



**CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL  
COISTE THÍR EOGHAIN**

**AN CHOMHDHÁIL BHLIANTÚIL 2024**  
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### 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 Chairperson may, at any time they consider 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 Chairperson, move 'that the question now be 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.

### CLÁR AGENDA

1. Amhrán na bhFiann
2. Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deireanaí 2023
3. Ag éirí as na miontuairiscí
4. Glacadh le Buan-orduithe Orduithe Seasaimh
5. Tuarascáil an Rúnaí
6. Tuarascála na Fo-Choistí
7. An Cuntas Airgeadais
8. Óráid an Chathaoirligh
9. Na Rúin
10. Na Moltaí
11. Toghchán Choiste na Bliana 2025
12. Dúnadh na Comhdhála

# MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA COMHDHÁLA 2023

## MINUTES OF CONVENTION 2023

**An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Contae Thír Eoghain was held on Tuesday 12th December 2023.**

Attendance at County Convention was as follows:

**Cathaoirleach**

Máirtín Ó Sludáin (An Droim Mór)

**Leas-Cathaoirleach**

Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh (Trí Leac)

**Rúnaí**

Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara (Éire Óg)

**Leas-Rúnaí**

Adamhnamh Ó Loingsigh (Gleann Eallaigh)

**Cisteoir**

Niall Mac Cionnaoith (Coill an Chlochair)

**Leas-Cisteoir**

Seán Mag Uiginn (An Charraig Mhór)

**Ball Ard Chomhairle**

Breandán Ó hEarghaill (Ard Bó)

**Baill Comhairle Uladh**

Conchúr Mac Sálaigh (An Ómaigh)

**Baill Comhairle Uladh**

Micheálín Nic an Choiligh (Droim Ratha)

**Oifigeach Chairdreamh Poiblí**

Ruairí Mac an Choiligh (Droim Ratha)

**Oifigeach Oilúna**

Damán Ó hÁirmhí (An Chorr Chríochach)

**Oifigeach Iománaw**

Aodhán Mag Uidhír (Naomh Eoghain)

**Oifigeach Pleanála agus Traenála**

Ruairí Ó Briain (Loch Mhic Ruairí)

**Oifigeach na bPáistí**

Stiofán Mac Searraigh (Achadh Lú)

**Bainisteoir Oibríochtaí (non-voting)**

Niall Ó Maoldúin (Ard Bó)

Club	Co. Comm. Member	Club Delegates
Achadh Lú	Patrick Colton	Cuthbert Donnelly, Pearse Gildernew
Achadh Uí Arain	Patsy Connolly	Brendan Gallen, Kieran McGuire
Ard Bó		Ciaran Quinn
Eochar	Patrick Donnelly	Conor McElroy, Niall Mulrine
Bearach	Damian Corrigan	Michael McCann
Breac an Bhíle	Sean Quinn	Brian McGeary
Brocach	Sean Quinn	Declan McCloskey
An Charraig Mhór	Christina McElduff	Maurice McPhillips, Patrick McPhillips
Caisleán na Deirge	Joe Leonard	Mark Lynch, Brian Coyle
Clann na nGael	Conor McAleer	Justin Devin
Clochár	Ciaran McKenna	Eugene McConnell
Cluain Eo		
Oileán an Ghuail	Cyril Shields	Gerard McStravick
An Chorr Chríochach	John McCrystal	Raymond Donnelly
Doire Lochain	Peter Kennedy	
Doire Treasc		Eamon Campbell, Patrick O'Neill
Domhnach Mór	Patsy Hetherington	Darren Torres
An Droim Mór	Martin McGrath	Joe Rafferty, Gerry Hannigan
Droim Caoin	Paul McCusker	Ryan McCallion
Droim Ratha		Adrian O'Kane, Darren Mullin
Dún Geanainn	Joe Toner	Oliver Donnelly, Michael Cummings
Eadán na dTorc	Brendan Nelis	Niall McGuinness
An Eaglais	Sean Donaghy	Brian Murtagh, Cathal Daly
Éire Óg	Colin Mullin	Rory McCallan, Ciaran McElhatton
Eoghan Ruadh	Thomas Colton	
E. R. Uí Néill		Stephen Boyle
Aireagal Chiaráin	Tommy Traynor	Dan Hackett, Eamon Kelly
Eisceach		Cathal McNamee, Karl Gartland
Fionntamhnach	Kieran Cranny	Pat McAtee, Kevin Hegarty
An Gallbhaile		Noel McKeown, Plunkett Nugent
Gleann Eallaigh	Fergal McAnaney	Dylan Flanagan
An Goirtín	Barbara Ward	Brian Muldoon, Anne Marie McNulty
An Caisleán Glas	Francis Bradley	Charlie Warnock, Martin Haughey
Cill Dhreasa	Mark Conway	Donna Hagan, Dominic McGurk
Cill Íseal	Dominic Donaghy	Colm Rafferty
Coill an Chlochair		Liam Cunningham, Eamon McGrath
Cill na mBán	Conor McGahan	
Loch Mhic Ruairí	Barney Gallagher	Mark Grimes, Ryan Keenan
Baile na Móna	Pat O'Neill	Patrick Kelly, Anne Devlin
An Mháigh	Paddy McKeown	Mary Daly
Naomh Colum Cille	Ronan McSherry	Louise McVeigh, Damian Nixon
Naomh Eoghan	Terry Timoney	Declan Devine, Ryan Coyle
An Ómaigh	Declan Devlin	Seamus Hannigan, Ciaran McDaid
Cabhán a'Chaortainn		Eddie Quinn
An Charraig	Colm Mackle	Barry Ruddy
An Chraobh		Martin Campbell, Damian McConville
An Srath Bán	Phelim Kerlin	Ciaran McLaughlin, Liam Sweeney
An Taite Riabhach	Nigel Mullin	Trease Armstrong, Luke Darcy
Trí Leac	Raymond Monteith	Liam Donnelly, Malachy McElholm
Urnaí	Pat Holland	Desmond Roulston, Vincent Langan
Ball an Choiste	Gerard Bradley	
Referees' Administrator	Shane Dorriety	

The launch took place of the fifth volume of “The GAA in Tyrone Memories 1900- 1956” by Joseph Martin.

Rúnaí Michael Kerr gave an introduction of how the book came to fruition and welcomed Joe’s children Sinead and Ciaran Martin. Both Sinead and Ciaran spoke and gave thanks to the various contributors to all of the previous histories and gave an outline of what the book covered.

### 1.0 Amhrán na bhFiann

The National Anthem was sung by Mollie Ennis (Coill an Chlochair).

### 2.0 Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála Deireanaí 2022

Minutes of the 2022 convention were proposed as accurate by Peter Kennedy (Derrylaughan Kevin Barry’s) and seconded by Cuthbert Donnelly (Aghaloo O’Neill’s).

### 3.0 Ag éirí as na miontuairiscí

Damian Corrigan noted that the Beragh delegates to convention 2022 were Brian McCartan & Paddy Mullan.

### 4.0 Glacadh le Buan-orduithe Orduithe Seasaimh

Standing orders were adopted on the proposal of Pat McAtee (Fintona Pearse’s) & seconded by Patsy Connolly (Aghyaran St Davog’s)

### 5.0 Tuarascáil an Rúnaí

Consideration was given to the comprehensive Secretary’s Report with the following points noted;

**5.1** Ronan McSherry (Naomh Colum Cille) asked that two members of the Tyrone County Minor hurling panel (C McMurray & T Kelly-Watt) be attributed as Naomh Colum Cille players rather than Ardboe players.

**5.2** Chairperson sympathised with the Kildress Wolfe Tone’s club and the McGuigan and Treacy Families on the untimely death of Matthew McGuigan in Australia. Dominic McGurk (Kildress Wolfe Tone’s)

thanked all the clubs for their support and said it was hoped to have Matthew back home on Thursday evening with his funeral provisionally planned for Sunday.

**5.3** Sympathies were extended to all those that lost loved ones throughout 2023.

**5.4** The Secretary’s Report was adopted on the proposal of Liam Cunningham (Killyclogher St Mary’s) and seconded by Cathal Daly (Eglis St Patrick’s)

### 6.0 Tuarascála na Fo-Choistí

The various subcommittee reports were given consideration;

- (i) CCC
- (ii) Coaching & Games
- (iii) Hurling Development
- (iv) Communications
- (v) Culture & Language
- (vi) Children’s Officer & Safeguarding
- (vii) Planning & Training
- (viii) Garvaghey Management
- (ix) PR & Marketing
- (x) Hearings
- (xi) Referee’s Administration
- (xii) Strategic Planning
- (xiii) IT
- (xiv) Health & Wellbeing
- (xv) Safety & Facilities
- (xvi) A5

**6.1** Cathaoirleach Martin Sludden thanked the chair of the sub-committees and their members for the great work they do for Tyrone GAA. He thanked Donal Magee in particular for stepping in as chair of the Culture and Language committee midway through the year.

**6.2** Rúnaí Cúnta Eunan Lindsay paid tribute to the great efforts and impact of the A5 work group in such a short space of time and hoped that the findings of the public inquiry would reflect the excellent work they had done.

### 7.0 An Cuntas Airgeadais

**7.1** Cisteor Niall McKenna gave the Treasurer’s report and welcomed

Auditor Ryan Falls of Cavanagh Kelly to convention. It was noted that with the year-end now taking place on 30th September that a substantial portion of the gate receipt / streaming figures were in relation to the 2022 season.

**7.2** Total income for the year rose from 1.71m in 2022 to 1.89m in 2023 with the total expenditure also rising from 1.8m to 1.98m. With the addition of the Club Tyrone contribution of 138k the retained surplus for the year was 39k.

**7.3** The Balance sheet indicated Current Assets of 1.05m with Current Liabilities of 489k resulting in a Net Assets figure of £6.03m compared to the 2022 figure of 6m. It was also noted that the loan on Garvaghey was now repaid in full.

**7.4** The Treasurer’s report was adopted on the proposal of Damian McConville (Stewartstown Harps) & seconded by Eamon McGrath (Killyclogher St Mary’s)

### 8.0 Óráid an Chathaoirligh 2023

A Chairde Gael,

I would like to welcome everyone to the Tyrone County Convention for 2023.

Having completed my first year, I would like to thank everyone who supported me throughout the year. Firstly, I would like to thank all the volunteers who took up roles on various sub-committees. Many of these people have leading roles in their own clubs and Tyrone GAA are indebted to them for giving up their time so freely.

As everyone is aware, when you are entering Garvaghey, you can see the pristine condition of our playing fields, changing rooms and offices. This is all due to the work of our full-time staff in Niall, Gregory, Anne Marie, Roisin and Paddy.

To our sponsors, I thank you so sincerely for your generosity to Tyrone GAA. Without your commitment Tyrone GAA would struggle to support our football and hurling teams. Seamus and Eamon (McAlear & Rushe), Tony (O'Neill's), Vivian (Connolly's of Moy), Terence (Donnelly Group), Brian (Rocwell), Chris and Darragh (Begley's Sports) and John (Power NI).

Earlier I mentioned volunteers and I can't go without mentioning Fergal, Brian, Paul and Gerard. Not a penny do they ask for. How many counties can say that? All four have been returned for new three-year terms. I would like to wish them well and you can be reassured they will receive the full support of Tyrone GAA.

Our hurlers entered Division 2B of the National League and played in the Christy Ring Cup this year. After three years in charge, Michael McShane stepped down as manager. I want to thank Michael for all his hard work over the three years.

Stephen McGarry, who was coach under Michael, has taken up the role of senior manager. Stephen has been appointed on three-year term. Like the footballers I want to reassure Stephen they will receive the full backing of Tyrone GAA.

One of the highlights of this year was the installation of the new floodlights in O'Neill's Healy Park. An investment of £225,000 has been made into the project and we can all see the difference this had made. Thank you to Niall McKenna, Rory O'Brien and Conor Sally for delivering this project.

Our next project is the lights at Dungannon Clarkes, at a projected cost of over £300,000. Again, Niall and Rory will lead the project, along with the officers of Dungannon Clarkes.

Clubs continue to upgrade their facilities. Derrylaughan, Stewartstown, Dungannon, Aghaloo, Trillick have

all run successful fundraising draws to help ease the financial burden on their members. Presently Greencastle, Edendork, Pomeroy and Dromore are running draws and have ambitious plans. Carrickmore have plans for new year.

Our club championships have all come to end and I want to congratulate Omagh, Eire Óg, Fintona, Pomeroy and Trillick on winning their respective titles.

To all the all clubs who lost loved ones throughout the year, on behalf Tyrone GAA I send our deepest sympathies, most recently to the Kildress Wolfe Tone's club on the sad passing of Matthew McGuigan.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife, Margaret. Over the last 30 years, she has been so accommodating and understanding, which has allowed me to serve Tyrone GAA.

**Máirtín Ó Sludáin**  
**Cathaoirleach**  
**Coiste Chontae Thír Eoghain**

## **9.0 Na Rúin**

**9.1** Cathaoirleach Martin Sludden called for the suspension of standing orders for the consideration of two additional motions to convention. This was adopted on the proposal of Kieran McGuire (Aghyaran St Davog's) & seconded by Christina McElduff (An Charraig Mhór)

**9.1 (a)** Niall McKenna tabled the following motion;

"Tyrone GAA, once again, call upon DfI to confirm the immediate and full delivery of the A5 dual-carriageway. The existing A5 road has caused undue carnage, resulting in needless death, injuries and trauma for far too many years.

Tyrone GAA stands in full solidarity with the families of all the victims of the A5. We commend the bravery of these families speaking out against

this great injustice and thank them for their commitment to the new A5. The people of Tyrone have made it clear that ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

The Department's ongoing discussions with contractors is noted and welcomed by us and, therefore, we believe that there should be no further impediment to the commencement of the entire scheme in 2024."

This was adopted on the proposal of Colin Mullin (Éire Óg Carrickmore) and seconded by Eamon McGrath (Killyclogher St Mary's) and was passed unanimously.

**9.1 (b)** Michael Kerr tabled the following motion, with input from Benny Hurl;

"During this year, Tyrone GAA passed resolutions to support the Brown family from Bellaghy, as they seek to uncover the circumstances surrounding the death of Sean, Chairman of the Wolfe Tones club, in 1997.

Sean was doing what a lot of GAA officers and volunteers do regularly, locking up the clubrooms at night. Sean's inquest, 26 years later, is taking place against the backdrop of the Government's new legacy act, which states that any legacy inquests that have not reached the point of verdict by May 1st 2024 will be discontinued.

Insult is being heaped onto to injury, by the determined effort of some parties to ensure that the inquest into Sean's death cannot be completed. Their objective must not be allowed to succeed. Similar tactics are being employed in stalling the case of Patsy Kelly who was abducted and killed on 24th July 1974.

In this motion, Tyrone GAA support the campaign of the Brown Family from Bellaghy, The Kelly Family from Trillick and all other families impacted by the legacy act, to have access to the

justice system which could facilitate the emergence of the truth. This access should not be time limited.

This motion also calls on both Ulster GAA and the National GAA to similarly record their support for the Browns, Kellys and all families impacted by this Legacy Act.”

This was adopted on the proposal of Thomas Colton (Eoghan Ruadh) and seconded by Barney Gallagher (Loughmacrory St Teresa’s) and was passed unanimously.

**9.1 (c)** Standing orders were readopted on the proposal of Cathal Daly and was seconded by Brian Murtagh (both Eglis St Patrick’s)

**9.2** Motions 1 & 2 were proposed by Gerard Bradley and seconded by Barbara Ward on behalf of Gortin St Patrick’s.

The rational was given and both motions were passed without further discussion.

**9.3** Motion 3 was proposed by Gerard Bradley on behalf of Gortin St Patrick’s and seconded by Mark Conway (Kildress Wolfe Tone’s).

The rational was given and was carried without further discussion.

## 10.0 Na Moltaí

**10.1** Recommendation 1 was proposed by Eunan Lindsay on behalf of Coiste Contae Tír Eoghain and was seconded by Sean Quinn (Brackaville Owen Roes). The rational was given and was carried without further discussion.

**10.2** Recommendation 2 was proposed by Benny Hurl on behalf of Coiste Contae Tír Eoghain and was seconded by Barbara Ward (Gortin St Patrick’s). The rational was given and there were further contributions in favour of the recommendation from Cathal Daly and Mark Conway. The recommendation was carried.

**10.3** The remainder of the motions were referred to their respective subcommittees. Discussion took place on recommendation 4 and recommendation 7.

**10.4** Mark Conway (Kildress Wolfe Tone’s) asked if permission could be given to proceed with planning application for a project to roof the MUGA if funding became available. Niall McKenna asked if the cost of planning permission could be gauged before approval is given.

**10.5** Eamon McGrath (Killyclogher St Mary’s) queried if previous recommendations had been discussed with the clubs proposing them before the relevant sub-committees making a decision, and if not could this be something that was looked into.

## 11.0 Togchán Choiste na Bliana 2024

**11.1** The Cathaoirleach declared all positions vacant.

**11.2** Martin Sludden and Michael Kerr were appointed as Chairman and Secretary for the election of the new Committee, on the proposal of Cathal Daly which was seconded by Sean McGuigan.

**11.3** The voting strength was confirmed as 132.

**11.4** The following were elected to Coiste Bainistí for 2024 -

Cathaoirleach: Mairtín Ó Sludáin (Unopposed)

Rúnaí: Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara (Unopposed)

Cisteoir: Niall Mac Cionnaith (Unopposed)

Leas-Chathaoirleach: Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh (Unopposed)

Rúnaí Cúnta: Adamhnán Ó Loingsigh (Unopposed)

Cisteoir Cúnta: Séan Mag Uiginn (Unopposed)

Ball Ard-Comhairle: Breandán Ó hEarghaill (Unopposed)

Oifigeach Cultúir & Teanga: Dearbhla Ní Scealláin (Unopposed)

Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí: Ruairí Mac an Choiligh (Unopposed)

Oifigeach Oiliúna: Daimian Ó hÁirmhí (Unopposed)

Oifigeach Iomána: Aodhán Mag Uidhir (Unopposed)

Baill Chomhairle Uladh: (Valid votes cast: 132. Quota Required: 45 votes)

Micheálín Nic an Choiligh (1st Count: 42 votes, 2nd Count: 47 votes - Elected)

Ruairí Ó Briain (1st Count: 53 votes - Elected)

Conchúr Mac Sálaigh (1st Count: 36 votes, 2nd Count: 39 votes - Eliminated)

**11.5** The following appointments were ratified by convention for 2024 on the proposal of Cathal Daly (Eglis St Patrick’s) and seconded by Ciaran McKenna (Clogher Eire Og):

Children’s Officer - Ursula McElroy (An Charraig Mhór)

Demographics Officer - Gerard Bradley (Gortin St Patrick’s)

Planning & Training Officer - TBC

## 12.0 Dúnadh na Comhdhála

Convention concluded at 9.50pm with prayers for the deceased led by Dermot McCaughey.

# TUARASCÁIL AN RÚNAÍ

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### INTREOIR INTRODUCTION

As another year of Gaelic games activity across the county draws to a close, we can take great delight from the fact Tír Eoghain continues to be represented with distinction at all levels of the Association, both on and off the field of play. Our teams at county, club and schools level, as well as many individuals from the county, have experienced the highs and lows which sport, and life, has to offer. But regardless of their success or disappointment, they can be assured of our thanks for representing the county

At Inter-county level, pride of place goes to the Tír Eoghain U20 Footballers who captured Ulster and All-Ireland titles in 2024. The county was again thrilled by the success of our Post-Primary Schools in the Ulster Schools' Senior competitions. Omagh CBS claimed back-to-back MacRory Cup titles with victory over St Patrick's Academy Dungannon, the second year in a row that the final was an all-Tyrone contest. They then beat St Gerald's Castlebar before heading to Páirc an Chrócaigh on Saturday 16th March. After a close first half Omagh CBS produced a scintillating second half display of football, thus retaining the Hogan Cup against Mercy Mounthawk from Ciarraí on a score of 3-14 to 0-11.

Some of the Hogan Cup team, within days were back playing with the U20 county team. Their goal was to win a second All-Ireland title in three years. The team showed great belief, fortitude and spirit to carve out victories over Muineachán and Doire in the Ulster Semi Final and Final respectively. The All-Ireland Semi Final was staged in Breffni Park against Ros Comáin on Saturday 11th May with Tír Eoghain emerging victorious on a scoreline of 3-18 to 3-8. The following Sunday, 19th May, all roads led to O'Moore Park in Portlaoise for a showdown with Ciarraí. After a great display the Clarke Cup was returning

to the Red Hand County on a score of 1-20 to 1-14. The presentation was made by the recently installed Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Jarlaith Ó Broin. His eloquent introduction of our captain Michael Rafferty will be remembered for a long time. Jarlath's compassionate words regarding the tragic death of John Rafferty were well received by Tyrone Gaels and a reflection of his empathy and kindness, as well as showing how in touch with the grass-roots he is. We congratulate Jarlath on his appointment and wish him well for the tenure of Presidency. He is off to a great start in presenting football trophies to Ulster Clubs and Counties. Long may it continue. It would be remiss of us not to mention and congratulate Doire on their successes in the All-Ireland Minor Football Championship and National Football League, and Ard Mhacha on their All-Ireland Senior Football Final victory over Gaillimh.

Both our Senior and Minor Footballers exited the Ulster Championship at the semi final stage (to Dún na nGall and Doire respectively). At Senior level, there was a disappointing defeat in the All-Ireland Preliminary Quarter Final stage to Ros Comáin, while following their provincial defeat the Minors entered an All-Ireland Tier 2 competition only to lose out to An Cabhán in the Semi Finals. For our Senior Hurlers, there was a Division 2B League Final appearance which ultimately ended in defeat (to Doire), but was enough to secure a place in Division 2 of the newly restructured National Leagues in 2025. They would also go on to secure their place in the Christy Ring Cup for a third successive season. The U20 Hurlers lost out in the All-Ireland B Championship to Cill Mhantáin but the U17 Celtic Challenge squad enjoyed a successful campaign, defeating Sligeach in the Final of the Corn Jerome O'Leary. The Masters Footballers completed the four-in-a-row in early September with a great victory over Ros Comáin in Breffni Park. Well done to the players and management of all our teams.

The club scene in the county continues to thrive, and in 2024 there were championship wins for Errigal Ciaran (SFC), Éire Óg (SHC), Derrylaughan (IFC), Killeeshil (JFC) and Omagh (JHC). Gortin (Div 2) and Drumquin (Div 3) were the respective winners of their divisions in the All-County League, while Éire Óg won the Senior Hurling League. Tasked with providing a comprehensive calendar of games, our CCC once again deserve our thanks and appreciation for the work they do. There were 43 underage competitions, in Football and Hurling, held within the county and our congratulations goes to all the successful teams.

Individuals worthy of mention include both Dearbhla Scallon (An Goirtín), our County Culture and Language Officer, and Sean Hurson (Gallbhaile), one of our referees. Dearbhla, for the professional manner she handled the role of Bean a Tí at the National Scor Finals in Killarney. Sean on his appointment to referee his second All-Ireland Senior Football Final. Well done to himself and his team of umpires Cathal Forbes, Martin Coney, Mel Taggart and Shane Dorrity.

One of the big issues in our province currently is the ongoing saga surrounding the development of Casement Park. While the decision of the British Government not to fund a Euro '28 compliant Casement Park was a disappointing one, there can be no further political delay in proceeding with the funding for the stadium. The delivery of Casement Park is again included in the draft Programme for Government published earlier this year, and it is now time for the Communities Minister and his Executive colleagues to deliver on the promise made to the GAA in 2011, to provide a stadium to meet the strategic needs of the GAA in the 21st century. Similar promises made to the IFA and Ulster Rugby were honoured and delivered eight years ago. The commentary and promises made by successive ministers, both local and UK, lead to 'the goalposts



being moved' and false dawns. This is a matter of equality, and our organisation cannot and should not be treated any different than others.

On our own development front this year, Tyrone GAA installed top of the range sports floodlighting at O'Neill Park, Dungannon. This project was led by Rory O'Brien and ably assisted by Mark Conway on behalf of Tyrone GAA, and the Dungannon Clarke's Officers. This project was originally costed for Tyrone GAA at over £430,000. However, by being patient, diligent, drawing down significant grant aid and employing some good old-fashioned haggling, this project cost Tyrone GAA £96,000, a net saving of £334,000. We are truly blessed to have volunteers at our disposal with these skills and capabilities. Thanks also goes to our grant funding partners, Mid-Ulster District Council, and the GAA at National and Provincial level. A special mention to Shane McCullagh of McAleer & Rushe, who provided us Marc Burns and Padraic Quinn from Caldwell Consulting (M&E consultants) to oversee the installation and commissioning.

Having criticised politicians earlier in the report, there is also a need to congratulate them. I welcome the announcement by John O'Dowd, on behalf of the Executive, that the Sion Mills to Ballygawley stretch of the A5 is again approved for construction. I am however disappointed, but not surprised, that this decision is currently under challenge by a very small number of objectors. Niall McKenna, Chairperson of the A5 - Enough is Enough group, has a substantial update included in this report. I congratulate him and his committee on their tremendous campaign work and wish them well over the next few very important months.

At this year's convention, our Coaching & Games Officer, Damian Harvey completes his five-year tenure. I congratulate Damian on the

professionalism he brought to the role, and his previous role as PRO for the county. His commitment to our Association over the years, even when holding as senior role in the Education sector, was commendable.

### **FOIREANN SINSIR PEILE SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM**

#### **DR McKENNA CUP**

The new season began with a home clash against Dún na nGall in the Dr McKenna Cup. A blanket of fog briefly dispersed, and it was the visitors who had the better of the opening exchanges, racing into a five point lead by the break. Four unanswered points at the beginning of the second half brought the home side back into the game, and a goal in the closing stages looked to have snatched victory. But to their credit, Dún na nGall struck for the final three scores to claim a two point victory.

Three days later there was a trip to the Athletic Grounds to face Ard Mhacha, where two goals in the space of a minute early in the first half burst the game into life. Tír

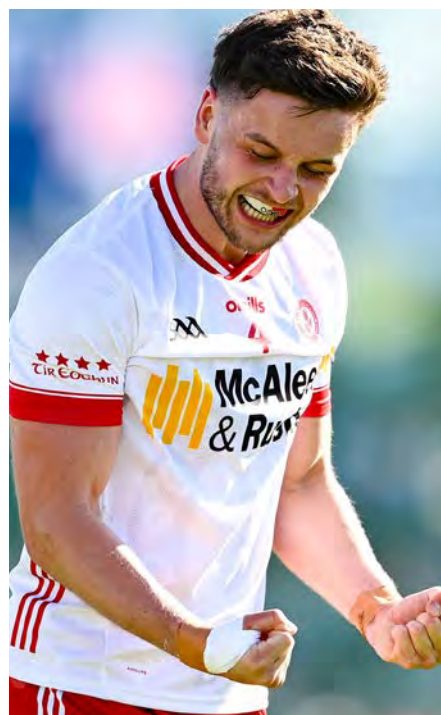
Eoghain got the first of those goals to open up a five point lead, but were immediately pegged back by the home side. Ard Mhacha enjoyed the better start to the second half, opening up a four point lead which they would hold for much of the half until a late goal reduced the gap to one just as the full time whistle was blown.

Once again the Dr McKenna Cup had provided two hugely competitive games in the pre-season window, with a number of players getting their first experience of Senior Inter-county football, despite failing to progress from the group.

#### **NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

As like the season before, Ros Comáin would provide the opposition for the first game of the National League as the westerners travelled to Healy Park. Fielding six debutants, Tír Eoghain started slowly and fell behind to an early Ros Comáin goal. However, as the half wore on they began to find their stride, and by the break had established a one point lead. The home side were dealt a blow early in the second half when reduced to 14 players, but this seemed to galvanise the team as they pushed further ahead to lead by five as the game entered the closing stages. A disallowed goal for the visitors was a welcome break as Tír Eoghain resisted a late rally to record an opening round victory for the first time in five seasons.

The following week Tír Eoghain visited Celtic Park for a Football/Hurling double header against the hosts, Doire. The home side played with a strong breeze at their backs in the opening half, and it was no surprise when they had opened up a three point lead by the break, 0-8 to 0-5. Tír Eoghain may have fancied themselves to take advantage of the elements in the second half, but they shot 10 wides in a lackluster display where a late goal secured a six point victory for the home side.



Gaillimh visited Healy Park in Round 3 and a bright opening quarter saw them lead by three before the hosts found their rhythm and reversed the scoreline to lead by two points at the break. But for the second game in a row, a disappointing second half lay in store, as Gaillimh grabbed the lead with a goal midway through the half, a lead they would keep hold of until the final whistle.

That sluggish form continued six days later, when Maigh Eo travelled to Healy Park and dominated the opening half against an out-of-sorts Tír Eoghain side. However, an inspired second half performance from the home side saw them collect a valuable two League points. Trailing by three at half time, few expected the turnaround that would materialise after the break, outscoring the visitors by 14 points to 7 to claim a four point victory.

A daunting trip to Killarney in Round 5 followed, where Tír Eoghain

struggled to hit the heights of two weeks previous as Ciarraí controlled the game from start to finish. It was an even start with both sides trading points in the opening quarter, but as the first half progressed the home side began to take control. By the midway point of the second half they were seven points in front, meaning a late rally from Tír Eoghain proved fruitless as Ciarraí claimed a 0-18 to 1-11 win.

That result raised the stakes for the meeting with neighbours Muineachán two weeks later, with both sides in need of a win.

Poor weather meant conditions were far from ideal, with credit to the Omagh St Enda's volunteers who ensured the pitch passed a late inspection. Despite the conditions, both sides served up an exciting game with long range points and a breakaway goal seeing the Red Hands lead by five points as they turned around. The visitors pushed

hard after the break, but the Tír Eoghain men held firm to claim a crucial win, 1-19 to 2-13.

That result secured a place in Division 1 for Tír Eoghain in 2025 ahead of the final round game against Áth Cliath. The home side dominated proceedings from the first whistle, as Tír Eoghain struggled to match the pace and power of their hosts. In the end, Áth Cliath would strike for five goals and secure a comfortable victory. That brought to a close an indifferent league campaign which, while littered with some inconsistent displays, ultimately secured Division 1 status and gave a number of players their first experience for football at this level.

#### ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Tír Eoghain travelled to Breffni Park in the Quarter Finals of the Ulster Championship to face a An Cabhán side who had already claimed an impressive Round One victory two



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David Mulgrew, Shea O'Hare, Michael O'Neill (Ard Bó), James Donaghy, Lorcan McGarrity (An Charraig Mhór), Niall Devlin, Pádraig Hampsey, Michael McKernan, Tiernan Quinn (Oileán an Ghuail), Brian Kennedy (Doire Locháin), Ronan Cassidy, Conor Cush, Lorcan Quinn (Domhnach Mór), Nathan McCarron (An Droim Mór), Conall Devlin, Dalaigh Jones, Ryan Jones (Dún Geanainn), Ben Cullen, Conn Kilpatrick, Darren McCurry, Niall Morgan (Éadan na dTorc), Michael McGleenan (An Eaglais), Darragh Canavan, Ruairí Canavan, Peter Harte, Joe Oguz, Cormac Quinn (Aireagal Chiaráin), Cormaic Donnelly (Gallbhaile), Michael Rafferty (Coill an Chlochair), Aodhan Donaghy, Eoin McElholm, Oisín O'Kane (Loch Mhic Ruairí), Tarlach Quinn (Baile na Móna), Steve Donaghy (An Mhaigh), Aidan Clarke, Conor Meyler (An Ómaigh), Cathal McShane (E.R. Uí Néill), Frank Burns, Kieran McGearry (Cabhán a'Chaorthainn), Ciarán Daly, Matthew Donnelly, James Garrity, Liam Gray, Ryan Gray, Seán O'Donnell (Trí Leac).

weeks previous. Yet, despite that game under their belt, it was the Red Hand side who hit the ground running, dominating the opening half to establish a nine point lead at half time. The home side made no real inroads to the deficit after the break, and as the game entered the final quarter Tír Eoghain still held an eight point lead. However, when reduced to 14 players following a black card, An Cabhán took full advantage, striking for two quick fire goals and levelling the game with less than 10 minutes remaining. Tír Eoghain steadied themselves with two points as the game entered additional time, but the home side would find two scores of their own to send the game to extra time. With both sides feeling the effects of 90+ minutes of Championship football, it was Tír Eoghain who emerged winners on a final score of 1-23 to 3-16.

Seven days later, Dún na nGall provided the opposition for the Semi Final clash at Celtic Park. A close-to-capacity crowd were treated to a captivating encounter, with a strong opening half from Tír Eoghain seeing them lead by three at the break. Dún na nGall re-emerged for the second half a different side, and quickly brought the sides level. Points were traded for much of the half and neither team could push clear. Dún na nGall took the lead with 15 minutes remaining on the clock, but in a nervy last quarter, Tír Eoghain created two scores to lead by one deep in additional time before a late equaliser for the second week in a row meant extra time was needed to find a winner. In the end, it proved a hurdle too far for the Red Hands, as Dún na nGall found an extra gear and claimed a two point win.

### ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

In one of the strange quirks of the current format of the All-Ireland Football Championship, our next opponents were again Dún na nGall, who in the four weeks from the previous meeting had claimed the

Ulster title. We were also drawn in the same group as Munster pair An Clár (Munster SFC Runners-Up) and Corcaigh.

Travelling to Ballybofey for that opening game, there was no repeat of the heroic performance a month previous, as the home side ran out comfortable winners in the end. It was an even first half with both sides landing some impressive scores. But in the second half, Dún na nGall were well in control, eventually claiming a seven point victory.

A first ever Championship meeting with An Clár was next up, played in front of a modest crowd at Healy Park. In a nervous opening half, two goals for Tír Eoghain helped to keep their noses in front, leading by four at the break. Both sides exchanged points at the beginning of the second half, before a red card reduced An Clár to 14 players which allowed the home side to record a somewhat flattering 14 point winning margin at the final whistle.

Tír Eoghain travelled to O'Connor Park in Tullamore for the final group against Corcaigh, knowing that progression to the Preliminary Quarter Finals was almost assured, but that victory would ensure home advantage for that game. To their credit, both sides served up a wonderful 70+ minutes of football, with a goal midway through the second half the crucial score to secure second place in the group.

For the second time this year, Ros Comáin travelled to Healy Park, this time searching for a first Championship victory over the Red Hands in this Preliminary Quarter Final clash. And to their credit, the visitors hit the ground running from the start, building a six point lead at the break thanks to a performance built on intense work rate and impressive score taking. Tír Eoghain did improve in the second half, and narrowed the gap to just one point entering the closing minutes, but they

couldn't draw level as the Rossies hit the final score of the game to claim a deserved win.

Defeat brought to an end another season which failed to gather any momentum, as the side showed glimpses of what they are capable of, only to be stifled by inconsistent performances throughout the year. Nevertheless, the introduction of so many young, exciting players to the panel across the League and Championship campaigns bodes well for the future, and we extend our thanks and appreciation to all the players, team management and backroom members for their efforts over the past twelve months.

### BRIAN & FEARGAL

At the conclusion of the season, our joint managers Brian Dooher and Feargal Logan took the decision to step down from their roles. It was a decision which neither will have taken lightly given their unwavering dedication to Tyrone GAA for a significant number of years, as both players and now managers. As managers, the pair delivered the All-Ireland Senior Football title in 2021 at the first attempt.

As a player, Brian done it all. That includes Tyrone Junior and Intermediate 'doubles' with Clann na Gael. Ulster Minor and Senior titles with Tyrone. All-Ireland Senior and NFL titles with Tyrone. Railway Cups with Ulster. A Sigerson Cup with UCD. Multiple All-Stars. And on top of it all, unique leadership and serial winning as Tyrone Captain.

Feargal's playing career was also stellar. It included Tyrone and Ulster Junior titles and an All-Ireland Final with Stewartstown Harps (as player/manager). Ulster Senior titles and an All-Ireland Final with Tyrone. A Sigerson Cup, as Captain, with Queen's. An All-Star nomination. Again, leadership and achievement overarching everything.



