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# Na Buan-Orduithe - Standing Orders

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

- 1) The proposer of a motion may not speak for more than five minutes.
- 2) A delegate speaking on a motion may not speak for more than three minutes.
- 3) The proposer of a motion may speak for a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken.
- 4) No delegate may speak a second time in the debate on the same motion.
- 5) The Chairperson may at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
- 6) A delegate may, with the consent of the Chairperson, move 'that the question be now put', after which when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
- 7) When Convention considers it appropriate, a vote may be by secret ballot.
- 8) A speaker to the Secretary's Report/Sub Committee Reports or to any other general discussion shall not exceed three minutes on any one topic.
- 9) The Chairperson may consider any matter not on the Clár with the consent of the majority of the delegates present and voting.

## Ainmiucháin (Nominations)

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| <b>Cathaoirleach</b> (Chairperson)  | Brian Armitage (Outgoing)              |
| <b>Leas Cathaoirleach</b> (Vice Chairperson)  | John McGovern (Outgoing)               |
| <b>Rúnaí Cúnta</b> (Assistant Secretary)  | Phil Flanagan (Outgoing)               |
| <b>Cisteoir</b> (Treasurer)   | Sean Burns (Outgoing)                  |
| <b>Cisteoir Cúnta</b> (Assistant Treasurer)   | -                                      |
| <b>Oifigeach Oiliúna</b> (Coaching Officer)   | Stephen McElrone                       |
| <b>Oifigeach Cultúra &amp; Gaeilge</b><br>(Officer for Culture & Irish Language)    | Ciaran Maguire (Outgoing)              |
| <b>Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí</b> (PRO)   | Deidre Felloni (Outgoing)              |
| <b>Ard Comhairle</b> (Central Council)  | Vincent Martin                         |
| <b>Comhairle Uladh</b> (Ulster Council) (2)   | Greg Kelly (Outgoing) & Tiernach Mahon |
| <b>Comhdháil Bhliantúil</b> (Delegates to Congress) (2)                             | -                                      |
| <b>Comhairle Uladh Comhdháil Bhliantúil</b><br>(Delegates to Ulster Convention) (2) | Tiernach Mahon                         |

## Ceapacháin (Appointments)

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| <b>Oifigeach Pléanála agus Traenála</b><br>(Planning and Training Officer) | Tiernach Mahon   |
| <b>Oifigeach na bPáistí</b> (Children's Officer)                           | Anita Kehoe      |
| <b>Oifigeach Déimeagrafach</b> (Demographics Officer)                      | Ferghal O'Connor |

# Na Rúin (Motions)

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## MOTION 1

Amend An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach, Fo-Dhlithe/Bye-Laws 4 to read-

### 4. PLAYING ELIGIBILITY/TRANSFERS

As the Gaelic Athletic Association is community centred, based on the allegiance of its members to their local Clubs and Counties, the Transfer and Declaration Rules in the Official Guide and in these Bye-Laws reflect that ethos. A player is considered to owe allegiance and loyalty to his First Club, as defined in Rule 6.3 T.O. 2023 and in these Bye-Laws.

#### Attachment to First Club

(1) A person, with a permanent residence within the County Boundary of Fermanagh, seeking to become a member of the Association shall have an unfettered choice of clubs to join.

#### Transfers Within County

(2) Official Transfer Forms, which provide for the signature of the Transferee and the Secretary of the club to which the member wishes to join, shall be used for all transfer applications within the county.

(3) No transfer shall be granted unless it is properly before the meeting.

(4) Any player wishing to transfer from one Club to another within the County, shall make application between 09:00 on January 1st and 23:59 on March 31st (inclusive).

**Exception to (4):** A player who has not played with a club for 96 weeks may apply for a transfer at any time during a year, provided the application for transfer is in order and complies with (2) – (3) above.

(5) All applications for transfer are to be submitted to the County Secretary. The County Secretary shall pass all applications received to the Competitions Control Committee, which shall notify clubs from which transfers are sought.

(6) In accordance with Rule 6.4 (c), (e), T.O. 2023, the Competitions Control Committee shall process and decide on all applications for transfer within the jurisdiction of Coiste Contae Fhear Manach.

(7) A transfer request is primarily a matter between a player and the County Committee. When a player signs a transfer request form, his current Club has no right to delay or refuse permission for this request. If the Club has a valid reason as to why a player may not be granted a transfer, its duty is to state such reason, quoting the applicable rules, to the County Secretary, who will relay this information to the County Competitions Control Committee or to request a hearing, in accordance with Rules 6.4 (c), (d) and (f) T.O. 2023.

(8) The County Competitions Control Committee, when adjudicating and reaching its determination on a transfer or permission to play application, shall give due consideration to the response of his current Club, and

(a) be cognisant of the role played by his current Club in nurturing and developing the player;

(b) consider the potential impact of the transfer of the player on his current Club; and

(c) consider the potential impact of the transfer of the player on the promotion of the Association's aims in the County.

#### **County Management Committee.**

#### **MOTION 2**

Amend An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach, Fo-Dhlithe/Bye-Laws Par 3 (i) to read-

(i) Management Committee

It shall consist of the following officers of the County Committee:

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, and Public Relations Officer, and in addition the Planning and Training Officer, Safety and Facilities Officer, the Children's Officer, the Demographics Officer, the Named Hurling Committee Representative, the Central Council representative and the two Provincial Council representatives.



# Na Moltaí Don Choiste Chontae (Recommendations to County Committee)

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## RECOMMENDATION 1

NTB would like to put a motion/recommendation forward calling for players who are not named in the county footballers' 26-man matchday squad be released to their clubs on the given weekend. Newtownbutler First Fermanagh.

**Chéad Chumann (CLG) Fhear Manach, Achadh Gé**

## RECOMMENDATION 2

Instead of submitting a first 13 list, we propose a first 9 list be submitted in advance of next seasons competitions.

**Chéad Chumann (CLG) Fhear Manach, Achadh Gé**

## RECOMMENDATION 3

That the senior league going forward be split into 3 Divisions; Div 1=8 teams, Div 2 & 3 with 6 teams. It will leave teams in the lower end of the table with an opportunity to contest a final in Div 3. Propose to split teams as to where they finished at the end of the 2024 season.

**Chéad Chumann (CLG) Fhear Manach, Achadh Gé**

## RECOMMENDATION 4

More of a question than a motion! Could clubs be furnished with the fixtures earlier than in previous years? Teams were out training since January with games not starting until April and some players felt they could have organised family events/holidays prior to CPL starting if they knew the fixtures earlier.

**Chéad Chumann (CLG) Fhear Manach, Achadh Gé**

## RECOMMENDATION 5

Brookeborough Heber MacMahons ask for consideration of the implementation of 3 Divisions for the Senior Football League. Division 1 and Division 2 with 7 teams and Division 3 with 6 teams. This

league would be played on a Home and Away basis and if desired Division 3 could potentially play a third round. Two teams would be promoted and regulated as is current practice.

**CLG Éimhir Mhic Mhathúna, Achadh Lon**

# Tuarascáil an Rúnaí - Secretary's Report

Is cúis áthais dom a turascáil seo a chur os bhur gcomhar tar éis imeachtaí na bliana seo chuaigh thart. Gabhaim buíochas le mo chomhghleacaithe agus cuirim fearradh na fáilte roimh gach duine chuig an Comhdháil seo.

Fellow Gaels, I welcome you all here this evening to our 2024 County Convention and express thanks to the South West College Enniskillen for the use of their excellent facilities.

## **Administration/Governance.**

### **Affiliations.**

Twenty-three clubs affiliated to Fermanagh GAA in 2024, namely, Aghadrumsee St. MacCartans, Belcoo O'Rahillys, Bellanaleck Art Mc Murroughs, Brookeborough Heber McMahons, Coa O' Dwyers, Derrygonnelly Harps, Derrylin O' Connells, Devenish St. Marys, Ederney St. Josephs, Enniskillen Gaels, Erne Gaels Belleek, Irvinestown St. Molaise, Kinawley Brian Boru/St Marys Killesher, Knocks Grattans, Lisbellaw St Patricks, Lisnaskea Emmetts, Naomh Aodhán Derrylin, Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs, Roslea Shamrocks, St Patricks, Teemore Shamrocks, and Tempo Maguires.

Our County Committee met on ten occasions. We provided face to face meetings on ten occasions using the facilities in Fermanagh House and one meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

Between County Committee meetings, Management Committee met on nine occasions, using the facilities of the county office and Microsoft Teams. Thanks to all the County Committee Officers who put in so much time and effort on behalf of the Association in Fermanagh.

I want to acknowledge the work of each of our Committees and thank the Chairperson & Secretary of each Committee for their leadership as listed below.

Finance: Chairperson – Sean Burns, Secretary-

Competitions Control Committee: Chairperson – John McGovern, Secretary- Phil Flanagan

Hearings Committee: Chairperson -Pat McGurn, Secretary- Martin McBrien

Youth Committee: Chairperson -Eoghan Cassidy, Secretary- Leanne Prior

Coaching and Games Development Committee: -Ferghal O'Connor, Teresa McNabb

Hurling Committee: Chairperson – Brian Armitage- Roisin Smyth

Referees Administration Committee: Chairperson - Fergal Cleary Secretary- Dermott Love

County Planning and Training Committee: Chairperson - Tiernach Mahon Secretary-Leanne Prior

Safety and Facilities Committee: Chairperson – Sean Donnelly Secretary-Lauri McCusker

Cultural/ Irish Language and Heritage Committee: Chairperson – Ciaran Maguire Secretary-Jean Monaghan.

Public Relations/Marketing: Chairperson – Deirdre Felloni Secretary- Mary McElroy

IT Committee: Chairperson – Phil Flanagan Secretary-Niall Cullen

Health and Wellbeing: Chairperson -Damian McHugh Secretary-Ann Curran

Child Protection Issues-Children's Officer – Anita Kehoe, Chairperson -Brian Armitage

All our Sub-Committees present a report to County Committee meetings and bearing in mind that each Sub- Committee has its own report included, I will comment as briefly as possible on the work of each. It is important to record appreciation of the work of the many individual members on such Committees and I ask that Club Officers and delegates to Convention read these reports as they

reveal a tremendous volume of work.

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

This committee, chaired by John McGovern and Secretary Phil Flanagan, Youth Secretary Leanne Prior, and Hurling Committee Secretary, Roisin Smyth this year ensured that a fixtures programme across all levels was delivered.

The CCC report to tonight's Convention details the number of all adult games across all levels in football and hurling. While there was almost 100% fixtures played across the Senior Leagues, I have concern on the number of games not played across the Erne Cup (Reserve) leagues. From the league tables provided, there were 40 games available to clubs not played.

### **Youth Committee.**

Our Youth Committee, under the leadership of Eoghan Cassidy (Chairperson) and Leanne Prior (Secretary) worked again in conjunction with the CCC, to deliver a programme of meaningful games this year. Leanne has again presented a comprehensive report for tonight's Convention detailing all activity across football and hurling at youth level which has already being discussed at last week's Annual Youth meeting.

Leanne quite rightly refers to the decision in respect of the reversal of the underage gradings back to evens and the difficulties it presented in planning fixtures across age grades involving both club and county grades. 'Despite these issues the report informs us that there were 465 football fixtures scheduled on servasport this season for our youth and despite all of the hurdles, we still achieved a very respectable 95.25% fulfilment of football fixtures, which was equally as heartening as it was a relief'.

I wish to thank Eoghan and Leanne for all their hard work and particular this year taking on the extra administration of all the Youth Hurling fixtures.

### **County Hurling Committee**

This year our county chairperson Brian Armitage had to step back into the role of committee chairperson as no one else would take on the role. Roisin Smyth from Enniskillen Gaels took on the role of as secretary this year. At club level youth competitions at U.12, U.14, U-15 -Feile and U.16 age groups were organised and completed. It was disappointing that out of the 12 organised games at U-16 level 7 were not played and proposals for small sided games at minor level only received interest from two clubs. Congratulations to all who took part in the youth activity this year, details of competition winners are included in the Youth Committee report.

On a positive note I want to acknowledge both St Michael's College and St Aidan's High School on competing the Ulster Schools competitions. My congratulations to St Michael's on winning the U-15.5 - Corn de Dannan, the first for the school. I thank both Frank Hughes St Michaels College and Sean Bradley at Aidan's High School for their work in promoting hurling.

### **Coaching and Games Development Committee.**

Our Coaching and Development work is led by our Games Development Manager, Teresa McNabb assisted by Eoin Bradley (Athletic Development Coach) to March 2024, and our schools/club coaches- Keith Reilly, Jonny Garrity, Pat Cadden & Ultan Kelm and from September Fionan O'Brien (Student placement for one year) I want to thank them for all their work and commitment throughout the year.

The GAA introduced actions to review coaching job descriptions, scales of basic pay and new terms of condition contracts across all counties. Our collaborate efforts have not yet achieved the recruitment of a person to the role of 'GAA County Performance/Talent Development Lead' for Fermanagh.

Following the completion of two separate recruitment processes, two job offers and contracts were presented to the successful candidates but on each occasion but they turned down the offers mainly due to salary remuneration issues in the six counties.

We also carried out a review in respect of coaching. In his report to Convention, our Coaching Officer Ferghal O'Connor confirms that review of coaching activities is completed and will be presented to all stakeholders in early 2025.

### **Eoin Bradley**

Eoin Bradley took up the role of Athletic Development Coach in 2016. After eight years of service to Fermanagh GAA Eoin left this role on the 27th March. I want to thank Eoin's for his contribution to Fermanagh GAA and wish him well for the future.

### **Hearings Committee.**

The Hearings Committee, again this year under Chairman Pat McGurn, Secretary Martin McBrien had the difficult task of adjudicating on many hearing requests, and I express my thanks to the members of our Hearings Committee for carrying out this role. It is worth again highlighting that the Hearings Committee adjudicate on all disciplinary matters where a hearing is requested, relating to the enforcement of rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the County Committee.

