Ferguson (Ghallbhaile)
Niall Conway (Clann na nGael)
Clíodhna Kerr (An Charraig Mhór)
Hugh McCallan (An Charraig Mhór)

PR & Marketing Committee
Martin Haughey (An Goirtín) (Chairperson)
Stephen Toal (Secretary)
Jackie Duffy (An Mháigh)
Eamon Donnelly (Coill an Chlochair)
Roisin Shanks (E.R.Uí Néill) (Treasurer)
Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín)
Sean McGuigan (An Charraig Mhór)
Eugene McConnell (Clochar)
Adrian Colton (An Droim Mór)
Michael Winters (Trí Leac)
County Panels' & Management Committee (10)
Michael Kerr (Éire Óg)
Dominic Mc Caughey (Trí Leac)
Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair)
Feargal Logan (An Craobh) (Manager)
Pádraige Hampsey (Oilean a'Ghuail) (Football Captain)
Niall Morgan (Éadán na dTorc) (Football GPA)
Michael McShane (Manager)
Eunan Lindsay (Gleann Éallaigh) (Liaison Officer)
Conor Grogan (Éire Óg) (Hurling Captain)
Damian Casey (Eoghan Ruadh) (Hurling GPA)
Strategic Implementation Committee (6)
Seamus Mc Donald (Coill an Chlochair) (Chairman)
Barbara Ward (An Goirtín) (Secretary)
Mark Conway (Cill Dhreasa)
Cuthbert Donnelly (Achadh Lú)
Michael Kerr (Éire Óg)
Dominic McCaughey (Trí Leac)
Healy Park Management Committee (6)
Conor Sally (An Ómaigh) (Cathaoirleach)
Dominic Mc Caughey (Trí Leac) (Rúnaí)
Michael Kerr (Éire Óg, An Charraig Mhór)
Declan McGirr (An Ómaigh)
Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair)
Ciaran McDaid (An Ómaigh)



APPENDIX 3

Transfer Applications Approved by Ard-Chomhairle

No	Surname	Forename	Present Club	New Club
1	Lynn	Michael	Ardboe	Fulham Irish
2	Devine	Marc	Strabane	Naomh Pádraig, Leicestershire
3	Devlin	Odhran	Ardboe	Bishopstown, Cork
4	Teague	Dean	Cookstown	Glasgow Gaels
5	Devine	Daire	Clann na nGael	Parnell's, Dublin
6	O'Flynn	Billy	Doheny's, Cork	Rock
7	Kelly	Aidan	Sinn Féin, Victoria	Carrickmore
8	McGeary	Sean	Edendork	Wolfe Tone's, Chicago
9	Kerr	Pauric	Éire Óg, Carrickmore	Sydney Shamrock's, NSW
10	McConville	Francis	Errigal Ciaran	St Vincent's, Yorkshire
11	Gibney	Jack	Eglish	Bondi Gaels, NSW
12	McElroy	Rory	Clogher	Aidan McAnespie's NE USA
13	Holland	Colm	Augher	John Mitchell's, Louth
14	McSorley	John	Killyclogher	Setanta San Diego
15	Loughran	Eoin	Cloughbawn, Wexford	Brackaville
16	Conroy	Oisin	Na Piarasigh, Galway	Drumragh
17	Clarke	Turlough	Beragh	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia
18	Owens	Aaron	Beragh	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia
19	Mac Cathmhaoil	Seamus Óg	Spidéal, Galway	Naomh Colum Cille
20	Lavery	Emmett	Moy	Fraser Valley Gaels, Canada
21	Trainor	Malachy	Penrith Gaels, NSW	Dungannon
22	McCann	Shane	Eglish	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia
23	McDonald	John	Carrickmore	Dalriada, Scotland
24	Corrigan	Cathal	Errigal Ciaran	St Finians, Western Canada
25	Maguire	Sean	Greencastle	Vancouver Eire Og, W. Canada
26	Donnelly	Ciaran	ISSC Vancouver, Western Canada	Eglish
27	Muldoon	Sean	Eglish	St Michael's, Toronto
28	Kerlin	Seamus	Oisin's, Lancashire	Greencastle
29	McGirr	Pierce	St Joseph's, London	Drumquin Crawley & Brighton, Gloucestershire
30	McDaid	Barry	Owen Roes	St Michael's, Toronto
31	Dorman	Conan	Derrytresk	Garryowen, London
32	Byrne	Eoin	Aghyaran	St Mary's Warwickshire
33	Quinn	Brendan	Aghaloo	Toronto Gaels
34	Hagan	Tiarnan	Pomeroy	Vancouver Eire Og, Western Canada
35	Flanagan	Michael	Omagh	Connemara Gaels, USA
36	Holland	Callum	Kildress	Connemara Gaels, USA
37	Fox	Sean	Killyclogher	