Their seamless move into successful management is the more recent standout for both men. There, in two different decades, they jointly won Ulster and All-Ireland titles at both Under 21 and Senior levels for Tyrone, adding so powerfully to the Tyrone GAA story. Nobody else in Ulster outside Tyrone, and very few anywhere else, has ever achieved that very special 'double double'.




And all the while beyond football they have made their ways diligently to the peaks of their chosen professions. To Brian, every good wishes in your new role as chief Veterinary Officer. To Feargal, we hope your health continues to improve. I want to thank them both for the respect they showed to the Tyrone GAA Officers, players and supporters. Brian's and Feargal's contributions to Tyrone GAA are just monumental. They'll continue to inspire and achieve right across our County and far beyond. To Brian and Feargal, to Mary and Eileen, and to the Dooher and Logan families – go raibh míle míle maith agaibh!




**MALACHY**




As a result, the Senior Footballers will embark on the 2025 season under their new manager Malachy O'Rourke. I welcome Malachy and all his backroom team and wish them every success in the years to come. Malachy has a great record as both a player and manager. His management of Glen, earlier this year, to win the All-Ireland Club title, elevated him to the top of the management ladder.




While previous achievements are not a guarantee of future success in any sport, Tyrone GAA should be confident that its Senior Footballers will be guided for the next three years by one of the best management teams around.




Dr. McKenna Cup	
Section A   Round 1	
	7ú Eanáir 2024 at O'Neills Healy Park
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>	<b>DÚN NA NGALL</b>
	
<b>1-10</b>	<b>0-15</b>
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan; C Devlin, N McCarron, A Clarke; Tarlach Quinn, M McKernan (0-1), N Devlin (0-1); B Kennedy (0-1), A Donaghy; D Jones, P Harte (0-2), J Donaghy; C Cush, D Canavan (0-4), S O'Donnell.	
<b>Subs used:</b> C Kilpatrick, C Quinn, B Cullen, L McGarrity (0-1), C Daly (1-0), Tiernan Quinn, S Donaghy, J Garrity.	




Dr. McKenna Cup	
Section A   Round 2	
	10ú Eanáir 2024 at Athletic Grounds
<b>ARD MHACHA</b>	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>
	
<b>1-14</b>	<b>2-10</b>
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan; C Devlin, M McKernan (0-2), A Clarke; B Cullen, Tarlach Quinn (1-0), N Devlin; B Kennedy, A Donaghy; R Jones (0-1), P Harte (0-2), C Daly; J Garrity, L McGarrity (0-3), Tiernan Quinn (0-1)	
<b>Subs used:</b> J Donaghy, C Kilpatrick, D Mulgrew, C Owens (0-1), D Jones (1-0), N McCarron.	


National Football League	
Division 1   Round 1	
	28ú Eanáir 2024 at O'Neills Healy Park
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>	<b>ROS COMÁIN</b>
	
<b>0-17</b>	<b>1-11</b>
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan; C Devlin, P Hampsey (0-1), A Clarke; C Quinn, M McKernan (0-1), Tarlach Quinn; B Kennedy, C Kilpatrick; N Devlin (0-2), P Harte, B Cullen (0-1), S O'Donnell (0-1), D Canavan (0-8), C Daly (0-3).	
<b>Subs used:</b> : R Canavan, D Mulgrew, J Donaghy.	


National Football League	
Division 1   Round 2	
	4ú Feabhra 2024 at Celtic Park
<b>DOIRE</b>	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>
	
<b>1-12</b>	<b>0-9</b>
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan (0-1); C Devlin, P Hampsey, A Clarke; Tarlach Quinn, M McKernan, B Cullen; B Kennedy (0-1), A Donaghy (0-1); N Devlin, R Canavan, S O'Donnell (0-2); D McCurry (0-1), D Canavan (0-1), C Daly (0-2).	
<b>Subs used:</b> M McGleenan, J Oguz, C Cush, N McCarron.	




National Football League	
Division 1   Round 3	
	18ú Feabhra 2024 at O'Neills Healy Park
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>	<b>GAILLIMH</b>
	
<b>0-12</b>	<b>1-10</b>
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan (0-2); C Devlin (0-1), P Hampsey, A Clarke; N Devlin, M McKernan (0-1), C Quinn; B Kennedy, A Donaghy; P Harte (0-1), C Kilpatrick (0-1), S O'Donnell; L McGarrity, D Canavan (0-3), C Daly (0-3).	
<b>Subs used:</b> R Canavan, K McGeary, M McGleenan, C Donnelly.	




National Football League	
Division 1   Round 4	
	24ú Feabhra 2024 at O'Neills Healy Park
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>	<b>MAIGH EO</b>
	
<b>1-15</b>	<b>1-11</b>
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan; C Devlin, P Hampsey, A Clarke; M McKernan, C Quinn, N Devlin; B Kennedy, C Donnelly; C Daly, C Kilpatrick, P Harte (0-2); J Oguz, D Canavan (1-4), S O'Donnell (0-1).	
<b>Subs used:</b> D McCurry (0-8), B Cullen, K McGeary, R Canavan.	




National Football League	
Division 1   Round 5	
	3ú Márta 2024 at Fitzgerald Stadium
<b>CIARRAÍ</b>  0-18	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  1-11
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan (0-1); C Devlin, P Hampsey, C Quinn; B Cullen (0-1), P Harte, N Devlin; B Kennedy, C Kilpatrick (0-1); C Daly (1-1), D Mulgrew, J Oguz; D McCurry (0-2), D Canavan (0-3), S O'Donnell (0-1).	
<b>Subs used:</b> R Canavan (0-1), K McGeary, A Donaghy, C McShane, L McGarrity.	

National Football League	
Division 1   Round 6	
	16ú Márta 2024 at O'Neills Healy Park
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  1-19	<b>MUINEACHÁN</b>  2-13
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan; C Devlin, P Hampsey, C Quinn; B Cullen (0-1), K McGeary (0-2), N Devlin; B Kennedy, A Donaghy (0-1); C Daly (0-1), S O'Donnell, J Oguz (0-1); D McCurry (0-6), D Canavan (1-6), C McShane (0-1).	
<b>Subs used:</b> M Donnelly, R Canavan, A Clarke, L McGarrity.	




National Football League	
Division 1   Round 7	
	24ú Márta 2024 at Páirc an Chrócaigh
<b>ÁTHA CLIATH</b>  5-18	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  0-12
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan (0-2); C Devlin, N McCarron, A Clarke; B Cullen, K McGeary (0-1), N Devlin; B Kennedy, J Oguz; C Cush, L McGarrity (0-1), A Donaghy; D McCurry (0-2), R Canavan (0-4), C McShane (0-2).	
<b>Subs used:</b> M Donnelly, Tarlach Quinn, C Daly, S O'Donnell, Tiernan Quinn.	




Ulster Championship	
Quarter Final	
	21ú Aibreán 2024 at Breffni Park
<b>AN CABHÁN</b>  3-16	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  AET 1-23
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan (0-1); C Devlin, P Hampsey, M McKernan (0-3); S O'Donnell, M Donnelly (0-1), N Devlin (0-1); B Kennedy (0-1), A Donaghy; C Daly (0-1), K McGeary, L Gray (1-0); D McCurry (0-4), D Canavan (0-7), R Canavan (0-2).	
<b>Subs used:</b> B Cullen (0-1), C McShane, J Oguz, M O'Neill, L McGarrity, Tiernan Quinn (0-1), C Cush, N McCarron.	

Ulster Championship	
Semi Final	
	28ú Aibreán 2024 at Celtic Park
<b>DÚN NA NGALL</b>  0-18	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  AET 0-16
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan (0-3); C Devlin, P Hampsey, M McKernan (0-2); S O'Donnell (0-1), M Donnelly (0-1), N Devlin; B Kennedy, C Kilpatrick; C Daly (0-2), K McGeary, M O'Neill; D McCurry (0-2), D Canavan (0-4), C McShane (0-1).	
<b>Subs used:</b> A Clarke, B Cullen, R Canavan, A Donaghy, C Donnelly.	

All-Ireland Championship	
Group 3   Round 1	
	25ú Bealtaine 2024 at Ballybofey
<b>DÚN NA NGALL</b>  0-21	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  0-14
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan (0-1); N Devlin (0-1), P Hampsey, M McKernan; B Cullen, M Donnelly (0-1), K McGeary (0-3); B Kennedy, C Kilpatrick; C Daly, M O'Neill, S O'Donnell (0-1); D McCurry (0-4), D Canavan (0-3), R Canavan.	
<b>Subs used:</b> J Oguz, C Quinn, C McShane, P Harte.	

All-Ireland Championship	
Group 3   Round 2	
	2ú Meitheamh 2024 at O'Neills Healy Park
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  3-15	<b>AN CLÁR</b>  0-10
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan; N Devlin (2-2), P Hampsey, A Clarke; M McKernan, M Donnelly (0-4), K McGeary; B Kennedy (0-1), J Oguz; C Daly (0-1), M O'Neill, S O'Donnell; D McCurry, D Canavan (1-4), R Canavan (0-2).	
<b>Subs used:</b> C Kilpatrick (0-1), P Harte, S O'Hare, C McShane, C Quinn.	

All-Ireland Championship	
Group 3   Round 3	
	15ú Meitheamh 2024 at Tullamore
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  1-18	<b>CORCAIGH</b>  0-17
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan (0-3); M McKernan (0-1), P Hampsey, M Donnelly; B Cullen (1-0), A Clarke, N Devlin (0-1); B Kennedy, C Kilpatrick (0-1); C Daly, S O'Donnell (0-1), M O'Neill (0-1); D McCurry (0-3), D Canavan (0-5), R Canavan (0-2).	
<b>Subs used:</b> P Harte, C McShane, S O'Hare, C Quinn, Tiernan Quinn.	

All-Ireland Championship	
Preliminary Quarter Final	
	22ú Meitheamh 2024 at O'Neills Healy Park
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  0-12	<b>ROS COMÁIN</b>  0-14
<b>Starting Team:</b> N Morgan; M McKernan (0-1), P Hampsey, N Devlin; B Cullen, M Donnelly, M O'Neill (0-1); B Kennedy, C McShane; C Daly, R Canavan, N McCarron; D McCurry (0-5), D Canavan (0-3), S O'Donnell (0-1).	
<b>Subs used:</b> C Kilpatrick, P Harte, E McElholm (0-1), K McGeary, S O'Hare.	

## FOIREANN SINSIR IOMÁNAÍOCHTA SENIOR HURLING TEAM

### CONOR MCGURK CUP

The Senior Hurlers began their 2024 campaign when hosting Aontroim in the Conor McGurk Cup at Garvaghey on just the second day of the year.

On a cool and crisp evening, both sides traded scores early in the half with Aontroim holding a three point lead at the break, and stretched that to nine points with a goal early in the half. However, Tír Eoghain rallied from the goal to strike 1-4 without reply and close the gap to just two with 10 minutes remaining. Aontroim pulled clear again with two quickfire goals, but to their credit the Red Hands battled to the end, find the net twice late in the game to cut the eventual deficit to eight points.

### NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE

A Hurling/Football double bill in Celtic Park was how our Senior Hurlers opened their National League campaign, and in the end it was Doire who emerged winners by ten points.

It was a difficult opening half for the Tír Eoghain men, playing into a strong breeze meant scores were hard to come by, with the home side finding their range to race into a 12 point lead at the break. To their credit, Tír Eoghain rallied after the break, scoring seven points in a row, but they were unable to take any of the goal chances that fell their way. In the end, two goals from the home side and two red cards for the visitors – both of which were later overturned at Hearing – left a sizeable gap between the sides.

Determined to bounce back from that opening round defeat, Tír Eoghain welcomed Ros Comáin to Páirc Colmcille in Carrickmore, where they produced a confident performance to see off the visitors on a scoreline of 0-20 to 0-11. Another Hurling/Football double bill followed in Round 3, where

Dún na nGall were the visitors to Healy Park. There was little between the sides in the opening half, with both sides trading scores and the lead regularly changing hands. It was Dún na nGall who went in one point to the good at half time, and two quick points to start the second half opened up a three point gap that they would maintain until a goal with 15 minutes remaining levelled the game. Once more the sides went score for score to the finish, where an injury time point secured a deserved point for the home side.

Tír Eoghain travelled to Ruislip for a clash with Londain in the next round, buoyed by the battling point they

had earned two weeks previously. A solid display in the opening half saw Tír Eoghain lead 0-7 to 0-5, at which point the home side were reduced to fourteen men. Two quick points for Londain saw the sides go in level at the break, and when they re-emerged for the second half, it was the home side who dominated proceedings. They outscored the Red Hands by 11 points to four after the break and deservedly claimed both league points on offer.

On St Patrick's Day, Cill Mhantáin were the visitors to Páirc CLG Eoghain Ruadh for the final round of fixtures. With the National Hurling Leagues facing overhaul at the end of the





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Captain - Oran McKee (Éire Óg)

Vice-Captain - Fionn Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh)

Anthony Crossan, Conor Grogan, Sean Óg Grogan, Aidan Kelly, Conor McElhatton, Bryan McGurk, Conall McKee, Cormac Munroe, Dean Rafferty, Seamus Sweeney (all Éire Óg), John Devlin, Lorcan Devlin, Ruairí Devlin, Cain Ferguson, Ben Gormley, Michael Little, James McCann, Mark McCann, Conall Molloy, Tiernan Morgan, Turlough Mullin, Rory Weir (all Eoghan Ruadh), Ronan Maguire (Naomh Colum Cille), Mark Corry, Cormac Taggart, Eoghan Winters (An Ómaigh), Mark McClean, Joe McToal (Baile an Chaistil), Sean Duffin (Tír na nÓg)

season, the game would determine which division Tír Eoghain would play in in 2025, with the Red Hands knowing a win would give them a chance of reaching the League semi-final and a place in the newly restructured Division 2. The home side produced a blistering start, racing into a seven point lead by the 20th minute, giving them a lead they would never relinquish. Cill Mhantáin briefly threatened a comeback, when their second goal reduced the gap to four points with just over 10 minutes remaining. However, Tír Eoghain finished the game with a flurry of scores to run winners by nine points. Special mention must go to sharpshooter Aidan Kelly who notched a personal tally of 0-18 on a day.

Tír Eoghain travelled to Letterkenny six days later for a League semi-final against Dún na nGall, and quickly found themselves behind with the home side striking for two goals in the opening three minutes. Despite the setback, Tír Eoghain, playing with

the aid of a strong breeze, responded emphatically with two goals of their own and in a remarkable half of hurling, the green flag was raised a further three times before the break, with Tír Eoghain leading 4-5 to 3-3. It was a lead that Dún na nGall would threaten many times in the second half, but they were never able to draw level nor get ahead. In the end, Tír Eoghain emerged victorious by a single point to reach the Division 2B League Final against neighbours Doire.

Nine weeks on from the first League meeting, the Red Hands gave a much more assured account of themselves on this occasion, in a display full of grit and determination. Despite being heavy underdogs, the Tír Eoghain men rose to the challenge and a first half goal gave them a deserved lead midway through the opening half. Doire responded to level matters by the break, but the visitors kept to their task, and led by a point as the game entered the closing quarter. In the

end, a 60th minute goal for the home side broke the stubborn resistance and a couple of closing points meant Doire would collect the title with a six point victory.

#### CHRISTY RING CUP

After an intense League campaign, it was over to the Christy Ring Cup and an opening round clash against Londain.

The visiting side looked much the sharper early on and a goal helped to establish a strong seven point lead at half time. In truth, Tír Eoghain struggled to find any rhythm and a blitz of seven points in a row midway through the half helped the visitors to a comfortable victory.

Next up was a third clash of the year with Doire, and this posed a difficult challenge for a Tír Eoghain side starting to feel the effects of the busy schedule. The game never sparked to life as the home side dominated

from start to finish, running out comfortable winners.

A trip to Markievicz Park in Round 3 would go a long way to deciding the fate of the Red Hands in this seasons competition. Both sides entered the game on the back of two defeats, and it was Tír Eoghain who used that motivation to their advantage in the early stages, racing into a seven point lead after 20 minutes. That lead was extended to eight at the break, with two goals giving the travelling side a comfortable cushion. Sligeach started the second half brightly but they struggled to make inroads to the Tír Eoghain lead until two late goals reduced the final winning margin to three points.

Cill Dara visited O'Neill Park in Dungannon after going unbeaten in their first three games, and they extended that winning streak to four from four on an afternoon where the Tír Eoghain side had one eye on the Round 5 clash a week later. The visitors were a class above from the very start, displaying a level of skill, speed and strength that the Red Hands never encountered all year and resulted in a resounding defeat.

As it worked out, results elsewhere transpired to make the final game against Cill Mhantáin a dead rubber, with both teams assured of their Christy Ring status in 2025. Nevertheless, both sides served up an entertaining game of hurling in Carrickmore. A 15 minute spell at the start of the game laid the foundation for a Tír Eoghain victory, as they rattled over 11 points between the fifth and 21st minute.

To their credit, Cill Mhantáin continued to battle throughout and they reduced the deficit to five points as the game entered the final quarter. However it was the home side that finished the stronger to claim a six point victory.

For Bainisteoir Stephen McGarry, taking the reins as manager for




the first time having been a coach for three seasons, it was a hugely successful season.




Working with a relatively small panel of players brought about many challenges, not least playing 12 games in a 15 week period. However, 2024 was billed as the year Tír Eoghain hurling would compete at their highest level ever.


That bar has been raised again for 2025, with Division 2 of the National League beckoning in the spring.

To Stephen, and all members of the extended backroom team, we extend our sincere thanks for everything they do to progress the standards of hurling in our county.




Conor McGurk Cup	
Round 1	
 2ú Eanáir 2024 at O'Neills Healy Park	
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  <b>4-12</b>	<b>AONTROI M</b>  <b>3-23</b>
<b>Starting Team:</b> J Devlin; D Rafferty, O McKee, E Winters; M McClean (0-1), F Devlin (0-1), T Morgan (0-1); B Gormley (1-2), J McCann (0-2); M Little (1-2), R Devlin, L Devlin; R Weir, T Mullin (1-1), A Kelly (1-2).	
<b>Subs used:</b> R Maguire, M McCann, C Taggart, A Crossan, F Corry, C McKee.	




National Hurling League	
Division 2B   Round 1	
 4ú Feabhra 2024 at Celtic Park	
<b>DOIRE</b>  <b>2-20</b>	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  <b>0-16</b>
<b>Starting Team:</b> C McElhatton; D Rafferty, R Devlin, O McKee; B McGurk, F Devlin (0-1), T Morgan (0-3); B Gormley (0-1), J McCann; M Little (0-4), A Kelly (0-5), L Devlin (0-1); T Mullin, C Munroe, R Weir (0-1).	
<b>Subs used:</b> J McToal, C McKee.	




National Hurling League	
Division 2B   Round 2	
 12ú Feabhra 2024 at Carrickmore	
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  <b>0-20</b>	<b>ROS COMÁIN</b>  <b>0-11</b>
<b>Starting Team:</b> C McElhatton; D Rafferty, R Devlin, O McKee; B McGurk, F Devlin, T Morgan (0-3); B Gormley, J McCann (0-1); C Munroe, A Kelly (0-10), M Little (0-1); J McToal (0-2), T Mullin, R Weir (0-3).	
<b>Subs used:</b> S Sweeney, M McClean, C McKee.	

National Hurling League	
Division 2B   Round 3	
 24ú Feabhra 2024 at O'Neills Healy Park	
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  <b>1-17</b>	<b>DÚN NA NGALL</b>  <b>0-20</b>
<b>Starting Team:</b> C McElhatton; S Sweeney (1-0), R Devlin, O McKee (0-1); B McGurk, F Devlin, T Morgan; B Gormley (0-1), J McCann; C Munroe, A Kelly (0-10), J McToal (0-2); R Weir (0-1), L Devlin, T Mullin (0-2).	
<b>Subs used:</b> S Óg Grogan, M McClean, D Rafferty.	






National Hurling League	
Division 2B   Round 4	
	10ú Márta 2024 at Ruislip
<b>LONDAIN</b>  0-18	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  0-11
<b>Starting Team:</b> C McElhatton; S Sweeney, R Devlin, O McKee; D Rafferty, F Devlin, M McClean; B Gormley (0-1), J McCann (0-1); C Munroe, A Kelly (0-4), J McToal (0-1); R Weir (0-1), S Óg Grogan (0-1), L Devlin (0-2).	
<b>Subs used:</b> T Mullin, A Crossan, C Taggart, R Maguire.	



National Hurling League	
Division 2B   Round 5	
	17ú Márta 2024 at Eoghan Ruadh
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  1-29	<b>CILL MHANTAIN</b>  2-17
<b>Starting Team:</b> C McElhatton; S Sweeney (0-2), R Devlin, O McKee; B McGurk, F Devlin (0-1), D Rafferty; B Gormley (0-3), J McCann; C Munroe, A Kelly (0-18), J McToal (0-4); T Morgan, S Óg Grogan, L Devlin (1-0).	
<b>Subs used:</b> R Weir, T Mullin, A Crossan, R Maguire.	


National Hurling League	
Division 2B   Semi Final	
	23ú Márta 2024 at Letterkenny
<b>DÚN NA NGALL</b>  3-14	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  5-9
<b>Starting Team:</b> C McElhatton; S Sweeney, D Rafferty, O McKee; B McGurk, F Devlin (0-1), T Morgan (1-1); B Gormley (0-1), J McCann; C Munroe (1-1), A Kelly (0-2), J McToal (1-0); T Mullin, S Óg Grogan (1-1), L Devlin (1-1).	
<b>Subs used:</b> R Weir (0-1), R Devlin, A Crossan.	




National Hurling League	
Division 2B   Final	
	30ú Márta 2024 at Owenbeg
<b>DOIRE</b>  1-14	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  1-8
<b>Starting Team:</b> C McElhatton; D Rafferty, R Devlin, O McKee; B Gormley, F Devlin, B McGurk; J McCann (0-1), C Munroe; R Weir (1-0), A Kelly (0-6), L Devlin (0-1); T Morgan, S Óg Grogan, J McToal.	
<b>Subs used:</b> T Mullin, M Little, A Crossan, E Winters, C Taggart.	

Christy Ring Cup	
Round 1	
	14ú Aibreán 2024 at Eoghan Ruadh
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  2-12	<b>LONDAIN</b>  2-23
<b>Starting Team:</b> C McElhatton; D Rafferty, R Devlin, O McKee; B Gormley (0-2), C Munroe, B McGurk (0-1); F Devlin, M McClean; S Duffin (1-0), A Crossan, T Mullin; A Kelly (1-7), L Devlin (0-1), R Weir (0-1).	
<b>Subs used:</b> E Winters, C McKee, M McCann, C Taggart	

Christy Ring Cup	
Round 2	
	20ú Aibreán 2024 at Owenbeg
<b>DOIRE</b>  2-26	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  0-13
<b>Starting Team:</b> C McElhatton; D Rafferty, F Devlin, M McClean; R Devlin, C Munroe, A Crossan; M McCann, B McGurk (0-1); L Devlin, A Kelly (0-11), R Weir; C Taggart, S Duffin (0-1), T Mullin.	
<b>Subs used:</b> C McKee, M Corry, R Maguire, J McCann, C McGuigan.	

Christy Ring Cup	
Round 3	
	27ú Aibreán 2024 at Markievicz Park
<b>SLIGEACH</b>  2-14	<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  2-17
<b>Starting Team:</b> C McElhatton, D Rafferty, F Devlin, A Crossan; B Gormley (0-1), C Munroe, B McGurk; J McCann (0-3), S Duffin (0-2); L Devlin, A Kelly (0-9), T Morgan (0-1); J McToal, S Óg Grogan (2-0), M Little (0-1).	
<b>Subs used:</b> R Devlin, R Weir, C Molloy, M McClean.	

Christy Ring Cup	
Round 4	
	11ú Bealtaine 2024 at O'Neill Park
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  0-11	<b>CILL DARA</b>  2-32
<b>Starting Team:</b> C McElhatton; D Rafferty, R Devlin, T Morgan; M McClean, C Munroe, B McGurk (0-1); J McCann, S Duffin; A Kelly (0-6), L Devlin, R Weir; F Devlin, S Óg Grogan, C Taggart.	
<b>Subs used:</b> J McToal (0-4), B Gormley, T Mullin, A Crossan, C McKee.	

Christy Ring Cup	
Round 5	
	18ú Bealtaine 2024 at Carrickmore
<b>TÍR EOGHAIN</b>  1-25	<b>CILL MHANTAIN</b>  2-16
<b>Starting Team:</b> C Molloy; D Rafferty, R Devlin, M McClean; F Devlin, C Munroe, L Devlin (0-2); J McCann (0-3), B Gormley (0-2); A Kelly (0-9), S Duffin (1-1), B McGurk; T Morgan (0-3), S Óg Grogan (0-2), J McToal (0-2).	
<b>Subs used:</b> M Little (0-1), A Crossan, R Weir, C McKee, T Mullin.	

## FOIREANN PEILE FAOI 20 UNDER 20 FOOTBALL TEAM

### ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

A new format for the U20 Football Championship was introduced in 2024, with the provincial championship initially taking place as a group stage before progressing to knockout games.

Tír Eoghain opened their campaign against Aontroim in Dunsilly, where they hit the ground running to blow away the hosts, scoring eight goals in a dominant display. A much sterner test awaited in the next game, where Tír Eoghain needed a late point to rescue a point against An Dún at the Dub Arena.

There was more late drama in the Round 3 game, where Doire looked to have snatched an unlikely point with a last gasp goal at Celtic Park. However, to their credit the Tír Eoghain lads regrouped to respond immediately and claim a one point victory. The final game of the group stage was another facile encounter, as Muineachán travelled to Coalisland already assured of a knockout game. That led to a one sided encounter as Tír Eoghain emerged convincing winners to top Section A and progress directly to the Semi Finals.

Ironically, that Semi Final would be a second game in as many weeks against Muineachán, but this was a much different encounter than the first. Tír Eoghain had two goals to thank for their progress, scoring one early in each half, as they kept their noses in front of the strong Muineachán challenge.

Doire provided the opposition in the Ulster Final, in a game that will live long in the memory of all in the Athletic Grounds that evening. Doire had the brighter start, with an early goal leaving them in the ascendency. Tír Eoghain responded emphatically, with two goals of their own bringing them back into the game as the sides went in level at half time. There was never more than one point separating the sides in the second half, as the lead changed hands on numerous occasions. At the full time whistle, the sides remained deadlocked, with the game going to extra time. The opening period was dominated by the Oak Leaf side, with a late goal opening up a four point advantage. However, Tír Eoghain responded within two minutes of the turnaround, and a superb equalising score sent this gripping content to a penalty shoot-out. It was the Tír Eoghain side who emerged victorious, with Doire seeing their first three penalties saved as the Red Hands claimed a second

Ulster title in three years in the most dramatic of circumstances.

### ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Buoyed by capturing the provincial title, Tír Eoghain progressed to the All-Ireland Semi Finals where they would face Ros Comáin in Breffni Park. An early Ros Comáin goal set the tempo for the opening half, as both sides threw caution to the wind and produced some entertaining, attacking football. Two goals for the Red Hands in that opening half helped to see them lead by seven points at the break, but that advantage was reduced dramatically early in the second half following a two-goal burst by the Connacht champions. Despite the setback, Tír Eoghain hit another purple patch and closed out the game in style to win by 10 points.

All roads led to Portlaoise for the All-Ireland Final where Tír Eoghain and Ciarraí would face off for the title. It was to be a day where the Red Hands would not be denied, picking up where they left off in the Semi Final with an impressive display of free-flowing, attacking football - all but two points of the Tír Eoghain total of 1-20 would come from play. An early goal set the Ulster champions on their way, meaning that Ciarraí were continually chasing the game as they trailed by four points at half time. And while the Munster side tried hard to close the gap, Tír Eoghain reeled off five points in a row midway through the half to secure the game, winning on a final scoreline of 1-20 to 1-14.

Tír Eoghain captain Michael Rafferty accepted the Clarke Cup from Uachtarán Jarlath Burns, capping a remarkable season for the Red Hands and capturing a second All-Ireland title in three years. Bainisteoir Paul Devlin and all his backroom team deserve our sincere thanks for all the work undertaken to prepare this group of players and assist them in fulfilling their potential as All-Ireland winners.





#### PANEL FOR 2024

Captain - Michael Rafferty (Coill an Chlochair)

Vice-Captain - Ruairí McHugh (Oiléan an Ghuail)

Barry McMenamin (Achadh Uí Áráin), Conan Devlin, Conor Devlin, Cormac Devlin, Shea O'Hare, Conall Quinn (Ard Bó), Fiachra Donnelly, Patrick McCann, Conor Owens (Bearach), Shane Hughes (Cluain Eo), Callan Kelly (An Chorr Chríochach), Ronan Cassidy, Joey Clarke, Ronan Donnelly, Noah Grimes, Ben Hughes, Conan McGarvey, Conor O'Neill (Domhnach Mór), Oisín Gormley (Droim Caoin), Matthew Quinn (Dún Geanainn), Fiachra Nelis (Éadan na dTorc), Caolan Donnelly (Fionntamhnach), Conor McAneney (Gleann Eallaigh), Odhran Brolly, Liam Óg Mossey (An Goirtín), Gavin Potter (Coill an Chlochair), Ronan Fox, Ruairi McCullagh, Eoin McElholm (Loch Mhic Ruairi), Callum Daly (An Ómaigh), Hugh J Cunningham (Cabhán a'Chaorthainn).

#### ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL UNDER 20 CHAMPIONSHIP

##### SECTION A

9ú Márta	Aontroim	0-7	Tír Eoghain	8-16	at Dunsilly
20ú Márta	Tír Eoghain	0-11	An Dún	1-8	at The Dub Arena, QUB
27ú Márta	Doire	1-9	Tír Eoghain	0-13	at Celtic Park
10ú Aibreán	Tír Eoghain	5-20	Muineachán	0-8	at Coalisland

##### SEMI FINAL

24ú Aibreán	Tír Eoghain	2-9	Muineachán	0-14	at O'Neill's Healy Park
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##### FINAL

1ú Bealtaine	Doire	2-13	Tír Eoghain	3-10	(AET) at Athletic Grounds
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\*Tír Eoghain win 3-1 on penalties

#### ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL UNDER 20 CHAMPIONSHIP

##### SEMI FINAL

11ú Bealtaine	Tír Eoghain	3-18	Ros Comáin	3-8	at Breffni Park
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##### FINAL

19ú Bealtaine	Tír Eoghain	1-20	Ciarraí	1-14	at Portlaoise
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**FOIREANN IOMÁNAÍOCHTA FAOI 20 UNDER 20 HURLING TEAM**

**ULSTER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE**

For the second year running, Comhairle Uladh provided a welcome schedule of games for the U20 Hurlers prior to the All-Ireland competition. This year, Tír Eoghain opened their campaign with an encouraging victory over Ard Mhacha in Middletown before travelling to Breffni Park for a comfortable win against An Cabhán. Another strong performance in Round 3 saw Tír Eoghain see off the challenge of Fear Manach before a first defeat was suffered against Dún na nGall the following week. A third comfortable victory, this time at home to Muineachán, closed out the competition.

**ALL-IRELAND B CHAMPIONSHIP**

Cill Mhantáin provided the opposition in the All-Ireland B Championship quarter final played at the Louth Centre of Excellence in Darver. In an entertaining game of hurling, both sides started brightly and traded early scores. However, it was the ability to find the net at crucial times which helped to edge the Leinster side in front, striking for two majors in the first half to lead by five points at the break. Two further goals in the third quarter ended any challenge the Red Hands could muster, with Cill Mhantáin running out comfortable winners in the end.

Six games in an eight week spell was a welcome programme of fixtures for this group of players, who faced every game with great commitment and determination. Our thanks to Colm Morgan, ably supported by Patrick O’Farrell and Sean Óg Grogan, for all their hard work with the squad over the winter months. Growing the pool of players available at senior inter-county level remains a priority, and the importance of a solid structure at U20 level can only aid the transition of these players to adult hurling.



**ULSTER GAA HURLING UNDER 20 DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE**

SECTION A					
10ú Feabhra	Ard Mhacha	0-11	Tír Eoghain	2-13	at Middletown
18ú Feabhra	An Cabhán	2-6	Tír Eoghain	7-21	at Breffni Park
25ú Feabhra	Tír Eoghain	3-23	Fear Manach	1-3	at Garvaghey
3ú Márta	Tír Eoghain	1-12	Dún na nGall	4-10	at Garvaghey
18ú Márta	Tír Eoghain	4-15	Muineachán	0-1	at Garvaghey

**ALL-IRELAND UNDER 20B CHAMPIONSHIP (RICHIE McELLIOTT CUP)**

SECTION A					
30ú Márta	Tír Eoghain	0-13	Cill Mhantáin	5-17	at Darver



**PANEL FOR 2024**  
 Michael Coyle, Dylan Devlin, Kevin Hughes, Francie Hurson, Cillian Kerr, Conor Kerr, Cormac McCrystal, Daithi McElhatton, Darragh McPhillips, Conn Sweeney, Ayaz Taggart, Aidan Woods (all Éire Óg), Corey Bell, Ryan Devlin, Adam Donnelly, Sheehan Fay, Leo Hughes, Eoghan Mullin, Pierce Mullin, Ronan O’Sullivan, Ruairi O’Sullivan (all Eoghan Ruadh), Matthew Loane (Fionntamhnach), Conor Doherty, AJ McCann, Odhran McMurray, Lughaidh O’Neill (all Naomh Colum Cille), Eunan Campbell, Fionn Corry, Aidan Gormley, Cian McGuigan (all An Ómaigh), Seán Darcy (Na Seamróg)

## FOIREANN MIONÚR PEILE MINOR FOOTBALL TEAM

### ULSTER LEAGUE

The Ulster Minor League format was adjusted for 2024, with three groups of three teams competing in the initial stages before entering a cup and shield competition. Tír Eoghain were paired in Section C with Doire and Aontroim.

With the two group games taking place within a week, a trip to a breezy Owenbeg was first up for Tír Eoghain, who with the help of the elements opened up a four point lead in the first half. Doire pressed hard after the break, but were met with some resolute defending from the Red Hands. It wasn't until the closing minutes that the half time deficit was eventually overturned, as the hosts hit the final four points to win by three.

Aontroim visited Stewartstown three days later, where Tír Eoghain took the opportunity to field a different starting side from the one who had taken to the field at Owenbeg. Played in blustery conditions, the home side were solid throughout and were never really threatened on their way to a six point victory.

Tír Eoghain progressed to the shield competition where they would welcome Muineachán to Garvaghey, where an early goal seemed to set the home side on their way to victory. The travelling side showed great resilience and responded brilliantly with a goal of their own to reduce the gap to three at the break. Muineachán started the second half brightly and closed the gap to one with 20 minutes remaining. But that was to be their final score of the game, as Tír Eoghain moved through the gears to run out comfortable winners.

A trip to Crossmaglen for the Shield Final against Ard Mhacha followed, where the home side produced a dominant first half display to lay the

foundations for victory. Three early points got them off to the perfect start before Tír Eoghain opened their account, as Ard Mhacha extended their lead with a goal just before half time. The Red Hands did give a better account of themselves in the second half, holding the hosts to a single point, but they were never able to get sufficient scores to reduce the gap.

### ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Seven days later the Ulster Championship swung into action, where An Dún would provide the opposition in Dunmoyle. Tír Eoghain settled the quicker of the two sides, and a goal midway through the half helped them to a 1-6 to 0-2 lead at half time. A second goal shortly after the restart seemed to settle the matter, but An Dún refused to yield and staged a stirring comeback where they almost snatched an unlikely draw but for a goal line clearance from Tír Eoghain in the closing moments.

Played in Ballyshannon, Dún na nGall were next up in Round Two, where Tír Eoghain, playing with a stiff breeze at their backs in the opening half, opened up a three point lead. However, the home side found the net just before the break, and dominated proceedings on the resumption, hitting 1-5 without reply to put the game out of reach.