The role of both CCC and County Hearings Committee is set out in rule (GAA Official Guides & Codes and County By-law) and the GAA Disciplinary handbook provides further advice for everyone involved in the disciplinary process.

### **Referees Administration Committee.**

I thank Fergal Cleary (Chairperson & Appointments Officer) and Dermott Love (Administrator) for their work throughout the year.

Our Referee's Secretary Dermott Love in his report to tonight's Convention again highlights the need for the recruitment of referees at club level and support from clubs in providing umpires in support of their referee for championship games. I note a low number of female referees available to take on the responsibility of refereeing their games. We must work together to address this issue to ensure that there is enough to cover all our games across the GAA & LGFA.

The issues of the behaviour of team officials and players are addressed in the recently published Football Review Committee report. It is proposed to issue tough penalties in respect of dissent to the referee decisions, conduct by team officials, new rules on who can speak to the referee on the field of play. We await the outcome of the decisions from Special Congress. My understanding at this stage is that any rules passed will be implemented in 2025.

### **County Planning and Training Committee.**

This committee, under the Chairmanship of Tiernach Mahon and administered by Secretary Leanne Prior, has placed their efforts this year on supporting our clubs in respect of Club Officer training, County Officer Development courses and Club Governance issues. Tiernach highlights Club Governance issues and training which includes managing governance issues of the club by adopting

the Club Constitution rules, attending role specific training, using the courses offered to improve skills in respect of using Foirean and Microsoft 365 and getting to know Data Compliance issues. We are grateful to all those stewards who facilitate the safe and smooth running of our major fixtures throughout the playing season; a special word of thanks is due to Jim Tummon and Tiernach Mahon in their roles as Event & Safety Managers at Brewster Park, and for their commitment to the organisation and leadership of the county's stewards. I want to also thank all club officers and the many volunteer stewards who took on this responsibility when their clubs were hosting championship games.

### **Safety and Facilities Committee.**

In his report to Convention as Facilities Officer, Sean Donnelly reports on the continuing upgrade work at our Centre at Lissan, health and safety issues, GAA infrastructure issues.

I encourage clubs to continue this good work as it benefits clubs to meet current Health and Safety requirements for all insurance and statutory regulations plus it encourages a culture of health and safety.

Sean Donnelly will provide an update to his report on the purchase of land at Ashwoods Road Enniskillen. I want to acknowledge and thank Sean Donnelly, Sean Burns, Seamus McMahan and Lauri McCusker for their work so far in respect of this project.

I congratulate all clubs who carried out development work at their grounds namely Brookeborough Heber McMahons on completing a new development, which includes additional dressing rooms, gym and an upgrade to their walking track and carpark. Tempo Maguires installed new floodlights on their main playing pitch. Roslea Shamrocks on the provision of media facilities, 4G pitch and additional toilets, Kinawley Brian Borus on the development of a 4G pitch. Enniskillen Gaels, in conjunction with Fermanagh GAA on the provision of new roof and upgrade to the disabled area in the John Vesey stand. Enniskillen Gaels have also ongoing work in respect up an upgrade to existing dressing rooms and work to their pitch behind the John Vesey stand.

Other clubs have plans in place for development and hopefully we can report on those in 2026.

### **Cultural/ Irish Language and Heritage Committees.**

Ciaran Maguire, our Cultural Officer details a considerable amount of activity in his report regarding the promotion and learning of the Irish language and Scór activity. Ciaran is also active in the promotion of Fonndúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonnacha and but states its 'it is regrettable that a number of clubs do not appoint a Cultural Officer especially in club catchment areas where there is an interest in Scor'.

Ciaran also played a leading role to ensure that Amhrán na bhFiann was sung at most of our championship games where we now have fifteen persons in place to carry out this role. I would also appeal to all managers and players to manage the 'standing to attention' better during the singing or playing of Amhrán na bhFiann at both at county and club level.

### **Communication and Marketing & IT Committee.**

Thanks again to Deirdre Felloni in her role of PRO this year. In her report to tonight's Convention Deirdre details of the committee's activities in 2024.

Deirdre highlights the work done to improve the county website which has improved the viewer

experience.

I want to acknowledge the work put in to deliver match day programmes during the National Football and Hurling League and our club championship season.

We continue to develop Fermanagh GAA TV and I wish to acknowledge the voluntary service provided by a dedicated group of people led by Phil Flanagan who now provide for the delivery of quality coverage to our games. I note that our team are looking for volunteers to help. I ask clubs to spread this message especially to students in their clubs who have an interest in following a career in the media etc. This work experience would be valuable to add to their CV.

I want to again acknowledge the work of our local papers - the Fermanagh Herald, the Impartial Reporter, and at provincial level by the Irish News for their continued coverage of our games and activities at all levels.

Regarding Information Technology, our thanks to Niall Cullen who continues to provide a support service to all clubs in respect of GAA IT systems. In his report to convention Niall has again highlighted the issue of scam and phishing emails and reminds all of us to be vigilant and continue to update and be aware of the issues. This is very important when dealing with on-line banking etc.

### **Child Protection.**

Anita Kehoe in her role as the County Children's Officer ensures that everyone is fully aware of their roles and responsibilities in respect of the very important issue of safeguarding.

In her comprehensive report to Convention, Anita highlights the responsibilities all our clubs have in delivering awareness and implementing the 'Code of Behaviour' to all our club members and for all to be vigilant on who they select to coach and manage youth teams.

It is important to repeat Anita's comments, not just today but be mindful throughout the year, in respect of persons selected to work with children-

'Please be mindful that those within our clubs who are selected to work with Children must have mandatory requirements:

1. They must have attended the Gaelic Games Child Safeguarding Workshop.
2. They must be vetted through Access NI.
3. They must possess a minimum foundation coaching qualification received from GAA.

If someone refuses to complete these, you'd need to ask the question 'why'? And if they are suitable to have working with young people in your club.'

I ask all clubs to fully engage and support Anita with this very important work.

### **Health and Wellbeing.**

I thank Damian McHugh (Chairperson) and Ann Curran (Secretary) and other committee members for their work throughout the year. In his report to Convention Damian reports on a variety of activities carried out this year, noting 'We have continued to promote health and wellbeing in our clubs and communities with a variety of activities. The county committee continued to support clubs in the promotion of health and wellbeing in our players, members and wider community'.

It is also important to note that our Health and Wellbeing provide vital support in providing direction to clubs in a time of a critical incident, most importantly by having information in respect of medical

professionals and service providers who can provide immediate support at a time of crisis. I encourage all clubs to review their Critical Incident plan to include updates in respect of committee members contact information etc.

### **County Finance.**

A Finance Committee report from our Treasurer Sean Burns is included with the Accounts and Balance Sheet which will be presented to Convention by our accountant Crudden & Dolan, to whom we are grateful for their continuing advice and support.

I want to thank our dedicated band of workers led by Sean who ensured that match day ticket sale operators and gate persons are in place to cover all our gate requirements at both county and club level.

### **Club Éirne.**

Club Eirne under the leadership of Gerard Tracey (Chairperson) has worked hard at generating funds for the county which will be again detailed in their report to Convention tonight.

### **Sponsors.**

In terms of financial support, we are grateful to all our sponsors, and I appeal to all GAA people in the county to continue to support them. Our thanks to Patsy Tracey - Tracey Concrete, Mc Mahon Health Care, Monaghan Bros and Modern Tyres, providing sponsorship to Senior football, U-20 football and Minor football teams. Our hurling teams were again sponsored by Belter Tech, and we thank Gerard Hughes, Atlanta, Georgia, USA for his continuing support to the county.

Our thanks also to O'Neill's Irish International Sports Company Ltd for their valued sponsorship in respect of gear to all our county teams.

Thanks again this year to Monaghan Bros Lisnaskea who provided a kit van for our senior football team and to our coaching staff for use during the summer camps and their contribution to support Fermanagh GAA TV.

Thanks to Mannok for the sponsorship of the Senior Football Championship and Cadco Ltd for the sponsorship of the Intermediate Championship. Also, thanks to Peter Carty Funeral Director for sponsorship of the Junior Football Championship, to the Westville Hotel Enniskillen for sponsoring our Senior League Division 1, Crust and Crumb for the sponsorship Senior Football League Division 2 and to B McCaffrey & Sons for sponsoring our Erne Cup competitions. I want to also thank all who provided financial support by way of taking out an advert in match day programmes throughout our club championship season.

### **County Teams.**

#### **Senior Football.**

#### **Dr. McKenna Cup.**

Antrim v Fermanagh

Date: 7th January Venue: Ahoghill GAA. Score: Antrim 1.09 Fermanagh 1.10

The 2024 Dr McKenna Cup competitions this year, we were placed in section B with Antrim and Monaghan. In our opening game against Antrim played in Ahoghill we effectively led from start to finish but had to withstand a late Antrim surge as the hosts got to within one point on a couple of



occasions but couldn't get themselves level and we held on for a one point victory.

### Fermanagh v Monaghan

Date: 10th January Venue: Brewster Park Enniskillen. score: Fermanagh 0.12 Monaghan 2.09

Fermanagh made the most of the early running and moved into a four-point lead after 13 minutes, seven points to three. With 30 minutes played, Monaghan hit back with a goal to leave it all square at the break. The early stages of the second half saw the teams trade scores and we moved to a 1 point lead. Fermanagh moved in front as they turned the next kickout and won a free which Kelm pointed, 0-10 to 1-06.

But Monaghan came back with a point and a goal and we could not get any closer than two points in the closing stages.

### Dr McKenna Cup

| Position | Team      | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F  | A  | Points |
|----------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|----|----|--------|
| 1        | Monaghan  | 2      | 2   | 0     | 0    | 33 | 25 | 4      |
| 2        | Fermanagh | 2      | 1   | 0     | 1    | 25 | 31 | 2      |
| 3        | Antrim    | 2      | 0   | 0     | 2    | 25 | 31 | 0      |

### National Football League Division 2

#### Meath v Fermanagh

Date: 27th January Venue: Páirc Tailteann, Navan. Score: Meath 0.12 Fermanagh 1.09

It was a new year for Fermanagh with 14 changes to their panel from 2023, while Meath had hopes of returning to Division 1 following their 2023 Tailteann Cup win.

In a competitive opening quarter Meath led by 0-3 to 0-2. We stepped up our game in the final 10 minutes with points from Ultan Kelm and Garvan Jones and two minutes into stoppage time play a move involving Brandon Horan and Conor McShea put Sean Cassidy in for a goal and went in leading by 1-5 to 0-5.

Meath set about reeling in Fermanagh and wiped out the deficit by the 49th minute. Meath looked set to win the game, but we responded by scoring three more points in a row from Oisín Smyth, Garvan Jones and Aidan Breen, opening a 1-9 to 0-9 lead. Meath responded late on with three more points in a row, to tie the score at 1-9 to 0-12.

Both teams had opportunities to win the game in the final few minutes with the best chance coming from a Meath free kick which was claimed by Ross Bogue with time almost up.

### Fermanagh v Kildare

Date: 3rd February Venue: Brewster Park Enniskillen. score: Fermanagh 2.10 Kildare 0.12

Fermanagh were quickly off the mark in the first half after an eight man move that saw Lee Cullen point from an acute angle. Kildare responded with a point from keeper Mark Donnellan. Both sides traded points, two from play by Fermanagh and frees from Kildare, Jimmy Hyland levelled matters on both occasions. The final quarter was evenly contested but, luck went our way when Declan McCusker's high lob was fumbled over the line by Kildare keeper in the 26th minute and we led by six at the break. Kildare were much better on the resumption and Paddy Woodgate had their first point from play and this was added to by a 45 conversion from their goalkeeper Donnellan to leave four points between the sides.

Ultan Kelm landed a free and added another from play, but Kildare responded and going into the final ten minutes we led by 1.10 to 0.10. We responded with a Sean Cassidy goal, and we went on to win.

### **Donegal v Fermanagh**

Date 17th February :Venue Letterkenny:. Score: Donegal 2.16 Fermanagh 0.08

Our third game was away to Donegal at Letterkenny GAA. We were going into this game with three league points secured. On a wet and windy evening it was a battling performance in the first half with both sides finding it hard to create scores. Sean Cassidy and Conor McGee's points give us hope as we went in at half time Donegal 0.06, Fermanagh 0.05.

Donegal's response was emphatic in the second half with their player maker Daire O Baoill leading the way, they outscored us by 2.10 to 0.03 and delivered a decisive victory.

### **Fermanagh v Cork**

Date:25th February Venue: Ederney St Josephs. score: Fermanagh 0.16 Cork 1.14

Fermanagh began the game efficiently with early scores from Sean Cassidy and Garvan Jones. We made all the running in the first quarter and were also guilty of missed opportunities as several scorable efforts dropped short . Cork finally got off the mark with a pointed free in the 13th minute from Brian Hurley, but Sean McNally soon responded with a 45 to keep Fermanagh in front. Both teams exchanged points coming up to half time and we led by 0-8 to 0-6 at the break.

Cork emerged as a sharper outfit on the resumption and made several substitutions, they soon levelled the score. They also missed two great goal chances, but Sean McNally made two top-drawer saves and shortly afterwards he had to retire injured. Declan McCusker and Shane McGullion put us into a 0-10 to 0-8 lead. Brian Hurley kept Cork in touch, but it looked like we would prevail when two points from Garvan Jones put Fermanagh into a 0-16 to 0-14 lead five minutes from the end of normal time. However Cork were winning more at midfield and landed a late goal in injury time to win by one point.

### **Fermanagh v Armagh**

Date:3rd March Venue: Brewster Park Enniskillen. Score: Fermanagh 0.11 Armagh 0.15

This game had been changed to Sunday due to snow. The opening half was even as both sides opened gaps before being pegged back.