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39	Hayes	Mark	Killyclogher	Parnell's Chicago
40	Quinn	Connor	McCurtain's, London	Donaghmore
41	Mulgrew	Marcus	Nemo Rangers, Cork	Donaghmore
42	McNulty	Eoin	Owen Roes	Na Piarasigh, Limerick
43	Kelly	Daniel	Eskra	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
44	McSorley	Christopher	Beragh	Sinn Féin, Victoria
45	Reid	Shea	Drumragh	St Patrick's, Toronto
46	McAnenly	Pauric	Errigal Ciaran	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
47	Quinn	Connor	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Donaghmore
48	Fee	Jack	Coalisland	Young Irelands, Philadelphia
49	Barton	Jordan	Killyclogher	Young Irelands, Philadelphia
50	Day	Sean	Brackaville	Young Irelands, Philadelphia
51	Donnelly	Liam	Edendork	Young Irelands, Philadelphia
52	McAleer	Sean Óg	Gortin	Young Irelands, Philadelphia
53	Quinn	Rhys	Clonoe	St Patrick's, Cleveland
54	McSorley	Seamus	Drumragh	Milltown, Kildare
55	Lee	John	Stewartstown	Éire Óg, London
56	McElduff	Corey	Carrickmore	Ulster, USA
57	Campbell	Jonathan	Beragh	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia
58	Kelly	Brian	Cookstown	Molly Malone's, Wellington
59	Mallon	Kristian	Ardboe	St Mary's, Sligo
60	Murray	Caolan	Tattyreagh	Ulster, USA
61	Devine	Marc	Leicester Naomh Pádraig	Strabane
62	Garrity	Colm	Clonard, Meath	Trillick
63	Gormley	Pádraig	Carrickmore	St Michael's, Toronto
64	McCaughey	Odhran	Killeeshil	St Michael's, Toronto
65	Fox	Bradley	Omagh	Connemara Gaels, USA
66	Leonard	Declan	Killyclogher	Amsterdam
67	Spiers	Colm	Moortown	Toronto Gaels
68	Hurl	Tiarnan	Moortown	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
69	Gillen	Christopher	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Greencastle
70	Madden	Ryan	Edendork	St Mary's, Sligo
71	Kelly	Jamie	Trillick	St Finian's, Western Canada
72	Mullan	Daniel	Omagh	St Joseph's, London
73	Byrne	Andrew	Naomh Colum Cille	Western Swans, W.Australia
74	Carson	Darren	Young Ireland's, Philadelphia	Errigal Ciaran
75	McKeever	Ciaran	Clonoe	Ballincollig, Cork
76	Nestor	Padraic	Castlegar, Galway	Naomh Colum Cille
77	Currie	Gerard	Dungannon	John Mitchell's, Lancashire
78	Gervin	Aodhan	St Kiernan's, London	Derrylaughan
79	McAleer	Sean Óg	Young Irelands, Philadelphia	Gortin
80	Sheeky	Edward	St Peter's, Lancashire	Ardboe