Tír Eoghain were on the road again the following week, travelling to Belcoo to face Fear Manach. In the end it was a comfortable victory for the away side, who dominated the early stages to open up a commanding lead which was aided by a goal in each half. That result created a little momentum which continued into the final group game against Muineachán in Ardboe, where four goals helped Tír Eoghain to a convincing win which secured second place in the group and a home tie in the Quarter Finals.

An Cabhán provided the opposition

but it was the home side who made all the running in the early stages, picking up where they had left off in the previous round, to open up a seven point lead in the opening quarter. The visitors stemmed the tide somewhat towards the end of the half, but a deserved goal for Tír Eoghain just before the break would prove a crucial score. An Cabhán emerged a different side in the second half, quickly eating into the deficit as they searched for an unlikely victory. In the end they would fall just short as Tír Eoghain held out for a narrow two point win.

Their reward for winning was a return to Owenbeg for the Semi Final clash with Doire, hoping to avenge the defeat earlier in the year. The game was an even contest in the first half, with Tír Eoghain producing a resolute defensive effort to regularly thwart the hosts. The sides were tied at the break, but in the second half it was all one way traffic as Doire moved through the gears to win by 2-14 to 1-10.

### ALL-IRELAND B CHAMPIONSHIP

Beaten provincial semi finalists now entered a new All-Ireland B competition, named after our former minor footballer, Paul McGirr.



Tír Eoghain were drawn to face Loch Garman, with the Leinster side agreeing to travel to Garvaghey for the clash. The journey seemed to take its toll, as Tír Eoghain raced into an early lead with the visitors struggling to find their rhythm. In the end, three second half goals meant it was a comfortable victory for the home side.

That set up a Semi Final meeting with An Cabhán at Clones, four weeks on from the two sides meeting in the Ulster Championship. Much like that encounter, Tír Eoghain dominated the early stages, with a goal opening up a five point lead. But as before, An Cabhán refused to yield, and got themselves back on level terms by the break. Scores were difficult to come by after the restart, before An Cabhán gained the upper hand in the closing stages and run out deserving winners.

That brought the season to an end, with Tír Eoghain losing for the second successive year at the Semi Final stage in the provincial competition. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the players and management team, led by Gerard Donnelly, for all their time and effort across the year.

### ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL MINOR LEAGUE

#### SECTION C

6ú Márta	Doire	0-12	Tír Eoghain	0-9	at Owenbeg
9ú Márta	Tír Eoghain	0-12	Aontroim	1-3	at Stewartstown

#### SHIELD SEMI FINAL

23ú Márta	Tír Eoghain	3-10	Muineachán	1-5	at Garvaghey
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#### SHIELD FINAL

30ú Márta	Ard Mhacha	1-11	Tír Eoghain	0-8	at Crossmaglen
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### ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

#### SECTION A

6ú Aibreán	Tír Eoghain	2-7	An Dún	1-7	at Errigal Ciaran
13ú Aibreán	Dún na nGall	2-12	Tír Eoghain	1-8	at Ballyshannon
20ú Aibreán	Fear Manach	0-4	Tír Eoghain	2-12	at Belcoo
27ú Aibreán	Tír Eoghain	4-13	Muineachán	0-10	at Ardboe

#### QUARTER FINAL

11ú Bealtaine	Tír Eoghain	1-14	An Cabhán	0-15	at Healy Park
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#### SEMI FINAL

18ú Bealtaine	Doire	2-14	Tír Eoghain	1-10	at Owenbeg
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### ALL-IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP TIER 2 (PAUL MCGIRR CUP)

#### SECTION A

3ú M'itheamh	Tír Eoghain	4-16	Loch Garman	1-06	at Garvaghey
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#### SECTION A

8ú M'itheamh	An Cabhán	0-16	Tír Eoghain	1-10	at Clones
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#### PANEL FOR 2024

Captain - Paul McGinley (Aireagal Chiaráin)  
 Darren McAnespie (Achadh Lú), Jamie Concannon, Darragh Devlin, Davin McKeown (Ard Bó), Pdraig Donaghy, Shea Munroe (An Charraig Mhór), Eoin Mansell (Cluain Eo), Fionn McHugh (Oileán an Ghuail), Eoin Long, Lorcan McMurray (An Chorr Chríochach), Adam Cushnahan (Doire Locháin), Henry McQuaid (Domhnach Mór), James Daly, Ross Daly, Ronan Donnelly (An Eaglais), Jude Curran, Shea McDermott, Michael Mullin, Aodhan Quinn (Aireagal Chiaráin), Peter Colton, Pdraig Goodman, Oisín Watson (Fionntamhnach), Enda Cush (Gallbhaile), Mark Kennedy, Harley Patton (Gleann Eallaigh), Eoghan Conway, Sean Óg Teague (An Caisleán Glas), James Mulgrew (Cill Dreasa), Thomas Meenan (Coill an Chlochair), Enda Donaghy, Micheal McNamee (Loch Mhic Ruairí), Liam McGeary (An Mhaigh), Peter McGoldrick (Cabhán a'Chaortainn), Sean Corry (Trí Leac)

## FOIREANN MIONÚR IOMÁNAÍOCHTA MINOR HURLING TEAM

### ULSTER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

The continuation of the Ulster Development League provided an opportunity of the large panel of players to get meaningful games under their belt in advance of the Celtic Challenge campaign. However, a number of forfeitures from opponents made it difficult to build any momentum in the early stages of the competition. An opening round victory over An Lú was followed by over a month of a break, before Ard Mhacha travelled to Garvaghey for a hugely competitive game which the visitors won by five points. The third and final game of the competition was another stern test for the Tír Eoghain lads, this time falling to a strong Dún na nGall side.

### CELTIC CHALLENGE

Entering the Celtic Challenge Group 7, Tír Eoghain travelled to Hawkfield for an opening round clash with Cill

Dara. In a fiercely competitive game throughout, it was the home side who eventually finished eight point winners, but Tír Eoghain travelled home in good spirits following an encouraging display. That was seen the following week in a trip to face Uibh Fhailí in Darver where four goals helped Tír Eoghain to edge a tight encounter with a two point victory.

Tír Eoghain progressed to the Corn Jerome O'Leary competition, where neighbours Ard Mhacha would provide the opposition in the quarter finals. Éire Óg hosted the game, where Tír Eoghain would avenge their League defeat some six weeks earlier with an impressive performance. An Iarmhí visited Garvaghey a week later for the semi final, where the home side started impressively with an early goal, and kept growing that advantage to the final whistle.

The Tír Eoghain lads settled well in the Final against Sligeach, with two early goals helping to disperse any nerves. However, the game was nip and tuck throughout with both sides showing

no shortage of skill and endeavour. A third goal just before the break helped Tír Eoghain lead by three but that lead had been wiped out after just ten minutes of the second half. Some resolute defending ensured the Connacht side never got their noses in front, and two goals in the closing stage saw Tír Eoghain secure a deserved win.

This marked another successful year of progress for the county at this age group, a testament to the work being carried out in clubs and schools across the county. To Bainisteoir Chris Cross, in his first season in charge, and all his backroom team, we extend our thanks for all the work done with these players. A number will now progress to the U20 panel next year with the ambition to become Senior Inter-county hurlers in the near future. They will be replaced by a dedicated group of U15 hurlers who are keen to make the step up and break new ground in the Celtic Challenge competition.





**PANEL FOR 2024**

Captain - Cillian Early (Dúiche Néill)

Oisín Conlon, Peter Conway, Jaiden Donaghy, Caolan Grimes, Aodhan Grogan, Caolan Martin, Finbarr McCrory, Conor McGlinchey, Sam McHugh, Ciaran McKenna, Conor McPhillips, Senan Monroe, Shea Munroe, TJ Nugent, Rory Woods (all Éire Óg); Christopher Gildernew, Braonan Girvan, Cormac McErlean, Shea McGahan, Fiachra McGrath, Odhran Mullin, Matthew Price (all Eoghán Ruadh); Dara Cranny, Shane Donnelly, Liam Griffiths, Owen Griffiths, Patrick Harley (Fionntamhnach); Callum Jackson, Thomas Kelly-Watt, Conor McMurray (all Naomh Colum Cille); Ollie Daly, Malachi Leonard, Caolan Lloyd, Daire Sally (An Ómaigh); Thomas McElwee, Hayden Snodgrass, Cormac Tinney (Shamrocks).

**ULSTER GAA HURLING MINOR DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE**

**SECTION A**

17ú Feabhra	Tír Eoghain	5-12	An Lú	0-05	at Garvaghey
2ú Márta	An Cabhán	DNF	Tír Eoghain	W/O	
9ú Márta	Tír Eoghain	W/O	Muineachán	DNF	
16ú Márta	Fear Manach	DNF	Tír Eoghain	W/O	
23ú Márta	Tír Eoghain	1-12	Ard Mhacha	3-11	at Garvaghey
3ú Aibreán	Dún na nGall	3-18	Tír Eoghain	1-10	at Convoy, Donegal CoE

**CELTIC CHALLENGE**

**GROUP 7**

20ú Aibreán	Cill Dara	3-19	Tír Eoghain	3-11	at Hawkfield, Kildare CoE
27ú Aibreán	Tír Eoghain	4-16	Uibh Fhailí	2-20	at Darver, Louth CoE

**QUARTER FINALS (CORN JEROME O'LEARY)**

11ú Bealtaine	Tír Eoghain	3-20	Ard Mhacha	0-06	at Éire Óg, Carrickmore
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**SEMI FINALS**

18ú Bealtaine	Tír Eoghain	5-16	An Iarmhí	0-13	at Garvaghey
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**FINAL**

2ú Meitheamh	Tír Eoghain	5-13	Sligeach	3-13	at Ballyshannon
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## COMÓRTAIS NA gCLUBANNA CLUB COMPETITIONS

### CLUB ADULT FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

O'Neill Park in Dungannon was the setting for the opening game of this year's Senior Football Championship, where Ardboe produced a spirited performance to overcome Edendork by five points. Carrickmore pipped Dromore the following night, followed by Trillick and Errigal Ciaran securing their place in the next round. Killyclogher snatched a dramatic win over near neighbours Omagh with a last gasp goal, and Dungannon also needed a late goal to overcome Donaghmore. Loughmacrory comfortably dispatched of Galbally before Clonoe pipped rivals Coalisland in an enthralling clash to close out Round One.

The drama continued in the Quarter Finals, with four very close games. First up was Carrickmore and Killyclogher, with another last minute goal securing a draw for the St Mary's side. The following day, Dungannon repeated their first round performance when a last gasp goal edged out Loughmacrory. Trillick had two points to spare against Ardboe before the last game of the round produced another draw between Clonoe and Errigal Ciaran. In the replays, it was Killyclogher and Errigal Ciaran who emerged as winners following two more tight games. Trillick were first in action in the Semi Finals, overcoming Dungannon by 10 points. And while Killyclogher threatened to pull off another miraculous recovery in their game, a late Errigal Ciaran point edged them through to set up a repeat Final of that twelve months previous.

After a postponement due to inclement weather, the refixture took place on a Friday evening, and the sizeable crowd in Healy Park were treated to a gripping encounter which twisted and turned throughout before Errigal Ciaran claimed a one point

victory, and a second county title in three seasons.

League winners Gortin suffered a narrow opening round defeat to Owen Roe's in the Intermediate Football Championship, while Rock saw off Stewartstown by the minimum also. Aghyaran, Derrylaughan, Greencastle, Moortown and Moy all progressed, while the performance of the round came from Beragh, who despite trailing by four points with just 13 players, staged a rousing comeback to defeat Drumragh. Derrylaughan were the most convincing of the Quarter Final winners, while Greencastle and Moortown had to battle hard to progress in their ties. Meanwhile Moy needed a last gasp point to overcome Rock by a single score. A Semi Final double-header in Pomeroy was played in difficult conditions, but there was no shortage of heart and endeavour from the four sides involved. In the opening game, Moy looked like they had done enough to secure their place in the Final, before a last minute goal from Greencastle tied the game and they headed for a replay. The Loughshore derby was nip and tuck throughout, with an early goal for Derrylaughan proving the difference in the end. Moy made no mistake six days later, as they ran out convincing six point winners to set up a repeat of the 2017 Intermediate Final. However, this time it was roles reversed as Derrylaughan emerged victorious in the game they led from start to finish.

The Junior Football Championship saw an opening round victory for Brackaville against Augher, though they would come unstuck in the next round to a strong Drumquin side. Brocagh defeated Castlederg and Glenelly held off Urney in two of the best encounters in Round One, while there were also wins for Errigal Ciaran III, Aghaloo, Killeeshil, Tattyreagh and Strabane. Aghaloo were convincing winners against Brocagh in the Quarter Finals, with Killeeshil and Glenelly also progressing comfortably.



The remaining game was a much closer contest, with Strabane pipping Tattyreagh by two points. A Healy Park double-header for the Semi Finals saw two strong performances from pre-match favourites Aghaloo and Killeeshil, as they brushed aside the challenges of Glenelly and Strabane. A mouth-watering contest lay in store between two near neighbours, with Killeeshil seeking a first Junior Championship title since 2013 while Aghaloo last collected the Junior title back in 1991. In a contest that ebbed and flowed either way, a strong second half performance saw Aghaloo lead by three points as the game entered added time. However, in a dramatic last few moments, Killeeshil pounced for an opportune goal to level the game and with the last kick of the game guided over a difficult free to claim the title.

### CLUB ADULT HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Senior Hurling Championship Final took place on 06 October and saw Éire Óg claim a fifth title in a row when they staged a rousing comeback to defeat Eoghan Ruadh, who led for most of the game. Two late goals snatched the game away from the Dungannon side who had

been closing in on a first title since 2019. It was Eoghan Ruadh who started the game the brighter, with a goal helping to open up an early four point lead. To their credit, Éire Óg kept in touch and found themselves a point to the good at the break. However, Eoghan Ruadh took control early in the second half with two quickfire goals, and this was a lead they held until the 60th minute when the late heroics from Éire Óg kept the Benburb Cup in Carrickmore.

In the opening game of the day, Omagh St Enda's entered the Junior decider in the unfamiliar position of defending champions, and perhaps that tag contributed to a nervous start to the game when opponents Naomh Colum Cille opened up a five point lead. However, as the game wore on, Omagh began to assert their dominance and ran out convincing winners to retain the title.

#### ULSTER CLUB COMPETITIONS 2024

Errigal Ciaran opened their provincial campaign just six days after the County Final, when they welcomed St Eunan's (Dún na nGall) to Healy Park. In an entertaining game where the lead exchanged hands on several occasions, a strong finish from Errigal Ciaran - kicking the final three scores in a row - helped edge the game in their favour. They progressed to face



Cargin of Aontroim in the Quarter Finals, and had a much more routine afternoon and emerged eight point winners. A Semi Final clash with Armagh champions Clann Éireann was a typical Ulster Championship encounter, with both sides throwing everything in search of victory, but it was the Tír Eoghain men who sealed victory with a late point.

In the Intermediate Championship, Derrylaughan had an opening round victory over Termon of Dún na nGall. In the Quarter Final, their clash with All Saints (Aontroim) will go down as one of the all-time classic Ulster Club Championship encounters, as the Tír Eoghain side battled back with two late goals to force extra-time and a last gasp free to force a penalty shootout, which they would win 5-4. The full-time scoreline of 3-21 to 6-12 tells its own story. However, their campaign faltered at the next hurdle when Loughshore neighbours Ballinderry edged a nervy encounter by a single point, 0-9 to 1-5.

For Killeeshil, their Ulster Club campaign was a short lived one, as they were defeated by Derry champions Craighbane in a Round One clash in Owenbeg.

In Hurling, Éire Óg fell agonisingly short against Carey Faughs (Aontroim) in a thrilling Intermediate Championship encounter played in Carrickmore. The two sides could not be separated all afternoon, and with extra-time also failing to produce a winner, it was the Tír Eoghain men who lost out 3-2 in a penalty shootout. Omagh had high hopes of progressing in the Junior Hurling Championship, but a trip to Breffni Park to face East Cavan Gaels was a step too far as they bowed out to a disappointing defeat.

#### URRAÍOCHT SPONSORSHIP

As the main county sponsor, we continue to owe a debt of gratitude to McAleer & Rushe for their

unwavering support of Tyrone GAA. As we enter the final year of the current two year partnership, we look forward to working with directors Eamonn Laverty and Seamus McAleer, and all the staff, to building on the successful relationship we have had for many years now.

Our partnership with O'Neill's International Sports Company remains crucial to the county. To all the staff who continue to provide outstanding service in support of our county, to directors Tony and Paul Towell, and our key contact Christine O'Donnell, we give our thanks.

As sponsors of our Adult Club Championship competitions in both football and hurling, Connollys of Moy have provided invaluable support to one of the foremost club competitions on the island. This ongoing support of our games in the county is much appreciated, and our thanks to Vivion Connolly, Managing Director, for all his help and guidance.

For the second year running, our All County Leagues were sponsored by Begley's Sports. To Chris and Darragh, and their father Brendan, our sincere thanks for your longstanding support of Tyrone GAA.

Finally, to our other partners - Power NI, Bank of Ireland, Donnelly Group and Rocwell - all of whom have once again shown their commitment to Tyrone GAA with their financial contributions, as well as their product or service provision, go raibh míle maith agaibh! As ever, we would urge all our Clubs and supporters who can do so, to support those who have generously supported us.

Club Tyrone has been at the forefront of raising funds to support the development of the county, our teams and players for over 30 years now. It is important to recognise these members who continue to support the county, and who have done for many years. In September this year the latest initiative, the Red Hand



Business Club, was launched. The RHBC is aimed at bringing together businesses and business leaders from across the county, and beyond, to network and benefit from one another's expertise. With a positive reaction to the initiative so far, there is no doubt it will grow from strength to strength throughout 2025.

### **BUÍOCHAS WITH THANKS**

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 Chairpersons, 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 fifteen occasions this year with the following attendances: Martin Sludden (11), Dermot McCaughey (11), Michael Kerr (10), Eunan Lindsay (10), Niall McKenna (11), Sean McGuigan (10), Benny Hurl (10), Michelle Cox (10), Rory O'Brien (8), Damian Harvey (9), Aidan Maguire (11), Rory Cox (11), Dearbhla Scallon (5). Niall Muldoon also attended as Operations Manager. Thanks to all the members of Coiste Bainistí for playing their crucial role in the work of Tyrone

GAA, through their attendance at meetings, leadership of many sub-committees and workgroups, and representation on higher bodies.

My thanks to the members of the sub-committees for their time and commitment to Tyrone GAA. The work they do is often unseen, but it is essential to the effective operation of our county. To the many other chairpersons of sub-committees, who are not elected members of the Coiste Bainistí, similar grateful appreciation is extended, and their expertise is acknowledged, particularly Joe Neil (Health & Wellbeing), Gerard Bradley (IT Officer), Martin Haughey (Club Tyrone), Seamus McDonald (Strategic Planning), Seamus Hannigan (Hearings Committee), Adrian O'Kane (Audit & Risk) and Michael McCarney (Safety & Facilities)

It is appropriate to acknowledge the work that is done by many of our members at provincial and national levels on sub-committees and workgroups. I express my appreciation to the officers and staff at national level in CLG for their support and guidance throughout the year, especially Tom Ryan (Ard Stiúrthóir), Bernard Smith, Feargal McGill and Teresa Rehill; likewise, at provincial level I am particularly thankful to Brian McAvoy (Rúnai), Geraldine McKavanagh, Bernie Fox and Stephen Donnelly for the assistance and support 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, Niall Muldoon, our Operations Manager; Brian Laverty, Head of Games and all our coaching staff, Conor Gormley, Macartan McKenna, Fiachra McNulty, Damhlaic Rush and Liam Slater; Anne Marie McNulty our Financial Administrator; Roisin McSorley, Gregory McSorley and Paddy Grimes who carefully manage the upkeep and maintenance of the facilities at the County headquarters.

### **COMHBHRÓIN CONDOLENCES**

As another year comes to a close, we remember all those who have died during the past 12 months - Club members, family members, colleagues, friends. Our sympathies from all associated with Tyrone GAA to all those bereaved.

In particular we remember.

Stephen McGettigan (Strabane) - Former Tyrone Senior Footballer playing in the 2000 McKenna Cup Final

Benny Corr (Coalisland) - Former Chairperson of Coalisland Fianna

John McCann (Derrylaughan) - President and former Chairperson Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's

Mickey Kavanagh (Moy) - Vice President and former Chairperson Moy Tír na nÓg

Caolan Devlin (Naomh Colum Cille) - former Tyrone Minor and U21 Hurler, brother of current Senior Football player, Niall Ann McCann (Eglishe) - wife of former referee, John

Tommy Hunter (Dromore) - former Tyrone Senior and underage footballer

John Joe Taggart (Clonoe) - Vice President Clonoe O'Rahilly's and father of Referees committee member, Mel

Joan Harte (Errigal Ciaran) - Mother of Senior Football captain, Peter

Joe McGrade (Trillick) - former Tyrone Senior Footballer and O'Neill Cup winner

Claire Salmon (Trillick) - Sister of CCC Chairperson, Raymond Monteith

Paul Bradley (Owen Roes) - Captain of Tyrone Vocational Schools Ulster Winners and All-Ireland Finalists 2000

Tommy McKenna (Clogher) - Father of County Committee member, Ciaran

Basil Neville (Killyclogher) - former club referee for Killyclogher

Cathleen Treacy (Carrickmore) - Wife of former County Chairperson and President, Jimmy

Colm Grogan (Éire Óg) - former Tyrone Senior Hurler and Benburb Cup winner with Éire Óg

Margaret McCormack (Castlederg) - Sister of County Committee member, and Tyrone Masters manager, Joe Leonard

Anna Scallon (Gortin) - Grandmother of Irish Language and Culture Officer, Dearbhla



### **BRENDAN HARKIN (Killyclogher St Mary's)**

Brendan Harkin was a driving force within Tyrone GAA and his beloved Killyclogher St Mary's for over half a century. He has left an indelible mark on his Club and County and we will always remember his dedicated service, his leadership, and his deep-rooted love for the GAA in Tyrone.

Brendan's achievements in GAA administration are unrivalled and unparalleled in terms of length, breadth and quality of service. At county level, he was club delegate, Assistant Secretary of the League Board, Chairman of the Youth Board, Chairman of the Hurling Board, County Annual Editor, PRO, County Secretary, County Chairman (2 terms) and ultimately Honorary County President. He was the Tyrone delegate on Comhairle Uladh at Provincial level. At National level, he was both the Tyrone and the Ulster delegate on Ard-Chomhairle.

Only two people have ever served as Tyrone Chairperson for two terms, with Brendan first serving from 1981-1983 and then again from 1990-1992. What is more remarkable, perhaps, is that Brendan was very young when he first took this position. His first term coincided with a period of great political strife that was dominated by the Hunger Strikes; his second term occurred during a period of internal county strife. His masterful stewardship guided the Association in Tyrone through dangerous, tough, and testing times where his calming

influence was vitally important.

At club level, Brendan undertook the position of club secretary when the current club was reformed in 1965, at only 16 years of age, a position he held until 2018, thereby serving for an incredible 54 years in this role. He continued as assistant secretary up until his death, a manifestation of total unbroken, unwavering and loyal service to our Club, the likes of which has never, and will probably never, be seen again. Brendan also played a pivotal role in Tyrone's hurling development, managing the team to their first Ulster Junior Title in 1995 and clinching the All-Ireland title in 1996. His dedication to hurling continued as he served as Hurling Officer on the County Executive from 2010 to 2015.

A passionate advocate for Irish language and culture, Brendan, an Irish and History teacher, was hugely involved in Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsear, showcasing his love for language and tradition. His extensive involvement earned him the honour of being appointed Uachtarán CLG Thír Eoghain in 2016, a testament to his remarkable and selfless service to the association.

Brendan's death dealt a severe and deep-felt blow, particularly to those associated with his beloved Killyclogher club. We are all much the poorer for losing him, but we are much the richer for having had him in our lives. The seanfhocal (proverb) declares prophetically: Maireann an chraobh ar an fhál ach ní mhaireann an lámh do chuir 'Although the hand that planted the seed is no longer with us, his seed lives on after him through the branches that grew from that seed.'

Brendan died on 1st February surrounded by his loving family, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Claire, daughters, Kerri, Sinead, Gráinne and son Kevin, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and entire family circle.



**DECLAN O'NEILL**  
(Omagh St Enda's)

From an early age Declan showed a unique combination of football skill and administrative ability. In 1962, shortly after a stint with the Tyrone Minors, he lined out and won a St Enda Cup medal while club secretary. A talented forward, he would go on to collect an O'Neill Cup the following year alongside another St Enda Cup medal in 1964, as well as an Intermediate Reserve title in 1977. Indeed, such was Declan's love of the sport, he occasionally lined out for the Reserves through the 1980's.

His County career also saw success. In 1968 he played for the Tyrone Junior side that claimed an All-Ireland title at a time when success was scarce. His ability around the committee table was indeed recognised early on at Club and County. Several stints as club secretary followed through the 1960's before, after being Vice-Chairman for three years, he took the role as Chairman from 1976 until 1979. Declan would return to the role in 1981 and remained at the helm for sixteen years.

Away from the club, Declan was a key member of the Ulster Council and was elected Tyrone Chairman in 1993, the first St Enda's man to take the role. One of his most memorable occasions was the 1995 All-Ireland final appearance where, despite the loss to Dublin, Declan was so proud of the players and Tyrone as a county.

Declan's contribution to Omagh

St Enda's, to Tyrone GAA, and the wider GAA family cannot be underestimated. Throughout his life he worked hard for the Association, a player and an administrator with a wonderful ability to get things done. His contribution was marked by a Presidential Award from Uachtarán Nicky Brennan in 2008.

Declan passed away on 11th July surrounded by his loving family after a short illness. A beloved husband of the recently deceased Agnes and father of Damian, Siobhan, Deirdre and Nuala, he and his family were steeped in the GAA.



**JODY O'NEILL**  
(Coalisland Fianna)

Jody O'Neill holds a distinguished place in Tyrone GAA history. Captain of the first team from the county to win an Ulster senior title in 1956 and subsequently a senior county manager, his involvement with teams – at club, school, college, county and provincial – straddle the decades from the middle to the late 20th century.

A fantastic midfielder, Jody was on the Fianna team that lifted the senior county championship, the O'Neill Cup, for the sixth time in the club's history on a famous day in Pomeroy in 1955. The following year, 1956, he was captain of Tyrone seniors when they won the Ulster championship for the first time. They defeated Ulster kingpins Cavan in Clones, on a score of 0-4 to 3-5. Just 19, he was the youngest Ulster winning captain at the time. He also won an incredible

five Railway Cup medals with Ulster, a record for a Tyrone player which he shares with Peter Canavan.

While still playing, Jody managed Tyrone to the 1968 All Ireland Junior final, with Art McRory team captain. Jody played for the Fianna for the last time in 1970. However, his passion for the game never waned.

In 1973, he managed Tyrone to their third Ulster senior championship, appointing Frank McGuigan as the new youngest captain to lift the Anglo Celt Cup. He also took Tyrone U21s to Ulster victory in the early 1970s and a provincial final in 1985. Such was his esteem in the GAA, in 1986, he was appointed co-selector for the first Compromise Rules team chosen to play the first ever series in Australia.

A pharmacist in the town, Jody O'Neill made a magnificent contribution to the club and county and the community. He was a GAA great who has left an incredible legacy. As well as being a great player and coach, he was a Fianna stalwart and travelled the length and breadth of the county to support the club teams at all levels. He especially took great pride in watching his sons and grandchildren following in his footsteps with the Fianna.

Jody died on 3rd August following a short illness. He is survived by his children Barbara, Blanche, Yvette, Martin, Eugene, Raymond, Fiona, Cyril, Adele, Austin and Terry. Jody was predeceased by his loving wife, Yvonne.

# SCÓRCHLÁR NA gCLUBANNA 2023

## CLUB SCOREBOARD 2023

### BEGLEY'S SPORTS ALL COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (2023)

#### LEAGUE FINAL

10/12/2023      Trillick                      0-08    An Charraig Mhór                      0-07                      at Healy Park

### TYRONE GAA YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

#### MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

G1    25/02/2024              Donaghmore                      1-15    Cookstown                      1-07                      at Killeeshil

#### MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

G2    22/12/2023              Loughmacrory                      1-10    Both Domhnaigh                      1-07                      at Fintona

G3    03/12/2023              Drumragh                      4-11    Moy                      3-14                      at Clogher

\*Moy win 3-1 on penalties

# SCÓRCHLÁR NA gCLUBANNA 2024

## CLUB SCOREBOARD 2024

### CONNOLLYS OF MOY TYRONE SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### ROUND ONE

05/09/2024	Ardboe	1-12	Edendork	0-10	at O'Neill Park
06/09/2024	Carrickmore	0-11	Dromore	0-10	at Healy Park
07/09/2024	Eglishe	1-09	Trillick	1-17	at Galbally
07/09/2024	Errigal Ciaran	0-13	Pomeroy	2-04	at Loughmacrory
08/09/2024	Killyclogher	2-08	Omagh	0-13	at Carrickmore
08/09/2024	Dungannon	2-09	Donaghmore	1-09	at Pomeroy
08/09/2024	Loughmacrory	2-15	Galbally	2-07	at Healy Park
09/09/2024	Clonoe	0-12	Coalisland	1-08	at O'Neill Park

#### QUARTER FINALS

20/09/2024	Carrickmore	1-12	Killyclogher	2-09	at Healy Park
21/09/2024	Dungannon	1-13	Loughmacrory	2-09	at Pomeroy
22/09/2024	Trillick	1-08	Ardboe	0-09	at Carrickmore
22/09/2024	Clonoe	2-09	Errigal Ciaran	2-09	at O'Neill Park
26/09/2024	Killyclogher	0-08	Carrickmore	0-06	at Healy Park
28/09/2024	Errigal Ciaran	0-14	Clonoe	0-11	at O'Neill Park

#### SEMI FINALS

04/10/2024	Trillick	0-17	Dungannon	0-07	at Healy Park
06/10/2024	Errigal Ciaran	1-12	Killyclogher	2-08	at Healy Park

#### FINAL

25/10/2024	Errigal Ciaran	0-12	Trillick	1-08	at Healy Park
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**CONNOLLYS OF MOY TYRONE INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**ROUND ONE**

06/09/2024	Aghyaran	2-11	Cookstown	0-13	at Healy Park
07/09/2024	Owen Roe's	2-09	Gortin	0-14	at Killyclogher
07/09/2024	Moortown	2-24	Fintona	1-09	at Galbally
07/09/2024	Moy	1-13	Naomh Eoghan	0-12	at Loughmacrory
07/09/2024	Derrylaughan	1-21	Clogher	1-17	at Stewartstown
08/09/2024	Beragh	4-09	Drumragh	1-13	at Carrickmore
08/09/2024	Rock	0-14	Stewartstown	0-13	at Eglish
08/09/2024	Greencastle	2-11	Kildress	1-06	at Pomeroy

**QUARTER FINALS**

20/09/2024	Greencastle	1-14	Beragh	1-11	at Healy Park
21/09/2024	Derrylaughan	1-15	Owen Roe's	2-05	at Pomeroy
22/09/2024	Moortown	3-13	Aghyaran	3-11	at Carrickmore
22/09/2024	Moy	1-10	Rock	0-12	at O'Neill Park

**SEMI FINALS**

05/10/2024	Greencastle	1-03	Moy	0-06	at Pomeroy
05/10/2024	Derrylaughan	1-07	Moortown	0-08	at Pomeroy
11/10/2024	Moy	2-08	Greencastle	0-08	at Healy Park

**FINAL**

19/10/2024	Derrylaughan	1-10	Moy	0-11	at Healy Park
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**CONNOLLYS OF MOY TYRONE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP****PRELIMINARY ROUND**

24/08/2024	Brackaville	3-11	Augher	1-10	At Killeeshil
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**ROUND ONE**

30/08/2024	Errigal Ciaran III	2-10	Killyman	0-07	at Healy Park
30/08/2024	Aghaloo	5-13	Eskra	0-11	at Healy Park
31/08/2024	Brocagh	2-14	Castledearg	1-15	at Aghaloo
31/08/2024	Killeeshil	2-12	Clann na nGael	0-06	at Fintona
01/09/2024	Glenelly	0-15	Urney	1-11	at Gortin
01/09/2024	Tattyreagh	1-17	Derrytresk	1-09	at Killyclogher
01/09/2024	Drumquin	2-19	Brackaville	0-09	at Killyclogher
02/09/2024	Strabane	3-17	Donaghmore III	0-12	at Beragh

**QUARTER FINALS**

14/09/2024	Glenelly	0-16	Errigal Ciaran III	0-04	at Killyclogher
14/09/2024	Strabane	0-13	Tattyreagh	0-11	at Killyclogher
15/09/2024	Aghaloo	3-18	Brocagh	0-04	at Pomeroy
15/09/2024	Killeeshil	2-12	Drumquin	1-08	at Pomeroy

**SEMI FINALS**

27/09/2024	Killeeshil	0-13	Strabane	0-05	at Healy Park
27/09/2024	Aghaloo	1-14	Glenelly	0-07	at Healy Park

**FINAL**

13/10/2024	Killeeshil	2-07	Aghaloo	0-12	at Healy Park
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**CONNOLLYS OF MOY TYRONE SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**FINAL**

06/10/2024    Éire Óg    3-16    Eoghan Ruadh    3-13    at O'Neills Healy Park



**CONNOLLYS OF MOY TYRONE JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**FINAL**

06/10/2024    Omagh    3-19    Naomh Colum Cille    2-11    at O'Neills Healy Park



**CONNOLLYS OF MOY FOOTBALL RESERVE KNOCKOUT****SENIOR**

31/08/2024	Killyclogher	1-11	Trillick	0-08	at Fintona
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**INTERMEDIATE**

31/08/2024	Moy	0-09	Moortown	0-09	at Eglish
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\*Moy win 5-4 on penalties

**JUNIOR**

29/09/2024	Eskra	0-11	Killeeshil	0-08	at Beragh
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**JIM DEVLIN CUP****FINAL**

08/05/2024	Dromore	0-12	Clonee	1-04	at Coalisland
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**ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (2024)****ROUND ONE**

2ú Samhain 2024	Errigal Ciaran (Tír Eoghain)	0-12	St Eunan's (Dún na nGall)	0-10	at O'Neill's Healy Park
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**QUARTER FINAL**

10ú Samhain 2024	Cargin (Aontroim)	0-09	Errigal Ciaran (Tír Eoghain)	0-17	at Corrigan Park
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**SEMI FINAL**

24ú Samhain 2024	Clann Éireann (Ard Mhacha)	1-10	Errigal Ciaran (Tír Eoghain)	0-14	at Páirc Esler
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**FINAL**

8ú Nollaig 2024	Errigal Ciaran (Tír Eoghain)		Kilcoo (An Dún)		at Athletic Grounds
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**ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (2024)****ROUND ONE**

2ú Samhain 2024	Derrylaughan (Tír Eoghain)	1-11	Termon (Dún na nGall)	1-08	at O'Neill's Healy Park
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**QUARTER FINAL**

9ú Samhain 2024	All Saint's (Aontroim)	6-12 (4)	Derrylaughan (Tír Eoghain)	3-21 (5)	at Erin's Own, Cargin (After Extra Time)
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**SEMI FINAL**

24ú Samhain 2024	Ballinderry (Doire)	0-09	Derrylaughan (Tír Eoghain)	1-05	at Páirc Esler
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**ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (2024)****ROUND ONE**

26ú D. Fómhair 2024	Craigbane (Doire)	1-08	Killeeshil (Tír Eoghain)	0-07	at Owenbeg
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### ULSTER GAA HURLING INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (2024)

#### QUARTER FINAL

3ú Samhain 2024	Éire Óg (Tír Eoghain)	0-20 (2)	Carey Faughs (Aontroim)	2-14 (4)	at Carrickmore (After Extra Time)
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### ULSTER GAA HURLING JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (2024)

#### QUARTER FINAL

2ú Samhain 2024	East Cavan Gaels (An Cabhán)	6-10	Omagh (Tír Eoghain)	1-14	at Breffni Park
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### TYRONE GAA YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

#### MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

G1	24/08/2024	Cookstown	3-15	Eglis	3-14	at Edendork
G2	24/08/2024	Dungannon	1-14	Omagh	1-12	at Carrickmore
G3	24/08/2024	Castledearg	1-10	Beragh	0-12	at Trillick
G4	24/08/2024	Urney	3-09	Naomh Bríd	0-07	at Carrickmore

#### MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

G1	14/09/2024	Cookstown	2-16	An Charraig Mhór	2-11	at Edendork
G2	14/09/2024	Clonoe	5-13	Pomeroy	0-06	at Edendork
G3	14/09/2024	Castledearg	3-10	Killeeshil	2-05	at Greencastle
G3B		WINNERS		An Charraig Mhór		
G4	10/09/2024	Urney	1-13	Brackaville	0-11	at Kildress

#### UNDER 16 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

G1	09/11/2024	An Charraig Mhór	1-15	Eglis	0-09	at O'Neill Park
G2	19/10/2024	Dungannon	3-07	Beragh	1-06	at Healy Park
G3	13/10/2024	Moy	1-11	Urney	3-03	at Healy Park
G4	12/10/2024	Naomh Eoghan	3-08	Clogher	2-05	at Drumquin

#### UNDER 16 FOOTBALL LEAGUE

G1	16/11/2024	An Charraig Mhór	1-16	Eglis	1-14	at Edendork
G2	30/11/2024	Dromore	0-15	Omagh	0-8	at Drumquin
G3	01/12/2024	Drumragh	2-8	Urney	2-6	at Newtownstewart
G3B	09/11/2024	Cookstown	2-06	Dromore	2-03	at Killyclogher
G4	19/10/2024	Naomh Eoghan	3-06	Brackaville	3-05	at Killyclogher

#### FÉILE PEILE NA nÓG

G1	WINNERS	Eglis			at Carrickmore
G2	WINNERS	Rock			at Drumquin

**UNDER 14 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

G1	29/06/2024	Galbally	6-11	Ardboe	1-17	at Donaghmore
G2	29/06/2024	Owen Roe's	2-10	Beragh	2-09	at Newtownstewart
G3	29/06/2024	Moortown	2-14	Naomh Bríd	3-06	at Donaghmore
G4	29/06/2024	Aghyaran	5-12	Clann na nGael	2-08	at Newtownstewart

**UNDER 14 FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

G1	26/05/2024	Galbally	2-12	Ardboe	1-14	at Killyclogher
G2	01/06/2024	Beragh	2-11	Na Doire Óga	3-06	at Donaghmore
G3	22/06/2024	Castlederg	10-5	Rock	3-09	at Killyclogher
G3B	30/05/2024	Cookstown	4-09	An Charraig Mhór	2-08	at Cookstown
G3C	26/05/2024	Cookstown	7-14	An Charraig Mhór	3-02	at Killyclogher
G4	22/06/2024	Aghyaran	2-13	Stewartstown	0-11	at Killyclogher

**TYRONE GAA YOUTH HURLING COMPETITIONS****MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

G1	23/10/2024	Eoghan Ruadh	0-17	Éire Óg	2-09	at Garvaghey
G2	06/11/2024	NCC/Dúiche Néill	4-20	Omagh	4-12	at Garvaghey

**MINOR HURLING LEAGUE**

G1		WINNERS		Éire Óg		
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**UNDER 16 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

G1	20/11/2024	Eoghan Ruadh	2-14	Éire Óg	0-09	at Garvaghey
G2	22/10/2024	NCC/Dúiche Néill	1-18	Cappagh	3-10	at Éire Óg

**UNDER 16 HURLING LEAGUE**

G1	13/11/2024	Éire Óg	3-10	Eoghan Ruadh	0-16	at Eoghan Ruadh
G2	11/10/2024	NCC/Dúiche Néill	2-15	Cappagh	1-06	at Garvaghey

**FÉILE NA nGAEL**

G1		WINNERS		Éire Óg		at Garvaghey
G2		WINNERS		Omagh		at Garvaghey

**UNDER 14 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

G1	01/10/2024	Omagh	3-13	Naomh Colum Cille	0-11	at Garvaghey
G2	19/10/2024	Tulach Óg	3-08	Fintona	2-02	at Garvaghey

**UNDER 14 HURLING LEAGUE**

G1	21/09/2024	Omagh	2-10	Eoghan Ruadh	0-05	at Killyclogher
G2	21/09/2024	Cappagh	9-06	Tulach Óg	3-06	at Killyclogher



# TUARASCÁLACHA NA bhFO-CHOISTÍ

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# COISTE RIALAITHE NA GCOMÓRTAS

## COMPETITIONS CONTROL COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Raymond Monteith (Trí Leac)
Vice-Chairperson/Hurling Fixtures	Pat McAtee (Fionntamhnach)
Secretary	Michelle Cox (Droim Ratha)
Adult Fixtures	Kieran McGuire (Achadh Uí Áráin)
Youth Fixtures (1)	Michael McCaughey (Trí Leac)
Youth Fixtures (2)	Des O'Doherty (An Ómaigh)
Discipline (1)	Sarahjane Kelly (E.R. Uí Néill)
Discipline (2)	Paula Cuddy (An Charraig Mhór)
Adult Referees	Fabian McGlone (Droim Ratha)
Youth Referees	John Devlin (Cabhán a'Chaorthainn)
Fixture Analyst	Conor Sally (An Ómaigh)
County Referees Administrator	Shane Dorrity (Oileán an Ghuail)

In early 2024 the CCC met with all clubs in a series of meetings in Garvaghey. These meetings were constructive and gave clubs the opportunity to air their thoughts, opinions, concerns and make various suggestions around the draft fixture schedule that was presented. This was the first meeting with the clubs since Covid and was conducted on across four separate evenings, with the three football divisions and the hurling clubs on different nights.

### HURLING

2024 saw more fixtures at youth level and a more competitive edge across a wider spread of clubs, particularly at U14 and U16 level. Striking the balance with football fixtures and Tain Óg League proved, and will continue to be, challenging. This year saw some fixtures forfeited at late stages and some fixtures had to be pulled due to referee shortages. Throughout year we had to use referees from outside the county at both youth and adult level. This issue has to be addressed seriously by the clubs if the current schedule of games is to continue or grow. A number of the youth finals were held at Garvaghey again this year and I thank Gregory, Anne Marie, Paddy and Roisin for their help around these games. Congratulations to Éire Óg and Omagh St Enda's on their Senior and Junior Championship victories.

### YOUTH FOOTBALL

This year U14 and Minor football

started first, with U16 commencing in June and overlapping with the Minors. The prolonged Inter-county minor season again caused disruption with our club fixtures and a solution has to be found at Ulster and Central Council level. The Development leagues saw increased number of clubs entering this past year. For some clubs with large numbers at specific age groups, these leagues have been a positive experience. However, some clubs seem to be using them as an opportunity to field a second team made predominantly of players from a lower age group. Requests for fixture movements increased this year and this puts pressure on competition deadlines and referee appointments. For a fixture programme to work, dates and times have to be adhered to. This year saw more suspensions issued to team mentors than had been the case in the previous few years. This is yet another worrying trend that has to be eradicated from our youth games. Unfortunately the 'Give Respect, Get Respect' mantra too often falls on deaf ears. On the whole, our games were competitive and we saw many close and exciting finals throughout the year. Comhghairdeas to all League and Championship winners.

### ADULT FOOTBALL

Our All County Leagues continue to be as competitive as ever. In 2025, Junior football will have a new look with an eight team Division 3 and a new Division 3A for the remaining. While we would like to start all our

leagues earlier, the restriction of a maximum 5 games without County players limits the opportunity. It also leads to an overload of fixtures in August. There are also teams waiting on promotion/relegation play offs after the championship is over. None of these scenarios are ideal for our players. This has to be looked at in the coming months with a view to an alternative structure for 2026. This year saw the welcome return of the Jim Devlin Cup, with the final hosted by Coalisland Fianna, as the club marked the 50th anniversary of the brutal murder of Jim and Gertie Devlin. Pre-season competitions can have a place in the calendar particularly with the prospect of new playing rules in 2025. All three Championships provided high octane, high intensity do or die games with draws, replays and the minimum margin separating many battles. Congratulations to Killeeshil, Derrylaughan and Errigal Ciaran on their victories. At this point I want to thank all clubs and their volunteers who hosted our championship games. Great venues with great people, all committed to the one cause. A special word to Dungannon Clarke's as championship football returned to O'Neill Park, a welcome addition for some dramatic floodlit games. All our finals were played in Healy Park and our thanks goes to all the Omagh club people who help make this happen, particularly Michael McCarney and his stewards, for their cooperation and the great condition that the playing surface provided with such a high volume of games.

### REFEREES

Every year it has been highlighted that our number of active referees is dwindling. Every year we highlight the reasons and every year we appeal for recruitment. These calls have, in the main, been ignored and we have now hit crisis point. This year, a number of games in both hurling and football had to be pulled at short notice due to referee shortages. Unfortunately, it is predominantly youth games



that are suffering. The Referees committee will be putting proposals to the CCC and those clubs who are not providing an adequate number of referees may well see repercussions around their games. Verbal, physical and social media abuse has to stop and referee recruitment has to become as important an issue for your club committee as coaching recruitment. To all those men who have given such commitment this last year, I thank you. Many of you have refereed over 30 games. If players were asked to play 30 games, there would be uproar. Thanks to Fabian, John and Pat for taking care of all our referee appointments, which on some weekends was an impossible task. Congratulations also go to Sean Hurson on refereeing his second All-Ireland Final and thanks to Sean for all the work he does around referee development within Tyrone.

	ADULT					OFFICIALS				YOUTH					SPT
	Cat I	Cat III	Cat IV	Cat V	Cat VI	Cat IIa	Cat IIIa	Cat IVa	Cat Va	Cat I	Cat III	Cat IV	Cat V	Cat VI	
MAR	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	11	4	0	0	
APR	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	8	6	0	0	
MAY	6	6	4	0	0	3	0	0	1	3	7	2	2	0	
JUN	5	6	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	10	5	6	0	0	1
JUL	2	14	10	0	1	2	0	0	0	4	6	2	0	0	
AUG	15	12	5	0	0	3	0	1	1	9	4	1	0	0	
SEPT	6	4	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	2	10	3	0	1	
OCT	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	4	1	0	
NOV	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	

### DISCIPLINE - inc. table (right)

My thanks to Sarahjane and Paula for all their work in the area of discipline. As the table below shows, incidents of serious indiscipline, while not overly frequent, still do blight our games and I would appeal to all clubs, their players, coaches and supporters, to showcase our games in the best possible light and eradicate these incidents from our games.

### FINALLY

I want to thank all the members of the CCC for their hard work throughout 2024. We look after many aspects of our games, and at times it can be challenging and time consuming.

I want to particularly thank Michelle Cox who as Secretary handles the heaviest workload and directs all correspondence in a professional manner. I would also like to thank Niall Muldoon for all his help and guidance over 2024. I wish all our clubs a peaceful Christmas and good luck for 2025.



# COISTE FORBARTHA OILIÚNA AGUS NA GCLUICHÍ COACHING AND GAMES COMMITTEE

Chairperson (Coaching Officer)	Damian Harvey (An Chorr Chríochach)
Secretary (County Head of Games)	Brian Laverty (Oileán an Ghuail/An Grianloch)
Primary Schools Representative	Joe Canavan (Aireagal Chiaráin)
Post-Primary Schools Representative	Paddy Corrigan (Gallbhaile)
Referee Administration Representative	Shane Dorrity (Oileán an Ghuail)
Hurling Officer	Aidan Maguire (Naomh Eoghan)
	Brendan Harpur (Droim Caoin)
	Benny Hurl (Ard Bó)
	Roger Keenan (An Goirtín)
	Ryan Keenan (Loch Mhic Ruairí)
	Michael McCaughey (Trí Leac)
	Ger O'Connor (An Srath Bán/Fine Ghallainn)
Games Development Coordinator	Macartan McKenna (An Bhoth)

The committee met on 6 occasions during 2024. A number of these meetings were online to accommodate commitments that a number of the committee have with other committees and coaching within their own clubs. I'd like to thank each one of them for their hard work and commitment during another challenging year in the development of Coaching and Games in Tyrone.

## COACHING & GAMES STAFF

We are fortunate to have a small, yet dedicated team of coaching staff who carry out their duties in a professional manner to support the delivery and promotion of Gaelic games in Tyrone. In May 2024, after an extensive period of discussions with regards to new staff contracts between Croke Park, Ulster GAA and Tyrone GAA, I am pleased to report that Tyrone staff signed up to new contracts issued by Croke Park. These contracts now ensure staff are on a par with colleagues working in other counties. My thanks to the Officers of Tyrone GAA who ensured at all times that the best interests of our staff, and county as a whole, were to the forefront of discussions.

### Tyrone GAA Coaching & Games Staff

**Head of Games** - Brian Laverty  
**Games Development Coordinator (Football)** - Macartan McKenna  
**Games Development Coordinator (Hurling)** - Damhlaic Rush

**Participation Officers (Football)** - Fiachra McNulty, Conor Gormley, Liam Slater.

**Participation Officers (Hurling)** - Ryan McCaul, Ruairi O'Sullivan  
**Support from Ulster GAA Hurling Regional Development Officer (Tyrone)** - Colm Dillon

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS & POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The Coaching & Games committee remain committed to supporting and developing a strong relationship with Cumann na mBunscoil Thír Eoghain around the promotion of Gaelic games in primary schools across the county. We have engaged with the Cumann na mBunscoil committee throughout the year and our staff have supported their events, such as the Skills Day and their competitions Finals Days.

In Post-primary schools, we have continued to support the schools in both Hurling and Football with the provision of additional games opportunities to supplement their Ulster Schools calendar. In total, 14 blitz days for Y8/9/10 were held in Garvaghey throughout 2024 in both codes, with all Post-primary schools in the county attending.

## HURLING

As ever, the Hurling Development Committee are to be commended for their constant commitment and ambition to bring Hurling in

the county to a stronger position year after year. In November, the recruitment of two additional Participation Officers for Hurling has seen the number of staff double from two to four. This increased capacity will directly support our clubs, as well as offering a wider range of support in our primary and post-primary schools.

## GO-GAMES

After a period of consultation with clubs throughout the winter, the Go-Games programme was adjusted slightly to reflect the feedback from clubs. Each club was asked to host a number of other clubs on a minimum of two occasions. This enabled clubs to play a wider variety of teams and was widely welcomed by clubs after review in September 2024. We must remember that hosting Go-Games morning, while seeming like an onerous chore to many, is one of the most effective ways of promoting our games with the younger generation.

One of the highlights of the Go-Games programme in 2024 was the introduction of game days being hosted in Garvaghey. This followed the successful model used to host Hurling Go-Games on a Friday evening and allowed clubs from each end of the county, who would usually not play each other in that age group, to come together on a Saturday morning and play games at the Home of Tyrone GAA.

Clubs had also expressed a need for a change with the U12.5 format used in 2023. Many games were not played as clubs tried to rearrange fixtures, but ultimately the games never happened. In 2024, clubs were asked to submit numbers for U12.5 level, after which they were grouped regionally with teams of similar numbers and supplied with a set of fixtures to fulfil.

Unfortunately, there remain a number of challenges when catering for this age group. While the Go-Games model encourages small sided

games to maximise participation (11/12-a-side), using multiple teams where necessary, still too many games are taking place at 15-a-side with as many players again standing on the sideline looking on. Also, in 2023, clubs were encouraged to provide a ‘young whistler’ to officiate at the games, in an attempt to ease the burden on our club referees and offer an introductory step to the referee pathway for young individuals. While a number of clubs continued to promote this initiative in 2024, it was disappointing to hear a number of clubs had to abandon this approach because of abuse from team mentors and supporters.

We will continue to liaise with all stakeholders for this age group to try and find a format that will best serve the needs of U12.5 footballers and hurlers in the county.

One issue raised by Hurling clubs has been the clash of Football clubs playing challenge games on designated Hurling Go-Games days. In 2025 there will be improved promotion of the county Go-Games calendar to create a better awareness of when Football and Hurling date are to ensure young players have opportunity to play both codes.

The issue of competitive tournaments was well published and commented upon through the year. A reminder to all clubs that Go-Games rules state;

“No provision is made to present trophies, cups etc. in any code and competition/league from U12 and below. Where certificates/medals are presented in lieu of participation, the same certificate/medal must be presented to every participant.”

Once again, I thank all the Go-Games coaches and volunteers for their help in supporting this programme throughout the county, and in particular Macaratan McKenna and Tyrone GAA staff who produced the fixtures for host clubs and for the

smooth running of games on the Garvaghey game days.

Below are the total numbers of players playing at u8.5/10.5/12.5 submitted by clubs at the start of the year (2023 numbers in brackets)

	FOOTBALL	HURLING
<b>U8.5</b>	995 (1062)	183 (199)
<b>U10.5</b>	997 (956)	171 (201)
<b>U12.5</b>	993 (n/a)	170 (N/A)

### REFEREES

Refereeing in the county continues to remain a challenge. Our Referees Administrator Shane Dorrity, and his committee, remain steadfast in their call for the recruitment of new referees if the current games programme is to remain in place. I urge all clubs to step up to the mark by bringing new names to the table.



### COUNTY TEAMS

Our U17 Celtic Challenge team was led by Christopher Cross (Naomh Colum Cille), who in his first year in post, help lead the squad to a Celtic Challenge Corn Jerome O’Leary win over Sligo in June. Tyrone Coaching & Games would like to commend Chris, all his backroom team and players, for their time and dedication throughout the year.

Our Minor footballers came up short in the Ulster MFC semi-final to eventual All Ireland winners, Derry. Tyrone then entered the Tier 2 championship, where they suffered a semi-final defeat to Cavan. Our thanks go to Gerard Donnelly and his backroom team and players for their efforts across the year.

### COACH EDUCATION

Macartan McKenna continues to lead on Coach Education in the county. Throughout 2024, our staff have overseen 20x Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games awards in both Football and Hurling.

One Level 1 course in Football was held in November 2024 at Derrytresk.

Since Covid, Tyrone GAA have run two Level 1 courses, and we feel that this is not an adequate number of courses for the number of coaches operating at club level. Later this year, it is our intention to survey current club coaches about their level of experience and current coaching qualifications. We would recommend that clubs should have at least one Level 1 coach within their Minor/U16/U14 management teams. As a result, we would also like to engage with clubs in the spring to work out how to better entice coaches to upskill further, instead of stopping after they achieve their ICGG.

Our coaching workshops in the early part of 2024 were hugely successful, with over 200 coaches attending workshops based on attacking play,

defending, fundamentals and skill development through games.

### **CAMPS (SUMMER/EASTER/HALLOWEEN)**

The appetite for our camps has not diminished, with the programme attracting almost 4,800 children this year. Three variations of our camps now exist - our traditional Club Tyrone Camps, Teen Camps and GAA for All Camps - as we try to cater for a wider range of children in the county.

Our camps were delivered by a team of 7 staff, 5 part-time coordinators and over 110 part time coaches. Our thanks once again to all the clubs who hosted our camps, for the use of their facilities and working with the coaches to make the camps an enjoyable experience for everyone who attended.

In 2024, with the help of the HDC and clubs, we hosted two additional hurling camps on the programme. Eoghan Ruadh, Éire Óg, Fintona and Naomh Colum Cille all held successful camps with over 280 children enjoying hurling through the summer. Our target for 2025 will be to maintain and grow this provision.

We also built on the initial success of our Teen Camp this summer, which were held in July and August. These camps provided 12-14 year olds with the opportunity to receive top level coaching from county coaches and county players. Those who attended benefited from the expert advice from Ryan Keenan and Paul O'Hagan in skill development, Conor McCrory and Sean Murphy in athletic development and nutrition, and then Maura McMenamin from Ulster GAA who delivered a workshop on the "One Punch" Campaign.

Teen Camps are hosted across the county in regional venues, linking in with our post-primary partners St Patrick's Academy Dungannon, Holy Cross Strabane and also in Garvaghey.



Feedback from our clubs had expressed the need for county players to attend camps, as such visits can make the week for the children. On that front we are indebted to Niall Devlin, Seanie O'Donnell, Ciaran Daly, Peter Harte and Darragh Canavan for visiting camps this summer and for their support on the Skills winners day held in Garvaghey.

During the school holiday periods of Easter and Halloween, Coaching & Games ran a series of successful camps with a focus on developing the skills for our games through small-sided games. Camps are led by staff and part-time coaches.

Our Easter camps, based in Garvaghey and MUSA they attracted 100 children aged between 7 and 12. The U14 hurling camp attracted a further 30 children. Our Halloween camps were based in Cookstown and Garvaghey for football, with a hurling camp hosted by Omagh St Enda's. The Cookstown and Garvaghey camps attracted over 150 children over two days for football. The Omagh camp for Hurling was organised in conjunction with Omagh St Enda's club and attracted over 80 children.

### **GAA FOR ALL**

GAA for All has continued to be a beacon of positive news and work within our Association.

Active clubs in the county include Donaghmore, Beragh, Carrickmore, Strabane, Derrylaughan, Greencastle and Errigal Ciaran.

These clubs have led the way in Tyrone, with new clubs already expressing an interest to create a GAA for All hub for 2025. And while support is available from the County Coaching & Games staff, each club relies on a team of energetic and dedicated volunteer coaches who regularly run their own sessions for children and adults with additional needs.

2024 seen the introduction of Club Tyrone GAA for All camps as part of our wider Summer Camp programme. The camps were a one day event, with five clubs hosting - Strabane, Beragh, Derrylaughan, Greencastle and Donaghmore - and over 80 children attending and receiving their Club Tyrone camp kit.

In 2025, we want to consolidate the current camps while also exploring how to grow capacity for further GAA for All Camps in the summer and mid-term windows.

A special mention goes to Shane McCann and Paul Callaghan from Ulster GAA for their tireless work in driving the GAA for All programme at provincial level and their support for clubs in the county.

**ACADAMH THÍR EOGHAIN****UNDER 15 FOOTBALL**

The U15 Football squad were brought together following a short trial period and started training early 2024.

Entering two teams, we were drawn in the same group as Derry, Donegal and Mayo, they travelled to Derry and played at home to Mayo and Donegal. Both teams topped their respective groups and then recorded wins in the Brian McLernon Cup semi-finals.

Both finals were held in Derrylaughan where Mayo provided the opposition in both finals. The visitors emerged victorious in the first final, but Tyrone came out on top in the second final ensuring a share of the spoils for both counties on the day.

We would like to thank Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's for their work in hosting both finals, which is now an annual showcase day for the Loughshore club.

We are fortunate in Tyrone to have so many talented coaches and our thanks go to the U15 Management in 2024.

Ryan Keenan (Loughmacrory), Paul O'Hagan (Galbally), James Kennedy (Derrylaughan), Ronan McGeary (Galbally), Sean Murphy (Galbally), Piaras McSorley (Naomh Eoghan), Brian Lavery (Ardboe).

**UNDER 16 FOOTBALL**

The U16 Football squad were brought together in early 2024. After a short trial period, they were drawn in the same group as Derry, Donegal, and Mayo. They emerged from the group stage in third place and qualified for shield semi-final but suffered defeat at the hands of Donegal.

Once again, we would like to acknowledge the workload that went into this group of players by our U16 Management team.

Conleth Donnelly (Kildress), Damian

Leonard (Castledearg), Gary Currie (Edendork), Richie Donnelly (Trillick), Conor McCrory (Lissan), Bernard Gillen (Cookstown)

**UNDER 15 HURLING**

The U15 hurling squad came together in early 2024. They were drawn in the same group as Monaghan, Donegal, Roscommon and Wicklow. They also participated in an Ulster Blitz held in Garvaghy over Easter which provided the players with an opportunity to play against Antrim, Derry, Armagh, Donegal and Monaghan.

Throughout the year, all squads benefitted from a high calibre coaching once a week in Garvaghey.

Our thanks to our hurling staff who continue to lead the coaching for this group, namely Colm Dillon (Lavey) and Damhlaic Rush (Eoghan Ruadh).

It should be noted that the need for club coaches to support the work of our Hurling Academy squads is critical to their future success. We will engage with clubs over the coming months to explore how this can best be achieved.

We would like to place on record our gratitude to all clubs, parents and coaches for their outstanding support, cooperation and understanding throughout the year.

**SUPPORT**

Coaching & Games in Tyrone are indebted to the hard work and dedication of the Garvagehy staff, without whos cooperation the volume of work outlined above would simply not be possible. Our thanks to Gregory, Paddy, Roisin and Anne Marie, who always go beyond what it takes to support our teams, players and coaches. Also, since his appointment in 2023, Niall Muldoon has continued to be a pillar of support for Coaching & Games throughout the county in supporting staff, clubs, coaches, volunteers and Tyrone

Coaching & Games are in a better place thanks to his leadership and support.

**AND FINALLY**

The role of Coaching Officer has been made all the more rewarding as it has afforded me a focused and close hand view of the impact of the hard work in delivering silverware at club and county level. At Acadamh level this hard work is delivered by volunteers. These volunteers have created a clear pathway between the clubs, Acadamh Tir Eoghan and our county teams.

However the pathway for the progression of our Acadamh coaches is limited. The appointment of Minor and Under 20 management teams and coaches for, in some cases, multiple three year terms is unfortunately having an adverse impact on the potential pathway for Acadamh coaches to progress on to the Minor and U20 management roles. This in turn results in some excellent coaches turning their attention to club coaching and management roles inside, and worse, outside the county.

Has the time come to limit the Minor and U20 county management roles to two years maximum in order to ensure that we get the very best from some of the most talented coaches in the county? That might seem inappropriate when some management teams have delivered multiple Ulster and All-Ireland titles during their time in charge, but the bigger picture in terms of a County coaching pathway does mean it may require some serious consideration.

# COISTE FORBARTHA NA HIOMÁNA

## HURLING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson (Hurling Officer)	Aidan Maguire (Naomh Eoghan)
Secretary (Vice-Chairperson)	Dermot McCaughey (Trí Leac)
Coaching Officer	Damian Harvey (An Chorr Chríochach)
County Head of Games	Brian Laverty (Oileán an Ghuail/An Grianloch)
	Cathal McGarry (Cúchulainn an Ghleanna)
	Niall Murphy (Dúiche Néill)
	Declan Bennett (Éire Óg)
	Terry McIntosh (Eoghan Ruadh)
	Kieran Cranny (Fintona)
	Colm Morgan (Naomh Colum Cille)
	Ryan Woods (Omagh)
	Chris McDaid (Shamrocks)
	Peter Kerr (Tulach Óg)

### HURLING PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

It has been years in the making and we now welcome Ruairi O’Sullivan and Rian McCaul as our new POs. This will benefit hurling and camogie in our county. In 2016 we had four Hurling Participation Officers, sanctioned at County Convention 2016. The number of coaches slipped to 3 in 2018, 2 in 2019 and was 1.8 in 2024. Before our new coaches we had Dominic Rush and Ulster GAA’s Colm Dillon for four days per week (1 plus 0.8). Hurling, internationally, has an all-time high profile. Our County hurlers and camógs are performing exceptionally well, but the Primary Schools are the fonts that feed our future. This inter-county success could be traced back to the work of the coaches we had in 2016.

However, intervention is needed now for some hurling clubs (and football clubs). Their future existence is at stake. They are at crisis point. Returning to Primary Schools, Clubs need to identify schools’ liaison officers and to communicate where their greatest needs are, age-wise. Needs differ between Clubs and we must act accordingly. Niall Muldoon is ideally placed, capable and willing, to help with club governance. Years in the making, yes, and sincere thanks to all involved in getting these appointments over the line, particularly Niall (Muldoon), Brian (Laverty), our committee and Coiste Thír Eoghain. Let’s resolve to make the most of the opportunities presented.

### REFEREES

The crisis continues. We need referees to play our games. U12 games are refereed by host clubs. It is suggested that U14 league games should be similar, at least in Grade 2 to ensure that games take place. Attendance at the online refresher course could be a painless entry point for these ‘referees’ and might even yield some recruits. Cf Táin Óg model. Yes, there are games arranged where referees cannot be appointed, there are referees appointed where games do not take place. It is a serious pressing problem. An underlying theme is the abuse referees endure. This is a crucial cultural issue and needs to be addressed. It discourages new recruits. We highlight it continually, admission is the first step to correction. RESPECT! Respect for our officials is non-negotiable and it starts on the hurling, football or camogie pitch. Referees are entitled to expect total respect and act accordingly when it is not shown.

### FIXTURES AND CCC

The slow trickle of National information (eg Táin Óg). Fixtures are then stitched into the fixture calendar. The delay is most frustrating, the windows narrow. There must be a way around this to maximise participation of our youth in hurling. Presuming Táin Óg fixtures are on Mondays in 2025, Monday should be restored as an exclusively hurling underage night. Comparison/

contrast with Derry fixtures is not comparing like with like. Development football teams in clubs also deplete the numbers playing hurling. In many cases it is considered that Development U14 teams are mostly made up of U12.5 players who may wish to play hurling too. There needs to be HDC rep on CCC. Before a sliotar is pucked or a ball kicked there needs to be serious consideration to maximise participation in all our games.

### SECOND LEVEL SCHOOLS

In neighbouring Derry and Donegal (previously Down) the emergence of teams made up of combined schools is noticed. We have discussed at length the possibility of teams from East and West Tyrone competing at Year 10 or Year 12. This would give hurlers the experience of playing at a high level. It is worth pursuing and teasing out the possibilities.

### GO RAIBH MAITH AGAIBH

GRMA to all who attended our meetings this year. They are:- Aidan Maguire, Brendan Gallagher, Brian Laverty, Cathal McGarry, Collie Morgan, Damien Woodhead, Declan Bennett, Dermot McCaughey, John Devlin, Josephine McKeown, Kieran Cranny, Marty Devlin, Michelle Darcy, Pat McAtee, Peter Kerr, Peter McKearney, Raymond Monteith, Tony Donnelly.



# AN COISTE MARGAÍOCHTA AGUS CAIDRIMH PHOIBLÍ

## PR & MARKETING COMMITTEE

Chairperson (PRO)	Rory Cox (Droim Ratha)
	Pauline Fee (Fionntamhnach)
	Colin Mackle (An Mhaigh)
	Paddy Hunter (An Ómaigh)
	Aodhán Harkin (An Srath Bán)
	Jason Havlin (An Goirtín)
	Eoghan Corr (Ard Bó)
	Conor Dorman

### MATCH PROGRAMMES

We produced five programmes for the Allianz League home games – including two joint programmes for Football & Hurling. Our aim was to build on last year’s redesign by adding more features, articles and interesting content. Programmes were once again produced ‘in-house’ which gave us more flexibility and reduced costs.

Single page programmes were produced and printed for all Championship games and were distributed across all venues. Many thanks to the Clubs for ensuring that their team lists were delivered in time for inclusion throughout the Championship. We appreciate the assistance of Anne Marie at Garvaghey for her work in getting the programmes printed.

This year’s Connollys of Moy Championship Final programmes were produced in a similar way to the Allianz League programmes. We delivered three programmes – Junior & Senior Hurling, Junior Football and Senior & Intermediate Football. These were all designed internally using photography and content produced by our committee members. We will analyse the positives/negatives of this year’s programmes and make improvements for 2025.

Many thanks to Ecclesville Printing (EPS) for their expertise and reliability throughout the season. Print-ready files were often delivered on a Thursday and the team at EPS had the programmes ready to collect on Friday morning. Huge credit must go to our contributors – Paddy Hunter, Aodhán Harkin & Jason Havlin in

particular – for their sterling work across all the programmes.

These programmes simply wouldn’t be delivered without their voluntary contributions to the content and articles. Pauline Fee and Collie Mackle also deserve a special mention – they not only contributed articles but also coordinated sales throughout the season. Physically selling the programmes is an area that is often overlooked but takes quite a bit of effort for such a small team.

### MEDIA

As is normal, Tyrone GAA invites a strong interest from the media – both locally and nationally. On the local front, our games continue to be well covered by our local journalists and outlets. Our local media are so important to the coverage of our games, especially of Club games, and we are extremely appreciative of their work. Thanks to Francie Mooney, Kevin Kelly, Barry O’Donnell, Alan Rodgers, Niall Gartland and Aodhan Harkin in particular for their ongoing local focus of our games.

I also commend TeamTalkMag for their consistent and high quality coverage of our County and Clubs at all levels. The team – Noel, Damian, Kevin, John, Benny, John – do stellar work across the season. In particular, radio broadcasts from ACL games bring a great dynamic to our Club season and their annual All-Star awards night highlight the efforts of all our players.

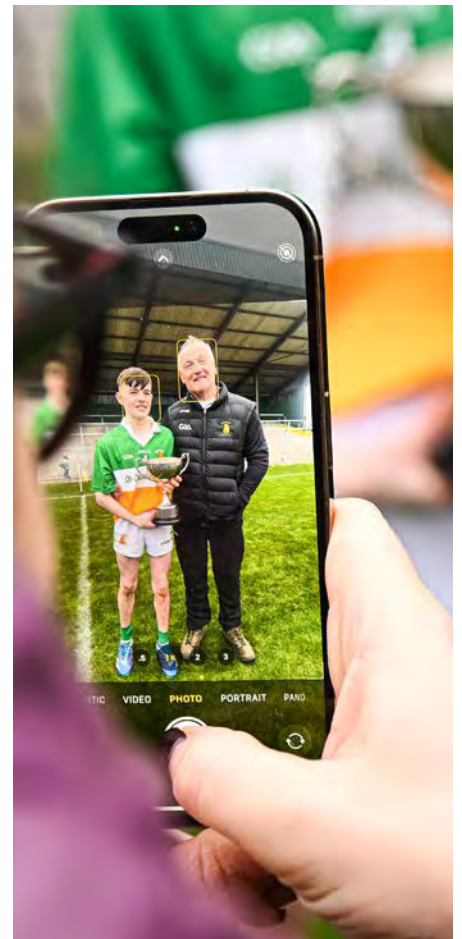
It’s important that we continue to assist our media wherever possible. There are certainly improvements that should be made, and we’ll be

sitting down to discuss these in the coming weeks.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

We continued our effort to improve our social media content this year. As per last year, we held a launch for the Begley’s Sports All County League. One player from each of the 49 Clubs attended for a photo and video session. Throughout the ACL season we provided Clubs with graphics for each game giving them an easy way to promote their fixtures. We also continued the ‘Team of the Week’ feature on our social media. This was very well received and was our most engaging piece of content every week.

We continued our push on video content across multiple platforms including YouTube and TikTok. This



type of content opens new avenues for reaching our supporters and has received high engagement. For example, our interview with new Senior Manager Malachy O'Rourke received over 145,000 views across all platforms.

We continued our 'Refuse to Lose' campaign for the Connollys of Moy Club Championships. As with the ACL, we provided match graphics to Clubs for each game. All of these assets were built around high-quality photography and were highly engaging across social media. We also posted Tyrone TV match highlights on YouTube and social media after each game.

Thanks to Connollys of Moy for their efforts throughout the Club Championship. In particular, Niall who was on-hand at every game to setup signage and Vivion for his proactive approach throughout. The competition run by Connollys was also very successful.

Pauline, Collie, Eoghan and Jason were on-hand to provide updates on our social media during games. We

provided score-by-score updates from all County games and every Connollys of Moy Championship game. Gerard Bradley's work with the website and collating ACL results every week was hugely appreciated.

### TYRONE TV

50+ games were streamed successfully on Tyrone TV this year. Tyrone is the only county to stream every Club Championship game across Junior, Intermediate and Senior. This is a mammoth task which was delivered by our partner MacAV. My thanks to Kieran, Darren and the Team for their efforts this year – there are very few companies on this Island who could do likewise.

We're hugely appreciative of our commentators and co-commentators who bring the coverage to life. Paddy Hunter, Ger Treacy and Damian Harvey all stepped up to provide commentary this year. This is no easy task and I thank them for their time, skill and energy. Thanks also to our wide range of co-commentators for their input and expertise.