Declan McCusker opened the scoring for Fermanagh after a minute, but Armagh hit the next three points as the visitors put serious pressure on our kickouts. Fermanagh responded and would hit three in a row through Conor McGee, Declan McCusker and James McMahon. The half ended with a Conor McShea score for Fermanagh to leave it 0-08 to 0-06 at the break.

Ultan Kelm made it a one-point game from a free shortly after the restart, but Armagh would hit four in a row to make it 0-12 to 0-07 after 50 minutes. We were finding it hard to make inroads into the Armagh defence but Sean Cassidy pointed a free and Garvan Jones hit a mark to make it 0-13 to 0-10 with ten minutes to play. A Stephan Campbell point and an Armagh 45 made it a five-point game as the game neared the final whistle. We had the last say of the game with a Callum Jones point.

### **Louth v Fermanagh**

Date:16th March Venue: Páirc Mhuire Ardee. Score: Louth 6.17 Fermanagh 0.11

This is a game will be remembered for Louth's forced turn overs in the first half which resulted in four goals, probably fair to say brought on by our mistakes, with Sam Mulroy their chief play maker. We responded well initially with a steady four points on the trot from half backs Declan McCusker and Shane McGullion, but Louth went in at half time on a score-line Louth 4.06, Fermanagh 0.06. Louth dictated the entire second half and ran in two more goals. A disappointing result which left us in the relegation battle.

### **Cavan v Fermanagh**

Date:23rd March Venue: Breffni Park Cavan. Score: Cavan 1.13 Fermanagh 2.14

For the second year in succession, we came away from Kingspan Breffni with both points but, this time, it wasn't enough to save our Division 2 status. From early on, we were out-working Cavan, and we went in at half time holding a 1-6 to 0-4 lead with Declan McCusker and Garvan Jones landing good points from play. Cavan, struggled to break down our attacking play and, only managed one score from play in the first half.

Cavan made three changes at half-time and improved in the second half with a goal from Paddy Lynch helping to cut the gap to three points approaching the home stretch, but we weathered the storm. A free from Sean Cassidy made it 1-8 to 1-4 and when Garvan Jones, scored a goal, it was 2-8 to 1-5 in our favour with eight minutes played. Cavan scored three points three in a row to bring them back within a goal, but Fermanagh matched them from there to the final whistle.

### **National Football League Div. 2**

| <b>Position</b> | <b>Team</b> | <b>Played</b> | <b>Won</b> | <b>Drawn</b> | <b>Lost</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>Points</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| <b>1</b>        | Donegal     | 7             | 6          | 1            | 0           | 128      | 83       | 13            |
| <b>2</b>        | Armagh      | 7             | 5          | 2            | 0           | 132      | 86       | 12            |
| <b>3</b>        | Cavan       | 7             | 3          | 1            | 3           | 103      | 117      | 7             |
| <b>4</b>        | Cork        | 7             | 3          | 1            | 3           | 119      | 125      | 7             |
| <b>5</b>        | Meath       | 7             | 2          | 2            | 3           | 86       | 105      | 6             |
| <b>6</b>        | Louth       | 7             | 3          | 0            | 4           | 121      | 101      | 6             |
| <b>7</b>        | Fermanagh   | 7             | 2          | 1            | 4           | 94       | 129      | 5             |
| <b>8</b>        | Kildare     | 7             | 0          | 0            | 7           | 82       | 119      | 0             |

### **Ulster Championship.**

#### **Fermanagh v Armagh**

Date:14th April Venue: Brewster Park Enniskillen. score: Fermanagh 0.09 Armagh 3.11

The game opened with early Armagh scores from Andrew Murnin and Rian O'Neill while in the same period we missed a golden opportunity to score the opening goal which was saved on the line when a Oisin Smyth effort was prevented by Aaron McKay who produced a stunning goal-line block. This was followed by a period of Armagh dominance and during this period they hit three goals to lead 3-4 to 0-2 at the break.

While our hopes had been dashed in the first half, the players admirably stuck to their task in the second half and matched Armagh's haul of seven points, with notable scores from Fionan O'Brien

and Ultan Kelm.

This was a strong performance by Armagh who went on to win the Sam Maguire Cup.

### **All Ireland Championship - Tailteann Cup.**

#### **Fermanagh v Wicklow**

Date: Venue: Brewster Park Enniskillen. score: Fermanagh 3.16 Wicklow 0.09

We had a good start to this game with points from Ultan Kelm, Sean Cassidy, Che Cullen and Fionan O'Brien, with Wicklow responding with scores from Oisin McGraynor and Eoin Darcy and at half time we lead by 0.08 to 0.04. We controlled things from the outset in the second half with Joe McDade and Garvan Jones scoring points and Sean Cassidy palmed a goal six minutes after the restart to put us eight points clear. Wicklow did have a response with points from McGraynor and Pdraig O'Toole, but Fermanagh never looked in any danger and Conor Love with his first involvement in the game scored a goal. Minutes later he added his second and Fermanagh were comfortable through to the finish as they sealed a 16-point win.

#### **Fermanagh v Carlow**

Date: 18th May Venue: Cullen Park, Carlow. Score: Carlow 0.13 Fermanagh 1.13

We got off to a positive start with points from with points from Ché Cullen and Declan McCusker in the opening minutes, the home side replied and dominated for long spells. Ross Dunphy hit Carlow's first point with an overhead kick, and they drew level with Darragh Foley converting a free. Carlow defenders Mikey Bambrick and Jamie Clarke both raised white flags to keep the home side in touch in an even first half. Minutes before half time, Sean Cassidy found Conor McShea who treaded his way through and found the net from close range to give us a 1-04 to 0-06 lead at the break.

The second half continued much the same as the first with both sides making errors but also picking off some good scores. Our replacements in the second half Conor Love, Jonathan Cassidy and Darragh McGurn took good points while Darragh Foley's free taking kept the home side in touch.

When Fermanagh were caught on the break, Carlow counter-attacked but we did well to get numbers back and a possible goal for the home side was prevented. Carlow poured everything into getting a match-saving goal but, our defence held firm to secure a three point win.

#### **Fermanagh v Laois**

Date: 1st June Venue: Pearse Park Longford score: Fermanagh 3.11 Laois 2.13

In the opening quarter we played the better football and raced into a three-point lead with points from Seán Cassidy (free), Joe McDade and Garvan Jones (free). Laois responded with scores from Kieran Lillis and Paul Kingston to cut the gap to one in the 16th minute.

Laois took the lead in the 18th minute when Evan O'Carroll found the back of the net. We immediately responded with a goal from Callum Jones. Laois responded strongly with points from play and a free to draw Laois level in the 26th minute. One minute later, Conor McShea scored a fine goal in the 27th minute but two points from the boot of O'Carroll (one free) cut the gap to one going in at the break - 2-04 to 1-06.

Just like the start of the first half, we made a fine start to the second half with Garvan Jones pointed

a free after the full back was fouled and minutes later he set Callum Jones up for a fine point to put three between the sides. There was action at both ends and in the 50th minute Laois were awarded a penalty Mark Barry put the penalty away to edge Laois ahead for the first time since the 18th minute. The sides were level twice before we regained the lead in the 58th minute when we were awarded a penalty after Shane McGullion was fouled. Callum Jones slotted home the spot-kick, and the lead was three again.

Paul Kingston pointed a free at the end to cut the deficit to one in stoppage time, but Laois couldn't get the equaliser.

### Tailteann Cup-Group 3

| Position | Team      | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F  | A  | Points |
|----------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|----|----|--------|
| 1        | Fermanagh | 3      | 3   | 0     | 0    | 61 | 41 | 6      |
| 2        | Laois     | 3      | 1   | 1     | 1    | 53 | 53 | 3      |
| 3        | Wicklow   | 3      | 1   | 0     | 2    | 34 | 48 | 2      |
| 4        | Carlow    | 3      | 0   | 1     | 2    | 48 | 54 | 1      |

### Fermanagh v Antrim -Tailteann Cup Quarter Final

Date:15th June Venue: Brewster Park Enniskillen. score: Fermanagh 0.11 Antrim 1.11

Fermanagh dictated the contest in the first half with their defence well on top of the Antrim attackers while at the other end Sean Cassidy, Ultan Kelm, Callum Jones, Fionan O'Brien and Declan McCusker lofted over scores to ease them into a deserved six-point half-time lead, 0.08 to 0.06.

When Ronan McCaffrey scored the first point of the second half we looked well-placed to go on and seal a win. However there was a response from Antrim, as they started to wrestle control in the around mid field and their substitutes made a massive impact on the contest, contributing 0-6 in the second half. With ten minutes to go we were still in the driving seat but three points from Antrim closed the gap back to one, 0-11 to 0-10. The key score of the game was a Cathal Hynd's goal to put Antrim ahead for the first time and an Eoin Hynd's point wrapped up a 1-11 to 0-11 win for the visitors.

I want to thank Kieran Donnelly and his backroom team and players for their commitment and effort to our Senior Football team in 2024.

Kieran went on to manage Ulster in a Railway Cup Competition that was used to trial the proposed new playing rules. I congratulate him and the Ulster Team on their success.

### U-20 Football.

The format of the U-20 Football competitions were changed this year resulting in no U-20 Development League and the Ulster Competitions organised on a league and knock out basis. This new format give us five competitive games.

### Fermanagh v Armagh

Date:9th March Venue: Ederney St Josephs. score: Fermanagh 0.07 Armagh 1.10

Armagh got up and running with an early score from the throw in, pointing with the first attack of the game and this trend continued during the first quarter with points from play and frees. The only goal of the opening half came through full forward James Austin and that gave Armagh a 1-8 to 0-1 half time lead.

We did edge back into contention at the start of the second period, outscoring the visitors by 4 points to one but failed to convert good opportunities. In fact, the Armagh only recorded two-points after the turnaround but had enough done in the first half to win the game.

### **Donegal v Fermanagh**

Date:27th March Venue: Ballyboyfey. score: Donegal 1.13 Fermanagh 0.05

The game started off with an exchange of points, as Seanan Carr swiftly notched a mark for Donegal, countered by Michael Burns' score for Fermanagh. Donegal surged ahead with consecutive scores from Patrick McElwee and Finbarr Roarty before Diarmuid Owens narrowed the deficit for us. Donegal's stretched their lead before half-time. The talking points of the first half was a penalty awarded to Donegal, and one denied to Fermanagh. After the break, Donegal extended lead and dominated the closing stages to win comfortable.

### **Fermanagh v Cavan**

Date:10th April Venue: Brewster Park Enniskillen. Score: Fermanagh 1.11 Cavan 2.09

Cavan made the perfect start to the contest as a Cian Keaney goal helped them into an early 1-2 to 0-1 advantage. With full forward Darragh Lovett proving a lively presence in the Cavan attack the visitors led 1-4 to 0-2 by the 20th minute although Conor O'Hanlon rattled over a couple of fine efforts for us to leave four between the sides at the interval, 0-5 to 1-6.

The second half started with early points from Cavan in the opening ten minutes and they extended their lead out to six points, 0-6 to 1-9. We produced a good response with points from Conor O'Hanlon and Jack Quinlan before Michael Burns goal closed the gap back to one point with ten minutes to go. Cavan hit back a minute later with a goal to put four in it again. We kept battling and Cian O'Brien and Caolan Fitzpatrick knocked over points to leave one in it but despite our best efforts we could not close the gap and Cavan managed to cling on to a one-point win.

### **U-20 Football Championship**

| <b>Position</b> | <b>Team</b> | <b>Played</b> | <b>Won</b> | <b>Drawn</b> | <b>Lost</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>Points</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| <b>1</b>        | Donegal     | 3             | 3          | 0            | 0           | 46       | 28       | 6             |
| <b>2</b>        | Armagh      | 3             | 2          | 0            | 1           | 35       | 29       | 4             |
| <b>3</b>        | Cavan       | 3             | 1          | 0            | 2           | 44       | 50       | 2             |
| <b>4</b>        | Fermanagh   | 3             | 0          | 0            | 3           | 26       | 44       | 0             |

### **Tier 2 Play Off**

#### **Antrim v Fermanagh**

Date:22nd April Venue:.. Score: Antrim 0.10 Fermanagh 1.16

The first half of this game was a low scoring affair with Liam Mac Enri and Mattie McDermott leading the scoring for us while Johnny Hannon Nicky Duffy and Calum Walsh were the point takers for Antrim. At half-time we were in front by 0-6 to 0-4.

We improved in the second half with Cian O'Brien, Lanty Feeney and Caolan Brennan sharing in a raft of scores before Mattie McDermott sealed our place in the Ulster U20 Tier Two final against Down with a 61st minute goal.

## Tier 2 Final- Leo Murphy Cup

### Fermanagh v Down

Date: 29th April Venue: Brewster Park Enniskillen. Score: Fermanagh 1.05 Down 1.06

The opening 20 minutes of the contest was evenly contested with Mattie McDermott, Sean Conlon and Kealan Fitzpatrick on target for us while Cian Cunningham, Ryan Quinn and Emmet Rogers registered for Down to leave it 0-3 apiece. However, Down finished the half the stronger and with Tom McCarroll and Jamie Doran landing scores they went in at the interval with a two point advantage, 0-5 to 0-3.

The gap was out to five in the second half as Down raced forward from the throw in and the ball was worked to Rogers who slotted to the net. This was followed by a good save from our goalkeeper Shea Mulligan to deny Senan Carr a second Down goal. We battled back after this and after Kealan Fitzpatrick converted a free, S Flanagan palmed to the ball to the net after good play by substitute Michael Burns to leave one in it, 1-5 to 1-4. Cormac O'Reilly and Burns then traded points but despite having chances we were unable to find the score needed in the closing moments as Down managed to hang on for a one point win.

I want to thank Maurice McLaughlin and his backroom team and players for their commitment and effort to the U-20 team during the year and wish them every success for the year ahead.

### Minor Football.

This year our minor team (U-17) were again managed by Niall McElroy and Niall McCann.

In the Ulster Minor League competitions and we were placed in League group A along with, Donegal, and Cavan. The results show we did not win any games.