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81	Cullinan	Eoin	Tattyreagh	Parnell's, London
82	Mullan	Ryan	Carrickmore	Scoil Uí Chonail, Dublin
83	Morgan	Kiefer	Dungannon	John Mitchell's, Lancashire
84	Muldoon	Stephen	John Mitchell's, Lancashire	Eglish
85	McCarney	Aaron	Southern District, Western Australia	Fintona
86	Walsh	Danny	Neasden Gaels, London	Strabane
87	Mallon	Padraig	Edendork	Fullen Gaels, Lancashire
88	Mallon	Padraig	Eoghan Ruadh	Fullen Gaels, Lancashire
89	Wylie	Thomas	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Ardboe
90	Mossey	Michael	Southern District, Western Australia	Gortin
91	Sheeky	Edward	Ardboe	St Peter's, Lancashire
92	McKenna	Stefan	Sinn Fein, Victoria	Dungannon
93	McCartan	Ronan	Loughmacrory	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
94	McCullagh	John	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Greencsatle
95	Duffy	Aidan	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Ardboe
96	Spiers	Colm	Toronto Gaels	Moortown
97	Birt	James	Moy	Manhattan Gaels, New York
98	Corrigan	Cathal	Vancouver Eire Og	Errigal Ciaran
99	McGuigan	Christopher	Moortown	Harps, Queensland
100	Ward	Darragh	St Vincent's, Yorkshire	Gortin
101	McCarney	Aaron	Fintona	Southern Districts, W. Australia
102	Devlin	Eunan	St Kiernan's, London	Ardboe
103	Connolly	Adam	Kildress	Longford, New York
104	Mossey	Michael	Gortin	Southern Districts, W. Australia
105	McRory	Stephen	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Errigal Ciaran
106	Gallen	Steafan	Trinity Gaels, Dublin	Castleberg
107	Hayes	Mark	Parnell's, Chicago	Killyclogher
108	O'Neill	Cormac	Sinn Fein, Victoria	Omagh
109	Hurl	Matthew	Moortown	Harps, Queensland
110	McKenna	Ronan	Moortown	Harps, Queensland
111	McGinley	Paul	Eskra	Round Towers, London
112	Devlin	Darren	Southern Districts, W. Australia	Kildress
113	Muldoon	Kevin	Eglish	Bondi Gaels, NSW
114	McCullagh	Kevin	Penrith Gaels, NSW	Glenelly
115	Murray	Niall	Omagh	Oisin's, Lancashire
116	Groogan	Ben	St Finbarr's Cork	Omagh
117	McCaul	Sean	St Brendan's, Lancs	Donaghmore
118	McRory	Stephen	Errigal Ciaran	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
119	Holland	Callum	Connemara Gaels, Boston	Kildress
120	Molloy	Edward	Sinn Féin, Victoria	Beragh
121	Hayes	Mark	Parnell's, Chicago	Killyclogher
122	Molloy	Gary	Dungannon	John Mitchell's, Lancashire
123	McElroy	Rory	Aidan McAnespie's, Boston	Clogher



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124	O'Doherty	Charles	Fulham Irish	Owen Roes
125	Campbell	Jonathan	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	Beragh
126	Barton	Jordan	Young Irelands, Philadelphia	Killyclogher
127	Ward	Darragh	Gortin	St Vincent's, Yorkshire
128	Devlin	Eunan	St Kiernan's, London	Ardboe
129	Cassidy	Conrad	Moortown	Harps, Queensland
130	McAleer	Tiarnan	Omagh	St Benedict's Harps, Yorkshire
131	Lynch	Oisin	Aghyaran	Oisin's, Lancashire
132	Mulgrew	Caolan	Donaghmore	Wandsworth Gaels, London
133	Conneely	Sean	Greencastle	Cuchulainn, Newcastle Yorks.
134	Woods	Johnny	Beragh	Cuchulainn, Newcastle Yorks.
135	Dorman	Conan	St Michael's, Toronto	Derrytresk
136	Mason	Paul	Eglish	Bondi Gaels, NSW
137	McSorley	Conor	Aghyaran	Harps, Queensland
138	O'Neill	Cormac	Omagh	Sinn Féin, Victoria
139	Bradley	Fox	Connemara Gaels, Boston	Omagh
140	Kelly	Michael	Southern Districts, W. Australia	Éire Óg, Carrickmore
141	McVeigh	Tiarnan	Eglish	Bondi Gaels, NSW