The host Clubs once again played a vital role in setting up and preparing for the Tyrone TV team. Many thanks to the Clubs that setup platforms, ran cables and installed high-speed broadband connections amongst many other tasks.

### SUMMARY

This year we have continued to build on our work in 2023. We've started to push new video content, build our followers on TikTok and YouTube, increase the range of written articles in our programmes and put new focus on our ACL and Club Championship campaigns.

Our aim going forward is to continuously improve our output and coverage across all platforms. A key piece of work will be to get supporters back in large numbers to our County games. We have already identified a number of areas in which we can progress and develop – the work for 2025 begins now.





# COISTE NA GAEILGE AGUS NA HOIDHREACHTA LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Chairperson (Culture Officer)	Dearbhla Ní Scealláin (An Goirtín)
	Dónal Mac Aoidh (Coill an Chlochair)
	Risteard Mac Daibhéid (Droim Rátha)
	Clíodhna Nic Giolla Cheara (An Charraig Mhór)
	Eamon Mac Cathmaoil (Doire Treasc)
	Daibhéad Ó Tiarnaigh (An Ómaigh)

I have been exceptionally fortunate to have had an outstanding level of support from all members of Coiste Cultúir agus Teanga throughout the year, who have dedicated themselves fully to promoting all aspects of culture and language in the county throughout the year through a wide variety of activities.

The committee have worked tirelessly to create new initiatives, nurture current projects and to support clubs across the county in their promotion of culture and language throughout the committee and I have full confidence that Coiste Cultúir agus Teanga will continue in their endeavours and go from strength to strength in the upcoming year.

## SCÓR NA nÓG

This year the County Champions for Scór na nÓg were as follows;

### **Rince Foirne**

An Ómaigh

### **Amhránaíocht Aonair**

Bláithín McCourt, Doire Locháin

### **Aithriseoireacht**

Ava Rose Marshall, Éadan na dTorc

### **Bailéad Ghrúpa**

Loch Mhic Ruairí

### **Nuachleas**

An Eochair

### **Rince Seit**

An Ómaigh

### **Tráth na gCeist**

An Eaglais

## GAELTACHT SCHOLARSHIPS

With Gaeltacht places having been significantly reduced across the country in recent years and the current economic climate, those wishing to attend Gaeltacht courses are first met with the challenge of finding a position on a course. Those

who are lucky enough to receive a place on a course of their choice then face the challenge of paying large fees for their courses.

Attending Gaeltacht courses during the summer months stands out as a highlight for all who have attended through the years. These courses instill a longlasting love for the Irish language and culture, pupils are exposed to language in its purest form and are provided the opportunity to develop further fluency, as well as forming lifelong friendships. Therefore, the funding made available to students and families across the county has enabled many young people to further their language skills; skills which they can now share within their club, county and beyond. I have no doubt that this venture will have even more success overtime.

## SCÓR SINSEAR

Coiste Cultúir agus Teanga were thrilled to see an increase in participation levels this year in Scór Sinsir, while Scór Sinsir has not reached the same level of participation that there would have been prior to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this appears to be the case across the country. Therefore, we are hopeful that numbers will slowly increase year on year. It is the hope of the committee to host an Adjudicator Seminar during the year in order to train and recruit more skilled individuals in their fields in order to aid preparations for the next Scór season.

The successful clubs in this year's county finals were as follows:

### **Rince Foirne**

An Ómaigh

### **Amhránaíocht Aonair**

Cara Róise Ní Bhrógain, An Caisleán Glas

### **Aithriseoireacht**

Caitríona Browne, Achadh Uí Aráin

### **Ceol Uirlise**

An Caisleán Glas

### **Bailéad Ghrúpa**

An Caisleán Glas

### **Nuachleas**

An Ómaigh

### **Rince Seit**

Coill an Chlochair.

### **Tráth na gCeist**

Trí Leac

## CLÁR TEANGA THÍR EOGHAIN / TÍR EOGHAIN IRISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

Tír Eoghain has now become one of the leading counties in Ulster, and in fact, in Ireland making efforts to promote and develop the Irish Language in our respective communities. Previously the Culture and Language Committee had developed a series of Irish Language lessons using the internet as a promotion tool. This exercise was designed at starting at the very beginning and that was with children, given the development of Irish Language schools and helping families to develop their language skills in assisting parents with helping with homework etc and in turn helping adults learn the language. A pilot scheme was developed and proved successful to the extent that other mainstream primary schools became interested in becoming involved. A large number of Primary Schools have since been involved.

Gael Linn, one of the major language promoters in Ireland, and Comhairle Uladh asked CLG Thír Eoghain if they could use the programme for the promotion of the language in English-medium Primary Schools throughout the North. We gladly gave them permission. They rebranded it as 'Gaeilge sa Rang / Irish in the Classroom' and it was officially launched by CLG Thír Eoghain, CLG Uladh and Gael Linn at a ceremony

on Garbheachaidh. Not only is this a vindication if the stellar work that is being carried out within the county in Irish language development but this was widely seen as a major development for the language at a much broader level.

Discussions are currently in place to roll out ‘Gaeilge sa Rang’ amongst trainee teachers at St. Mary’s Teaching College in Belfast to support them when developing Irish language acquisition skills of students within English medium primary schools.

### **AN GHAEILGE Á LAIDRIÚ INÁR gCLUBANNA / CEMENTING OF THE LANGUAGE WITHIN OUR CLUBS**

A series of meetings took place this year with representatives of our clubs’ Irish language officers in supporting them in promoting the Irish language as much as possible. Direct lines of communication have been created between these active members and specific members of the Culture and Language Committee. This has resulted in a more collegial approach to language development. We hope to build on this again in the year ahead.

### **‘FOCAIL AR LÍNE’ / POST-MATCH INTERVIEWS in IRISH**

The ‘Focail ar Líne’ project has continued to progress exceptionally well this year. The project involves an interviewer and interviewee (usually a player) having a post-match discussion in Irish about the game and then the clip being uploaded onto the club’s social media platforms. It has proved hugely successful with each clip garnering thousands of views, with some over 20,000 views.

We are keen to build on this exceptional progress and are engaging with clubs to identify Irish speakers within each club who would be happy to have a post-match interview and also someone who can ask a few questions in Irish. Again this project actively supports, promotes,



protects and normalises the language at a local and national level.

### **CLÁRACHA CLUICHÍ AN LAE / MATCH-DAY PROGRAMMES**

We continued to ensure that the Irish language had a visible presence throughout all match-day programs. A special word of appreciation must go to Aodhán Harkin, from the Communication Committee who has, yet again this year, worked very closely with the Culture and Language Committee to ensure respect for and prominence of the language in the programmes. More work still needs done to ensure that the language is given fair and proper prominence within this area.

### **AMHRÁN NA bhFIANN WORKSHOPS**

These workshops began as a result of Culture and Language holding a survey in Tír Eoghain almost 20 years ago to see exactly how many clubs were using the National Anthem at their games. It was discovered very early, that while this was a good idea, there were very many versions of what should have been, but of course, there is only one proper way. We then established that there needed to be a common approach to this in Tír Eoghain resulting now in that the pronunciation, tempo and respect the anthem deserves is now a widely

practised exercise. But like all efforts like this is an on-going exercise.

Tír Eoghain prides itself in being pioneers in this field and a number of clubs were happy to host and take advantage of these workshops throughout the year.

### **SUMMARY**

This is a short summary of the activities of Coiste Cultúir agus Teanga 2024. I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to Coist Bainistí and Coiste an Chontae for their assistance in promoting all aspects of culture and language and providing us the facilities and means to do so. The success of all the events and initiatives that took place over the last year reflects the passion, effort and dedication of each member of the committee and I am hugely appreciative of the constant support they have so willingly offered me over the past year, I cannot commend their work enough.

# TUARASCÁIL Ó OIFIGEACH NA BPÁISTÍ

## CHILDREN'S OFFICER REPORT

Ursula Nic Giolla Rua - Children's Officer

In my first year as County Children's Officer there have been a number of developments and initiatives to strengthen safeguarding for our children and vulnerable adults in the GAA. My involvement in the Ulster Safeguarding Committee has been pivotal in keeping me informed of these developments affecting both Club and County. Regular communication to Tyrone Clubs and County has been central to my role in supporting and promoting good safeguarding practice and compliance.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Training is a mandatory requirement for anyone working with children or young people in the GAA and must be completed prior to commencement of their position in the Club. The training helps ensure that Clubs have the appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures in place so they are compliant with both legal and best practice requirements in this area.

The GAA have three levels of Child Safeguarding and completion of training is dependent on what role a person may have in relation to their work with children. All training is interactive, fully certified and accredited 3-hour workshops. Training is required to be updated every 3 years. Ulster GAA have increased their capacity to deliver safeguarding training in response to the demand particularly in the number of virtual courses that are available for clubs to join on-line, alongside other counties in Ulster.

In Tyrone, face to face training is delivered by a small group of Safeguarding Tutors drawn from the Tyrone Safeguarding Committee, with on-line training facilitated by both Ulster GAA and Tyrone safeguarding tutors. Further to the training outlined below, SG2 training for Club children's officers & SG3 training for DLP's took place in Garvaghy in March 2024 and were well attended events.

Club and County will be subject to random quality assurance checks by Catherine Hibbitt, National Children's Office, GAA Safeguarding Coordinator.

The following data demonstrates the demand for training and commitment to compliance amongst Club and County:

Safeguarding Training - Tyrone (Jan-Jul 2024)		
	No. of Workshops	No. of Participants
Safeguarding 1 - Face to Face	48	549
Safeguarding 1 - Virtual	1	12
Refresher	N/A	48
Safeguarding 2	1	22
Safeguarding 3	1	19

Safeguarding training - Tyrone (Jul- Nov 2024)		
	No. of Workshops	No. of Participants
Safeguarding 1 - Face to Face	48	551
Safeguarding 1 - Virtual	1	164
Refresher	N/A	54
Safeguarding 2	1	15
Safeguarding 3	1	9

Safeguarding Courses - Ulster (Jan-Jul 2024)		
	No. of Workshops	No. of Participants
Safeguarding 1 - Face to Face	385	5351
Safeguarding 1 - Virtual	57	1010
Refresher	N/A	545
Safeguarding 2	6	115
Safeguarding 3	5	81

Delivery of safeguarding training and supporting Club and County to be compliant will be central to ongoing work in 2025.

### ACCESS NI VETTING MOVE TO FOIREANN (APRIL 2024)

In line with legislation requirements and Association Rules, all persons working with children, young people,

vulnerable groups or adults at risk in a voluntary or paid capacity, must be appropriately vetted and adequately trained prior to commencing their role.

The process for Access NI moved to an online process from April 2024 on Foireann. This now requires Club Children's Officer to verify the Applicant ID Documents on Foireann. Ulster GAA still approve the form and ID and send to Access NI.

There has been a good response to this on-line move with Club officers supported with any issues that have arisen. There is an onus on Club officers to ensure this process is completed through their official GAA CO email.

### January-July 2024 across Ulster:

**Access NI** - 4,148 Certificates issued by UGAA (21% March, 24% April, 20% May 2024)

**Foireann** - 1,318 applications never progressed in 2024. That includes 350 that were still in progression at date of data collection.

The challenge for Club CO's is to review applications regularly so applications are not left 'waiting review' slowing the processing period. This work is ongoing supported by the County CO and will remain a key priority for 2025.

### CHILD SAFEGUARDING RISK ASSESSMENT & SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT (APRIL 2025)

This process is completed every two years via Foireann and was last completed in 2023 for both Club and County. This is now due for review and completion in April 25. At national level the Safeguarding Committee stressed that all Clubs must complete this process and failure to do so, as per Sanction 5.14 of Section 4 of the Code of Behaviour;

“The Child Safeguarding Committee shall also have the authority to order that a team, unit or member, deemed to be safeguarding non-compliant, may not participate in any competitions, games, or activities during their period of non-compliance”. All Clubs will be provided with advice and guidance on this process through the County children’s officer and there will be webinars available explaining the process.

### **ONE PUNCH CAN KILL CAMPAIGN**

The one punch campaign was launched in Garvaghy on 20/06/24. There has been a sharp increase in the number of young male players who have been either the victim of, or perpetrator in, One Punch and/or off-the-ball incidents. The severity of injuries which result, have increased over the past 10 years. Consequently all Clubs and Counties in Ulster are being asked to commit to implementing this programme.

The model for delivery in Clubs is; the Club contacts Ulster GAA (maura.mcmenamin.ulster@gaa.ie) or the County Games Staff to request the programme be delivered in their Club. The Club will be supported in the steps to roll out the programme.

One Punch Can Kill Video:  
The video can be accessed from TOBAR – Gaelic Games Learning platform. The link to the video is: Ulster GAA - ‘One Punch’ | Tobar

There will be support for County CCC’s and Hearings in early 2025 to assist in dealing with complex cases involving these types of incidents.

### **NATIONAL CHILD SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

A new National Child Safeguarding Committee has been set up reviewing matters arising in terms of compliance, policy review and current issues. The committee are aware and recognise the current work of all those involved from Club to county

roles. At present cases will be dealt on a case-by-case basis as they can be complex and overlap with CCC/ Safeguarding and across Jurisdiction. I will communicate updates from the National Child Safeguarding Committee to Club and County as they become available.

### **TACKLING BULLYING**

The GAA promote a zero-tolerance approach to bullying behaviour while participating in Gaelic Games activities. As a response to an increase in requests for support from Clubs across Ulster in bullying/ code of behaviour issues there has been some changes to the current tackling bullying workshop. This includes a focus on challenging behaviour, social media, how to deal with bullying etc. Tyrone Clubs from 14/11/24 can avail of delivery of the Tackling Bullying Workshop delivery within their own Club through contacting ciara.mccrory.ulster@gaa.ie.

### **SAFEGUARDING COMPLIANCE TOOLKIT**

Ciara McCrory, Ulster Safeguarding Manager is working on a new Club and County safeguarding toolkit. It is hoped this will support children’s officers with workload and safeguarding compliance throughout the year. The current County children’s officers across Ulster have reviewed and provided feedback on both toolkits and it is anticipated they will be disseminated by the end of 2024. It is planned that a monthly email reminder from the County children’s officer will encourage uptake and be a useful aide-memoire for the Children’s officer. The Children’s officer database is being updated to enable same. This is hoped to provide a uniform approach to safeguarding at Club and County level.

### **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)**

GDPR remains a priority with reminders to Club children’s officers

not to use personal emails for either communicating or storing information. To do so is a breach of GDPR. Work is in the final stages of reviewing CO emails to ensure compliance and creation of a CO directory.

### **COUNTY CHILDREN’S OFFICER REFERRAL ACTIVITY IN 2024**

There was a high level of activity from January 2024 to date. It is encouraging to note that most Clubs sought out the advice and support of the County Children’s Officer at an early stage and many queries were dealt with at source in an informal manner.

A number of incidents required a more formal response including child protection investigations/ safeguarding issues and Breach of Code of Behaviour. Alleged breaches included coaches, parents, players and supporters. Some cases required escalation to Ulster Safeguarding with a joined up approach with Ulster, County and Club. Other incidents were investigated by Clubs and were resolved appropriately at that level. Some cases where there was a breach of “Rule” required input from CCC to ensure Safeguarding issues were addressed fully.

### **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the area of safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility. Prioritising a strong culture of safeguarding at Club and County should remain central to our practice and decision making. This will ensure our children and young people’s health and wellbeing is promoted and they are kept safe from harm when engaging in GAA related activities, both on and off the pitch. I would like to express my thanks to the Clubs, County and Ulster GAA for their support during my first year as County Children’s Officer and look forward to working together again in the year ahead.

# AN COISTE PLEANÁLA AGUS TRAENÁLA

## PLANNING AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

Chairperson (Planning & Training Officer)	Niall Ó Maoilriain (Eochair)
	Oliver Donnelly (Dún Geanainn)
	Mary Daly (An Mhaigh)
	Gerard Galvin (Oileán an Ghuail)
	Sean McDevitt (Urnai)
Tyrone LGFA	Denise McGillion (Naomh Eoghan)
Tyrone Camogie	Michelle Darcy (An Táite Riabhach)

The Planning and Training Committee in 2024 focused their aims on engaging all clubs within the county in both officer education and club planning processes. In order to achieve this, the make-up of the committee was as demographically and geographically diverse as possible, with members representing all three codes, as well as from all corners of the county.

The Committee met 6 times throughout the year, the attendances for each member is below, the committee also held a number of in person and online workshops throughout the year. Tyrone GAA Operations Manager, Niall Muldoon, also supported a number of workshops and attended a number of our meetings throughout the year.

### CLUB OFFICER EDUCATION

As mentioned, one of the main aims of the planning and training committee was to engage as many clubs as possible within the county, as part of the Tyrone GAA strategic aim of improving the number of suitably training volunteers in the county. To this end the committee organised a number of online and face to face club officer workshops, as well as promoting Provincial and National Workshops.

As a rule, any workshop we facilitated, organised or promoted, was done so across all codes and associations, and the committee would like to take this opportunity to thank both Tyrone LGFA and Camogie for their support on this. In total in 2024 the committee supported 145 Volunteer administrators from 44 different clubs, through club officer education.

### CLUB LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Committee supported the role out of the Club Leadership development programme as provincial and national level, with online workshops held on the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Club Coaching Officer, Children's Officer, Culture and Language Officer, Development Officer and Health and Wellbeing Officer in January and February 2024. This was followed by an in person regional workshop held on 14th March in Canavans, facilitated by fintan ryan and focusing on creating. High performing club executive. Attendee numbers for these workshops are in the table below.

### TYRONE GAELIC GAMES OFFICER WEBINARS

The committee held two webinar workshops in 2024. The first focused on registrations and utilising the Foireann System, this was expertly delivered by Gerard Bradley and the committee would like to thank him for this. The second webinar, planning for your club AGM, was held on 22nd October, in order to support clubs coming up to the AGM period, again the Committee would like to thank Niall Muldoon for assisting with this workshop. Attendance figures for both webinars can be found in the below table.

### COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

In 2024, the committee agreed to take a different approach to engaging with club officers, in tandem with the GAA's formalised officer education initiatives, and



so devised the Tyrone Gaelic Games Community of Practice. The Committee held 6 of these community of practice workshops in regional groups across the county (Dungannon, Garvaghy, Pomeroy, Omagh, Coalisland and Newtownstewart) in February and March, along with a specific club coaching officer workshop in November.

The aim of the community of practice was to support officers in their role, share best practice with each other, and inform officers of upcoming initiatives and opportunities.

### CLUB OFFICER SUPPORT RESOURCES

The committee has spent a considerable amount of time in 2024 developing a number of club

officer support resources, including club officer role descriptions, one club advice and FAQ's on a number of frequently asked club officer queries across all codes. It is the hope that these resources will be made available to club officers through the Tyrone GAA websites shortly.

### CLUB PLANNING

In 2024 the planning and training committee undertook an audit of club plans within the county. At present, 13 clubs in Tyrone have published a club development plan. It is a major aim of this committee to encourage all clubs in the county to engage with the club planning process.

### YOUTH FORUM

In December this year, the first Tyrone

Gaelic Games Youth Forum is due to take place, at time of writing this report, It has yet to happen, I will issue a full report on this as soon as possible. The aim of the youth is to support Tyrone GAA's strategic aim of engaging with young volunteers in the county.

### PLANNING AND TRAINING FORUMS AND MEETINGS

I attended one Ulster Planning and Training officer meeting online in early 2024, this was the only ulster meeting of the year. I attended three National Planning and Training Forums (two online and one in person in Croke Park) throughout the year, as well as a number of meetings of the National Planning and Training Committee, of which I am a member. As part of the GAA's National Volunteer research, I

engaged with volunteer focus group, held in Strabane, in March.

### CLUB SUPPORT

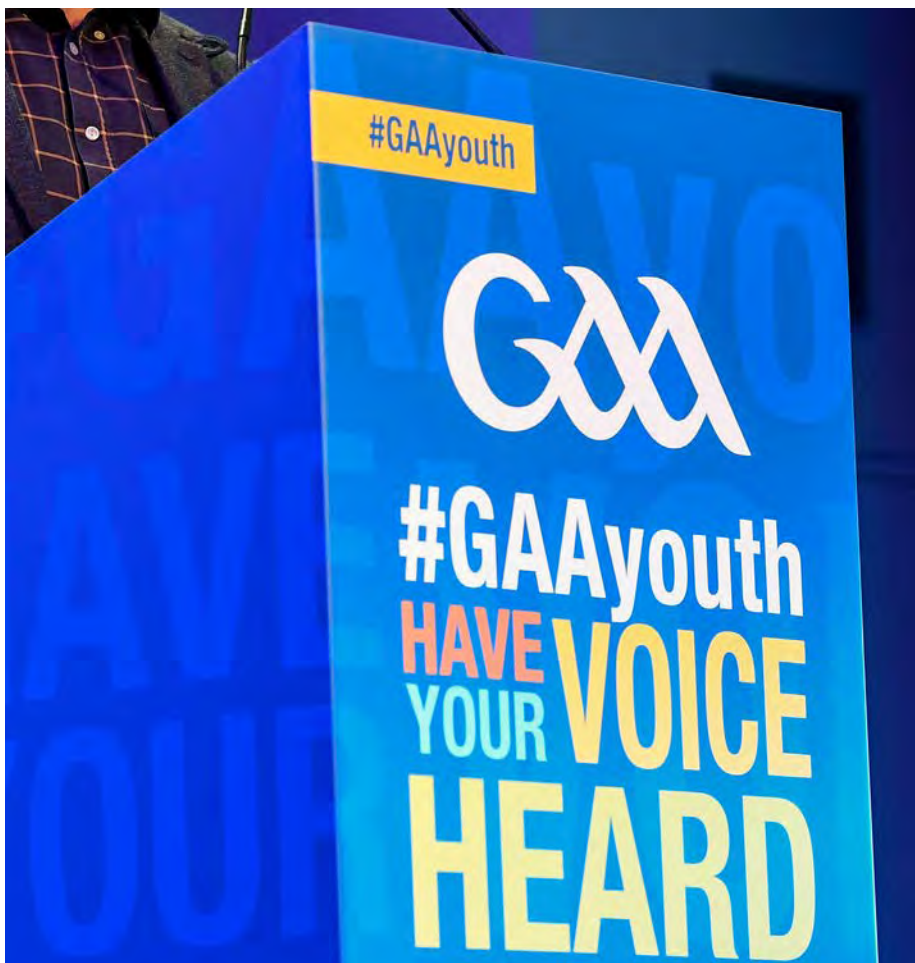
The Committee Supported a number of clubs on an as and when needed basis, the committee advised and supported clubs in issues such as grant and loan applications, facilities development, AGM queries, and registration issues. As the remit of the Planning and Training Officer and Committees has changed, a lot of our work this year has been to signpost clubs to those who can help them best.

### FUTURE PLANS

Volunteer and especially club officer development will remain a key focus of the planning and training committee moving forward into 2025 and will shape and direct the work of the committee as we seek to remove as many barriers as possible for our volunteers to get involved at club and county level. We hope to continue promoting the club leadership development programme, as well as our club officer community of practice initiative, encouraging clubs to engage in the club planning process and to futureproof volunteering within Gaelic Games in Tyrone.

### APPRECIATION

I would like to end this report by thanking once again the 2024 planning and training committee of Oliver Donnelly, Gerard Galvin, Mary Daly and Sean McDevitt, as well as Denise McGillion, Tyrone LGFA Secretary and Michelle Darcy, Tyrone Camogie, whose work ensured that anything done by the committee was done for all Gaelic games in Tyrone. To the county officers of the Tyrone GAA, thank you for your support and cooperation throughout the year and thank you to the clubs, for hosting, supporting, and engaging with us over the year.



# COISTE BAINISTÍOCHTA GHARBHACHAIDH

## GARVAGHEY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson (Assistant Treasurer)	Sean McGuigan (An Charraig Mhór)
Secretary	Mark Conway (Cill Dreasa)
	Michael Harvey (Cabhán a'Chaorthainn)
	Jackie Duffy (An Mhaigh)
	Brian Hackett (Eascair)
	Hugh McCallan (An Charraig Mhór)
	Rory O'Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairí)
	Gregory McSorley (Aireagal Chiaráin)

The Sub-Committee met six times during the year, on 13 November 2023 and 13 February, 3 April, 14 May, 27 August and 22 October 2024. Several other issue-specific and on-site meetings were also held.

The Committee members and their attendances at meetings were: Sean McGuigan (6), Mark Conway (6), Jackie Duffy (5), Michael Harvey (4), Rory O'Brien (4) and Hugh McCallan (5). Brian Hackett was absent from meetings during the year but remains a valued member of our Group. Martin Sludden (2), as County Chair, Michael Kerr (4), as County Secretary, and Niall McKenna (5), as County Treasurer, attended meetings 'ex officio'. Niall Muldoon was also in attendance at meetings.

### 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.
- Lend support as appropriate/ requested to other Tyrone GAA capital development projects.

### OVERVIEW OF 2023/24

Garvaghey is now in its eleventh year of operation and continues to work very successfully for Tyrone GAA. Things that have changed/continue to change re the Centre, and which

have implications for Tyrone, include:

- Climate change, and particularly harsher/wetter weather and its consequences for the management and availability of our pitches.
- Increased usage of the pitches (challenge matches up by 300% and training sessions up by 43%) and the consequences of this for pitch maintenance. The 'split season' has contributed to this by increasing the demands on pitches at times of the year that are simply not 'pitch friendly'.
- Growing energy costs.
- The need from here on in for planned maintenance/replacement/ refurbishment in and around the Centre.

It was also good to see in 2024 two other Ulster Counties, Armagh and Down, make progress with their County Centres.

And we were delighted during the year to share our experiences here to help Roscommon GAA with their (ultimately successful) application into the Republic's Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund.



## THE STORY OF 2023/24

At the strategic and operational levels Garvaghey's and our Group's stories during 2023/24 included:

- Accommodating Tyrone's County teams, as well as many Club, School/College, and Ulster GAA activities, plus all of Tyrone GAA's administrative activities.
- Hosting several major events/seminars, including, among others, the Ulster GAA Healthy Club Conference, Tyrone GAA's Credo Awards, and Club Tyrone events.
- Scoping and delivering a maintenance programme which keeps the Centre in pristine shape: in that, DIMAC continues to play a vital and much-appreciated role, but our 'robot-based capacity' here also continues to expand.
- Getting our wind-turbine operation back on track.
- Re-configuring our 'water tanks storage' building for planned use as a players' support/development facility.
- Progressing a social activity hub within the Centre, and seeking Fermanagh and Omagh Council grant support for that.
- Obtaining gratefully-received Heritage Lottery funding for an archive/display facility at Garvaghey, and then installing the facility.
- Progressing a Tyrone County teams photo display project in the building.
- Refurbishing the air-conditioning within the Centre's auditorium.
- Looking at how the 'waste area' to the right of the Centre's entrance might be brought into productive use.

## O'NEILL PARK FLOODLIGHTING PROJECT

Whilst not at all a Garvaghey

project, members of the Group were delighted to continue to work with Rory O'Brien (our Committee member and Tyrone Ulster Council delegate), with Tyrone's three Chief Officers, and with Dungannon Thomas Clarkes and Ulster GAA Officers, to complete the floodlighting project at O'Neill Park, Dungannon.

Very significant grant aid was gratefully received here from the GAA at National and Ulster levels, and from Mid-Ulster District Council. Thanks must go to Shane McCullagh of McAleer & Rushe who provided us with Caldwell Consulting (M&E consultants) to oversee the installation and commissioning. A special word of thanks to Marc Burns and Padraic Quinn from Caldwell Consulting.

The O'Neill Park floodlighting is, as it was always planned to be, a major and much-needed addition to Tyrone's GAA infrastructure.

## LOOKING AHEAD

As Tyrone GAA moves ahead, there should be two major ongoing strands to its Garvaghey work:

1. Managing and maintaining the Centre to the highest standards and at the 'best-value-for-Tyrone-GAA-money'.
2. Responding to changing (and almost certainly growing) needs over the coming years.

As a County we need to keep thinking about and get into 'states-of-readiness' in terms of:

- Possible extensions/additions to the complex: these are increasingly necessary, particularly in the light of the imminent GAA/LGFA/Camogie integration, now just two years away.
- Advancing the Centre's 'social capacity' to cater for players, parents/families, spectators, walkers and casual users.

- Roofing the 60 x 40 3G area, increasingly necessary as a response to climate change and to the increased usage demands that will follow GAA/LGFA/Camogie integration.

- Basic 'weather-proofing' of the 'Tullyhogue Fort' area, for the same reasons as listed above.

Garvaghey may be running smoothly, and be in the very happy position of being debt-free, but there will always be serious work to be done here. And it us up to us as Tyrone Gaels to identify and then do that work.

## APPRECIATION

I want to finish by again thanking my Committe for their work, commitent and enthusiasm throughout the 2023/24 year. And I feel exactly the same way about our Garvaghey staff team: Niall, Gregory, Roisin, Anne Marie and Paddy have again been so good at delivering only the very best for Tyrone. It's the highest testament to them all, that time after time visitors to Garvaghey comment on how well the place is kept and maintained. That's why I'm confident in claiming that Garvaghey is still the best centre of its kind in Ireland.

Garvaghey continues to work well because Tyrone's other Officers and Committees and our County managers make it work, beacuse 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 remains in the debt of them all.



# COISTE CLUB THÍR EOGHAIN

## CLUB TYRONE COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Martin Haughey (An Caisleán Glas)
Secretary	Stephen Toal (Coill an Chlochair)
County PRO	Rory Cox (Droim Ratha)
	Roisin Shanks (E R Uí Néill)
	Michael Winters (Trí Leac)
	Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín)
	Darren Mallaghan (Domhnach Mór)
	Karl McGuckin (Éadan na dTorc)
	Adrian Colton (Droim Mór)
	Seamus Donnelly (Doire Locháin)
	Conal McGarrity (An Charraig Mhór)
	Ruairi Magee (Coill an Chlochair)

### THE COMMITTEE IN 2024

During the year ended 30 September 2024, our Sub-Committee continued its focus on fund-raising for Tyrone GAA and on developing our County's PR and Marketing agenda. We also undertook to add new members to the committee. In doing so, we were delighted to welcome three new members to the Committee in Seamus Donnelly, Conal McGarrity and Ruairi Magee.

Ten full meetings were held, attended as follows: Martin Haughey (10), Stephen Toal (8), Michael Winters (9), Roisin Shanks (8), Gerard Bradley (9), Adrian Colton (8), Seamus Donnelly (6), Rory Cox (3), Darren Mallaghan (8), Karl McGuckin (5), Conal McGarrity (1), Ruairi Magee (1)

County Chair Martin Sludden (8 meetings), County Treasurer Niall McKenna (8) and Operations Manager Niall Muldoon (7) all attended as Ex Officio members of our committee.

Past Tyrone GAA President Jimmy Treacy remains an honorary and important member of our group. We continue to extend our sympathy and condolences to Jimmy and the entire Treacy family following the sad passing of Cathleen in September.

We are fortunate to also have the benefit of guidance and advice from a number of trusted advisors to the Club Tyrone Committee and we remain grateful for their input.

### THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IN 2023 / 2024

Club Tyrone has always relied very heavily on communication, what it does and why, for bringing people on board, and in the various events it runs.

We have worked hard to re-establish these events. This will be an important part of what we do in 2025 and beyond.

In that context, 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 c340 on board, approximately 10% of whom were newly signed up in 2024.

We have also placed a renewed emphasis on recruiting our clubs back to the Club Tyrone family, this has been largely successful and also has been beneficial in terms of providing a strong message of togetherness when we approach private individuals.

Club Tyrone's contribution to Tyrone GAA is now approaching the £6.8m mark, something that everyone involved should be very proud of. No other County has anything like it. We must work hard to sustain and strengthen it.

To further our fundraising efforts, our committee's work in 2024 included:

- Overseeing, managing and developing Club Tyrone Member and Hub Patron contributions and continuing to recruit new members.
- Publishing the 2023 Club Tyrone Annual Report and circulating it to Members, Patrons and others.
- Working in conjunction with Tyrone GAA to engage with and secure potential Brand Partners and explore sponsorship opportunities with third parties, this resulted in a new Brand Partnership between Power NI and Tyrone GAA.
- Scoping, designing, marketing and launching the new Red Hand Business Club.
- Hosting a Club Tyrone Members' Night at Garvaghey in April.
- Delivering and hosting the Red Hand Business Club event soft launch in September in the iconic Hill of O'Neill.
- Organising and delivering a number

“Business of Winning” breakfast events in November 2023 and May 2024 in advance of the Red Hand Business Club launch.

- Hosting pre-match hospitality for Club Tyrone Members at the home national league and home group stage AISFC matches.
- Delivering and organising our National League and Tyrone Club Championship ticket commitments to our Hub Patrons.

### THE ‘RED HAND BUSINESS CLUB’ INITIATIVE

This recently launched initiative has been scoped and designed for quite some time within Club Tyrone as we seek to offer businesses the benefits of partnership and collaboration with Tyrone GAA in a structured and professional way, the commercial value of the Tyrone GAA brand and its constituent parts is powerful and we want to be in a position to offer businesses exposure via networking opportunities, events and seminars around the many varied business sectors in Tyrone and further afield.

The initial response from businesses and business owners in Tyrone and wider has been very positive. We are blessed to have generous and committed businesses who are keen to explore the benefits of networking and collaboration can bring and we in Club Tyrone are energised and excited to be in a position to create an eco-system which will allow business relationships to grow and flourish and should also provide a healthy return in revenue terms for Tyrone GAA which in turn will allow us to support all our teams who take to the field of play, our clubs and also allow us to respond when infrastructure requires support.

Further information on the Red Hand Business Club and the benefits it brings can be found at -

[tyronegaa.ie/club-tyrone/rhbc/](http://tyronegaa.ie/club-tyrone/rhbc/)



In addition to the ‘Red Hand Business Club’, we continue to review and implement where possible the Onside report which helped Tyrone GAA realise it’s income from sponsorship and commercial opportunities.

This year we have been involved in bringing Power NI and Tyrone GAA together in a Brand Partnership which we sincerely hope will be a long and fruitful partnership for all concerned. Sponsorship and commercial income are increasingly important for Tyrone and as a County, quite simply, 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. It is also our intention to continue to assist or Sponsors and Brand Partners to add Brand Partners moving forward into 2025.

### LOOKING TO 2025 AND BEYOND

We have been working for quite some time on changing some of the demographics and personnel on the Club Tyrone Committee, this year has saw the addition of Seamus Donnelly, Conal McGarrity and Ruairi Magee.

We have added six new members to our committee over the past two years and we continue to see the benefits that fresh thinking and energy can bring.

Involvement with Club Tyrone demands commitment, belief, hard work and delivery. I know the current committee and those who help and support us have those qualities in abundance.

Club Tyrone also needs to look at new forms of membership/engagement, particularly for our young people who may have the means and expertise to assist Tyrone GAA as we strive to give all our teams and players the opportunity to be the best that they can be. We will continue to assess our models to bring best practice and opportunities to attract as many subscribers as possible.

Another key area of focus will be our efforts to get all our County’s Clubs back in as members. Currently 72% of our Clubs support us in our fund-raising efforts, but we need to grow that percentage where we can. The support of our Clubs and their buy in is one of our strongest messages and most important sales tools.

### ‘TADA GAN IARRACHT | NOTHING WITHOUT EFFORT’

In 2023 / 2024, we have worked hard to provide the revenue to allow all our players, management teams and various backroom staff the opportunity to give the best of themselves.

We were delighted to witness

further Ulster and All-Ireland titles at U20 level in football and we congratulate again Paul Devlin and his management team for their skill and effort in delivering great success at underage level.

We also congratulate our minor hurlers for their efforts in delivering the Celtic Challenge Corn Jerome O'Leary trophy.

We wish to thank all our teams right through the age sectors and throughout all codes for their efforts on the fields of play, we in Tyrone see time after time 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.

This year has also saw the end of the management term of Feargal Logan and Brian Dooher, we on the Club Tyrone Committee and on behalf of our Membership would like to acknowledge the very hard work,

time, dedication and success that Brian and Feargal have given to Tyrone GAA and the people of Tyrone.