This year's U-17 Ulster Minor Championship was reorganised and played on a league group basis. We were placed in League group A along with Donegal, Monaghan, Tyrone and Down. The results show that the going was tough and we were out scored in all our games. This is not to take away from the efforts put in by the management team and players.

I want to thank Niall McElroy and Niall McCann his backroom team and all players and for their commitment and effort in managing the U-17 panel during 2024.

### Ulster Minor U-17 Football League Group A

| Position | Team      | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F  | A  | Points |
|----------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|----|----|--------|
| 1        | Donegal   | 2      | 2   | 0     | 0    | 34 | 18 | 4      |
| 2        | Cavan     | 2      | 1   | 0     | 1    | 37 | 29 | 2      |
| 3        | Fermanagh | 2      | 0   | 0     | 2    | 15 | 39 | 0      |

### Ulster MFC-U-17 Group A

|            |           |      |           |      |                    |
|------------|-----------|------|-----------|------|--------------------|
| 6th April  | Fermanagh | 0.04 | Donegal   | 3.13 | Donagh St Patricks |
| 13th April | Monaghan  | 4.10 | Fermanagh | 0.08 | Clones             |
| 20th April | Fermanagh | 0.04 | Tyrone    | 2.12 | Belcoo             |
| 4th May    | Down      | 3.14 | Fermanagh | 0.06 | Pairc Esler Newry  |

### Ulster Minor U-17 Group A

| Position | Team      | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F  | A  | Points |
|----------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|----|----|--------|
| 1        | Donegal   | 4      | 3   | 0     | 1    | 67 | 44 | 6      |
| 2        | Tyrone    | 4      | 3   | 0     | 1    | 67 | 42 | 6      |
| 3        | Monaghan  | 4      | 2   | 0     | 2    | 60 | 67 | 4      |
| 4        | Down      | 4      | 2   | 0     | 2    | 67 | 48 | 2      |
| 5        | Fermanagh | 4      | 0   | 0     | 4    | 25 | 85 | 0      |

### Senior Hurling.

#### Conor McGurk Cup.

##### Conor McGurk Cup Group A-Senior Hurling

2nd January Cavan 0.13 Fermanagh 4.18 Breffni Park, Cavan.  
 9th January Queens University 1-18 Fermanagh 0.29 QUB Dub Playing Fields.

#### Conor McGurk Cup-Semi-Final

9th January Fermanagh 1.12 Donegal 2.16 Brewster Park, Enniskillen.

### National Hurling League Division 3B.

#### Leitrim v Fermanagh

Date: 10th February Venue: Ballinamore. Score: Leitrim 1.05 Fermanagh 1.26

The opening 20 minutes of the contest was evenly contested With Luca McCusker and Danann McKeogh getting early scores with Leitrim's response coming from Clement Cunnffee and Conor Hackett. However over the next 25 minute we held Leitrim scoreless with Tom Keenan and Caolan Duffy among the point scores and Jimmy Tormey scored a goal and we went in at half time leading by 1.15 to 0.02. The second half was similar where we dominated the exchanges and added on another eleven points with John Duffy scoring five from frees and a 45m. Leitrim did respond with a consolidation goal from Conor Beirne.

#### Fermanagh v Warwickshire

Date: 24th February Venue: Brewster Park. Score: Fermanagh 1.12 Lancashire 1.05

Fermanagh got on the scoreboard early with points from Caolan Duffy and Jimmy Tormey. Mid way through the half Warwickshire hit a goal when Jack Grealish was on hand to put the ball in the net and we went in leading by one point, score 0.08 to 1.04. In the second half we upped our game with Tom Keenan scoring 1.02 and John Duffy 4 points among the scorers. Warwickshire added on a goal from Eamon Brannigan and a point from Ian Dwyer.

#### Fermanagh v Lancashire

Date: 9th March Venue: Brewster Park. Score: Fermanagh 1.12 Lancashire 1.05

Lancashire provided quite an amount of trouble for us in the first half and led by 1-05 to 0-04 by the 30th minute thanks to a goal from Antrim star Aidan McKinley. Thomas Duane and Tom Keenan were among our point scores. We hit nine wides with some of them coming from frees into a tricky breeze with John Duffy and Luca McCusker out of luck in front of the posts.

In the early exchanges in the second half Luca McCusker and John Duffy added points but the key score for us came in the 55th minute when a free from Luca McCusker fell to Sean Corrigan, whose



shot was blocked, and the ball fell to Brian Teehan who rammed the sliotar to the net. This goal put us into a 1-09 to 1-05 lead and the team momentum held to see out a win.

### **Fermanagh v Longford**

Date: 16th March venue: Brewster Park. score: Fermanagh 0.11 Longford 0.07

This was a closely contested game with both teams evenly matched. Dannan McKeogh and Luca McCusker were on the score for us with our visitors two points coming from Oisín Gately and Cathal Mullane. A low scoring affair and at halftime the score was 0.04 to 0.02.

There was improvement in the second half where we added on another seven points with Brian Teehan and Daniel Teague among the scores. Longford responded with five points with Cathal Mullane, David Buckley pointing for them.

| Position | Team         | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F  | A  | Points |
|----------|--------------|--------|-----|-------|------|----|----|--------|
| 1        | Fermanagh    | 4      | 4   | 0     | 0    | 78 | 37 | 8      |
| 2        | Longford     | 4      | 2   | 1     | 1    | 67 | 51 | 5      |
| 3        | Warwickshire | 4      | 1   | 1     | 2    | 81 | 95 | 3      |
| 4        | Leitrim      | 4      | 1   | 1     | 2    | 62 | 87 | 3      |
| 5        | Lancashire   | 4      | 0   | 1     | 3    | 66 | 84 | 1      |

### **National Hurling League Div 3B Final**

#### **Fermanagh v Warwickshire**

Date: 31st March Venue: Ederney St Joesphs GAA. score: Fermanagh 1.13 Warwickshire 1.18

Warwickshire came out on top in this year's Division 3B hurling final, eventually seeing off Fermanagh by five points. Warwickshire stormed into a 0-7 to 0-3 lead after 20 minutes despite Fermanagh grabbing the opening scores through Luca McCusker and Brian Teehan. But David Devine, Ian Dwyer, and Kevin McKernan, saw the visitors gain control of the game. Warwickshire edged further ahead until Fermanagh gave the home fans some hope with a goal through Dannan McKeogh making it 0-12 to 1-5.

We had a good start to the second half through points from Daniel Teague and Tom Keenan, Warwickshire responded with a goal from Kevin McKernan. Ciarán Duffy and Luca McCusker tagged on scores, but Jack Grealish and Devine hit back with points for the visitors. Fermanagh couldn't carve out a much-needed goal in the latter stages as they fell to four point defeat.

### **Lory Meagher Cup**

#### **Leitrim v Fermanagh**

Date: 13th April Venue: Carrick-on-shannon. Score: Leitrim 1.09 Fermanagh 0.19

Danny Teague opened the scoring for Fermanagh with a fine effort and he doubled that score when he converted a free. Aidan Flanagan and Danny Teague made it 0-4 to 0-0 after 10 minutes against a Leitrim side who were struggling to get to the pace of the game. Brian Teehan and Caolan Duffy made it 0-6 to 0-0 before we had a player sent off, which had very little effect as we continued to tap over the points from. John Duffy and Sean Corrigan completing the first-half scoring and we led at half time by 0.09 to nil.

Luca McCusker extended that lead on the restart, but wind-assisted Leitrim got off the mark in the 38th minute through Conor Hackett point. Odhran Johnson and Tom Keenan stretched our lead but points from Joe Murray and Gavin O'Hagan reduced it to eight points by the 57th minute. A Stephen Goldrick goal and a Joe Murray point halved that with some eight minutes of normal time left, but in the closing minutes of the game Fermanagh snuffed out the fightback with two John Paul McGarry points and one each from Caolan Duffy, Brian Teehan and Dannan McKeogh.

### **Fermanagh v Cavan**

Date:20th April Venue: Brewster Park. score: Fermanagh 5.12 Cavan 3.18

We scored first when Caolan Duffy scored a goal but a brilliant, flicked goal by Sean Keating provided timely momentum for the visitors. A Danann McKeogh goal eased use into a 2-3 to 1-4 lead but five points from Nicky Kenny helped Cavan into a 1-12 to 2-5 lead by half-time.

Jack Barry's quick-fire goal seconds after the restart and a Mark Moffett goal combined to catapult Cavan into a commanding 3-14 to 2-6 lead but a Ryan Bogue goal inspired a brilliant comeback. A goal apiece by John Duffy and Adam McShea left the sides tied at 5-11 to 3-17 with sixty six minutes on the clock. Seán Corrigan's free looked set to win the game. However there was still time for one more piece of action as a Dillon Mulligan point in added-on time rescued a draw from the jaws of defeat for Cavan in a pulsating Lory Meagher Cup game.

### **Warwickshire v Fermanagh**

Date:28th April Venue: Pairc Na hÉireann Brimingham. Score: Warwickshire 0.08 Fermanagh 3.27

We travelled to Warwickshire looking to avenge the recent defeat to Warwickshire in the NHL Division 3B final. We were quickly off the mark with Brian Teehan opening the scoring and the home side responded through Jack Grealish. But it was Fermanagh who gained control, and the points flowed from John Duffy, and McKeogh as Jordan Conway converted a free for Warwickshire. Dannan McKeogh added further points and Brian Teehan was also on target to leave Fermanagh leading by 0-06 to 0-02 midway through the first half. Warwickshire had a penalty to cut the deficit, but Erne keeper Chris McKernan saved superbly from Conway who pointed in the 24th minute. Fermanagh added four more points from the in-form Sean Corrigan and Luca McCusker got another point to leave us leading by 0-13 to 0-05 at the break.

Warwickshire scored first on the resumption of the second half, but Fermanagh got 1-04 in as many minutes from McKeogh, Tom Keenan (0-02), Sean Corrigan and a goal from Brian Teehan to leave Fermanagh leading by 1-17 to 0-06 after 42 minutes.

Jack Grealish pointed from play, but it was a token effort as Fermanagh piled on the scores to leave Fermanagh ahead by 2-22 to 0-07. Fermanagh rounded off a memorable day with another goal from Sean Corrigan who was the star of the show, hitting 1-07 from play.

### **Lancashire v Fermanagh**

Date:11th May Venue: Brewster Park. score: Fermanagh 1.23 Lancashire 0.20

Fermanagh moved a step closer to securing a place in the Lory Meagher Cup final with a six-point win over Lancashire at Brewster Park. Lancashire started the brighter as they led 0-4 to 0-1 in the early

stages and they went in at the break with a four point advantage, 0-14 to 0-18.

We began the second half well with Danann McKeogh rattling over the opening three points of the half to bring the home side back to within one. And with 44 minutes on the clock, Fermanagh scored the only goal of the game when Brian Teehan was on hand to crash a shot to the corner of the net to put Fermanagh into a 1-17 to 0-18 lead. Brian Teehan and Sean Corrigan tagged on further points to push Fermanagh six clear and they were able to maintain that through to the finish as they claimed the spoils.

### **Longford v Fermanagh**

Date: 18th May Venue: Pearse Park, Longford. Score: Longford 3.18 Fermanagh 2.21

Longford got off to a perfect start and after five minutes they led by 2.03 to 0.01. Danann McKeogh landed a few frees and Sean Corrigan added a point from play when Oisín Gately responded it was 2.07 to 0.06 for the home side after 20 minutes. When Longford went into a 3-10 to 0-06 lead it looked like game over for Fermanagh as keeper Pat Burke made a superb save from a Sean Corrigan shot, but Tom Keenan blasted the rebound to the net for a Longford's excellent badly needed goal. At half time Longford led by 3-11 to 1-08 at the break.

Fermanagh made changes at half time with John Paul McGarry and Danny Teague coming into the game and this added a physical presence. Brian Teehan and J P McGarry landed three points with Cathal Mullane responding for Longford. Fermanagh who were looking sharper as Caolan Duffy had a great chance of a goal but blazed over from nine yards as the Longford lead was cut to 3-12 to 1-14. Luca McCusker hit a superb point from the sideline, but it looked like D'Arcy had won the day for Longford when his accuracy pushed them into a 3-18 to 1-20 lead five minutes from time. Fermanagh sub Cahir McManus sub, Cahir McManus smashed home a great goal to leave just a point between the sides before Danny Teague hit the leveller to make sure that Fermanagh would meet Longford in the Lory Meagher Cup final in Croke Park.

### **Lory Meagher Cup Final**

Date: 2nd June Venue: Croke Park. score: Fermanagh 3.22 Longford 2.20

Brian Teehan and Evan Tully trading points in the early stages and there was no doubting our intentions in the opening quarter we pushed ahead through scores from Aidan Flanagan and Luca McCusker. We should have been awarded a goal in the 6th minute as Teehan swept home after Seán Corrigan's shot had rebounded off the upright, but referee James Judge disallowed the effort following a consultation with his umpires.

We continued to control matters thanks to further scores by John Duffy and Tom Keenan with their opponents staying in contention thanks to points by Joe Rabbitt, Cian Darcy and Cathal Mullane. However, the momentum from those three points was quickly dispelled as Brian Teehan got the goal he deserved in the 17th minute, sweeping home from ten yards across Pat Burke in the Longford goal to put six points between the teams. Longford brought their arrears down to four points as the half approached but we finished the half impressively with two points from Danann McKeogh and further scores by John Duffy, Caolan Duffy and Sean Corrigan helping to build a healthy 1-14 to 0-9 lead by half-time.

Any hopes of a Longford comeback were quickly dispelled upon the restart as Danann McKeogh was on hand to crash home within twenty seconds after Teehan had placed pressure on Burke close to goal. That buffer was reduced briefly as David Buckley fired home for Longford in the 40th minute

with the free taking of Darcy keeping them in the hunt as the half progressed. Teehan's second goal looked to have settle the issue in the 56th minute but a Rabbitt goal prompted a frantic conclusion that saw Luca McCusker and JP McGarry fire over insurance points in added time.