Transfer Applications Approved by Comhairle Uladh

No	Surname	Forename	Present Club	New Club
1	Carroll	Dean	Drumragh	Creggan Kickham's Antrim
2	Devlin	James	East Belfast	Cookstown
3	Carty	Paul	Warrenpoint	Carrickmore
4	McBride	Rory	Omagh	Bredagh
5	Gallagher	Michael	Omagh	Bredagh
6	Murray	Peter	Cookstown	St John's, Antrim
7	Quinn	Emmett	Omagh	Bredagh
8	Mongan	Martin	Strabane	Lifford
9	Somers	Aaron	Drumaness, Down	Rock
10	Robinson	Michael	Derrytresk	Lissummon, Armagh
11	Coyle	Eoin	Pomeroy	Erin's Own, Cargin
12	Flynn	Ciaran	Aghdrumsee	Fintona
13	Fee	Michael	Donagh	Cúchulainn an Ghleanna
14	McGarry	Cathal	Lisbellaw	Cúchulainn an Ghleanna
15	McKenna	Declan	Truagh	Cúchulainn an Ghleanna
16	Brennan	Shane	Drumaness, Down	Cúchulainn an Ghleanna
17	McBride	Fintan	Dungannon	St Malachy's, Antrim
18	Maneely	Ronan	Edendork	St Malachy's, Antrim
19	Donnelly	Mark	Eglish	An Port Mór
20	Meenagh	Fergal	Killyclogher	St Brigid's, Antrim
21	O'Hagan	James	Brackaville	Limavady



No	Surname	Forename	Present Club	New Club
22	Mullan	Colm	Omagh	East Belfast
23	Higgins	Feargal	Dungiven	Loughmacrory
24	Cullen	Oisin	Clonoe	Annaghmore
25	Herron	Paul	Coalisland	Sarsfields
26	McQuaid	Daniel		East Belfast
27	McGrath	Colm	Killyclogher	St Enda's, Antrim
28	Devine	Conor	Drumragh	Bredagh
29	McBride	Mark	Omagh	East Belfast
30	Colville	Lee	Naomh Colum Cille	Ballinascreen
31	Irvine	Nicky	Ederney	Coalisland
32	Mullan	Tom	Bredagh	Cookstown
33	Ferry	Sean	Strabane	Lifford
34	Conway	Donard	Brackaville	Glenn
35	Tennyson	Shea	Derrytresk	Maghery
36	McElhill	Proinnsias	Red Hugh's, Donegal	Aghyaran
37	Lynch	Shea	Derrytresk	St Malachy's, Antrim
38	Clarke	Ryan	Omagh	Bredagh
39	Farry	Oisin	Trillick	Coa, Fermanagh
40	Varsani	Ronan	Killyman	St Malachy's, Antrim
41	Martin	Thomas	Clann Eireann, Armagh	Killyman
43	Maguire	Shane	Clonoe	Clonmore, Armagh
44	Mallon	Costin	An Port Mór	Drumquin
45	McShane	Eunan	Cookstown	East Belfast
46	Duggan	Conor	Strabane	Naomh Padraig, Lifford
47	Gallen	Niall	St Claret's, London	Castleberg
48	McAleer	Shane	Robert Emmett's, Donegal	Castleberg
49	O'Kane	Darren	Kildress	Moneymore
50	Mackle	Tiarnan	Kildress	Ogra Colmcille, Derry
51	Dooher	Eoghan	Clann na nGael	St Mary's Ardmore, Derry
52	Bryson	Keelan	Strabane	Naomh Padraig, Lifford
53	Coyle	Martin	Cookstown	Ogra Colmcille, Derry
54	Coyle	Nathan	Cookstown	Ogra Colmcille, Derry
55	McNicholl	Christopher	Cookstown	Ogra Colmcille, Derry
56	McGarry	Declan	Lisbellaw	Cuchulainn an Ghleann
57	McGettigan	Cormac	Killyclogher	Downings
58	Friel	Karl	Lifford	Strabane
59	Duffy	Christopher	Carryduff	Errigal Ciaran
60	Lafferty	Mark	Robert Emmett's, Donegal	Urney
61	Gilmore	Gerard	Sigerson's Strabane	Red Hugh's Donegal
62	McNulty	Gary	Robert Emmett's, Donegal	Urney
63	Murray	Peter	East Belfast	Cookstown
64	Breslin	John	Naomh Pádraig, Lifford	Strabane
65	Murray	Keelan	Aghyaran	Faughanvale



No	Surname	Forename	Present Club	New Club
66	Gervin	Michael	Brackaville	St Paul's, Down
67	Kelly	Jay	Edendork	Clonmore, Armagh
68	Campbell	Jack	Ballinderry	Moy
69	Scott	Conan	Ballinderry	Moortown
70	McGovern	Kaden	Trillick	Irvinestown
71	McBride	Pearse	Convoy, Donegal	Donaghmore
72	Potter	Barry	Cookstown	Castledawson