Their achievements on and off the field have been well documented, leading high achieving lives in both a sporting and professional capacity, in Brian's case as a former provincial winning and 3 time All-Ireland winning player, twice as Captain and joint manager of our triumphant 2015 U21 and 2021 All Ireland Senior Champions as well as his recent appointment as Chief Veterinary Officer within DAERA and to Feargal Logan as someone who has represented Tyrone as an Ulster winner and jointly with Brian guided our county to U21 and All-Ireland Senior success along with running an incredibly busy legal practice, thanks doesn't seem to their service justice and we in Club Tyrone are acutely aware of their advice and support not only at our events over the past five to ten years but many will also be aware their names are amongst the fabric of the Garvaghey Centre as both

they and their families supported our fundraising initiatives financially in our previous Patrons schemes.

Club Tyrone remain deeply appreciative of that support and sincerely thank them and offer them every best wish in the next chapter of their lives. – Thank you also to all their staff who played their part. 'Tada Gan Iarracht | Nothing Without Effort'

Finally, it's right and proper that I thank and pay tribute to my fellow committee members, their families and the many, many people both inside and outside of Tyrone GAA who have assisted Club Tyrone over the past year. It has been my honour and privilege to work with hard working, determined and highly dependable volunteers, some of whom have given over a quarter of a century of service to Club Tyrone.

I wish to place on record my sincere thanks for their advice, friendship, support and continued hard working efforts for Tyrone GAA.



# AN COISTE ÉISTEACHTA

## HEARINGS COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Seamus Hannigan (An Ómaigh)
Vice-Chairperson	Mary Daly (An Mhaigh)
Secretary	Margaret Keenan (An Goirtín)
	Patrick Donnelly (Eochair)
	Noel McGeary (Gallbhaile)
	Eamon McHugh (Achadh Uí Áráin)
	Paddy O'Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairi)
	Martin O'Neill (Brocagh)
	Adrian Scullin (An Chorr Chríochach)

### MEETINGS ATTENDANCE

Seamus Hannigan 13, Margaret Keenan 13, Mary Daly 10, Martin O'Neill 9, Patrick Donnelly 10, Paddy O'Brien 6, Noel McGeary 10, Eamon McHugh 10, Adrian Scullin 5

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 final 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 13th March until 10th October 2024, Coiste Eisteachta

met on 14 occasions. In total there were 18 cases where a hearing was requested with the following decisions being made:

- 1 – 24 week suspension
- 1 – 21 week suspension
- 1 – four week suspension
- 2 – two match suspension
- 4 – One match suspension
- 1 – withdrawn before hearing
- 2 – no case to answer
- 6 – reduced to yellow card offence

Preseason - One decision was appealed to Ulster Hearings Committee and then to the DRA where the decision of Tyrone CHC was upheld.

The Committee also dealt with 2 transfer appeals at the start of the year - in one case the transfer was granted and in the other the transfer was denied.

### YEAR ON YEAR

The number of hearing requests received this year has risen slightly from 2023 and in comparison with other years there has been an increase in the number of youth members requesting a hearing. Most of these youth requests related to players who had committed their infraction in the latter stages of the championship and as a result were going to be suspended for the final. As they were unable to provide any compelling evidence their hearing, in most cases, was unsuccessful.

What has also been noticeable over the past few seasons is that hearing requests are now only being made

where members are able to provide compelling evidence to have the proposed sanction overturned or that an error had been made in the processing of their sanction.

### MANY THANKS

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the committee members for their co-operation and commitment throughout the year with special word of thanks to Margaret Keenan in her role as secretary.

Thanks also to Mary Daly and Noel McGeary for deputising as chairperson and /or standing in for Margaret when the need 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 also like to pay special thanks to the County Secretary Michael Kerr for his guidance and assistance throughout the year.

Thanks also to CCC members Raymond Monteith, Sarah Jane Kelly, Paula Cuddy, Michelle Cox, Pat McAtee, Sean Gallagher, and Dessie O' Doherty, Martin Sludden County Chairperson, Gerard Bradley I.T. Officer and Gregory McSorley, Roisin McSorley and Anne Marie McNulty in Garvaghey for their assistance and support throughout the year.

# COISTE RIARACHÁIN AR RÉITEOIRÍ

## REFEREE'S ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson (Referees Administrator)	Shane Dorrity (Oileán an Ghuail)
Secretary	Alan Richardson (Fiontamhnach)
Coaching Committee Representative	N/A
	John Devlin (Cabhán a'Chaorthainn)
	Sean Hurson (Gallbhaile)
	John Kerlin (Clann na nGael)
	Fabian McGlone (Droim Ratha)
	Martin Mohan (An Eaglais)
	Mel Taggart (Cluain Eo)

### REFEREE'S COURSES

All Tyrone Referees undertook the In-Service training course which was completed online directly from Croke Park. A number of training seminars took place in Garvaghy with a focus on performance enhancement including physical fitness and mental focus. We would like to thank Stephen Donnelly for their delivery.

### YOUTH AND ADULT FOOTBALL

Youth leagues began in March and, at time of writing, are still ongoing. A total of 1746 games have taken place to date with 70 active referees officiating. With the advancement of the average age profile of referees within Tyrone, it should be a cause for concern for all clubs that our referees are being asked to take part in a games schedule that no player would be expected to perform in. It has been a tough season for appointments to games and we wish to offer our sincere thanks to all volunteers who have offered their time to officiate throughout and often at short notice. The introduction of development leagues have been a great success for our clubs to offer more children the chance to take part in our games and I'm sure we all wish for this to go from strength to strength. With this in mind, it is important that we consider, when planning fixtures, the strain that is placed on the small pool of referees that have tirelessly worked to ensure these games were a success.

### YOUTH AND ADULT HURLING

We had 5 adult teams (4 from Tyrone

and one from Fermanagh) and 10 youth teams this year. Adult hurling started in July with the League and finished in October. Youth hurling started in May although the first few fixtures had to be postponed due to only one referee being available. Youth hurling finished concluded November.

It has been a tough year for hurling fixtures due to a lack of officials being available resulting in Tyrone requesting 5 referees from Derry, 2 from Fermanagh and 1 from Armagh in order for competitions going ahead. A serious question hangs over the sustainability of Tyrone providing hurling competitions. Clubs need to prioritise recruitment as we only had referee representation from 4 hurling clubs. Fixture congestion and fixtures outside the county were some of the factors, but 6 hurling clubs need to look at referee recruitment.

### ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

All Championships have concluded with the standards of officiating continuing to a high standard. The referee's fitness test Took place in August with a total of 24 referee's passing the higher target, including four new additions to the championship panel. We wish to thank all match officials for endeavouring to officiate all our championship games to the highest standard.

Tyrone Gaels have become accustomed to all match officials conducting themselves in a professional manner and these standards do not happen by accident.



The preparation for championship games is at a high level not just for referees but for sideling officials, fourth officials and umpires.

This season also saw progression by referees to officiate Junior and Intermediate Championship Finals. As a committee we would like to congratulate Sean Devenny (Drumquin Wolfe Tone's) and Paul Gallagher (Castledearg St Eugene's) in taking charge of their first Junior and Intermediate Finals respectively.

Our Senior Championship final was officiated by Sean Hurson (Galbally Pearse's) for his fourth time and it is a special day for Tyrone to have the All Ireland Final referee take charge of our premier competition final. To have two of three finals officiated by referees for their first time is evident

of the effort being made by our volunteers striving to improve and raise standards in Tyrone GAA.

### **INTER-COUNTY REFEREES**

This year witnessed a new landmark for Tyrone GAA with Sean Hurson being appointed to the All Ireland Senior Football Final for the second time. It was a proud moment for Sean, his family, Galbally Pearse's and Tyrone GAA to have the high standards of practice recognised on the most eminent occasion of our association.

Tyrone are also ably represented on the national panel in Kieran Eanetta, of Omagh St Enda's, who this year took charge of his first Senior Championship game. Kieran's dedication continues to be rewarded with progression in the National League circuit also, with appointments to division two games. Kieran was also been appointed to referee the Ulster Intermediate Club Final.

Mark Loughran, Errigal Ciaran, has also made great progression on the Ulster panel this season and has been appointed to officiate the Ulster Junior Club Final. Mark's continued hard work in pursuit of improvement will no doubt see his progress go from strength to strength. Martin Coyle is also continuing to progress on his pathway and has recently graduated onto the Ulster Refereeing Panel.

### **SAFETY & RESPECT**

This season seen a greater level of pressure placed on referees and appointments personnel. With the passion that Gaels have for their club and their teams it is understandable that frustrations may arise in competitive settings. It is always disappointing, however, when any frustration spills over into unacceptable behaviour. This season has brought its own challenges in relation to behaviour towards match officials. To show a level of respect



to referees is not solely on match day but also in how we conduct ourselves away from games. In modern society it is increasingly easy to take to the keyboard in anger and publicly admonish our members but consequences of knee jerk anger can be far reaching and have a serious negative impact on not just the referee but the family as well.

Our committee makes efforts to promote respect both for and from referees. We hope that more clubs would take an active stance on promoting respect towards match officials both on and off the field.

### **RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

This season also saw eight new referees complete their first season, two hurling and five football. Each new referee had a mentor who went to games with them to help coach them and to provide feedback on positive aspects of performance and areas for development. The mentoring scheme is a welcomed initiative for new referees, with some continuing the practice for more games and are showing a strong intention to continue to improve.

Despite the new recruits to the refereeing panel, it is a great source of concern to the Referee's Committee that there is a continued

shortfall in clubs providing adequate resources to ensure games go ahead. Within this report is a breakdown of clubs who fail in their duty to provide a satisfactory number of match officials. The first step of fixing any problem is recognising it.

The Referee's Committee have carried out an audit on referees and clubs this year to highlight the long-standing problem of a deficit of referees. There are two major issues facing Tyrone GAA; the aging demographics of the current refereeing panel and the increasing of the number of games & competitions.

Whilst every member recognises the positive impact of the development leagues for our young people, we are being completely negligent by failing to plan for the officiating of these extra competitions. The numbers clearly show that a sizeable portion of our games are being refereed by men in the 60+ category and this is completely unsustainable.

In the next five-ten years, we will not have referees to cover our games. If we were to compare this to a club and player model, we would simply be withdrawing from competitions and not be able to field. The Referee's Committee can see no alternative than Tyrone CCC having to stop providing official competitions/

games for our young people in the near future if clubs do not live up to their responsibilities. We owe our young people a better future, we owe it to the generations of Gaels that passed the torch to us, and we owe it to ourselves to leave our Tyrone in a healthy state!

No one wants to see the decline of competitions on our watch, but what is the alternative? Either clubs provide more referees, even to do ten games a year, or our competitions do not run as they currently do.

**The outgoing Referee's Committee would recommend to the incoming CCC:**

- Clubs who fail to provide an active referee will be sanctioned by playing games (youth or adult), away from home in 2025 season
- Clubs who are in a negative standing (as per the table included), by the end of the 2025 season will be sanctioned on the basis of:
  - -10 to -15 - one age group will lose home games for 2026 season
  - -16 to -25 - two age groups will lose home games for 2026 season
  - -26 to -30 - three age groups will lose home advantage for 2026 season
  - -31 and below will see loss of home games for that club

The purpose of these measures is not to penalise any club or any child. The purpose is not to be draconian in trying to achieve an outcome. The purpose is to highlight to clubs that the status quo is not sustainable and we are standing upon a cliff edge with regard to our club competitions.

Failure to prepare is preparing to fail.

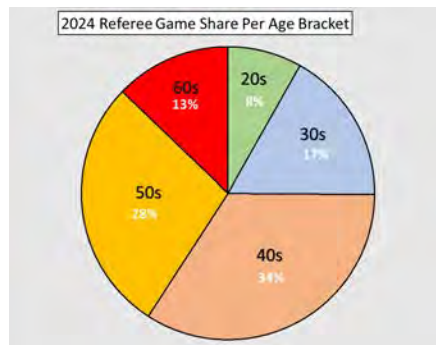
If we consider that 13% of our games are covered by referees who will not be available in the next 5 years – that

will be a competition that simply will not run as an official competition i.e. no referee!

Every youth officer sits down at the beginning of the year to get coaches to take a team, with great difficulty these teams are provided with two to three coaches, but they get covered.

A club does not withdraw a team because it is difficult to get coaches. A similar approach needs to be taken with providing a referee, or there simply won't be a competition for our young people to play in.

In the next two years, this chart will include a sizable '70s' category. This should be a cause of great concern for Tyrone GAA.



Tyrone GAA Football Referee Fixture Stats 2024										
Club	Youth Games	Adult Games	Total Games	Refs Needed	Referee	Youth	Adult	Total	Total Covered	Standing
Aghaloo O'Neill's	27	32	59	30	Jerome McElroy	5	14	19	19	<b>-11</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Aghyaran St Davog's	34	31	65	33	Seamus Gallagher	23	3	26	26	<b>-7</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa	49	32	81	41	Cathal Forbes	16	22	38	38	<b>-3</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Augher St Macartan's	24	29	53	27	Dermot Monaghan	1	3	4	4	<b>-23</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Beragh Red Knights	45	31	76	38	Michael McCann	10	7	17	57	<b>19</b>
					Joseph Franey	32	8	40		
Brackaville Eoghain Roe's	35	25	60	30	<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0	0	<b>-30</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Brocagh Emmet's	12	21	33	17	Donal Dorman	13	9	22	22	<b>6</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Carrickmore St Colmcille's	65	34	99	50	Gerard Mullan	18	10	28	28	<b>-22</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Castleberg St Eugene's	41	26	67	34	Paul Gallagher	11	21	32	99	<b>66</b>
					Odhran Gallen	19	14	33		
					Brian McCallion	12	22	34		
Clan na nGael	16	30	46	23	John Kerlin	35	19	54	54	<b>31</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Clogher Éire Óg	35	30	65	33	Barry McKenna	1	1	2	20	<b>-13</b>
					Eugene McConnell	11	7	18		
Clonoe O'Rahilly's	39	38	77	39	Martin McErlain	19	19	38	38	<b>-1</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Coalisland Fianna	39	32	71	36	Patrick Walsh	4	3	7	7	<b>-29</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Cookstown Fr Rock's	73	31	104	52	Mark O'Neill	21	4	25	54	<b>2</b>
					Martin Coyle	15	14	29		
Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's	20	32	52	26	<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0	0	<b>-26</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Derrytresk Fir na Chnoic	19	27	46	23	Sean Slater	16	2	18	18	<b>-5</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Donaghmore St Patrick's	56	32	88	44	Mark Nugent	9	7	16	38	<b>-6</b>
					Gareth McArdle	11	11	22		
Dromore St Dympna's	61	33	94	47	Martin Sludden	12	11	23	23	<b>-24</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Drumquin Wolfe Tone's	49	32	81	41	Gary Gormley	18	15	33	109	<b>69</b>
					Stephen McBride	27	7	34		
					Sean Devenney	24	18	42		
Drumragh Sarsfield's	37	33	70	35	Fabian McGlone	5	0	5	18	<b>-17</b>
					Fearghall McCarney	13	0	13		
Dungannon Thomas Clarke's	29	36	65	33	Justin McKenna	23	18	41	41	<b>9</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Edendork St Malachy's	48	29	77	39	<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0	0	<b>-39</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Eglisk St Patrick's	56	28	84	42	Sean McElroy	15	6	21	52	<b>10</b>
					Martin Mohan	18	13	31		
Errigal Ciaran	38	59	97	49	Neil McGarvey	1	5	6	69	<b>21</b>
					Fergal Ward	12	18	30		
					Mark Loughran	9	24	33		
Eskra Emmet's	49	33	82	41	Andrew McKenna	11	24	35	35	<b>-6</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Fintona Pearse's	58	29	87	44	John Earley	8		8	8	<b>-36</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Galbally Pearse's	75	34	109	55	Alan Walker	12	5	17	70	<b>16</b>
					Aidan Quinn	17	8	25		
					Sean Hurson	12	16	28		
Glenelly St Joseph's	8	31	39	20	Cahal Kearney	4	7	11	49	<b>30</b>
					Shane Meehan	17	21	38		
Gortin St Patrick's	11	30	41	21	Cahir McConnell	8	2	10	10	<b>-11</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Greencastle St Patrick's	39	35	74	37	Fergal McCrory	6	7	13	30	<b>-7</b>
					Cathal McCrory	4	13	17		



### Tyrone GAA Football Referee Fixture Stats 2024

Club	Youth	Adult	Total	Refs	Referee	Youth	Adult	Total	Total	Standing
Kildress Wolfe Tone's	27	32	59	30	Martin Keenan	7	6	13	13	<b>-17</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Killeeshil St Mary's	40	31	71	36	Cahal Bell	30	23	53	53	<b>18</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Killiclogher Naomh Mhuire	36	34	70	35	Brian McGinn	7	8	15	62	<b>27</b>
					Kevin Taggart	21	26	47		
Killyman St Mary's	12	21	33	17	Conor McGahan	12	5	17	48	<b>32</b>
					Eugene Hughes	16	15	31		
Loughmacrory St Teresa's	45	31	76	38	Gerry Donaghy	4		4	10	<b>-28</b>
					Dermot Moxon	4	2	6		
Moortown St Malachy's	39	34	73	37	Niall Conlan	22	17	39	39	<b>3</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Moy Tir na nÓg	46	36	82	41	Shane McKeown	12	8	20	44	<b>3</b>
					Martin Conroy	14	10	24		
Naomh Eoghain	20	28	48	24	Stephen McNamee	9	6	15	81	<b>57</b>
					Owen McCaffery	14	9	23		
					Ciagan Patton	24	19	43		
Omagh St Enda's	80	32	112	56	Kieran Eannetta	8	14	22	22	<b>-34</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Owen Roes	24	30	54	27	Hugo Devine	10	15	25	54	<b>27</b>
					Aidan Graham	21	8	29		
Pomeroy Plunkett's	39	29	68	34	Martin McNally	18		18	52	<b>18</b>
					John Devlin	23	11	34		
Rock St Patrick's	38	29	67	34	<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0	0	<b>-34</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Stewartstown Harp's	45	31	76	38	Stephen Campbell	10	24	34	34	<b>-4</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Strabane Sigersons	31	27	58	29	Stephen Patton	13	19	32	32	<b>3</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Tattreagh St Patrick's	36	31	67	34	Gary Darcy		1	1	33	<b>-1</b>
					Paul Harley	4		4		
					Sean Darcy	24	4	28		
Trillick St Macartan's	36	37	73	37	Shane King	9	4	13	36	<b>-1</b>
					Francie Gallagher	19	4	23		
Urney St Colmcille's	46	17	63	32	Kevin Bogle	10	11	21	49	<b>18</b>
					Micheal Kelly	12	16	28		

### Tyrone GAA Hurling Referee Fixture Stats 2024

Club	Youth Games	Adult Games	Total Games	Refs Needed	Referee	Youth	Adult	Total	Total Covered	Standing
Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	36	5	41	21	Barry Winters	6	2	8	30	<b>10</b>
					Stephen Mullan	19	3	22		
Éire Óg An Charraig Mhór	31	5	36	18	Stephen Fox	2	0	2	11	<b>-7</b>
					Padraig Leonard	9	0	9		
Killiclogher St Mary's	13	0	13	7	Brian McGinn	3	0	3	3	<b>-4</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Omagh St Enda's	20	6	26	13	Gerard Fox	3	0	3	3	<b>-10</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Naomh Colum Cille	26	5	31	16	<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0	0	<b>-16</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		
Na Seamróga	22	0	22	11	<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0	0	<b>-11</b>
					<i>Not Supplied</i>	0	0	0		

\*Some hurling games have been supplemented by referees who are registered only with football clubs. Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh referee has also refereed a significant number of football games.

# COISTE AN PHLEAN STRAITÉISIGH

## STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Seamus McDonald (Coill an Chlochair)
Secretary	Barbara Ward (An Goirtín)
	Mark Conway (Cill Dreasa)
	Cuthbert Donnelly (Achadh Lú)
	Dominic McCaughey (Trí Leac)

### MEETINGS

The Strategic Implementation Committee members with the number of meetings each attended;

Seamus McDonald (9), Barbara Ward (8), Mark Conway (7), Cuthbert Donnelly (8), Dominic McCaughey (8). Niall Muldoon was also in attendance when requested. The Sub-Committee met 9 times during 2023/24.

### OUR FOCUS

Initially, the committee focused upon highlighting the importance of;

- establishing an HR committee for all personnel
- all committee and subcommittee members signing the conflict-of-interest policy
- submitting monthly reports to the Operations manager on the Friday preceding the County Committee meeting
- meeting those sub committees whose chair had been replaced recently
- receiving subcommittee work plans

### WORKING TOGETHER

During the year the following were met with;

- Audit and Risk,
- Club Children’s Officers (Safeguarding),
- Coaching and Games,
- PR and Marketing
- Planning and Training
- Safety and facilities including update on stewards’ chain of command for functions.

These meetings were most informative and productive.

Owing to the safety and confidentiality, much of the work of some sub-committees is conducted by one member. We in the Association are deeply indebted to these individuals who work tirelessly to ensure our games and venues are safe places for the player, the club official and the spectator.

The challenges facing the Association include growing our volunteers, the importance of volunteers for Coaching, and ensuring that the good practices established in Hurling are supported and continue to grow. For some committees the volunteer challenges were highlighted through

their experiencing a heavy workload thus resulting in their inability to respond to our invitation to meet with the Strategic Committee.

To assist clubs with their forward planning a consultation evening with the Demographics committee has been organised in late November to enable clubs access statistical information relevant to their club area.

The committee also revisited the Tyrone GAA Governance Report 2014 to ensure the various recommendations were being addressed. We deeply appreciate that HR matter will be addressed shortly.

### MANY THANKS

I wish to thank all members of the committee for their dedicated work and commitment during the year.

A special word of thanks to Barbara Ward, our secretary, for her dedication and perseverance and to Niall Muldoon who is always on hand to offer assistance. Their work made our task so much easier.

I wish to place on record our deep appreciation to Gregory, Anne Marie and the staff at Garvaghey for their continued support.



# COISTE NA TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA FAISNÉISE

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Chairperson (IT Officer)	Gerard Bradley (An Goirtín)
	Niall Muldoon (Ard Bó)

The areas covered by this workgroup are as follows:

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

### IT SYSTEMS AND SUPPORT

Foireann is the only platform for registering members to any of the Gaelic games governing bodies and if the online payment facility is used it makes registration very straightforward. There are third party platforms, but they are much more expensive in terms of monthly fees and transactions fees. These systems still require the club to register the members on Foireann either individually or by uploading files. Registration fees for LGFA and Camogie Units are only accepted through the Stripe account in Foireann. Player Injury Fund subscriptions are also processed through this account. Clubs need to keep their basic details up to date and be aware that the transfer of funds from a Sterling bank account to the Foireann Stripe account can take a period of time, so leaving these payments until close to the deadline, could leave players not covered by the scheme.

The facility to merge duplicate accounts is operational 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.

Club Officers should not share usernames and passwords for Foireann, access to personal details should be restricted to an absolute

minimum number of personnel and under no circumstances should 'Ghost' accounts be created to provide access for anybody within the club.

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

### MICROSOFT 365 ACCOUNTS

All Clubs are entitled to have accounts for the following officers: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Children's Officer and in some situations, Injury Fund. Dormant accounts i.e. not used in the previous 12 months, will automatically have the licence removed and archived to reduce the overall cost to the Association. Currently, Tyrone has 26 unlicensed/dormant accounts.

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 the county and any request for a password to be reset should be made to the IT Officer. The email support system will not reset a password if the request comes from a private (not a @gaa.ie) email address.

The Microsoft 365 accounts are being progressively updated to force a password change every 90

days. As Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) is implemented, the sharing of an @gaa.ie account will become practically impossible. The account will not only be linked to a mobile phone number but also an Authenticated Device.

In 2024, 18 new or reactivated accounts were requested by Tyrone units.

The increased security scanning of the email system has reduced the level of reported spam. If an official @gaa.ie email is used in countries where GAA activity is not normally expected, this can result in the account being automatically locked. This can happen when officers are on holiday or on business trips, particularly remote locations in Asia, Africa and South America.

### IT TRAINING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Official GAA communications must be sent to and from club secretaries via the provided email account. As highlighted in previous reports, in many clubs there is a difficulty getting responses to communications and numerous reports of communications not being passed to other club officers. We realise that club officers are volunteers and have to deal with an increasing volume of email. To enhance the flow of email communication, we would ask the sender to clearly identify intended recipient within a club. This will allow the club secretary to simply forward the email to this person within their club. Many club secretaries rely on a mobile phone for most of their

CLUB OFFICER	ACTIVE 2022	ACTIVE 2023	ACTIVE 2024
Chairperson	29	27	35
Children's Officer	37	48	50
Injury Fund Off.	8	8	9
PRO	34	35	36
Secretary	55	61	60
Treasurer	27	27	34
TOTALS	190	206	224

communications. Unless emails are very brief, important links and information may not appear on the opening mobile phone screen and are missed. A major part of a club secretary's role is forwarding relevant communication to other officers or members of the club. Training on these aspects of IT will be provided for club officers early in 2025.

### IT INFRASTRUCTURE

As reported in previous years, Tyrone GAA Centre still does not have a high-speed cabled internet connection. A utility company recently has started to install/reinstate the ducting for a fibre connection to the premises, but this work has stalled. Hopefully, this will resume quickly, and we will be able to have a stable high-speed connection.

Healy Park now has 2 high-speed fibre internet connections used by Tyrone GAA. One is exclusively used for Live Streaming and the other is used for admission ticket scanning and Press Wi-Fi. A new leased line has been installed and this will provide a dedicated high-speed connection, replacing the existing connections and allow us greater flexibility and control of the usage of the available bandwidth using a VPN. Four new turnstiles have recently been installed at Healy Park, these have mechanical counters which allow us to have real time view of the actual numbers entering the grounds and seated stand in particular.

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. At Grounds where there is only a Mobile 3G/4G signal (no Wi-Fi), gate personnel are subject to contention (sharing of the available signal in the area) as the number of spectators increases. With a weak 3G/4G service, the

connection becomes intermittent and increasingly demanding on the phone or scanner's battery.

### WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The website continues to see an exceptionally large viewing audience and by the time this report is published it is likely to have exceeded 3 million views in this calendar year.

The website continues to be the most popular online platform for Tyrone GAA, dominated by viewers looking at club fixtures and results. While not on the same scale as Fixtures and Results, 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 large number of views within a few hours on a Friday or Sunday evening. This reached a new maximum on 8th September 2024 with over 48,243 views in a single Sunday evening.

All three governing bodies in Tyrone (GAA, LGFA and Camogie) use the Games Management System to create fixtures, this automatically updates on the website in real time. The posting of fixtures and results on the website is an entirely automated process, starting when the fixture is created by the respective CCC, followed by the appointment of the Referees and ending with the referee sending in the result by SMS. The 'Garvaghey' Website has been removed from service because it had only been used for Summer Camp Booking for the previous 8 years. The Summer Camp Booking system is now integrated within the main website.

The overall viewing figures for the current year to date has just exceeded 2.97 million views. A substantial proportion of the viewing activity was compressed into the five months between the end of May and November 2024. The Tyrone website remains the principal point for sales of Streaming and Admission Tickets.

### LIVE STREAMING

Tyrone GAA continued to Live Stream all our club championship fixtures. The Live Stream of this year's championship attracted a very substantial increase in subscribers. The increase was due to range of factors including the deployment of software technologies and identification of the accounts used by the IPTV pirates. Tyrone GAA has to strike a delicate balance between a highly secure service for genuine subscribers that requires a level of IT expertise to access the Live Stream and a service that is open to piracy.

Making the pirate services unreliable, did lead to many of those with 'dodgy firesticks' not being willing to take a risk with an unreliable illegal service for subsequent fixtures. The civil authorities have recently successfully prosecuted a number of pirates, including high profile cases north and south of the border. Anyone subscribing to these illegal pirate service are putting their credit card and banking details in the hands of criminals.

The number of venues used for championship fixtures was again extended but this is still limited by the type of internet connections available. The preferred connection would be a high-speed fibre or cable connection but in a very few situations there is suitable high speed 4G signal. There are two IT requirements, for a championship fixture, a high-speed connection that can be accessed by our live stream cameras and scanning tickets at entrances.

Our Live Stream continues to set the highest standards for quality and production, this is due to two main factors. MacAV, a local company delivers excellent video production with ongoing innovation. In conjunction with our commentators and analysts, Mac AV provide a very professional service that matches and consistently exceeds anything provided by other broadcasters.

While it is desirable to stage our championship in as many club venues as possible, this can result in the camera crews finding themselves in exposed positions, in inclement weather conditions.

The camera equipment and connections used for Live Streaming are not totally waterproof and with heavy rainfall, it is impossible to keep the equipment dry and camera lenses clear. There is an increasing need for some type of mobile covered platform for venues used infrequently or alternatively, a covered fixed platform at venues where we stage a number of games.

### CONTROL OF WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Our Social Media Platforms continue to attract large audiences and followers. In previous year's we mentioned the ongoing issue where clubs and other GAA units allow an individual to setup and/or have full control an account for a website,

social media platform. If a club allows this to happen, an individual has total control over the account, which is frequently linked to a personal email account and mobile phone number. If an individual with sole control over the account and posts something unacceptable to the club or fails to post, the club can find it difficult or impossible to remove or upload a post. Regaining control of even a properly used account is a protracted and arduous process.

As the use of MFA increases, regaining control of such accounts will increasingly become difficult. The number of 'duplicate' accounts for Clubs and County units indicates there is a real problem. We would again recommend that all clubs and county units must establish a system/procedure to ensure that more than one individual has access to usernames and passwords for these accounts.

Clubs should consider keeping important records in a location, such

as OneDrive or SharePoint provided to all club officers as part of their Office 365 account or consider using a website.

The photograph or programme on a mobile phone or social media platform is rarely available a decade after it was produced. Clubs trying to collate histories are struggling to recover records of teams from a relative short time ago but have old photographs and programmes from many decades ago.



# COISTE NA SLÁINTE AGUS NA FOLLÁINE

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Chairperson (Health & Wellbeing Officer)	Joe Neil (Aireagal Chiaráin)
Secretary	Maura McMEnamin (Naomh Mac Artáin)
County Children's Officer	Ursula McElroy (An Charraig Mhór)
	Patsy Farley (Bearach)
	Tracy Monaghan (An Ómaigh)
	Nora O'Neill (Droim Ratha)
	Fiona Teague (An Caisleán Glas)
	Peter Toal (Dún Geanainn)

### OUR WORK

At the time of writing discussions are taking place regarding a screening program in collaboration with Ulster GAA and the PHA.

The committee have formally met twice and once via teams to date, all 4 Ulster HWB meetings were attended by a committee representative.

### REACHING OUT

In addition to this the committee hosted a Smoke and vaping cessation promotion at the All-Ireland group game versus Clare on Sunday 2nd June in O'Neills Healy Park in conjunction with the WH&SCT, The launch (June 20th) of the 'One Punch

can Kill' programme was attended by all members and tribute must be paid to Maura McMEnamin for her work on this fantastic initiative, which is an absolute 'must do' resource for clubs to have and promote.

Whilst the rest of the summer remained quiet, the GAA hosted a focus group to gather opinion on the GAA's role in the societal issue of gender based violence and was attended by committee members in August, a very important issue and results of these group meetings will be delivered at a later date.

At the start of 2024 one of the main aims of the committee was to ensure all the club HCO information was correct and updated, The response was excellent and although

not all clubs have an appointed HCO the work clubs are doing in their communities should not be underestimated, Well done to all.

To emphasise this Tyrone had 11 clubs who progressed to phase 6 in the Healthy Club programme, the highest number in Ulster. This is a fabulous achievement, congratulations to Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh, Trillick, Naomh Eoghan, Carrickmore, Cookstown, Loughmacrory, Drumquin, Galbally, Aodh Ruadh, Drumragh & Tattyreagh.

In 2024 the Irish Life Healthy clubs Ulster provincial night was held in Garvaghey and was very well attended by Tyrone clubs. Guest speaker on the night was Domhnall Nugent, Antrim Hurler and footballer, highlighting how Alcohol and drugs affected his life, mental health and relationships. A wonderfully brave and insightful listen, Domhnall is a fascillator with Movember 'Ahead of the game'. Maura McMEnamin also presented a synopsis of the excellent 'One punch can kill'. Both presentations should be at the forefront of clubs thinking regarding events in 2025.

In September clubs were consulted on issues they would like to possibly see addressed at a county event, while this in the main was poorly responded to, issues included Mental Health, Substance misuse and cardiac screening. An event is unlikely to take place at this juncture in 2024.

### LOOKING FORWARD

As a committee we have a fair amount of correspondence from clubs on an ongoing basis, I wish to pay tribute to each of the committee who have a wealth of experience and knowledge and are always contactable and helpful and indeed leading lights in the area of health & wellbeing within their clubs and communities. I hope all will return as committee members in 2025.



# COISTE NA SLÁINTE AGUS NA NÁISEANNA

## SAFETY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Michael McCarney - Safety & Facilities Officer

### SAFETY FIRST

With slightly over 69,000 spectators through the gates of O'Neill's Healy Park, we had only two recorded small accidents on the grounds. Ingress and egress have been excellent with only one game delay due to road traffic. Two audits, by one SGSA and the other by Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, proving they are content that the running of the events are carried out in a safe manner.

### BEING PROACTIVE

Pyrotechnics' being the biggest issue with the under sixteen supporters

carrying a lot of smoke flares into the grounds. We must make plans to be more proactive next season on these.

Michael Kelly, the Chief Steward, continues to provide good support and stewarding numbers are good in strength, along with stewards provided from Omagh St Enda's. Additional four turnstiles on the Gortin Road entrance and been a good asset to the venue.

The Ulster Council still continues to fixture games in the grounds due to its safe running and facilities making the grounds one of the best in Ulster.

### MANY THANKS

Lastly, thanks for the support from the pitch and stand committee, and we all are looking forward to bigger numbers at our games in 2025.

# A5 - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Chairperson	Niall McKenna
	Grainne Donnelly
	Damian Harvey
	Brendan Hurl
	Michael Kerr
	Seamus Marlow
	Colin Mullin
	Sean Quinn
	Barbara Ward

At last year’s County Convention, the following Motion was passed unanimously;

“Tyrone GAA, once again, call upon Dfl to confirm the immediate and full delivery of the A5 dual-carriageway. The existing A5 road has caused undue carnage, resulting in needless deaths, injuries and trauma for far too many years. Tyrone GAA stands in full solidarity with the families of all the victims of the A5. We commend the bravery of these families speaking out against this great injustice and thank them for their commitment to the new A5. The people of Tyrone and beyond have made it clear that ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. The Department’s ongoing discussions with contractors is noted and welcomed by us and, therefore, we believe that there should be no further impediment to the commencement of the entire scheme next year (ie. 2024).”

At that juncture, we were awaiting the publishing of the PAC Commissioner’s Report from the Public Inquiry in Omagh and Dfl’s response to it.

In February of this year, another obstacle was overcome when the Irish Government recommitted €600 million from the Shared Island Fund to the A5 North-West transport corridor. This was warmly welcomed by our Group.

In March, the Group were devastated by another death on the road and, again, another very personal one for Tyrone GAA. Caolan Devlin, a former Coalisland Fianna and Noamh Colum

Cille and underage county hurling player, and brother of current senior footballer Niall Devlin, passed away after a two-vehicle collision between Omagh and Garvaghey. Niall Devlin was attending training at Garvaghey at the time of the accident as were our County Committee members, who were attending their monthly meeting. The GAA community in Tyrone were once again in mourning – now the second brother of a Tyrone U20 Football All-Ireland winning captain to die on the A5 in just over a year, following the death of John Rafferty. Unbelievable coincidences. Our sincerest condolences were extended to the Devlin family and to Coalisland Fianna and Noamh Colum Cille.