Scorers – Fermanagh: B Teehan 2-3; D McKeogh 1-3; L McCusker (1f), S Corrigan 0-4 each; J Duffy, T Keenan 0-2 each; Ciarán Duffy, Caolan Duffy, A Flanagan, JP McGarry 0-1 apiece. Longford: C Darcy 0-13 (12f); D Buckley, J Rabbitt 1-1 each; E Tully, C Malone 0-2 each; P Lynam 0-1.

Fermanagh: C McKernan; S McKendry, R Porteous, Ciarán Duffy; A Flanagan, R Bogue, O Johnston; D Bannon, Caolan Duffy; L McCusker, T Keenan, J Duffy; S Corrigan, B Teehan, D McKeogh. Subs: J Tormey for J Duffy (46), R McGurn for McKendry (51), JP McGarry for McKeogh (62), B Corrigan for Flanagan (64), D Teague for Keenan (72).

### Lory Meagher Cup

| Position | Team         | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F   | A   | Points |
|----------|--------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1        | Fermanagh    | 5      | 3   | 2     | 0    | 135 | 94  | 8      |
| 2        | Longford     | 5      | 3   | 1     | 1    | 130 | 104 | 7      |
| 3        | Cavan        | 5      | 3   | 1     | 1    | 144 | 110 | 7      |
| 4        | Leitrim      | 5      | 2   | 0     | 3    | 110 | 126 | 4      |
| 5        | Warwickshire | 5      | 2   | 0     | 3    | 110 | 143 | 4      |
| 6        | Lancashire   | 5      | 0   | 0     | 5    | 104 | 156 | 0      |



I want to take this opportunity to thank the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for hosting a reception for the Senior Hurling team in the Townhall Enniskillen on the 23rd October and thank all the local councillors who attended.

### U-20 Hurling

We played four games in the Ulster U-20 Development competition: Our opening game we had an excellent win over Monaghan. We lost the next three games to Donegal, Tyrone and Cavan with the Cavan game being the most competitive.

Our thanks to the management team, of Donal McShea, Brian Johnston, and Paul Daly and to all players who turned out, for their commitment to this team in 2024.

### U-20 Hurling Development League

|               |           |      |           |      |                      |
|---------------|-----------|------|-----------|------|----------------------|
| 11th February | Fermanagh | 2.13 | Monaghan  | 1.06 | GAA Centre Lissan    |
| 18th February | Donegal   | 1.18 | Fermanagh | 1.04 | GAA Centre, Convoy   |
| 10th February | Tyrone    | 3.23 | Fermanagh | 1.03 | Garvaghey, Co Tyrone |
| 10th March    | Cavan     | 4.13 | Fermanagh | 4.08 | Breffni, Park, Cavan |

### U-20 Development League

| Position | Team      | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F   | A   | Points |
|----------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1        | Donegal   | 5      | 5   | 0     | 0    | 93  | 52  | 10     |
| 2        | Tyrone    | 5      | 4   | 0     | 1    | 135 | 52  | 8      |
| 3        | Armagh    | 4      | 2   | 0     | 2    | 87  | 69  | 4      |
| 4        | Fermanagh | 4      | 1   | 0     | 3    | 52  | 87  | 2      |
| 5        | Monaghan  | 5      | 1   | 0     | 4    | 64  | 116 | 2      |
| 6        | Cavan     | 5      | 1   | 0     | 4    | 76  | 131 | 2      |

### U-20 Hurling C Championship Fermanagh v Leitrim-05/05/2024

We had one game in the U-20C Championship, played at Lissan. Leitrim won the game on a score line 3.14 to 0.07

### U-17 Hurling Development League

|               |        |      |           |      |                     |
|---------------|--------|------|-----------|------|---------------------|
| 24th February | Armagh | 0.00 | Fermanagh | CON  |                     |
| 4th March     | Louth  | 4.08 | Fermanagh | 1.04 | GAA Centre, Darvar  |
| 25th March    | Cavan  | 1.09 | Fermanagh | 3.11 | Breffni Park, Cavan |

### U-17 Hurling Development League

| Position | Team      | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F   | A   | Points |
|----------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1        | Donegal   | 5      | 5   | 0     | 0    | 125 | 43  | 10     |
| 2        | Armagh    | 6      | 4   | 1     | 1    | 83  | 59  | 9      |
| 3        | Louth     | 6      | 3   | 1     | 2    | 96  | 103 | 7      |
| 4        | Tyrone    | 5      | 3   | 0     | 0    | 55  | 52  | 6      |
| 5        | Fermanagh | 3      | 1   | 0     | 2    | 27  | 32  | 2      |
| 6        | Monaghan  | 5      | 1   | 0     | 4    | 53  | 82  | 2      |
| 7        | Cavan     | 6      | 0   | 0     | 6    | 45  | 112 | 0      |

### Celtic Challenge –U-17 Hurling (Group 9)

|            |           |      |           |      |                              |
|------------|-----------|------|-----------|------|------------------------------|
| 6th April  | Fermanagh | 1.11 | Longford  | 2.06 | Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown |
| 13th April | Leitrim   | 2.10 | Fermanagh | 0.11 | Pairc Sean MacDiarmada       |
| 20th April | Fermanagh | 3.08 | Cavan     | 1.03 | GAA Centre Lissan            |
| 12th May   | Monaghan  | 2.20 | Fermanagh | 1.12 | GAA Centre Cloghan           |

19th May                      Louth                      1.10 Fermanagh                      2.15 GAA Centre, Darvar

| Position | Team      | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | F   | A   | Points |
|----------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1        | Louth     | 5      | 4   | 0     | 1    | 102 | 47  | 8      |
| 2        | Monaghan  | 5      | 3   | 1     | 1    | 100 | 7   | 7      |
| 3        | Fermanagh | 5      | 3   | 0     | 2    | 76  | 73  | 6      |
| 4        | Leitrim   | 4      | 2   | 0     | 2    | 47  | 61  | 4      |
| 5        | Longford  | 5      | 1   | 0     | 4    | 75  | 92  | 2      |
| 6        | Cavan     | 4      | 0   | 1     | 3    | 50  | 101 | 1      |

**Celtic Challenge-U-17 Hurling-Corn Tom Hogan Cup Final**

1st June                      Fermanagh                      1.19 Leitrim                      0.04 Ballyshannon

**U-15 Hibernia Cup** (T McNabb/Conor Rice/Patrick Delaney)

18th May                      Mayo                      3.04 Fermanagh                      4.08 Tooreen, Co Mayo  
 5th July                      Fermanagh                      2.12 Longford                      1.10 Lisbellaw St Patricks  
 27th July                      Leitrim                      1.11 Fermanagh                      3.11 Cloone GAA, Co Leitrim

**Blitz Day**

24th August                      Louth                      0.03 Fermanagh                      0.11 Lissan GAA  
 24th August                      Fermanagh                      5.03 Cavan                      0.00 Lissan GAA

Both these competitions a part of the GAA development competitions in respect of hurling at both U-17 and U-15 level. I wish to express my thanks to the Management Teams namely Celtic Challenge U-17 Cyril Dunne and his backroom team, Eamon Palmer, Colm McPhillips, Luke Dempsey and Paul Rafferty.

Fermanagh U15 Hurling Academy- Fermanagh U15 Hurling Academy managed by Teresa McNabb and coached by Conor Wright Lisbellaw with help from Ulster RHDO Patrick Delaney.

More details of our hurling development is contained in Teresa McNabb GDM report to convention.

**Games Activity - Club Competitions.**

Our Competitions Control Committee and Bord Na nÓg and Hurling Committee present their own reports detailing all fixtures so I will only add brief comments by a way of congratulating all winners and commiseration to the runner up in each of our adult competitions.

Our Senior, Intermediate and Junior Championship competitions began on the 30th August, finishing with the senior final replay played on the 2nd of November. In our Senior Championship final, Erne Gaels v Enniskillen Gaels ended in a draw with Erne Gaels emerging as winners from the replay on Saturday 2nd November to win their third senior championship title, on a score line of Erne Gaels 1.13, Enniskillen Gaels 1.09.

In the Intermediate Championship, Lisnaskea Emmett’s overcame the challenge of Irvinestown St Molaise to win the IFC title on a score line of Lisnaskea Emmett’s 2.16, Irvinestown 0.09.

In this year’s Junior Championship, Aghdrumsee St Macartan’s overcame the challenge of

Newtownbutler First Fermanagh to win the JFC title on a score line of Aghdrumsee St Macartan's 1.11, Newtownbutler First Fermanagh 1.10.

In the Reserve championships, Kinawley Brian Borus won the Reserve Grade 1 Championship when they overcame Enniskillen Gaels on a score line of 0.12 to 0.09. The Reserve Grade 2 Championship was won by Irvinestown St Molaise when they overcame Devenish St Mary's on a score line of 0.13 to 0.04. The Reserve Grade 3 Championship was won by Aghdrumsee St Macartans with victory over Derrylin O'Connell's by 2.16 to 2.11.

The SFL Division 1 final between Enniskillen Gaels and Derrygonnelly Harps was won by Enniskillen Gaels 1.10 to 2.04. The SFL Division 2 title went to Teemore Shamrocks defeating Irvinestown St Molaise on a score line of 1.13 to 0.11.

In Erne Cup Division 1, Enniskillen Gaels won the title over Roslea Shamrocks on a score line of 2.11 to 0.09. In the Erne Cup Division 2, Irvinestown St Molaise won the title over Devenish St Marys on a score line of 2.12 to 2.11. In the Erne Cup Division 3 Aghdrumsee St Macartans won the title over Derrylin O'Connell's after extra time, on a score line of 3.12 to 1.08.

In the Reserve Hurling Cup competition Erne Gaels won the title over Lisbellaw St Patricks on a score line 0.14 to 0.12.

### **Ulster Club Competitions**

In the Ulster Junior Football competition Aghdrumsee St Macartans put in a battling performance but lost to Drumhowan (Monaghan) on a score-line of 1.09 to 1.10.

In the Intermediate Football Championship Lisnaskea Emmett's lost to Maghercloone (Monaghan) on a score-line of 1.09 to 3.20.

In the Senior Football Championship Erne Gaels lost to Scotstown (Monaghan) on a score-line of 0.06 to 0.19.

In the Junior Hurling Championship Erne Gaels lost to Sean Treacy's Hurling Club (Armagh) on a score-line of 1.05 to 1.13.

In the Intermediate Hurling Championship Lisbellaw St Patrick's lost to Swatragh (Derry) on a score-line of 2.11 to 2.16.

### **Schools & Colleges.**

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Cumann na mBunscol and all involved with promoting our Gaelic games in the primary school sector. I also acknowledge and thank all involved in our second level schools and pay tribute to all involved in the South West College.

### **Teemore GAA - Fermanagh GAA Club All Stars Awards.**

Thanks again to Teemore GAA- as part of their club fundraising for 2024, for organising the 'Fermanagh GAA Club Players All Star Awards'. All award winners were announced at their event on the 22nd of November, and we congratulate all the winners, awards in recognition to their commitment and efforts to Gaelic games in 2024.

### **Casement Park Development.**

In 2012, stadium designers were appointed to the project, and it was expected the new Casement Park would be built by 2015. It didn't turn out that way, as objections from residents, and objections in planning and safety issues resulted in the delay to carry forward this project. Then came the possibility

that the development would be driven forward in time for the Euros but despite their promises the Labour government pulled the funding. With the original Casement plan now scrapped, the GAA went to work on plans for a new stadium revising the capacity down from 38,000 to about 34,500. On the 15th February the Ulster Council statement announced that it will commence necessary maintenance and pre-enabling works for the development of the new Casement Park.

On the 14th September an update from Ulster GAA, stating 'Ulster GAA has taken every possible step to keep the project on track for the UEFA Euro 2028 Football Championships. This included investing over £4m in critical aspects of pre-enabling works in anticipation of the procurement of the new main contractor.

On his appointment to office the Secretary of State Hilary Benn on behalf of the British Government gave firm commitments that Casement Park will be built, a commitment also given by his predecessor'. The statement goes on to state, 'Casement Park will be built, and we will work with all partners to ensure that the promises made by the NI Executive over thirteen years ago and within successive Programmes for Government, to deliver on the strategic stadia need of the GAA in the province and in Belfast, Ireland's second city, are fulfilled.' I welcome the recent comments from Ulster GAA Casement Park Project sponsor.

We engaged with this process throughout, and it is important that we steadfastly continue our support for this project which will deliver a modern GAA stadium in Belfast. Hopefully we will get further updates at the upcoming Ulster Convention in January 25.

#### **Fermanagh LGFA.**

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our County Ladies Senior team, Management and County Board on their excellent win in the All Ireland Junior Football Championship Final which was played. This was the third All Ireland Junior title to come to the county, and the first won in Croke Park so well done to all involved.

#### **Football Review Committee Report**

The strategic plan 'Aontas 2026 – Towards One GAA for All' features a variety of objectives to realise the GAA's vision as a sustainable community-based and volunteer-led Association where as many as possible, participate in Gaelic games and culture for as long as possible. A key focus area is to provide "the best possible games experience for players and spectators" with the vision description that "Gaelic games will be the most enjoyable amateur sports in the world to play and watch".

The Football Review Committee (FRC) was set up in February 2024 with the aim of evaluating the current rules and regulations of Gaelic football, the most popular sport on the island.

#### **RESULTS FROM RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS**

Across all ages, provinces and grades- the top five skills dominating the on-line survey, and letter/ email correspondence received were: kicking, catching, scoring of long-range points, goal scoring and general creative play. The top three tactical skills were: 1 v 1 contests to gain possession of the ball, taking on an opponent in a 1 v 1 situation, and good support play during speedy attacking transitions. A consistency of similar themes emerged from the committee's engagement with all stakeholders. As a result of these engagements the committee proposed 49 motions in respect of the playing rules to Special Congress which was held on Saturday 30th November.