Transfer Applications Approved by Coiste Thír Eoghain

No	Surname	Forename	Present Club	New Club
1	Kennedy	Conor	Stewartstown	Dungannon
2	Keenan	Tony	Edendork	Coalisland
3	McGoldrick	Peter	Edendork	Pomeroy
4	Conlon	Louis	Killeeshil	Donaghmore
6	Donnelly	Ryan	Derrytresk	Clonoe
7	O'Gara	Tiarnan	Éire Óg, Carrickmore	Cúchulainn an Ghleanna
8	Donnelly	Cathal	Éire Óg, Carrickmore	Cúchulainn an Ghleanna
9	Owens	Ryan	Éire Óg, Carrickmore	Cúchulainn an Ghleanna
10	Havlin	Adam	Killyclogher	Gortin
11	Havlin	Jason	Killyclogher	Gortin
12	McKee	Owen	Eglish	Aghaloo
13	Magee	Ryan	Coalisland	Derrytresk
14	Linden	Pádraig	Brackaville	Edendork
15	Porter	Robert	Tattyreagh	Killyclogher
16	Tierney	Peter	Éire Óg, Carrickmore	Cúchulainn an Ghleanna
17	Allen	Jamie	Tattyreagh	Brackaville
18	Gervin	Ciaran	Ardboe	Brackaville
22	McGrath	Nathan	Coalisland	Derrytresk
23	Walsh	Aaron	Tattyreagh	Killyclogher
24	Shields	Donovan	Stewartstown	Coalisland
25	Donnelly	Caoímhlin	Clonoe	Killyman
30	McNally	Sean	Brackaville	Coalisland



SANCTIONS TO USA - 2022

No.	Name	Club	USA Club	Approval Date
1	Eoin McNally	Derrytresk	Young Irelands Philadelphia	07/06/2022
2	James Garrity	Trillick	Connemara Gaels, Boston	02/06/2022
3	Jack Mullan	Eglis	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	08/06/2022
4	James Morgan	Dungannon	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	08/06/2022
5	Brian McNulty	Dungannon	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	08/06/2022
6	Conor McKee	Dungannon	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	08/06/2022
7	Gareth Devlin	Stewartstown	Parnell's, Chicago	09/06/2022
8	Caolan Slevin	Dromore	Wolfe Tone's, Boston	10/06/2022
9	Conor Meyler	Omagh	Parnell's, Chicago	13/06/2022
10	Michael McKernan	Coalisland Naomh	Parnell's, Chicago	14/06/2022
11	Piaras McSorley	Eoghan	Young Irelands Philadelphia	21/06/2022
12	Conor Mallon	Edendork	Young Irelands Philadelphia	21/06/2022
13	Cormac Monroe	Carrickmore	Young Irelands Philadelphia	22/06/2022
14	Peter McCartan	Errigal Ciaran	Young Irelands Philadelphia	22/06/2022
15	John Duffy	Ardboe	St Patrick's, Cleveland	24/06/2022
16	Niall Devlin	Coalisland	St Patrick's, Philadelphia	24/06/2022
17	Ruairi Canavan	Errigal Ciaran	St Patrick's, Philadelphia	29/06/2022
18	Adam McElwee	Owen Roes	Aidan McAnespie's, Boston	29/06/2022
19	Micheál McGleenan	Eglis	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	29/06/2022
20	James Donaghy	Carrickmore	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	30/06/2022
21	Ryan Bradley	Eglis	Kevin Barry's, Philadelphia	01/07/2022
22	Ronan Donaghy	Loughmacrory	Fionn Mac Cumhaill, SW, USA	05/07/2022

SANCTIONS TO NEW YORK - 2022

No.	Name	Club	USA Club	Approval Date
1	Mark McKearney	Dungannon	Donegal, New York	20/06/2022
2	Oran Mallon	Dungannon	Westmeath, New York	28/06/2022

SANCTIONS TO CANADA - 2022

No.	Name	Club	Canadian Club	Approval Date
1	Pádraig Ward	Rock	St Michael's, Toronto	09/06/2022