Also in March, the Group travelled to Stormont to meet with Minister John O’Dowd and Dfl Officials. The group were impressed with the Minister and his Official’s technical knowledge of the scheme and, more importantly, the human cost of not going ahead with it. We were hopeful of a positive response regarding the decision soon.

More tragedy and death occurred the next month, April. On 7th April. Oonagh Burns, a 35-year-old Strabane woman, passed away after a single-vehicle car crash on the A5 near Bready.

On 29th April, the Group attended a very poignant demonstration organised by St. Ciaran’s College, Ballygawley to highlight the disastrous consequences of the road on their school-community. We very much applauded the efforts of the school and the civic leadership

they showed. Unbelievably, the very next day, 30th April, one of the St. Ciaran’s pupils who partook in the demonstration, Kamile Vaicikonyte (aged 17), was killed in an accident on the road. The accident also claimed the life of Jamie Moore (aged 19). Such coincidental carnage is nearly impossible to comprehend.

On 1st July, the news they we had been hoping for was received; Infrastructure Minister, John O’Dowd, announced that he will recommend the go-ahead for the new A5 to the Executive in their August meeting. Due to timetabling issues, this was not formally granted until 2nd October when the Executive announced the approval of the new A5 between Strabane and Ballygawley. The formal decisions on the other two phases will hopefully come in due course. Our Group welcomed the announcement;

“The A5 Enough is Enough Group very much welcome the announcement to commence work on the section of the A5 dualling between south of Strabane and Ballygawley. Provision of a new dual carriageway along this section will greatly enhance road safety and reduce the horrendously high number of accidents and fatalities.

The A5 has left a catastrophic and notorious legacy in this area with too many broken families devastated by its unsafe construct. We look forward to an imminent start, successful completion of this phase of the project and the remainder being similarly progressed in due course. Our thoughts, as always, remain with the families of victims of the A5.”

The PAC Commissioner’s Report from the Public Inquiry was released at this time and references to our Group’s work included the following:

- “A new campaign group known as Enough is Enough (EiE), which was formed on the initiative of Tyrone Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) to support the proposed



scheme in the aftermath of recent fatal accidents on the existing A5, was also represented. There was a large attendance by EiE supporters throughout Stage 3 and especially on the day when road safety was discussed.”

- “Furthermore, the EiE campaign was launched in January 2023 by members of the Tyrone GAA. They were concerned about the safety of the existing road for their members attending some 3000 fixtures across the county each year and their training centre at Garvaghy, close to the A5. Sadly, several of their members have died in accidents along the route. Although the group generally represented those associated with the GAA, some of their representatives highlighted that the proposed road was for everyone and it enjoyed broad support across the community and political spectrum. EiE supporters faithfully attended throughout the 2023 inquiry and on the day when road safety was discussed, a larger venue than originally planned was necessary to accommodate the number of people wishing to show their support for the scheme. We were told that over 10,000 people have signed a petition in support of the scheme and we appreciate the strength of public feeling on this issue.”

- “The Enough is Enough campaign group provided a perspective on the scheme that was not available in 2020. Its evidence corroborated that of the Department and in many respects strengthened it. Understandably some people were frustrated by the detailed examination of environmental issues (which our terms of reference required us to conduct), when to their minds the issue of overwhelming importance was road safety. It would be all too easy to treat the task of adjudicating on a major infrastructural project as a purely technical exercise. However, the contributions made by supporters of the scheme..., served to emphasise that such projects, or the

absence thereof, have real human consequences.”

On 14th November our Group were appalled at that day’s news that DfI had received pre-action correspondence in relation to a potential legal challenge of the Minister’s recent decision regarding progression of the A5 Executive flagship project. Our subsequent statement said;

“Despite the vast majority of people making their voices clearly heard on the issue and despite the continuous deaths, there are those who continue to ignore the realities of this life-or-death situation. Our pleas to reflect and reconsider have sadly fallen on deaf ears so far. It is unacceptable that a small number of people look for technical points to bring legal challenges to a scheme that is supported by the overwhelming majority of the public.”

The following day’s Irish News Editorial (15/11/24) stated;

“Little wonder that those who have campaigned to have the A5 made safer are in despair... If the department and the executive can’t get a major road of life and death importance built, then our public administration really is in trouble.”

On 29th November, a date of 3rd March 2025 was set as the start date for the full case into the legal challenge. At this hearing, the A5 – Enough is Enough Group applied for, and were granted, intervenor status at these proceedings.

So, at the time of writing, we are gearing up for the Court Case into the decision to proceed with the new road. Unfortunately, our appeals for people to reconsider their actions have been ignored. I know that the Tyrone GAA community will make their voices heard loud and clear at the time of the Court Case and I trust that the Court will come to the correct decision.

Buíochas – Once again, I thank the Officers (led by Martin Sludden) and County Committee of Tyrone GAA for their unwavering support of our Group.

I also thank the Clubs of Tyrone and the wider Tyrone GAA community for their unequivocal and strong support.

At Provincial level, we continue to receive much support and I thank Ciaran McLaughlin and Brian McAvoy for their delivery of Comhairle Uladh assistance. We have also now received public support at National level with the important backing shown by Uachtarán CLG, Jarlath Burns. Thank you, Jarlath. Other interested parties provide us with much help, guidance and reassurance. We thank them most sincerely for their valuable contributions.

As we now re-enter the legal arena, we also thank our lawyers, Conor Sally, Plunkett Nugent and Stephen Toal who generously and freely give us their time and expertise.

As I said last year, but also still very relevant, we often hear soundbites like “GAA is Community” and sometimes soundbites are all they are.

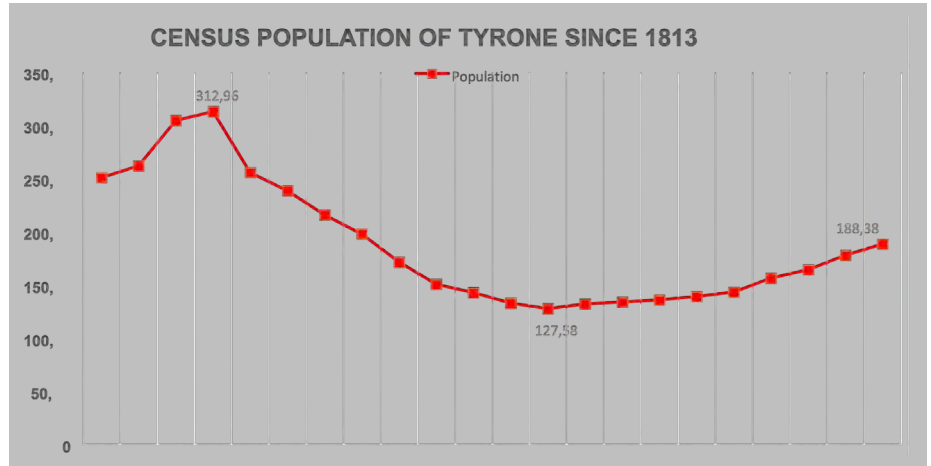
This campaign has shown what the GAA is really about – looking after each other; a common bond weaving our communities together. We are truly blessed to have this Association in our lives enriching all our existences.

# COISTE NA DÉIMEAGRAFAICE

## DEMOGRAPHICS COMMITTEE

Gerard Bradley - Demographics Officer

The population of Tyrone did decline from 1851 to 1937 but has been increasing since that point in time (Table 1). This increase was initially first seen in 'Urban' areas but by 1966 the population of almost all 'Rural' areas in Tyrone was increasing (see Table 1 and Graph 1 below). The provision of new public housing in the 1970s allowed the population in Tyrone to stabilise and then increase. Tyrone's population in Urban and Rural areas is increasing. While the population is increasing, this statement can mask declines within particular areas and age bands.



Year	Population	% Change
1813	250,746	
1821	261,865	4.43
1831	304,468	16.27
1841	312,966	2.79
1851	255,661	-18.31
1861	238,500	-6.71
1871	215,766	-9.53
1881	197,719	-8.36
1891	171,401	-13.31
1901	150,567	-12.16
1911	142,665	-5.25
1926	132,792	-6.92
1937	127,586	-3.92
1951	132,082	3.52
1961	133,919	1.39
1966	136,040	1.58
1971	138,975	2.16
1981	143,368	3.16
1991	156,284	9.01
2001	164,235	5.09
2011	177,986	8.37
2022	188,383	5.84

### COMPARISON OF COUNTY POPULATIONS IN IRELAND BASED ON 2021/2022 CENSUS

See table 2 - The overall population of Ireland has also been increasing since 1966. The population of all counties is increasing, and 10 counties have a lower growth rate than Tyrone.

### URBAN/RURAL POPULATIONS

See table 3&4 - Numerically the Rural population in Tyrone has been increasing steadily since 1937, but during the same period, the urban population has doubled. The definition of an Urban Settlement is based on population size and density, this has been redefined over time. The table uses settlements classified as bands C-E i.e. above 3,000.

This analysis describes Urban as living in one of the 4 large towns and the remainder of the population is 'Rural'.

The Rural population in Tyrone has declined in terms of percentage of the total population in Tyrone, dropping from 88% in 1901 to 63.3% in 2011. 'Urban' for this analysis is towns with a population greater than 3,000.

If we include all the Settlements/ villages with a population greater than 500 and classify them as 'Urban', then almost 54% of Tyrone's population lives outside of these settlements and would be designated 'Rural'.

The 2021 Census reveals that Tyrone is shifting from a Rural based population to one where most of the population lives in Settlements of 500 or more people. This is different from the Urban-Rural comparison displayed on the previous page, which only includes the 5 larger towns as the

definition of Urban.

Since the previous Settlement Report in 2015, 7 more settlements have reached the 500-population level to be described as a 'Village'.

The total population in the Settlements from Census 2021 listed above is 101,121 which was 53.6% of the 2021 Population of Tyrone. 62,777 people live in the 4 large towns which is 33.3% of the total population

The total number of children aged 0-14 over the last 30 years (since 1991) has declined, if 'Newcomer' children were excluded from these statistics the decline would be more significant.

The next Household Census is not due until 2031 but in the intervening period we have annual school census data. This is normally available by the beginning of March of each academic year. This means that schools' data will provide an accurate view for ages 5-16 annually but a view of all age groups is only available every 10 years or 5 years if we include mid-term estimates.

### SCHOOL DATA

The school census data for all schools is published on an annual basis. This data will provide a very accurate picture of the population at Primary School level within Tyrone. Post Primary Census figures are

also available but with many pupils crossing county boundaries and travelling outside of their normal catchment areas, it will be difficult to accurately analyse the Tyrone Post Primary school population to club areas within the county. A summary of all school enrolments is published at the end of February each year, this data is extracted from the Annual School Census taken in October of each academic year.

### AREA PLANNING FOR SCHOOLS

The closure of small rural schools is typically a protracted process with local opposition often eventually succumbing to increasing financial deficits in the school and increasing parental concerns about the school's long-term viability. Reviews of educational provision highlight the need for further area planning, which inevitably leads to closure of small schools. In Tyrone we operate with the 'Parish Rule' and T.O 6.2. where youth membership is based on living in the parish. Parents choosing schools outside of their Parish or locality means that the school enrolment may not reflect the number in a parish/club catchment area.

### SCHOOL ENROLMENTS AND CLOSURES

The total population ages 0-14 has declined but not as much as believed. People in their 70's recalling larger numbers when they were at school, tend to forget that until the mid to late 1960's the majority of pupils stayed at the same local 'National' school until leaving age of 15. A number of smaller rural Primary schools have been closed in the last decade; this is particularly the case in West Tyrone. We have several large Primary schools in Urban areas with steadily increasing enrolments. The overall Primary School population has been relatively stable for the past decade and should remain relatively stable for the next 5 years. There is a decline in the current P2 population compared to previous years but it will

Rank	County	Population	Density(km2)	Increase since previous census
1	Dublin	1,458,154	1,581.50	7.7%
2	Antrim	651,321	211.1	5.1%
3	Cork	584,156	77.5	7.1%
4	Down	553,261	222.3	3.9%
-	Fingal	330,506	724.8	11.2%
-	South Dublin	301,705	1,354.50	7.5%
5	Galway	277,737	45.1	7.1%
6	Derry	252,231	119.1	2.0%
7	Kildare	247,774	146.2	11.0%
-	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown	233,860	1,859.00	7.1%
8	Meath	220,826	94.3	12.9%
9	Limerick	209,536	76.0	5.4%
10	Armagh	194,394	146.5	10.1%
11	Tyrone	188,383	57.6	5.5%
12	Tipperary	167,895	39.0	5.1%
13	Donegal	167,084	34.4	4.5%
14	Wexford	163,919	69.3	9.2%
15	Kerry	156,458	32.5	5.1%
16	Wicklow	155,851	76.9	9.2%
17	Louth	139,703	169.1	7.9%
18	Mayo	137,970	24.7	5.2%
19	Clare	127,938	37.1	7.2%
20	Waterford	127,363	68.6	9.4%
21	Kilkenny	104,160	50.2	4.5%
22	Westmeath	96,221	52.3	8.0%
23	Laois	91,877	53.4	8.2%
24	Offaly	83,150	41.6	6.0%
25	Cavan	81,704	42.3	6.6%
26	Roscommon	70,259	27.6	8.4%
27	Sligo	70,198	38.2	6.5%
28	Monaghan	65,288	50.4	5.6%
29	Fermanagh	63,585	37.6	3.8%
30	Carlow	61,968	69.1	8.8%
31	Longford	46,751	42.9	14.1%
32	Leitrim	35,199	22.1	9.5%

**Table 2 - Population of Counties in Ireland based the most recent Census (Dublin is split into 4 Councils).**

Town	1901	1911	1926	1937	1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011	2021
Omagh	4,789	4,836	5,123	5,741	6,757	8,109	11,961	14,627	17,280	19,190	19,659	20,458
Dun-gannon	4,322	4,474	4,409	4,953	5,682	6,511	7,634	8,295	9,190	11,139	14,340	16,282
Strabane	5,033	5,107	5,156	5,600	6,619	7,783	9,413	10,340	11,670	13,456	13,172	13,507
Cookstown	3,934	3,961	3,936	3,818	4,247	4,969	6,683	7,649	9,842	10,646	11,599	12,546
Coalisland								3,324	3,802	4,917	5,682	6,349

**Table 3 - The population trend in Tyrone's four Urban towns from 1901 to 2021.**

	1901	1911	1926	1937	1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011	2021
Urban Tyrone	18,078	18,378	18,624	20,112	23,305	27,372	35,691	44,235	51,784	59,348	64,452	69,142
Rural Tyrone	132,489	124,287	114,168	107,474	108,777	106,547	103,284	99,133	104,500	104,887	113,534	119,241
Population	150,567	142,665	132,792	127,586	132,082	133,919	138,975	143,368	156,284	164,235	177,986	188,383

be some time before we can establish is this a trend.

**MIGRATION WITHIN TYRONE**

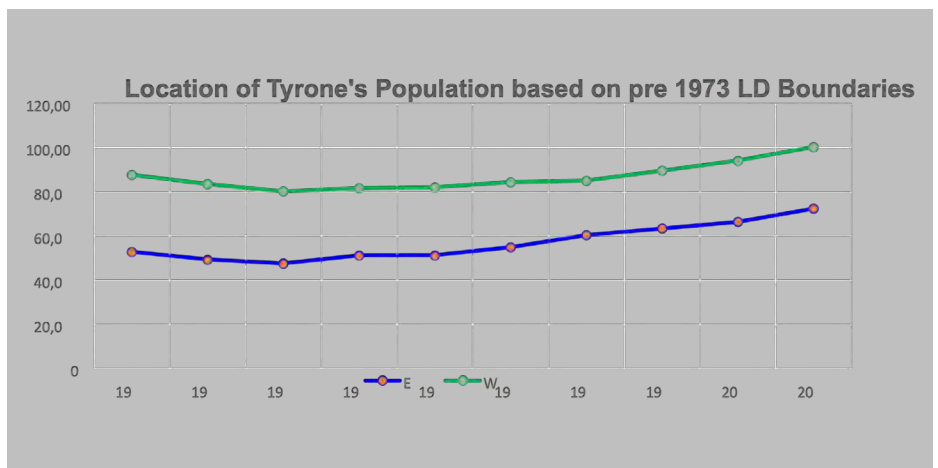
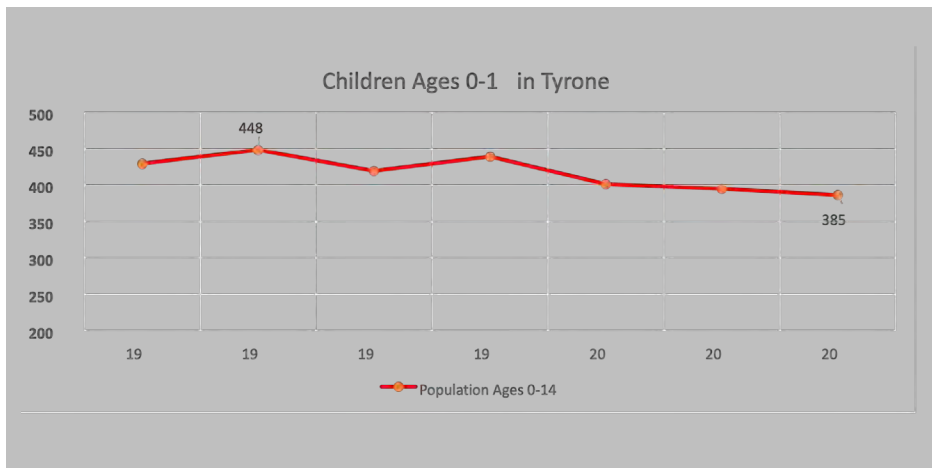
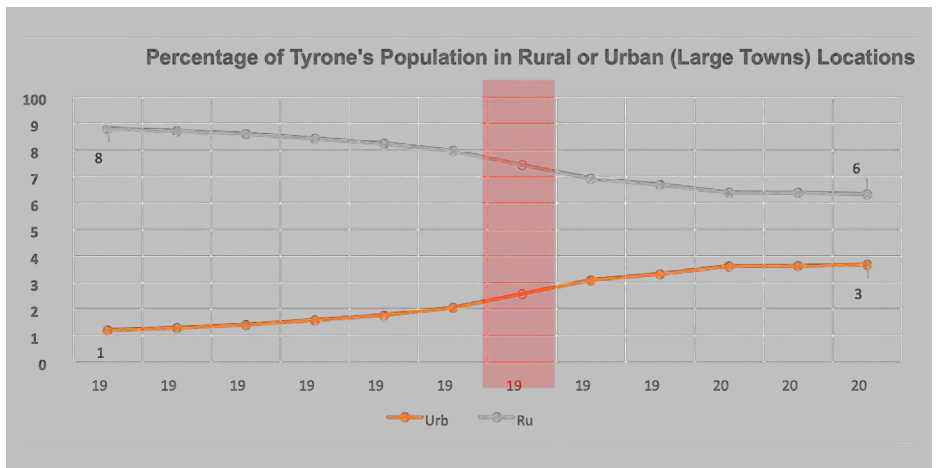
There are long established patterns of migration within urban areas and migration from rural to urban areas. Both of these migrations present challenges for developing the GAA within these expanding urban areas. The movements within the urban areas (urban to urban migration) are normally characterised by existing populations moving out from the centre of the urban area and being replaced by incoming immigration. This can have a dramatic impact on the composition of local school populations, especially when combined with parents choosing schools outside of their locality. There is also a movement from rural to small settlements (<500) in rural areas.

**WHERE DO MOST PEOPLE LIVE IN TYRONE?**

Traditional 'Geographies' in Tyrone - East and West Tyrone

Until the mid 1970's Tyrone GAA was administered by Divisional Boards County called East and West. This division was not an equal geographical split of the county, it was based on a the pre 1973 Local District Council areas which in themselves were based on Baronies from the time of the Plantation.

East Tyrone consisted of Dungannon Urban, Dungannon Rural, Cookstown Urban and Cookstown Rural Districts. West Tyrone consisted of Omagh Rural, Omagh Urban, Strabane Urban, Strabane Rural, Castleterg Rural and Clogher Rural Districts. This was not a geographic divide because



75% of the land area in Tyrone was in the 'West' and the majority of the population. In 2021, 58% of the population lives in West Tyrone. This means that in East Tyrone, 42% of the Tyrone population lives in 25% of the area of the county. The population density in East Tyrone is therefore much higher than the West but there are actually more people living in West Tyrone.

In 1911 37% of Tyrone's population lived in East Tyrone (based on the old Dungannon and Cookstown Urban and Rural Districts), this population has risen to almost 42% of Tyrone's population in 2011.

The high level of newcomers within the population of 'East Tyrone' presents challenge for the GAA within the urban areas. While these populations are established for some time, they have to date very limited participation in our games. In demographic terms, Newcomers are a significant proportion of the population in East Tyrone and the reality is if these people were not living and working in this area, the population would be at best remaining stable or more likely declining.

### **LET THE DATA PROVIDE THE PICTURE, DO NOT LOOK FOR EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM YOUR OPINION**

When using demographic data, do not start by extracting selective pieces of data to confirm some preconceived concept. Let a wide range of data build the overall picture, this will always be more accurate than extracting a selective piece of data.

Even using a limited amount of high-level data, you could select data to support the following contradictory arguments about Tyrone: 'the Rural Population is declining' or 'the Rural Population is increasing', alternatively the school population is declining, increasing or remains stable.

While high level statistics for Tyrone are interesting for some people, they are unlikely to be of much practical use at County or Club level. The significant proportion of the population living in the larger towns will raise concerns re. in the level of participation or the capacity of our existing clubs to cater for an expanding population. The majority of clubs in Tyrone would probably classify themselves as 'Rural' but many are centred around an expanding settlement (Village or Town).

### **PLANNING REGULATIONS**

The impact of current planning regulations on rural populations is the major factor that is forcing people from rural areas into larger settlements. Many of the established smaller settlements in Tyrone have reached the limits of their infrastructural capacity e.g. water supply, sewage treatment, telecommunications and electrical supply. This is leading to an increased drift from rural areas to larger settlements. So, movement from a rural area in a parish will not directly lead to an increased population in the local village. The only option available to many is to relocate to the larger urban areas.

### **NEW CENSUS 2021 OUTPUT GEOGRAPHIES**

The two new statistical output geographies were introduced for Census 2021, these are named Data Zones and Super Data Zones. The building blocks were created in Geographic Information System (GIS), primarily using the intersecting main road network as a framework. These were designed by aligning the boundaries, where suitable, with physical features such as roads and rivers situating the boundaries so they do not cut through individual houses creating areas that are more regularly-shaped than the previous units.

The Census 2021 creates a four-level output geography hierarchy: Data Zone, Super Data Zone, District Electoral Areas and Local Government District. Where applicable, the boundaries of the building blocks align with the administrative geographies of District Electoral Area and Local Government District, while they also broadly align with the larger 2015 Settlement Development Limits. The smallest unit area for census data in 2021 is the Data Zone. While they are designed to be similar, in Tyrone the population of a DZ in Tyrone can range from 215 to 1,067.

The 2021 Census in the six counties was mostly completed online and analysed at the following levels: Data Zone (DZ), Super Data Zone (SDZ), Settlement, Ward, District Electoral Area (DEA) & Local Government Districts (LGD 2014).

In the 2021 Census there are 355 Data Zones aggregated into 78 Super Data Zones in Tyrone, but the county designation of a number of these Data Zones is subjective, because they cross county boundaries. The Data Zones can be linked to other geographies such as DEA 1992, Assembly Constituencies, Westminster Constituencies, Counties, Health Trusts and Education Authority.

Clubs can be provided with Google maps showing the Data Zones in all areas of Tyrone and we will assist them with the extraction of the relevant data to their club area. Clubs can look at these maps and select the Data Zones that encompass their parish or club catchment area. Unfortunately, Data Zones are the smallest units for analysis, these zones often will overlap parishes or club catchment areas, so some adjustment is normally required.

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## MOTIONS

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### MOTION 1

Official Guide Part 1  
Chapter 2 Membership and Registrations  
Rule 2.1 Memberships  
(Page 13)

be amended to read as follows:

(a) There shall be **six** types of Membership of the Association:

(i) Full Adult Membership, for persons over 18 years (i.e. shall have celebrated their 18th birthday prior to January 1st of the Membership Year.

(ii) **Youth Voting Membership, for persons Under 18 and Over 16 years (i.e. shall celebrate their 18th birthday on January 1st of the Membership Year or on a later date and shall have celebrated their 16th birthday prior to January 1st of the Membership Year.**

(iii) Youth Membership, for persons **Under 16 and Over 12 years (i.e. shall celebrate their 18th birthday on January 1st of the Membership Year or on a later date and shall have celebrated their 12th birthday prior to January 1st of the Membership Year).**

(iv) Child Membership, for children **Under 12 years (i.e. shall celebrate their 12th birthday on January 1st of the Membership Year or on a later date).** On expiration of a Child Membership of the Association, a person may apply for Youth Membership of the Association through a Club for which the child is eligible to play.

(v) **Honorary Membership may be granted to persons Over 18 years, as defined above, who have rendered exceptional service to the Club or the games or activities of the G.A.A. An Honorary Member shall have the rights of a Full Member, but shall be exempt from paying the Club's Annual Membership Fee.**

(vi) **Social Membership may be granted to persons Over 18 years, as defined above, who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Club and the G.A.A., but who do not seek full voting rights and rights to take part in the administrative affairs of the Club or the G.A.A.**

(b) Membership of the Association shall be granted only by a Club, to persons who subscribe to and undertake to further the aims and objectives of the Gaelic Athletic Association, as stated in the Official Guide.

(c) A person becomes a Full or Youth Member of the Association when they are approved as a Full or Youth Member respectively of a Club. Once granted, Full Membership of the Association shall continue for life, and Youth Membership shall continue until the end of the year in which the member celebrates their eighteenth birthday, at which time their next membership subscription payment will automatically be as a Full Member, unless the member resigns in writing, or is expelled in accordance with the Official Guide. A Member

who resigns their membership of the Association and thereafter seeks to reapply for membership shall be restricted to making such application to the Club of which they were a member immediately prior to their resignation.

(d) The rights of a Member of the Association shall be conditional upon the member complying with the Rules, Codes and Regulations of the Association and Club, including payment of any Annual Membership Fees and Levies. Such rights may be withheld, restricted or suspended in accordance with the Rules, Codes and Regulations of the Association and Club. Subject to the foregoing, only Registered Full Members shall be entitled to vote at Club Meetings, including the Annual General Meeting.

(e) The Rules, Codes and Regulations governing application for Membership shall be set out in the Official Club Constitution.

(f) The Membership of the Gaelic Athletic Association shall run from 1st January to the 31st December each year.

(g) Only a Full Member who has paid their annual Club subscription by the due date set by the Executive Committee of the Club. (which shall be on or before March 31st each year), **An Honorary Member or A Youth Voting Member** shall be eligible to vote at, nominate for, or seek election to the Executive Committee at any following General Meeting of the Club held up to and including the due date for payment of the annual Club subscription in the following Membership Year. The onus is on the member to prove they paid their membership subscription.

**(CLG An Eochair, Naomh Mhic Artain)**

## MOTION 2

County Bye Law 4.1 be amended as follows:

### 4.1 COISTE BAINISTÍ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (13 members)

It shall be responsible, subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee, for the management of the affairs of the Association, including finance, between meetings of the County Committee.

To consist of the following Officers and Representatives elected at the County Convention:

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Hurling Officer, Public Relations Officer, two Provincial Council Representatives and the Central Council Representative.

No individual shall be elected to more than one of these positions in the same year at County Convention.

(CLG Naomh Iósaf, Gleann Eallaigh)

## MOTION 3

That Ulster Club Football Championship draws be adapted to include the same regulation as the Ulster Senior Football Championship, i.e. A county drawn in the preliminary round in any given year will be excluded from the preliminary round draw for the next two years. This shall apply at Senior, Intermediate and Junior levels.

(CLG Naomh Iósaf, Gleann Eallaigh)

## MOTION 4

That Kildress Wolfe Tones supports a motion for submission to the GAA Annual Congress, requesting the immediate establishment of mechanisms at a national level to ensure that all GAA clubs across the country are financially compensated for the underspend on the coaching funding model approved by Central Council in February 2022. This underspend is conservatively estimated at €5,268,612 (£249,384 in the case of Tyrone), excluding any underspend for the 2024 financial year-end. Compensation should be secured by County Committees from Croke Park within a clear timeframe of **three months following the financial year-end.**

Amendment to Rule 3.17 - Powers of County Committees  
Proposed addition to Rule 3.17(m)

“County Committees shall be empowered to secure the timely release of underspent funds from national-level coaching and games development programs. In cases of underspend, County Committees shall seek the transfer of these funds from Croke Park within three months after the end of the financial year. Central Council must provide the funds within this timeframe.”

Amendment to Rule 3.28 - Powers of Provincial Councils  
Proposed Addition to Rule 3.28(l)

“Provincial Councils shall monitor and support County Committees in securing underspent funds from national coaching and games development programs. If the funds are not transferred by Croke Park within three months following the financial year-end, Provincial Councils are authorized to escalate the issue to Central Council for immediate resolution.”

Amendment to Rule 3.20 - Central Council Powers  
Regarding Financial Management

Proposed Addition to Rule 3.20(c)

“Central Council shall ensure that all underspent funds from national coaching and games development programs are transferred to County Committees within three months following the end of the financial year. Failure to meet this deadline will result in automatic escalation to Provincial Councils and the withholding of grants or project funding for Central Council initiatives.”

Proposed New Rule

Rule 4.9(a):

“All underspent funds from national-level coaching and games development programs shall be transferred to County Committees within three months following the financial year-end. County Committees will ensure that these funds are distributed to clubs on a pro-rata basis. In the event of a failure to release funds, Central Council shall face financial penalties, including additional payments to county boards and local clubs as compensation.”

(CLG Uilf Tóin, Chill Dreasá)

## MOTION 5

That Rule 7.2(b) Misconduct at Games by Players  
Official Guide Part 1 (Pages 56-60)  
Be amended as follows in the relevant sections:

### Category III

- (i) ~~Striking or~~ attempting to strike with arm, elbow, hand or knee ~~with minimal force.~~
- (ii) ~~Striking or~~ attempting to strike with a hurley, ~~with minimal force.~~
- (iii) Kicking or attempting to kick, with minimal force.
- (iv) Behaving in any way which is dangerous to an opponent, including deliberately pulling on or taking hold of a faceguard or any part of an opponent's helmet (in hurling).
- (v) Spitting at an opponent.
- (vi) Contributing to a melee
- (vii) Minor physical interference (e.g. laying a hand on, pushing, pulling or jostling) with an Opposing Team Official either on or off the Field of Play.

### Category IV

- (i) Striking ~~or attempting to strike~~ with arm, elbow, hand or knee ~~either with force or causing injury.~~
- (ii) Striking ~~or attempting to strike~~ with the head.
- (iii) Striking with hurley, ~~either with force or causing injury.~~
- (iv) Attempting to strike with hurley, with force.
- (v) Kicking, ~~either with force or causing injury.~~
- (vi) Attempting to kick, with force.
- (vii) Stamping.
- (viii) Inflicting injury recklessly by means other than those stated above.
- (ix) Any type of assault on an Opposing Team Official.
- (x) Abusive language towards a Referee, a Score Umpire, Line Umpire or Sideline Official.

### Category V

- (i) Minor physical interference (e.g. laying a hand on, pushing, pulling or jostling) with a Referee, a Score Umpire, Line Umpire or Sideline Official.
- (ii) Threatening language to a Referee, a Score Umpire, Line Umpire or Sideline Official.
- (iii) Threatening or abusive conduct towards a Referee, a Score Umpire, Line Umpire or Sideline Official.
- (iv) ~~Striking, or any type of assault on an opposing player, or team official, causing serious or significant injury.~~

Remainder of rule to remain unchanged

(CLG Naomh Éanna, An Ómaigh)



# NA MOLTAÍ

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### No1-10, FOR REFERRAL TO COMPETITIONS CONTROL COMMITTEE

#### RECOMMENDATION 1

Club league to be completely finished before start of championship.

(CLG Naomh Colmcille, An Charraig Mhór)

#### RECOMMENDATION 2

That Tyrone CCC unless requested otherwise avoid fixing adult league games on Saturdays due to player work commitments.

(CLG Eoghain Rua, Breac an Bhíle)

#### RECOMMENDATION 3

Ask the incoming CCC to look closely at youth gradings in 2025 to ensure a more even spread of the number of teams across each grade and thus prevent clubs with smaller numbers being continually disadvantaged.

(CLG Éire Óg, Clochar)

#### RECOMMENDATION 4

That once CCC have gradings agreed, they should meet with clubs, especially clubs in lower grades to discuss, agree on pitch size for matches and length of game time.

(CLG Éire Óg, Clochar)

#### RECOMMENDATION 5

That the CCC look at fixture congestion to avoid teams having to play 9 games at a crucial stage of the league competition in only 3 weeks and facing competing fixtures for clubs at minor level in the same period.

(CLG Éire Óg, Clochar)

#### RECOMMENDATION 6

That the Tyrone All County League and championship format be amended as follows:

- 1. Restructure of 4 Divisions** – Three Divisions of 12 (Divisions 1, 2 and 3A) and one of 13 (Division 3B)
  - League Stage 1 – All teams Play 11 (12 in Division 3B) league games from April to June (without county players)
  - League Stage 2 - After the completion of League Stage 1, divisions are split in half (with County players available for ALL games). The top 6 (7 for Division 3B) play off for league title in a league format, with the team finishing top being league champions.
  - Bottom 6 play off in league format to avoid relegation, bottom 2 teams being automatically relegated

**2. For the County Championship** – top 4 teams in each division (at the end of league stage 2) proceed straight to championship quarter finals. The Remaining 8 teams

enter into an open draw in the championship first round, the winners of the first round progress to the quarter finals. The championship quarter finals draw to have the teams in the top 4 in each division (at the end of league stage 2) to be drawn against one each of the winners of the championship first round.

(CLG Naomh Damhnait, An Droim Mór)

#### RECOMMENDATION 7

That the Tyrone All County League format be amended as follows:

##### *Divisions 1 and 2*

**1. Stage 1** – Senior League to start in April and to be played with maximum of 10 starred games played between April and the end of June, followed by 5 non-starred games (i.e. with county players) to be played after Tyrone's exit from the Senior and U20 All-Ireland Championships. Starred games to carry a points total of 2 points for a winning team and 1 for a draw and the 'non-starred' games to carry a points total of 3 points for a win and 1 for a draw.

**2. Stage 2** – Top 8 teams in stage 1 to play off in a knockout format for the league title with the 1st placed team to play 8th placed team, 2nd placed team to play 7th placed team, 3rd placed team playing the 6th placed team and 4th placed team playing 5th placed team, team 1 to 4 having home advantage with semi-finals and final at a neutral venue. Bottom 8 teams to play in a knockout format with the 9th placed team playing the 16th placed team, the 10th placed team playing the 15th placed team, the 11th placed team playing the 14th placed team and the 12th placed team playing the 13th placed team, teams 9 to 12 having home advantage, the winners of these games being safe from relegation, the losers playing each other at a neutral venue with the losers of this second round of games being relegated .... The exception being in the case of one of the losers in the relegation play-offs winning the championship in which case the lowest placed team in stage 1 not already relegated bring then relegated.

##### *Divisions 3A & 3B*

Divisions 3A and 3B to remain in the same format as already proposed for 2025

(CLG Naomh Damhnait, An Droim Mór)

#### RECOMMENDATION 8

That the CCC endeavour to complete the Reserve championship each year before the end of July.

(CLG Naomh Damhnait, An Droim Mór)

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**RECOMMENDATION 9**

1. Adult Football to commence in April.
  2. Players outside the match day 24/26 be permitted to play for club.
  3. Minor Finals be played before Senior Finals at both club and County level.
  4. Pre season competitions be reinstated.
- (CLG Naomh Pádraig, An Eaglais)

**RECOMMENDATION 10**

That all Reserve Championship semi finals be played in a neutral venue.