We held a County Committee meeting via Microsoft Teams on the 18th November to discuss the proposed changes with 21 delegates present. Jim Gavin (FRC) was present to explain the changes and answer points of clarification.

At Special Congress all motions were passed, and we now await further correspondence from National level in respect of the support measures that will be put in place to support managers, coaches, players and referees at both county and club level. It is vital that these supports are provided since we have no preseason competition, and our National Leagues are due to start at the end of January.

### **Acknowledgements and Conclusion.**

Sadly, since our last County Convention, several of our GAA families experienced the loss of loved ones, called to their eternal reward. At local club level we all know someone from our communities who passed away this year who in some way made a valuable contribution to GAA life and our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time of year.

I want to especially mention the following:

Ermil Gilheaney - Derrylin O'Connells- player,  
Kevin Rice - Maguiresbridge St Marys- player & referee,  
Stephen Ingram - St Patricks- player club & county,  
Gerard Corrigan - Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs- player and referee/admin,  
Gerry McElroy - Lisnaskea Emmett's- player club & county,  
Tony Cannon - St Patricks -club official,  
Paddy Boyle-Aghdrumsee/St Patricks- player,  
Martina McMahon- Roslea Shamrocks-club official,  
Tom Keavney -Enniskillen Gaels,  
Paul Coyle Devenish/Swatagh-player club & county,  
Gerry Gallagher-Erne Gaels- player/manager club & county,  
John Quinn-Enniskillen Gaels-club official,  
Brian Maguire-Brookeborough Heber McMahons-player, and  
Mark Lyons -Erne Gaels- player club & county.

I want to thank my fellow Officers on County Management Committee for their support during 2024.

Our County Chairperson Brian Armitage in his third year has competently directed us through another year, and I am indebted to him for his support.

I have also worked closely with County Treasurer Sean Burns across several areas regarding finance, and I thank him for his cooperation and hard work in 2024.

I also appreciate the cooperation I have received from all other County Officers, Sub Committee Officers and our representatives to National and Provincial Committees.

I thank all club representatives on County Committee for their cooperation and contribution to the running of meetings and as ever, I wish to express my grateful appreciation to the Officers of all the clubs in Fermanagh for their support and cooperation in dealing with the Association's affairs during 2024.

Again, this year I have worked closely daily with Comhairle Uladh and Croke Park. I thank Brian McAvoy

and all the Ulster Council staff for their help throughout 2024.

I take this opportunity to thank Tom Ryan Ard Stiurthoir and Ger Mulryan GAA Finance Director and to the staff at Croke Park for their continued expert advice and assistance.

Finally, I wish all of you here this evening a very happy Christmas and wish everyone success for 2025.

Nollag Shona daoibh.

Tomás Ó Báioighill (Rúnaí na gContae)

# Tuarascáil An Choiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí - CCC Report

## **BALLRAÍOCHT AN CHOISTE - COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- Cathaoirleach – John McGovern (CLG Chláirseacha Dhoire Ó gConaíle)
- Runaí – Phil Flanagan (CLG Mhic Uidhir, An t-Iompú Deiseal)
- Comhairle Uladh – Peter Carty (CLG Naomh Muire, Daimhinis)
- Comhairle Uladh – Greg Kelly (CLG Ghaeil Inis Ceithleann)
- Ard Chomhairle – Tiernach Mahon (CLG Naomh Molaise, Na Cearna)
- Coiste Riaracháin Réiteoir – Gerard McLaughlin (CLG Naomh Iósaf, Eadarnaigh)
- Fixture Analyst - Hugh Kelly (CLG Chláirseacha Dhoire Ó gConaíle)
- Coiste na nÓg – Leanne Maguire (CLG Uí Chonaill, Doire Uí Loinn)
- Oifigeach Oiliúna - Ferghal O'Connor (CLG Ghaeil na hEirne, Béal Leice)
- Michael Duffy (CLG Naomh Molaise, Na Cearna)
- Francis Gormley (CLG Naomh Iósaf, Eadarnaigh)
- Eugene Hueston (An Chead Cumann Fhear Manach, Achadh Gé)
- Gareth Melanaphy (CLG Bhriain Bhóramha, Cill Náile)
- Jim Tummon (CLG Ghaeil Inis Ceithleann)

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

In accordance with Riail 3.20 (ii) An Treoir Oifigiúil and Riail 3.2 Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach Fodhlithe, An Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí Fhear Manach shall:

- Be responsible for all arrangements, including the appointment of Referees, for and control of any matters arising from Games under the jurisdiction of the County Committee, including disciplinary matters other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee.
- Process and make recommendations to the County Committee on the Grading of Clubs.
- Investigate and process matters relating to the Enforcement of Rules, including hearing Objections and Counter-Objections.
- Be responsible, in the first instance, for making decisions on applications for Transfer Within the County and the Grading of Players.
- Consist of a minimum of five members, who shall be appointed from members of the County Committee and/or other suitable personnel, together with the County Referees' Administrator who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees.
- Have plenary powers.

**COMPETITION OVERVIEW**  
**FERMANAGH ADULT FOOTBALL FINALS 2023**

| COMPETITION                        | WINNERS                                      | SCORE          | RUNNERS UP                                     | SCORE          |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------|--|----------------|
| SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP       | CLG Ghaeil na hÉirne, Béal Leice<br>(REPLAY) | 0-08<br>(1-13) | CLG Ghaeil Inis Ceithleann                     | 0-08<br>(1-09) |
| INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP | CLG Eiméid, Lios na Scéithe                  | 2-06           | CLG Naomh Molaise, Na Cearna                   | 0-09           |
| JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP       | CLG Naomh Mac Artáin,<br>Achadh Dhroim Sí    | 1-11           | Chéad Chumann (CLG) Fhear<br>Manach, Achadh Gé | 0-10           |
| SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1           | CLG Ghaeil Inis Ceithleann                   | 1-10           | CLG Chláirseacha Dhoire Ó<br>gConaile          | 2-04           |
| SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2           | CLG Sheamróga An Tigh Mór                    | 1-13           | CLG Naomh Molaise, Na Cearna                   | 0-11           |
| RFC GRADE 1                        | CLG Bhriain Bhóramha, Cill<br>Náile          | 0-12           | CLG Ghaeil Inis Ceithleann                     | 0-09           |
| RFC GRADE 2                        | CLG Naomh Molaise, Na Cearna                 | 0-13           | CLG Naomh Muire, Daimhinis                     | 0-04           |
| RFC GRADE 3                        | CLG Naomh Mac Artáin,<br>Achadh Dhroim Sí    | 2-16           | CLG Uí Chonaill, Doire Uí Loinn                | 2-11           |
| ERNE CUP 1                         | CLG Ghaeil Inis Ceithleann                   | 2-11           | CLG Sheamróga Ros Liath                        | 0-09           |
| ERNE CUP 2                         | CLG Naomh Molaise, Na Cearna                 | 2-12           | CLG Naomh Muire, Daimhinis                     | 2-11           |
| ERNE CUP 3                         | CLG Naomh Mac Artáin,<br>Achadh Dhroim Sí    | 3-12           | CLG Uí Chonaill, Doire Uí Loinn                | 1-08           |

## MANNOK SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



|            |                |                            |      |                      |      |
|------------|----------------|----------------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Sat 02 Nov | (Final Replay) | Enniskillen Gaels          | 1-09 | Erne Gaels Belleek   | 1-13 |
| Sun 27 Oct | (Final)        | Erne Gaels Belleek         | 0-08 | Enniskillen Gaels    | 0-08 |
| Sun 06 Oct | (SF2)          | Erne Gaels Belleek         | 0-10 | Derrygonnelly Harps  | 0-09 |
| Sun 06 Oct | (SF1)          | Enniskillen Gaels          | 4-13 | Ederney St Joseph's  | 2-08 |
| Sun 29 Sep | (QF1)          | Ederney St Joseph's        | 1-13 | Kinawley Brian Borus | 0-15 |
| Sat 28 Sep | (QF2)          | Erne Gaels Belleek         | 0-09 | Teemore Shamrocks    | 0-07 |
| Sat 28 Sep | (Relegation)   | Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs | 2-16 | Devenish St. Mary's  | 0-13 |

### GROUP A

| Team                              | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Enniskillen Gaels</b>          | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 29 | 6   |
| <b>Kinawley Brian Borus</b>       | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 26 | 3   |
| <b>Teemore Shamrocks</b>          | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 40 | 2   |
| <b>Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs</b> | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 30 | 45 | 1   |

|            |           |                            |      |                            |      |
|------------|-----------|----------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|
| Sat 21 Sep | (Round 3) | Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs | 1-08 | Teemore Shamrocks          | 2-07 |
| Sat 21 Sep | (Round 3) | Enniskillen Gaels          | 2-07 | Kinawley Brian Borus       | 2-07 |
| Sat 07 Sep | (Round 2) | Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs | 0-13 | Enniskillen Gaels          | 5-11 |
| Sat 07 Sep | (Round 2) | Teemore Shamrocks          | 0-07 | Kinawley Brian Borus       | 1-14 |
| Sat 31 Aug | (Round 1) | Kinawley Brian Borus       | 0-06 | Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs | 0-06 |
| Fri 30 Aug | (Round 1) | Enniskillen Gaels          | 2-06 | Teemore Shamrocks          | 0-09 |

### GROUP B

| Team                       | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Derrygonnelly Harps</b> | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 48 | 34 | 5   |
| <b>Erne Gaels Belleek</b>  | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 36 | 30 | 4   |
| <b>Ederney St Joseph's</b> | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 34 | 46 | 2   |
| <b>Devenish St. Mary's</b> | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 36 | 44 | 1   |

|            |           |                     |      |                     |      |
|------------|-----------|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Sat 21 Sep | (Round 3) | Derrygonnelly Harps | 1-09 | Erne Gaels Belleek  | 1-08 |
| Sat 21 Sep | (Round 3) | Ederney St Joseph's | 1-14 | Devenish St. Mary's | 0-12 |
| Sun 08 Sep | (Round 2) | Ederney St Joseph's | 0-08 | Derrygonnelly Harps | 3-12 |
| Sun 08 Sep | (Round 2) | Devenish St. Mary's | 0-09 | Erne Gaels Belleek  | 0-12 |
| Sun 01 Sep | (Round 1) | Derrygonnelly Harps | 1-12 | Devenish St. Mary's | 2-09 |
| Sun 01 Sep | (Round 1) | Erne Gaels Belleek  | 0-13 | Ederney St Joseph's | 2-03 |

**Erne Gaels Belleek were the 2024 Senior Football Champions.  
Devenish St. Mary's were relegated to the Intermediate Football Championship for 2025.**

## CADCO INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



|            |              |                          |      |                        |      |
|------------|--------------|--------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| Sat 19 Oct | (Final)      | Lisnaskea Emmetts        | 2-06 | Irvinestown St Molaise | 0-09 |
| Sun 06 Oct | (SF2)        | Lisnaskea Emmetts        | 3-11 | Tempo Maguires         | 4-05 |
| Sat 05 Oct | (SF1)        | Irvinestown St Molaise   | 1-12 | Belcoo O'Rahilly's     | 1-06 |
| Sun 29 Sep | (QF2)        | Tempo Maguires           | 0-15 | Derrylin O'Connells    | 0-09 |
| Sat 28 Sep | (QF1)        | Irvinestown St Molaise   | 1-13 | Roslea Shamrocks       | 1-06 |
| Sun 29 Sep | (Relegation) | Maguiresbridge St Mary's | 0-13 | St Patrick's Donagh    | 1-09 |

### GROUP A

| Team                            | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Belcoo O'Rahilly's</b>       | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 32 | 28 | 4   |
| <b>Tempo Maguires</b>           | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 30 | 3   |
| <b>Roslea Shamrocks</b>         | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 29 | 3   |
| <b>Maguiresbridge St Mary's</b> | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 27 | 39 | 2   |

|            |           |                          |      |                          |      |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| Sat 14 Sep | (Round 3) | Tempo Maguires           | 0-17 | Maguiresbridge St Mary's | 2-04 |
| Sat 14 Sep | (Round 3) | Belcoo O'Rahilly's       | 2-07 | Roslea Shamrocks         | 0-09 |
| Sun 08 Sep | (Round 2) | Maguiresbridge St Mary's | 0-07 | Roslea Shamrocks         | 1-11 |
| Sun 08 Sep | (Round 2) | Tempo Maguires           | 1-06 | Belcoo O'Rahilly's       | 1-08 |
| Sun 01 Sep | (Round 1) | Roslea Shamrocks         | 0-09 | Tempo Maguires           | 1-06 |
| Sun 01 Sep | (Round 1) | Belcoo O'Rahilly's       | 0-08 | Maguiresbridge St Mary's | 0-10 |

### GROUP B

| Team                          | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Lisnaskea Emmetts</b>      | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 74 | 30 | 5   |
| <b>Irvinestown St Molaise</b> | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 48 | 27 | 5   |
| <b>Derrylin O'Connells</b>    | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 40 | 53 | 2   |
| <b>St Patrick's Donagh</b>    | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 28 | 80 | 0   |

|            |           |                        |      |                        |      |
|------------|-----------|------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| Sat 14 Sep | (Round 3) | Derrylin O'Connells    | 1-06 | Irvinestown St Molaise | 4-13 |
| Sat 14 Sep | (Round 3) | Lisnaskea Emmetts      | 8-22 | St Patrick's Donagh    | 1-07 |
| Sun 08 Sep | (Round 2) | St Patrick's Donagh    | 0-09 | Irvinestown St Molaise | 0-14 |
| Sat 07 Sep | (Round 2) | Lisnaskea Emmetts      | 3-10 | Derrylin O'Connells    | 1-08 |
| Sat 31 Aug | (Round 1) | Irvinestown St Molaise | 0-09 | Lisnaskea Emmetts      | 1-06 |
| Sat 31 Aug | (Round 1) | Derrylin O'Connells    | 2-14 | St Patrick's Donagh    | 1-06 |

**Lisnaskea Emmetts were the 2024 Intermediate Football Champions.**

**St Patrick's Donagh were relegated to the Intermediate Football Championship for 2025.**

## PETER CARTY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



|            |         |                          |      |                                |      |
|------------|---------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------------|------|
| Sun 13 Oct | (Final) | Aghadrumsee St Macartans | 1-11 | Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs | 0-10 |
| Sun 29 Sep | (SF2)   | Aghadrumsee St Macartans | 2-13 | Coa O`Dwyer's                  | 1-06 |
| Sat 21 Sep | (SF1)   | Coa O`Dwyer's            | 0-02 | Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs | 1-15 |
| Sat 21 Sep | (QF3)   | Aghadrumsee St Macartans | 4-15 | Brookeborough Heber McMahons   | 1-06 |
| Sat 14 Sep | (QF2)   | Coa O`Dwyer's            | 2-22 | Brookeborough Heber McMahons   | 0-15 |
| Sun 15 Sep | (QF1)   | Aghadrumsee St Macartans | 2-09 | Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs | 3-12 |

**Aghadrumsee St Macartans were the 2024 Junior Football Champions.**

## WESTVILLE HOTEL SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

| Team                     | P | W | D | L | CONC | F   | A   | PTS |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Enniskillen Gaels        | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 |      | 175 | 77  | 17  |
| Derrygonnelly Harps      | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 |      | 182 | 115 | 17  |
| Erne Gaels Belleek       | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 |      | 154 | 118 | 13  |
| Kinawley Brian Borus     | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 |      | 119 | 113 | 12  |
| Belnaleck Art McMurrughs | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 |      | 127 | 116 | 12  |
| Ederney St Joseph's      | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 |      | 140 | 131 | 10  |
| Devenish St. Mary's      | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 1    | 114 | 134 | 8   |
| Belcoo O'Rahilly's       | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 |      | 87  | 160 | 6   |
| Derrylin O'Connells      | 9 | 2 | 0 | 7 |      | 67  | 170 | 5   |
| Roslea Shamrocks         | 9 | 1 | 0 | 8 |      | 97  | 128 | 3   |

Sat 17 Aug (Final) Enniskillen Gaels 1-10 Derrygonnelly Harps 2-04



**Enniskillen Gaels were the 2024 Senior Football League Division 1 Champions.**

**Roslea Shamrocks and Derrylin O'Connells were relegated to the Senior Football League Division 2 for 2025.**

### CRUST & CRUMB SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

| Team                           | P | W | D | L | CONC | F   | A   | PTS |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Irvinestown St Molaise         | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 |      | 182 | 89  | 19  |
| Teemore Shamrocks              | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 |      | 127 | 92  | 18  |
| Tempo Maguires                 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 |      | 164 | 101 | 16  |
| St Patrick's Donagh            | 9 | 6 | 0 | 3 |      | 123 | 127 | 13  |
| Lisnaskea Emmetts              | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 |      | 150 | 103 | 13  |
| Aghadrumsee St Macartans       | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 |      | 133 | 159 | 8   |
| Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 |      | 117 | 143 | 8   |
| Maguiresbridge St Mary's       | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1    | 105 | 129 | 4   |
| Brookeborough Heber McMahons   | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 |      | 84  | 176 | 3   |
| Coa O`Dwyer's                  | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1    | 69  | 135 | 1   |

Sat 17 Aug (Final) Teemore Shamrocks

1-13 Irvinestown St Molaise

0-11



**Teemore Shamrocks were the 2024 Senior Football League Division 2 Champions and were promoted to the Senior Football League Division 1 for 2025, along with Irvinestown St Molaise.**



**CLUB PLAYERS' COMPETITION**

**DIVISION 1A**

| Team                       | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Derrygonnelly Harps        | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 61 | 22 | 7   |
| Erne Gaels Belleek         | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 56 | 34 | 6   |
| Roslea Shamrocks           | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 44 | 45 | 4   |
| Belcoo O'Rahilly's         | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 45 | 69 | 2   |
| Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 68 | 1   |

**DIVISION 1B**

| Team                 | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Ederney St Joseph's  | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 57 | 52 | 5   |
| Kinawley Brian Borus | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 55 | 53 | 5   |
| Devenish St. Mary's  | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 73 | 55 | 4   |
| Enniskillen Gaels    | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 51 | 70 | 4   |
| Derrylin O'Connells  | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 48 | 54 | 2   |

**CLUB PLAYERS' COMPETITION DIVISION 1 PLAY-OFFS**

**Points carried forward to SFL in brackets for each team.**

|                            |     |      |                      |     |      |
|----------------------------|-----|------|----------------------|-----|------|
| Derrygonnelly Harps        | (3) | 1-15 | Ederney St Joseph's  | (2) | 2-09 |
| Erne Gaels Belleek         | (2) | 1-10 | Kinawley Brian Borus | (1) | 0-05 |
| Roslea Shamrocks           | (1) | 0-09 | Devenish St. Mary's  | (2) | 2-07 |
| Enniskillen Gaels          | (1) | 0-16 | Belcoo O'Rahilly's   | (0) | 2-08 |
| Belnaleck Art McMurrroughs | (0) | 0-07 | Derrylin O'Connells  | (1) | 1-10 |

**DIVISION 2A**

| Team                           | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 82 | 47 | 7   |
| Irvinestown St Molaise         | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 75 | 34 | 6   |
| Tempo Maguires                 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 56 | 44 | 4   |
| Coa O`Dwyer's                  | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 43 | 90 | 3   |
| Aghadrumsee St Macartans       | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 36 | 77 | 0   |

**DIVISION 2B**

| Team                         | P | W | D | L | F  | A  | PTS |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Lisnaskea Emmetts            | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 88 | 37 | 7   |
| Teemore Shamrocks            | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 48 | 25 | 7   |
| St Patrick's Donagh          | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 77 | 54 | 4   |
| Brookeborough Heber McMahons | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 38 | 88 | 2   |
| Maguiresbridge St Mary's     | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 34 | 81 | 0   |

**CLUB PLAYERS' COMPETITION DIVISION 2 PLAY-OFFS**

**Points carried forward to SFL in brackets for each team.**

|                   |     |      |                                |     |      |
|-------------------|-----|------|--------------------------------|-----|------|
| Lisnaskea Emmetts | (3) | 5-05 | Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs | (2) | 1-11 |
| Teemore Shamrocks | (1) | 0-11 | Irvinestown St Molaise         | (2) | 2-10 |

|                          |     |      |                              |     |      |
|--------------------------|-----|------|------------------------------|-----|------|
| Tempo Maguires           | (2) | 0-09 | St Patrick's Donagh          | (1) | 0-08 |
| Coa O`Dwyer's            | (1) | 0-12 | Brookeborough Heber McMahons | (0) | 0-11 |
| Maguiresbridge St Mary's | (1) | 2-10 | Aghadrumsee St Macartans     | (0) | 1-09 |

### RESERVE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GRADE 1

|            |         |                      |      |                                |      |
|------------|---------|----------------------|------|--------------------------------|------|
| Sat 24 Aug | (Final) | Kinawley Brian Borus | 0-12 | Enniskillen Gaels              | 0-09 |
| Sun 11 Aug | (SF1)   | Kinawley Brian Borus | 1-08 | Roslea Shamrocks               | 0-10 |
| Sun 11 Aug | (SF2)   | Enniskillen Gaels    | 2-10 | Derrygonnelly Harps            | 0-13 |
| Sat 03 Aug | (QF1)   | Kinawley Brian Borus | 4-08 | Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs | 1-09 |
| Sat 03 Aug | (QF2)   | Derrygonnelly Harps  | 1-10 | Teemore Shamrocks              | 0-08 |

### RESERVE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GRADE 2

|            |         |                        |      |                          |      |
|------------|---------|------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| Sat 24 Aug | (Final) | Kinawley Brian Borus   | 0-12 | Enniskillen Gaels        | 0-09 |
| Sat 24 Aug | (Final) | Devenish St. Mary's    | 0-04 | Irvinestown St Molaise   | 0-13 |
| Sun 11 Aug | (SF1)   | Devenish St. Mary's    | 5-10 | St Patrick's Donagh      | 1-07 |
| Sat 10 Aug | (SF2)   | Irvinestown St Molaise | 1-14 | Tempo Maguires           | 0-12 |
| Sat 03 Aug | (QF2)   | Tempo Maguires         | 1-15 | Ederney St Joseph's      | 1-14 |
| Sat 03 Aug | (QF1)   | St Patrick's Donagh    | 1-16 | Belcoo O'Rahilly's       | 0-10 |
| Sat 27 Jul | (PR)    | Ederney St Joseph's    | 2-09 | Belnaleck Art McMurrughs | 2-06 |

### RESERVE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GRADE 3

|            |         |                          |      |                              |      |
|------------|---------|--------------------------|------|------------------------------|------|
| Sat 24 Aug | (Final) | Aghadrumsee St Macartans | 2-16 | Derrylin O'Connells          | 2-11 |
| Sun 11 Aug | (SF1)   | Aghadrumsee St Macartans | 7-07 | Brookeborough Heber McMahons | 0-06 |
| Sun 11 Aug | (SF2)   | Derrylin O'Connells      | 3-13 | Lisnaskea Emmetts            | 1-16 |
| Sat 03 Aug | (QF1)   | Kinawley Brian Borus     | 1-11 | Brookeborough Heber McMahons | 1-12 |
| Sat 03 Aug | (QF2)   | Derrygonnelly Harps      | 0-08 | Lisnaskea Emmetts            | 2-11 |
| Sat 27 Jul | (PR)    | Lisnaskea Emmetts        | 0-18 | Erne Gaels Belleek           | 1-11 |

### RESERVE HURLING CUP

|            |         |                    |      |                        |      |
|------------|---------|--------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| Sun 18 Aug | (Final) | Erne Gaels Belleek | 0-14 | Lisbellaw St Patrick's | 0-12 |
|------------|---------|--------------------|------|------------------------|------|

**B MCCAFFREY & SONS ERNE CUP DIVISION 1**

| Team                           | P  | W  | D | L  | CONC | F   | A   | PTS |
|--------------------------------|----|----|---|----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Enniskillen Gaels              | 15 | 12 | 0 | 3  |      | 207 | 135 | 24  |
| Roslea Shamrocks               | 15 | 9  | 1 | 5  |      | 177 | 160 | 19  |
| Derrygonnelly Harps            | 15 | 10 | 0 | 5  | 1    | 148 | 124 | 19  |
| Teemore Shamrocks              | 15 | 5  | 1 | 9  | 2    | 128 | 172 | 9   |
| Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs | 15 | 4  | 1 | 10 | 5    | 119 | 150 | 4   |
| Kinawley Brian Borus           | 15 | 3  | 1 | 11 | 3    | 150 | 188 | 4   |

Sat 27 Jul (Final) Enniskillen Gaels 2-11 Roslea Shamrocks 0-09

**B MCCAFFREY & SONS ERNE CUP DIVISION 2**

| Team                     | P  | W  | D | L  | CONC | F   | A   | PTS |
|--------------------------|----|----|---|----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Devenish St. Mary's      | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2  |      | 141 | 105 | 20  |
| Irvinestown St Molaise   | 12 | 8  | 1 | 3  |      | 192 | 146 | 17  |
| Ederney St Joseph's      | 12 | 7  | 1 | 4  | 1    | 151 | 141 | 14  |
| Belcoo O'Rahilly's       | 12 | 7  | 0 | 5  | 1    | 141 | 143 | 13  |
| Tempo Maguires           | 12 | 6  | 0 | 6  |      | 144 | 154 | 12  |
| St Patrick's Donagh      | 12 | 2  | 0 | 10 | 1    | 138 | 190 | 3   |
| Belnaleck Art McMurrughs | 12 | 1  | 0 | 11 | 7    | 60  | 88  | -5  |

Sat 27 Jul (Final) Irvinestown St Molaise 2-12 Devenish St Mary's 2-11

**Irvinestown St Molaise were promoted to Erne Cup Division 1 for 2025.  
Belnaleck Art McMurrughs were relegated to Erne Cup Division 3 for 2025.**

**B MCCAFFREY & SONS ERNE CUP DIVISION 3**

| Team                         | P  | W  | D | L  | CONC | F   | A   | PTS |
|------------------------------|----|----|---|----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| Derrylin O'Connells          | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3  |      | 193 | 145 | 21  |
| Aghadrumsee St Macartans     | 14 | 9  | 2 | 3  | 1    | 176 | 103 | 19  |
| Brookeborough Heber McMahons | 14 | 8  | 2 | 4  |      | 120 | 117 | 18  |
| Erne Gaels Belleek           | 14 | 6  | 1 | 7  | 3    | 168 | 163 | 10  |
| Lisnaskea Emmetts            | 14 | 6  | 0 | 8  | 1    | 186 | 211 | 11  |
| Kinawley Brian Borus         | 14 | 4  | 3 | 7  | 1    | 140 | 217 | 10  |
| Derrygonnelly Harps          | 14 | 6  | 0 | 8  | 2    | 159 | 199 | 10  |
| Maguiresbridge St Mary's     | 14 | 2  | 1 | 11 | 11   | 54  | 41  | -6  |

Sat 27 Jul (Final) Aghadrumsee St Macartans 3-12 Derrylin O'Connells 1-08

**Aghadrumsee St Macartans & Derrylin O'Connells were promoted to Erne Cup Division 2 for 2025.**

## **Summary of 2024**

In 2024, we continued with the same championship structure for the Senior and Intermediate Football Championships that had been used in 2022 and 2023. Slight changes were made to the schedule to provide additional breaks in the peak championship window, which were staggered between the two competitions. Once the national and provincial fixtures for 2025 are released, we will begin planning for 2025 as early as possible.