(CLG Eoghain Rua Uí Néill)

**No11-12, FOR REFERRAL TO FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATION 11**

That the home club retain the gate when hosting the following games at adult level:

Division 1 League Semi Final, Division 1 and 2 relegation playoffs and Division 2 and Division 3 Promotion Playoffs.

(CLG Naomh Iósaf, Gleann Eallaigh)

**RECOMMENDATION 12**

That all Referees within Tyrone at youth and adult level are given £50.00 per game to cover expenses, from 01/01/2025.

(CLG Naomh Éanna, An Ómaigh)

**No13-14, FOR REFERRAL TO COACHING & GAMES COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATION 13**

That the Go-Games regulations be amended to allow counties to permit leagues and finals in Go-Games where all teams qualify for a final. Scores are not published and where trophies and medals are presented, every participant child receives one. The specific rules and regulations proposed by a county to be approved by Central Council.

(CLG Naomh Éanna, An Ómaigh)

**RECOMMENDATION 14**

That U12 Go-Games are sorted into groups with geographical range in mind to reduce the amount of travel for parents and coaches.

(CLG Eoghain Rua Uí Néill)

# AINMNIÚCHAIN

## NOMINATIONS

<b>CATHAOIRLEACH</b> CHAIRPERSON	Martin Sludden (An Droim Mór) (outgoing)
<b>LEAS-CHATHAOIRLEACH</b> VICE-CHAIRPERSON	Dermot McCaughey (Trí Leac) (outgoing)
<b>RÚNAÍ</b> SECRETARY	Michael Kerr (Éire Óg) (outgoing)
<b>LEAS-RÚNAÍ</b> ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Eunan Lindsay (Gleann Eallaigh) (outgoing)
<b>CISTEOIR</b> TREASURER	Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair) (outgoing)
<b>LEAS-CHISTEOIR</b> ASSISTANT TREASURER	Sean McGuigan (An Charraig Mhór) (outgoing)
<b>BALL ARD-CHOMHAIRLE</b> CENTRAL COUNCIL REP	Benny Hurl (Ard Bó) (outgoing) Rory O'Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairí)
<b>BAILL CHOMHAIRLE ULADH (x2)</b> ULSTER COUNCIL REP (x2)	Michelle Cox (Droim Ratha) (outgoing) Rory O'Brien (Loch Mhic Ruairí) (outgoing)
<b>OIFIGEACH OILIÚNA</b> COACHING OFFICER	Joe Canavan (Aireagal Chiaráin) Roger Keenan (An Goirtín) Ryan Keenan (Loch Mhic Ruairí) Michael McCaughey (Trí Leac)
<b>OIFIGEACH TEANGA &amp; CULTÚIR</b> LANGUAGE & CULTURE OFFICER	
<b>OIFIGEACH IOMÁNA</b> HURLING OFFICER	Aidan Maguire (Naomh Eoghan) (outgoing)
<b>OIFIGEACH CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ</b> PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER	Rory Cox (Droim Rátha) (outgoing)
<b>BAILL AN CHOISTE</b> CLUB REPRESENTATIVE	Ciaran McKenna (Clochar), John McCrystal (An Chorr Chríochach), Sean Kerr (Éire Óg), Seamus Marlow (An Eascair), Tommy Traynor (Aireagal Chiaráin), Barbara Ward (An Goirtín), Donal Magee (Coill an Chlochair), Terry Timoney (Naomh Eoghan), Raymond Monteith (Trí Leac)



# APPENDIX 1

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS 2024

CLUB	FULL	YOUTH	CLUB	FULL	YOUTH
Achadh Lú	194	137	Eiscreach	163	132
Achadh Uí Áráin	247	122	An Eaglais	208	191
An Charraig Mhór	373	324	Fionntamhnach	216	305
Ard Bó	313	295	An Gallbhaile	560	254
Eochar	190	114	Gleann Eallaigh	159	153
Bearach	185	197	An Goirtín	192	145
Breac an Bhíle	294	110	An Caisleán Glas	203	231
Brocach	171	95	Cill Dreasa	206	193
Caisleán na Deirge	239	224	Cill Íseal	232	246
Clann na nGael	182	46	Coill an Chlochair	306	274
Clochar	114	99	Cill na mBán	187	73
Cluain Eo	295	132	Loch Mhic Ruairí	284	165
Oileán an Ghuail	329	182	Baile na Móna	168	119
An Chorr Chríochach	163	186	An Mhaigh	344	148
Cúchulainn an Ghleanna	20	40	Naomh Colum Cille	151	139
Doire Lochain	228	56	Naomh Eoghan	207	103
Doire Treasc	106	88	An Ómaigh	481	427
Domhnach Mór	350	233	E R Uí Néill	265	226
An Droim Mór	307	149	Cabhán a'Chaortainn	297	138
Droim Caoin	221	115	An Charraig	211	183
Droim Ratha	211	192	An Craobh	83	124
Dúiche Néill	36	68	An Srath Bán	267	281
Dún Geanainn	351	186	Na Seamróga	43	73
Éadan na dTorc	266	111	An Taite Riabhach	96	57
Éire Óg	144	224	Trí Leac	281	154
Eoghan Ruadh	324	230	Tulach Óg	10	50
Aireagal Chiaráin	596	248	Urnaí	126	132
			<b>TOTALS (2024)</b>	12,399	8,919
			<b>TOTALS (2023)</b>	12,441	8,888
			<b>% DIFFERENCE</b>	-0.34	+0.35

## APPENDIX 2

### ADULT CLUB LEAGUE TABLES 2024

BEGLEY'S SPORTS ALL COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1								
		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Errigal Ciaran	15	10	3	2	240	159	22
2	Dungannon	15	9	2	4	265	211	22
3	Galbally	15	9	3	3	247	214	21
4	An Charraig Mhór	15	10	5	0	227	187	20
5	Killyclogher	15	9	4	2	237	226	20
6	Trillick	15	7	5	3	187	173	17
7	Dromore	15	6	4	5	186	174	17
8	Donaghmore	15	7	6	2	240	221	16
9	Loughmacrory	15	6	6	3	191	208	15
10	Omagh	15	7	8	0	177	197	14
11	Pomeroy	15	5	8	2	179	194	12
12	Edendork	15	4	8	3	185	217	11
13	Ardboe	15	5	9	1	184	221	11
14	Clonoe (R)	15	4	9	2	189	223	10
15	Coalisland (R)	15	4	10	1	194	232	9
16	Eglisli (R)	15	1	13	1	183	254	3

BEGLEY'S SPORTS ALL COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1 RESERVE								
		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Errigal Ciaran (W)	14	13	1	0	267	121	26
2	Dromore	14	10	3	1	184	114	21
3	Carrickmore	15	9	4	2	233	188	20
4	Donaghmore	13	9	3	1	161	119	19
5	Dungannon	14	8	4	2	203	192	18
6	Omagh	14	8	5	1	238	195	17
7	Clonoe	15	7	7	1	210	171	15
8	Ardboe	15	7	7	1	144	149	15
9	Trillick	15	7	7	1	136	179	15
10	Killyclogher	11	7	4	0	175	138	14
11	Galbally	14	5	8	1	180	209	11
12	Coalisland	15	5	9	1	165	227	11
13	Edendork	14	5	9	0	138	142	10
14	Pomeroy	14	4	10	0	99	201	8
15	Loughmacrory	15	2	13	0	108	187	4
16	Eglisli	14	1	13	0	102	211	2

**BEGLEY'S SPORTS ALL COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 2**

		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Gortin (P)	15	10	2	3	238	200	23
2	Moortown (P)	15	11	4	0	233	182	22
3	Aghyaran	15	8	3	4	238	207	20
4	Moy	15	8	5	2	239	192	18
5	Derrylaughan (P)	15	8	4	3	211	193	19
6	Rock	15	8	7	0	212	220	16
7	Greencastle	15	8	7	0	206	184	16
8	Kildress	15	6	6	3	211	214	15
9	Naomh Eoghan	15	7	7	1	184	198	15
10	Owen Roe's	15	7	7	1	190	174	15
11	Beragh	15	6	7	2	226	214	14
12	Fintona	15	6	8	1	164	198	13
13	Stewartstown	15	6	8	1	235	217	13
14	Cookstown (R)	15	4	10	1	175	234	9
15	Clogher (R)	15	4	10	1	206	237	9
16	Drumragh (R)	15	1	13	1	191	295	3

**BEGLEY'S SPORTS ALL COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 2 RESERVE**

		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Kildress (W)	15	14	0	1	258	145	29
2	Beragh	15	11	1	3	249	164	25
3	Aghyaran	15	11	3	1	199	141	23
4	Moortown	15	9	6	0	202	146	18
5	Derrylaughan	13	8	3	2	211	192	18
6	Greencastle	15	8	6	1	251	186	17
7	Cookstown	14	7	5	2	216	165	16
8	Moy	14	7	5	2	211	179	16
9	Gortin	15	7	7	1	177	217	15
10	Drumragh	15	7	7	1	257	239	15
11	Fintona	15	5	9	1	149	158	11
12	Clogher	13	5	8	0	135	219	10
13	Naomh Eoghan	14	3	10	1	133	199	7
14	Owen Roe's	14	2	11	1	115	213	5
15	Rock	13	1	11	1	107	222	3
16	Stewartstown	15	1	14	0	168	263	2

<b>BEGLEY'S SPORTS ALL COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 3</b>								
		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Drumquin (P)	16	15	1	0	294	127	30
2	Aghaloo (P)	16	15	1	0	379	171	30
3	Killeeshil (P)	16	13	3	0	342	155	26
4	Glenelly	16	12	3	1	299	179	25
5	Eskra	16	12	3	1	264	172	25
6	Castledearg	16	9	6	1	201	190	19
7	Strabane	16	9	6	1	229	214	19
8	Augher	16	9	7	0	231	217	18
9	Errigal Ciaran III	16	7	8	1	208	220	15
10	Tattyreagh	16	6	9	1	185	245	13
11	Clann na nGael	16	5	9	2	203	238	12
12	Derrytresk	16	4	10	2	213	228	10
13	Donaghmore III	16	4	11	1	163	295	9
14	Brackaville	16	3	10	3	169	240	9
15	Brocagh	16	3	13	0	196	298	6
16	Killyman	16	2	14	0	139	385	4
17	Urney	16	1	15	0	117	258	2

<b>BEGLEY'S SPORTS ALL COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 3 RESERVE</b>								
		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Glenelly (W)	15	15	0	0	214	73	30
2	Eskra	16	15	1	0	308	99	30
3	Drumquin	15	13	2	0	227	117	26
4	Killeeshil	16	12	4	0	149	95	24
5	Clann na nGael	16	11	5	0	194	198	22
6	Strabane	15	9	6	0	127	67	18
7	Castledearg	16	8	8	0	112	129	16
8	Tattyreagh	16	8	8	0	134	187	16
9	Aghaloo	16	6	9	1	119	219	13
10	Brackaville	15	6	9	0	81	161	12
11	Derrytresk	16	6	10	0	120	189	12
12	Donaghmore III	15	6	9	0	84	127	12
13	Brocagh	15	5	10	0	71	85	10
14	Augher	15	5	10	0	99	222	10
15	Errigal Ciaran III	16	4	12	0	70	75	8
16	Killyman	16	2	13	1	33	56	5
17	Urney	15	0	15	0	13	56	0



# APPENDIX 3

## REFEREES FOR FINALS IN 2023/24

### TYRONE GAA ADULT FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

#### SENIOR

ACL D1 (2023)	Trillick	0-08	Carrickmore	0-07	Cahal Bell
Senior	Errigal Ciaran	0-12	Trillick	1-08	Sean Hurson
Senior Res	Killyclogher	1-11	Trillick	0-08	Brian McCallion
Jim Devlin Cup	Dromore	0-12	Clonoe	1-04	Kieran Eannetta
ACL D1 (2024)	Competition ongoing				
Intermediate	Derrylaughan	1-10	Moy	0-11	Paul Gallagher
Inter Res	Moy	0-09 (5)	Moortown	0-09 (4)	Sean Darcy
Junior	Killeeshil	2-07	Aghaloo	0-12	Sean Devenney
Junior Res	Eskra	0-11	Killeeshil	0-08	Stephen Patton

### TYRONE GAA ADULT HURLING COMPETITIONS

Senior	Éire Óg	3-16	Eoghan Ruadh	3-13	Tarlach Conway
Junior	Omagh	3-19	Naomh Colum Cille	2-11	Barry Winters

### TYRONE GAA YOUTH HURLING COMPETITIONS

#### MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

G1	Eoghan Ruadh	0-17	Éire Óg	2-09	Gerard Fox
G2	NCC/Dúiche Néill	4-20	Omagh	4-12	Barry Winters

#### UNDER 16 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

G1	Eoghan Ruadh	2-14	Éire Óg	0-09	Alan Nash
G2	NCC/Dúiche Néill	1-18	Cappagh	3-10	Gerard Fox

#### UNDER 16 HURLING LEAGUE

G1	Éire Óg	3-10	Eoghan Ruadh	0-16	Eddie Nash
G2	NCC/Dúiche Néill	2-15	Cappagh	1-06	Padraig Leonard

#### UNDER 14 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

G1	Omagh	3-13	Naomh Colum Cille	0-11	John Devlin
G2	Tulach Óg	3-08	Fintona	2-02	Garry Gormley

#### UNDER 14 HURLING LEAGUE

G1	Omagh	2-10	Eoghan Ruadh	0-05	Brian McGinn
G2	Cappagh	9-06	Tulach Óg	3-06	Paul Harley

### TYRONE GAA YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS (2023)

#### MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

G1	Donaghmore	1-15	Cookstown	1-07	Stephen Campbell
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## TYRONE GAA YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS (2023)

### MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

G2	Loughmacrory	1-10	Both Domhnaigh	1-07	Michael Quinn
G3	Moy	3-14 (3)	Drumragh	4-11 (1)	Shane King

## TYRONE GAA YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS (2024)

### MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

G1	Cookstown	3-15	Eglis	3-14	Niall Conlon
G2	Dungannon	1-14	Omagh	1-12	Martin McErlain
G3	Castledearg	1-10	Beragh	0-12	Justin McKenna
G4	Urney	3-09	Naomh Bríd	0-07	Gerard Mullan

### MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

G1	Cookstown	2-16	An Charraig Mhór	2-11	Sean Devenney
G2	Clonoe	5-13	Pomeroy	0-06	Mark O'Neill
G3	Castledearg	3-10	Killeeshil	2-05	Fergal McCrory
G4	Urney	1-13	Brackaville	0-11	John Kerlin

### UNDER 16 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

G1	An Charraig Mhór	1-15	Eglis	0-09	Cathal Forbes
G2	Dungannon	3-07	Beragh	1-06	Fergal Ward
G3	Moy	1-11	Urney	3-03	Kevin Taggart
G4	Naomh Eoghan	3-08	Clogher	2-05	Stephen McBride

### UNDER 16 FOOTBALL LEAGUE

G1	An Charraig Mhór	1-16	Eglis	1-14	Garry Gormley
G2	Dromore	0-15	Omagh	0-8	Garry Gormley
G3	Drumragh	2-08	Urney	2-06	Gerard Mullen
G3B	Cookstown	2-06	Dromore	2-03	Odhran Gallen
G4	Naomh Eoghan	3-06	Brackaville	3-05	Mark Nugent

### UNDER 14 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

G1	Galbally	6-11	Ardboe	1-17	Andrew McKenna
G2	Owen Roe's	2-10	Beragh	2-09	Francie Gallagher
G3	Moortown	2-14	Naomh Bríd	3-06	Mark Nugent
G4	Aghyaran	5-12	Clann na nGael	2-08	Cahir McConnell

### UNDER 14 FOOTBALL LEAGUE

G1	Galbally	2-12	Ardboe	1-14	Ciagan Patton
G2	Beragh	2-11	Na Doire Óga	3-06	Gareth McArdle
G3	Castledearg	10-5	Rock	3-09	Fearghal McCarney
G3B	Cookstown	4-09	An Charraig Mhór	2-08	Sean Slater
G3C	Cookstown	7-14	An Charraig Mhór	3-02	Joseph Franey
G4	Aghyaran	2-13	Stewartstown	0-11	Martin McNally

# APPENDIX 4

## TRANSFER APPLICATIONS

### Transfer applications approved by Ard Chomhairle

NO	SURNAME	FORENAME	PRESENT CLUB	NEW CLUB
1	Corrigan	Cathal	Vancouver Éire Óg	Errigal Ciaran
2	Rankin	Eoghan	Coalisland	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
3	Teague	Rhys	Coalisland	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
4	Coney	Adam	Ardboe	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
5	Ross	Ciaran	Donaghmore	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
6	Warnock	Seamus	Greencastle	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
7	Traynor	Darragh	Galbally	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Australia
8	McElhatton	Patrick	Greencastle	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Australia
9	O'Neill	Nathan	Killyclogher	Wolfe Tone's, Victoria, Australia
10	Millar	Daniel	Killeeshil	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
11	Devine	Ryan	Owen Roes	St Brendan's, Lancs
12	Donnelly	Nathan	Killyclogher	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
13	McKenna	Stefan	Dungannon	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Australia
14	McNamee	Haydn	Strabane	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Australia
15	Gumley	Ryan	Greencastle	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
16	Mansell	MJ	Clonoe	Castleknock
17	Kelly	Ryan	Trillick	Fraser Valley Gaels, Western Canada
18	Quinn	Conor	Kilconflert	Kildress
19	Begley	Brendan	Killeeshil	St Vincent's, Toronto
20	Carney	Kevin	Western Gaels, Roscommon	Eskra
21	Kerr	Jarlath	Éire Óg, Carrickmore	Sydney Shamrocks
22	Tierney	Paul	Clogher	Annaghminnon Rovers
23	Coyle	Liam	Memphis	Pomeroy
24	McCann	Kevin	Trillick	Round Towers
25	Goodwin	Ryan	Trillick	Round Towers
26	McIvor	John	Cookstown	John Mitchell's
27	Horsfield	Dillon	EGLISH	John Mitchell's
28	Mallon	Kevin	Rock	John Mitchell's
29	Hughes	Liam	Killeeshil	St Vincent's, Toronto
30	Haughey	Ryan	Thomas MacCurtain's	Éire Óg, Carrickmore
31	Corless	John	Naomh Eoghan	St Vincent's, Dublin
32	McKernan	Sean-Paul	Eoghan Ruadh	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
33	Garrity	Eoin	Fintona	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
34	Mullan	Eoin	Loughmacrory	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
35	McKenna	Aidan	Pomeroy	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
36	McNamee	Jarlath	St Jude's	Augher
37	Gormley	Caolan	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Drumquin
38	Woods	Johnny	Cu Chulainn's, Newcastle	Beragh
39	Coyle	Ciaran	Greencastle	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
40	Lowe	Frank	Coalisland	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Australia

41	Shields	Patrick	Clogher	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
42	O'Doherty	Michael	Omagh	Wolfe Tone's, Victoria, Australia
43	Murray	Niall	Tattyreagh	Wolfe Tone's, Victoria, Australia
44	Grimes	Shane	Loughmacrory	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
45	Darcy	Aidan	Tattyreagh	Toronto Gaels
46	Connolly	Jonathan	Aghyaran	Brisbane
47	Rafferty	Odhran	Dromore	St Finbarr's
48	Devine	Adam	Strabane	Portobello
49	Bullock	Niall	Dungannon	Wellington & Hutt Valley
50	Fullen	Mark	Omagh	Young Melbourne
51	O'Rourke	Conor	Edendork	Michael Cusack's
52	McCallan	Paddy	Carrickmore	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
53	Brannigan	Nigel	Omagh	Greenwood
54	Ward	Darragh	Gortin	St Vincent's
55	Donnelly	Jack	Coalisland	St Michael's Toronto
56	Cullen	Sean	Clonoe	St Michael's Toronto
57	Rodgers	Padraic	Drumquin	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Australia
58	Rodgers	Oisin	Drumquin	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Australia
59	McGoldrick	Oran	Omagh	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Australia
60	Traynor	Darren	Castleberg	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Australia
61	Lilly	Paul	Drumragh	Ballyboden Wanderers
62	Barrett	Caolan	Derrytresk	Naomh Olaf
63	Stock	Conor	John Mitchell's,	Brackaville
64	Donnelly	Niall	Oisin's	Fintona
65	O'Hanlon	Lorcan	Moy	Vancouver Eire Og
66	Coney	Cormac	Omagh	Fraser Valley Gaels, Western Canada
67	O'Neill	Gerard	Parnell's	Stewartstown
68	Donaghy	Cathal	Loughmacrory	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
69	McNamee	Caolan	Naomh Eoghan	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Australia
70	Sheehan	Ryan	Killycloghr	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Australia
71	Kelly	Brian	Cookstown	Wellington & Hutt Valley
72	McCourt	Eoin	Pomeroy	Tyrone, New York
73	Donaghy	Thomas	Carrickmore	Tyrone, New York
74	Slane	Ruairi	Carrickmore	Tyrone, New York
75	Duffin	Kevin	Clonoe	St Michael's Toronto
76	Boylan	Ruairi	Owen Roes	Dunedin Connolly's
77	Muldoon	Niall	Dungannon	St Michael's Toronto
78	Maxwell	Conor	Edendork	St Brendan's, Lancs
79	McKenna	Conor	Clogher	St Finnian's, Vancouver
80	Starrs	Cathal	Fintona	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
81	McNabb	Emmett	Southern Districts	Dromore
82	McQuaid	Darragh	Trillick	St Finnian's, Vancouver

83	Rodgers	Oisin	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Aus	Drumquin
84	Conneely	Sean	Greencastle	Cu Chulainn's, Newcastle
85	Cassidy	Ronan	Ardboe	Young Irelands
86	McLoughlin	Conor	Clonoe	Young Irelands
87	Sheehan	Ryan	Killyclogher	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Aus
88	McNamee	Caolan	Naomh Eoghan	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Aus
89	Donnelly	Niall	Oisin's	Fintona
90	McCartan	Michael	Beragh	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Aus
91	McCallan	Jack	Carrickmore	Padraig Pearses
92	Grimes	Eoin	Beragh	Fraser Valley Gaels, Western Canada
93	Kerr	Sean	Beragh	Connemara Gaels
94	Hampsey	Caoilfheann	Coaliland	East's
95	Lowe	Peter	Coaliland	Young Irelands
96	McCaul	Rian	Killyclogher	Young Irelands
97	Loughran	Aaron	Kildress	Dallas Fionn Mac Cumhaill
98	Morgan	Cormac	Ardboe	Tyrone, New York
99	Corr	Tiarnan	Moortown	Kevin Barry's
100	Monroe	Cahir	Carrickmore	Kevin Barry's
101	Hayes	Mark	Killyclogher	Padraig Pearses
102	Toal	Oran	Killyclogher	Padraig Pearses
103	O'Neill	Ryan	Derrytresk	Kevin Barry's
104	Timlin	Sean	Clonoe	St Michael's Toronto
105	O'Hagan	Ruairi	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Aus	Naomh Colum Cille
106	Muldoon	Stephen	Eglish	Kevin Barry's
107	Donaghy	Pascal	Killeeshil	Ulster, San Francisco
108	Donnelly	Jack	Edendork	Toronto Gaels
109	O'Neill	Dylan	Ardboe	Ulster, San Francisco
110	McShane	Jack	Harlesden Harps	Dromore
111	Dorman	Conan	St Michael's Toronto	Derrytresk
112	Nestor	Padraic	Naomh Colum Cille	Turloughmore
113	McGee	Oisin	John Mitchell's,	Galbally
114	McGarvey	Eoghan	Gortin	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
115	Stock	Conor	Brackaville	Young Irelands
116	McElroy	Ryan	Augher	Greenwood
117	Grogan	James	Éire Óg	St Pat's Toronto
118	Conroy	Cathair	Éire Óg	St Pat's Toronto
119	McCaughey	Johnny	Omagh	Toronto Gaels
120	Brennan	Miceal	Strabane	Toronto Gaels
121	Meyler	Ruairi	Killyclogher	Toronto Gaels
122	O'Donnell	Ché	Coaliland	Toronto Gaels
123	McBride	Gavin	Glenelly	Western Shamrocks
124	McIntyre	Gavin	St Brigid's	Edendork

125	Wylie	Thomas	Ardboe	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
126	Armstrong	Ben	Killyclogher	Greenwood
127	Kelly	Ciaran	Pomeroy	Western Shamrocks
128	Grimes	Conall	Loughmacrory	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
129	Campbell	Jonathan	Derrytresk	Penrith Gaels
130	Dowds	Ben	Aghaloo	Greenwood
131	Espie	Ashley	Aghaloo	Greenwood
132	Harvey	Caolan	Aidan McAnespie's	Castleberg
133	Tunney	Paudi	Trillick	Morley Gaels
134	Hampsey	Caoilfhionn	Coaliland	East's
135	Ward	Darragh	St Vincents	Gortin
136	McIvor	John	John Mitchell's	Cookstown
137	Conway	Paul	Carrickmore	Portobello
138	Mallon	Oran	Dungannon	St Pat's Toronto
139	Conneely	Sean	Cú Chulainn, Newcastle	Greencastle
140	McKeown	Sean	Moortown	Cú Chulainn, London
141	Quinn	Cathair	Manhattan Gaels	Errigal Ciaran
142	Starrs	Cathal	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Fintona
143	Donaghy	Cathal	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Loughmacrory
144	O'Doherty	Charles John	Owen Roes	Fulham Irish
145	Quinn	Brendan	St Mary's	Aghaloo
146	Gibney	Jack	Bondi Gaels	Eglish
147	Warnock	Seamus	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Greencastle
148	Madden	Ryan	St Mary's	Edendork
149	Boyle	Caolan	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Aghaloo
150	Armstrong	Liam	Liam Mellows, Galway	Éire Óg, Carrickmore
151	O'Neill	Nathan	Wolfe Tones, Victoria, Aus	Killyclogher
152	McKenna	Brendan	Greencastle	Calgary Chieftains
153	McCaughey	Danny	Wolfe Tones, Liverpool	Trillick
154	Scanlon	Ronan	Derrytresk	Cú Chulainn, London
155	McKernan	Sean Paul	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Eoghan Ruadh, Dungannon
156	Devlin	Eunan	Ardboe	Shannon Gaels
157	Devlin	Odhran	Ardboe	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW
158	Bell	Jason	Cookstown	Calgary Chieftains
159	Cassidy	Ronan	Young Irelands	Ardboe
160	Rodgers	Cormac	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Aus	Drumquin
161	Mason	Paul	Bondi Gaels	Eglish
162	Kelly	Mikey	Moortown	Shannon Gaels
163	McCaul	Rian	Young Irelands	Killyclogher
164	McVeigh	Oisin	Moortown	Shannon Gaels
165	Barton	Jordan	Young Irelands	Killyclogher
166	Doyle	Ryan	St Vincent's, Toronto	Killeeshil

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167	Ward	Padraig	St Vincent's, Toronto	Rock
168	Loughran	Darragh	Carrickmore	Tyrone, New York
169	Murray	Niall	Wolfe Tones	Tattyreagh
170	Teague	Aaron	Tattyreagh	Greenwood
171	Gumley	Ryan	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Greencastle
172	NcNulty	Ciaran	Brocagh	St Michael's Toronto
173	Tuohey	Dan	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Greencastle
174	O'Neill	Colm	Dromore	St Finbarr's
175	Coyle	Daire	Stewartstown	North London Shamrocks
176	McSorley	Aidan	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Naomh Eoghan
177	Rodgers	Padraic	Sinn Fein	Drumquin
178	Boylan	Ruairi	Dunedin Connolly's	Owen Roes
179	Traynor	Darren	Sinn Féin, Victoria, Aus	Castleberg
180	Donnelly	Michael	St Brendan's	Coalisland
181	McMahon	Shane	Dromore	Round Towers
182	Kelly	Cathal	Fraser Valley Gaels	Owen Roes
183	Teague	Rhys	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Coalisland
184	Donnelly	Nathan	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Killyclogher
185	Fox	Sean	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Greencastle
186	Loughran	Tom	Moy	Bristol Harps
187	Carlin	Gerard	Carrickmore	O'Dempsey's
188	Campbell	Colin	Galbally	Round Towers, London
189	Owens	Aaron	Beragh	St Finbarr's
190	Walsh	Harry	Carrigaline	Killyclogher
191	Falls	Ryan	Glenelly	St Patrick's Emerald City
192	Tally	Oliver	Galbally	Round Towers, London
193	Millar	Daniel	Cormac McAnallen's, NSW	Killeeshil
194	Flanagan	Corey	Naomh Eoghan	St Patrick's Emerald City
195	Stock	Conor	Young Irelands	Brackaville
196	McGee	Oisin	Galbally	John Mitchell's

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**Transfer applications approved by Ard Chomhairle**

**North American Board**

NO	SURNAME	FORENAME	PRESENT CLUB	NEW CLUB
1	Devlin	Conal	Ardboe	Aidan McAnespie's
2	Duffy	Matthew	Clonoe	Kevin Barry's
3	Magee	Ciaran	Clonoe	Kevin Barry's
4	Barton	Jordan	Killyclogher	Young Irelands
5	Gallagher	Cathaoir	Loughmacrory	Ulster
6	Murnaghan	Matthew	Killyclogher	Aidan McAnespie's
7	O'Flaherty	Peter	Owen Roes	Aidan McAnespie's
8	Donnelly	James	Derrylaughan	Young Irelands
9	Hughes	Cormac	Dungannon	Cork, Boston
10	McHugh	Danny	Naomh Eoghan	Aidan McAnespie's
11	Farrell	Jody	Errigal Ciaran	Young Irelands
12	McDermott	Ben	Errigal Ciaran	Young Irelands
13	McGuigan	Damian	Omagh	Ulster
14	Bogue	Ciaran	Clogher	Ulster
15	McKee	Dualta	Donaghmore	Aidan McAnespie's
16	Gordon	Oisín	Derrylaughan	San Diego, Setanta
17	McGrath	Andrew	Dromore	Aidan McAnespie's
18	Corrigan	Cathal	Errigal Ciaran	Eire Og, Vancouver
19	Campbell	Jonathan	Beragh	Kevin Barry's
20	Conway	Brian	Carrickmore	Young Irelands
21	Montgomery	Aaron	Drumragh	Young Irelands

**New York Board**

NO	SURNAME	FORENAME	PRESENT CLUB	NEW CLUB
22	McNamee	Ronan	Aghyaran	Donegal GFC, New York
23	Kelly	Ryan	Moortown	Brooklyn Shamrocks, NY

**Weekend authorisation approved by Ard Chomhairle**

NO	SURNAME	FORENAME	PRESENT CLUB	NEW CLUB
1	McNamee	Ronan	Aghyaran	Donegal GFC, New York

**European Permits approved by Ard Chomhairle**

NO	SURNAME	FORENAME	PRESENT CLUB	NEW CLUB
1	McLaughlin	Emmett	Castlederg	TSV Haunstetten
2	Charlton	Ben	Edendork	Amsterdam
3	McGurk	Pádraig	Edendork	Prague Hibernians
4	Devine	Shane	Drumragh	Zurich Inneoin



**Transfer applications approved by Chomhairle Uladh**

NO	SURNAME	FORENAME	PRESENT CLUB	NEW CLUB
1	McElvogue		Killeeshil	Bredagh
2	McGaughey	Ryan	Drumragh	East Belfast
3	Kopka	Hubert	Moy	An Port Mór
4	Lawlor	Calum	EGLISH	An Port Mór
5	Moran	Ciaran	Rock	Moneymore
6	Bogle	Anthony	Convoy	Castleberg
7	Barker	Patrick Sean	Dungannon	St Agnes
8	Smith	David	Coalisland	Clonduff
9	Connolly	Liam	Augher	Ballinderry
10	Donnelly	Aaron	Dungannon	An Port Mór
11	Spratt	Diarmaid	Realt na Mara	Brackaville
12	Walker	Andrew	Cookstown	Moneymore
13	McIlvanna	Patrick	Clonmore	Moy
14	Conwell	Daniel	Clann na nGael	Realt na Mara
15	Quinn	James	Pomeroy	Collegeland
16	Howell	Oisin	Brookeborough	Donaghmore
17	McCreech	Callum	Rock	Lissan
18	Devine	Ronan	Clann na nGael	Slaughtneill
19	McReynolds	Mark	Edendork	St John Bosco
20	Gallen	Steafain	Castleberg	CLG MacDaibhéid
21	Quinn	Daniel	Ardboe	Naomh Gall
23	Hearty	Martin	Belleeks	Cookstown
24	Kelly	Gavin	Moy	An Port Mór
25	Mullen	Tom	Strabane	Lifford
26	Spratt	Diarmaid	Brackaville	Realt na Mara
27	Hughes	Eoin	Carrickmore	Clonmore
28	O'Neill	Shea	Errigal Ciaran	Sean Dolan's
29	McMenamin	Colin	Drumquin	Eire Og
30	Kelly	Marcus	Urney	Na Piarasigh
31	O'Neill	Daniel	Ogra Colmcille	Cookstown
32	Hagan	Stephen	Moortown	Ogra Colmcille
33	McKenna	Mark	Omagh	Bredagh
34	McGeary	Hugh Pat	Pomeroy	Rostrevor
35	Muldoon	PJ	Ballinderry	Cookstown
36	Sherry	Fintan	Scotstown	Aghaloo
37	Duffy	Nathan	Rockcorry	Aghaloo
38	Lafferty	Declan	Lifford	Urney
39	Conway	Stephen	Lissan	Galbally
40	Burns	Niall	Killyclogher	Aghaderg/Ballyvarley
41	Owens	Ciaran	Ogra Colmcille	Cookstown

42	Canavan	Cathal	Derrylaughan	O'Donovan Rossa
43	McCullagh	Kevin	Glenelly	O'Donovan Rossa
44	Darcy	Sean	Na Seamróga	Setanta
46	Potter	Barry	Castledawson	Cookstown
47	Kelly	Caolan	Setanta	Na Seamróga
48	Bleeks	Barry	Stewartstown	Loup
49	McGeown	James	Clonmore	Killyman
50	Gilmore	Conan	Na Seamróga	Setanta
51	Bogle	Anthony	Castleberg	Convoy
52	Rodgers	Cathal	O'Donovan Rossa	Naomh Eoghan
55	McElholm	Sean	Trillick	Ederney
56	Hickson	Ciaran	Derrytresk	Bellaghy
57	McCormick	Adam	Moneymore	Moortown
58	Mulgrew	Shane	O'Donovan Rossa	Donaghmore
59	Carlin	Ben	Robert Emmett's	Castleberg
60	Rafferty	Eamon	Carrickmore	Slaughtneil
62	McCahery	Lucas	Lisnaskea	Eoghan Ruadh Dungannon
63	Maxwell	Patrick	Edendork	Éire Óg
64	Devlin	Neil	Edendork	Desertmartin
65	O'Kane	Craig	Loup	Cookstown
67	Corless	Michael	Naomh Eoghan	Enniskillen Gaels

**Transfer applications approved by Coiste Thír Eoghain**

NO	SURNAME	FORENAME	PRESENT CLUB	NEW CLUB
1	Hoy	Jake	Cookstown	Rock
2	Jackson	Callum	Brocagh	Clonoe
3	Crean	Joe	Glenelly	Beragh
4	Strain	Ronan	Omagh	Drumquin
5	McAleer	Adam	Killyclogher	Gortin
6	Coyle	Fiachra	Stewartstown	Dungannon
7	Daly	Ronan	Edendork	Dungannon
8	Garry	Conor	Edendork	Moy
9	Morgan	Daragh	Killyman	Derrytresk
10	McGurk	Jayden	Pomeroy	Cookstown
11	Breen	Stephen	Naomh Eoghan	Drumquin
12	Irwin	Aaron	Killyclogher	Drumquin
13	Moss	Caolan	Omagh	Drumquin
14	Trimby	Michael Art	Rock	Kildress
15	Ball	Danny	Clann na nGael	Derrylaughan
16	McNally	Ciarán	Donaghmore	Dungannon
17	Skeffington	Eoin	Eglish	Brackaville
18	Henderson	Josh	Coalisland	Brackaville
19	Caulfield	Ryan	Clann na nGael	Owen Roe's





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