A change to the Ulster Club championship resulted in Fermanagh's Senior and Intermediate clubs getting Quarter Final and avoiding an earlier start, giving us a slightly longer window to operate within. In the end, it was badly needed, with the SFC Final being postponed due to dangerous winds and then the rescheduled game ending in a draw and requiring a replay.

## **Provision of Referees**

There were changes to the underage schedule this year with the addition of a competitive U12 football competition, resulting in added pressures with regards to the appointment of referees. As is set out in the Competition Regulations, each club must meet the basic target set for the provision of referees.

A word of caution - any club that does not have at least one active and available referee, who has passed all the appropriate requirements by the end of March 2025 will lose home advantage and that will remain the case until sufficient progress has been made. But going forward, one referee is not sufficient to meet the increased number of games taking place across the GAA, in football and hurling, and the LGFA, especially if clubs are intending to enter multiple teams in competitive underage competitions.

We would therefore encourage clubs to identify potential referees urgently and get them lined up for training over the winter months.

## **Discipline**

There was also an apparent growth in the scale of verbal abuse directed towards referees and other match officials, especially in underage matches. This unacceptable behaviour needs to stop and there is a responsibility, in the first instance, on members and on clubs to challenge such behaviour from within their clubs and to show good example to others. The GAA as a whole needs to ensure that appropriate disciplinary action is taken against those who are involved in such practices and to prevent it from recurring. Recent changes to the disciplinary process and a significant increase in the severity of suspensions for such infractions are not yet proving a sufficient deterrent. Much more work is needed on this in the coming period.

## **Reserve Football Competitions**

This year saw the reconfiguration of the Erne Cups and Reserve Football Championships into three divisions, with varying levels of success. A surge in the number of games conceded from 12 last year to 40 this year in the Erne Cup, albeit 11 of those 40 can be accounted for one team withdrawing early in the competition. The Reserve Football Championship possibly did not work as well with 3 grades, with 5 of the 6 finalists only playing a Semi Final and a Final in their respective competitions. Moving back to 2 grades for the Championship is well worth considering and an examination of the increased conceded games needs explored.

## **Trophies**

history of our clubs and our members. They are not just pieces of silverware but cherished emblems

of pride and achievement. They have often been named after people who have made a significant contribution to our association and have been donated by people who hold the GAA in the highest possible regard. It was therefore shameful to see the scale of damage inflicted on our most prized trophy in recent weeks—a clear reminder of the need for greater care and respect. As custodians of our association, we must ensure these symbols of success are preserved in pristine condition for future generations. We want to take this opportunity reinforce the importance of clubs and GAA members looking after our trophies, keeping them in good condition and treating them with the respect they deserve. Clubs are responsible for the preservation of trophies awarded to them and penalties will be imposed for any damage done.

### **New Playing Rules**

The recently adopted playing rules in Gaelic Football will intensify challenges for referees in club matches, particularly without neutral linespersons and umpires. Solo decision-making under pressure increases the risk of errors, disputes, and added strain on match officials. We would appeal to everyone to give the new rules time to bed in, to be patient with each other and with match officials.

The new rules on dissent and moving the ball on 50m will hopefully eliminate a lot of the unnecessary conduct that has crept into our games in recent years. The new rules will be challenging for all of us and will take time for their full implications to be known. A lot of work was put into their development and they deserve to be trialled for a one year period. There is a certain amount of flexibility allowed in a county with regards to the full implementation of the full suite of rules for underage competitions and that is a conversation to be had in the New Year.

### **Thanks**

We want to briefly thank a number of people who have assisted the Competitions Control Committee in carrying out our various tasks. Firstly, our sincere thanks to all members of the committee who gave up their time to help organise competitions within Fermanagh.

Thanks to our County Chairperson Brian Armitage for his support over the year. Our County Secretary Tom Boyle was always available to lend a hand where required and we particularly grateful for him for the help he provided with the timely processing of referees' reports. The County Treasurer Sean Burns, along with his team of gatemen and gatemen make matchdays run much smoother and a massive thanks to all of them for their thankless task of collecting money from people.

The Hearings Committee in the county play a vital role in offering members a chance to challenge any decision made by the CCC on disciplinary matters and our thanks to Pat McGurn, Martin McBrien and all members of that committee.

We are extremely grateful to Leanne Prior for administering underage football and hurling fixtures in the county on behalf of the Competitions Control Committee. It is hard to imagine, but it is an even more challenging job than administering adult fixtures. Thanks also to Eoghan Cassidy, who in his role as Chairperson of the Youth Committee, plays a key leadership role in offering a forum for club members involved in youth affairs across the county.

We want to offer sincere thanks to all of our club secretaries and team managers/mentors for their help, support and understanding with this year's competitions, along with the other club officials who helped out in anyway.

Thanks to Fergal Cleary who was Referees' Appointments Officer and made sure that every game was covered and to Dermott Love who served as the Referees' Administrator providing a vital link between the CCC and the Referees' Committee. Thanks to all those who volunteered

as referees, linespersons, sideline officials or umpires over the course of the year in what is a difficult but necessary role. We want to say a huge thanks to all clubs for providing their facilities to host matches this year.

We want to extend a special thanks to all the sponsors of Fermanagh GAA and on behalf of CCC a particular thanks to those who sponsored our competitions; Mannok (SFC), Cadco (IFC), Peter Carty Funeral Director & Headstones (JFC), Westville Hotel (SFL Division 1), Crust & Crumb (SFL Division 2) and B McCaffrey & Sons (Erne Cup).

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# Tuarascáil An Choiste na nÓg - Youth Committee Report

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The 2024 season for the Fermanagh Bord na nÓg, was always going to be a turbulent one, with the reversal of our age grades, after several years at odd ages, back to even age grades again. However, with the Bord na nÓg being led by a strong, diligent and passionate Chairperson in Eoghan Cassidy, no challenge that we encountered this season was ever going to divert attentions away from the main body of work of the Bord na nÓg, which is the provision of a safe and nurturing environment for young people to learn Gaelic games, develop their skills and reach their full potential within our county.

Our underage players in Fermanagh, will spend some of the most enjoyable days of their lives playing Gaelic games, socialising with their friends and making memories that will last a lifetime. They will do so during some of the most important developmental years of their lives. It is our responsibility to ensure, that they enjoy and participate in our Gaelic Games, where our games are conducted in a spirit of fair play, where everyone working on our behalf emphasises respect, equality, safety and non discrimination in all aspects of our work with children and young people, upholding the mission, vision and values of the GAA.

To that end, we are incredibly fortunate to have Eoghan as our Chairperson, with his integrity and great leadership, he oversees our games with great passion, enthusiasm and heart, ensuring the very best for our Fermanagh Gaels and a positive brighter future for Fermanagh Gaelic games going forward. So much of what Eoghan does goes unseen, but we are extremely fortunate to have him lead our Bord na nÓg and I cannot thank him enough for his council, time and commitment.

Tasked with considering several years' worth of underage performances, gradings, rankings, and results, our Fermanagh Youth Gradings Committee, consists of Eoghan Cassidy, Ciarán Carey, John Prunty, Thomas McElroy, Micheál McCaffrey, Sinead Casey and myself. I thank you all for your commitment, experience, and expertise in what is always a complicated and arduous task. This season was no exception, with the move back to the even age grades. Looking back, it took three years for the odd age grades to settle in and we envisage the ripple of problems changing back to evens to be no less complex.

Gradings proved exceptionally difficult this season, particularly with there being 28 teams at U12 level, there was much deliberation and consideration. Every member on that committee puts in an incredible amount of time studying these gradings, scrutinising league tables and challenging placings, to ensure we produce a fair, accurate and competitive grading of teams for the upcoming season. We owe each of them a debt of gratitude for completing this very thankless task.

As we say every season, gradings are not an exact science! We can only use the information at our disposal, we rely heavily on the honest input of clubs as to where their teams' abilities lie and are the first to admit that there may have been oversights made, we are only human after all! However, the more eyes studying this data, the more accurate our gradings can be, the more competitive our games will be and the greater the player development we can expect as a result. Anyone who has an interest in and wishes to join the gradings committee would be most welcome.

The topic of conversation that engulfed the 2023 Bord na nÓg convention was the reversal of the underage gradings back to evens! It was no secret at the time, in fact we could not have reiterated

enough, the great difficulties that would be encountered in doing so, the turbulence that would be created in fixture certainty, attempting to fulfil club leagues at the same time as Academy Leagues of the same age grades, in a narrowing calendar year, all whilst ensuring that any masterplan didn't overburden any age group or leave them with choices of picking between club or county. All of the challenges, hesitations and reservations of reverting back to even age grades, all discussed at length, were acknowledged and sidelined by a greater desire to have a Minor competition, which is the one age group that the gradings debate ultimately hinged upon.

The first quarter of the year entailed navigating through the Ulster Development CCC masterplan to ascertain where an even age grade Fermanagh fixtures schedule could fit in, countless conversations and meetings about the same, increased collaboration with the Academy Structures and the Fermanagh LGFA and endless versions of master-plans and potential calendars later, before a provisional document was published to delegates. Within days of publication, the single round of an U16 League was universally not acceptable and perhaps for the first time, delegates truly understood the great difficulties and uphill battle there would be trying to produce an even age grades masterplan that didn't have overlapping fixtures with the ages either above or below them or didn't compromise the integrity of our competitions or our county teams competing outside Fermanagh.

To accompany the new age grade masterplan, a revised and updated Rules and Regulations document also needed to be produced for the season. For the first time at youth level in Fermanagh, this document incorporated the rules for both codes (football and hurling). A great deal of time and effort went into preparing this document for the delegates to deliberate and discuss. We would like to personally thank the delegates for taking the time to comb through the finest details of the rules and regulations document, offering their wealth of experience and knowledge to help shape and revise the rules, so that we were able to produce an excellent, modern, up to date set of rules and regulations befitting our games.

Despite all of these changes, the season still got started towards the end of March with competitive leagues scheduled for football and hurling at U12, U14, U16 and U18 and championships for U14, U16 and U18 football and U18 hurling. A busy, ambitious and challenging schedule, fraught with obstacles, never too far from another bump in the road and constantly over-stretching, whether it be with referee's or daylight hours.

There have been 465 football fixtures scheduled on servasport this season for our youth and despite all of the hurdles, we still achieved a very respectable 95.25% fulfilment of football fixtures, which was equally as heartening as it was a relief. This figure would in fact be above 97% if we were to exclude the fixtures at U14 and U16 after Roslea unfortunately had to withdraw from both league competitions and conceded the remainder of their fixtures.

| <b>Football Competitions</b> | <b>No. of Games</b> | <b>Conceded</b> | <b>% played</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>U18 championship</b>      | 17                  | 0               | 100%            |
| <b>U18 League</b>            | 80                  | 3               | 96.25%          |
| <b>U16 Championship</b>      | 17                  | 2               | 88.25%          |
| <b>U16 League</b>            | 87                  | 8               | 91%             |
| <b>Féile (U15)</b>           | 32                  | 0               | 100%            |
| <b>U14 Championship</b>      | 18                  | 0               | 100%            |
| <b>U14 League</b>            | 92                  | 6               | 93.5%           |



| <b>Football Competitions</b> | <b>No. of Games</b> | <b>Conceded</b> | <b>% played</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>U12 League</b>            | 122                 | 3               | 97.5%           |
| <b>Season Totals</b>         | 465                 | 22              | 95.25%          |

Over the last number of seasons we have gradually continued to establish our additional Go Games schedule within the calendar. It was abundantly clear towards the end of last year and at the convention, that there was an even greater appetite for more structured games at these lower ages, to commence the fundamental skills along the player pathway earlier. From humble beginnings in 2022 with only 4 dates for two age groups (U7.5 and U9.5), something similar in 2023, to 20 dates in 2024 for 4 age grades (U7.5, U8.5, U9.5 and U10.5), across 35 venues. They truly were a tremendous success.

All clubs in the county were allocated 2 dates in the calendar to serve as the hosts for the blitzes, hosting a maximum of 9 visiting clubs for two hours of games. Almost all clubs honoured these dates and took their turn, with two clubs, Coa and Erne Gaels being unable to host on account of weather or ongoing works at the venues. A Microsoft Forms survey was emailed out each Monday for an expression of interest in the upcoming blitz. The surveys worked really well and the blitzes were successful beyond expectation, with almost 1200 small sided games scheduled for the young Gaels in the county. Whilst it was an extra burden of work each week, the benefits were well worth the efforts and I believe we will reap the rewards of this activity in the years to come, with delegates demanding more still!

Congratulations and very well done to all of the teams who have ventured outside the county to provincial and national competitions, Newtownbutler and Kinawley football Féile, Naomh Aodhan for hurling Féile, always representing Fermanagh with great pride and honour. I have no doubt Irvinestown will produce their finest football in the St. Paul's Tournament next month. This year's incredible showcasing of our games, competitiveness & ever-increasing talent, is a credit to each club, coach, volunteer and player in our county. It is always with great thanks and appreciation to them, that we were able to fulfil our fixtures in football and hurling and bring our competitions to successful conclusions.

The addition and inclusion of the hurling masterplan to the football masterplan, both published together at the start of the season, as one collective collaborative Bord na nÓg masterplan, so that both codes can harmoniously exist side by side equally, did indeed become a reality this season and, on paper if nothing else, it had all the hallmarks of an achievable success.

Whilst the administrative issues flagged up in 2023 were greatly improved this season, with the consistent submission of duplicate team-sheets and team registrations, the initial meetings of the hurling development committee were quite hopeful and an ambitious number of teams entering into each competition was heartening.

However, as the competitions commenced and teams began withdrawing or failing to adhere to the fixtures schedule, many other competing interests prevented multiple fixtures reaching their conclusions, greatly diminishing the integrity of the competitions and the 71.75% fixture fulfilment rate was in large part due to an excellent group of U12's. It would be greatly hoped that we can bring this age group up through the age grades, growing from strength to strength into adult hurling.

| <b>Hurling Competitions</b> | <b>No. of Games</b> | <b>Conceded/Unplayed</b> | <b>% played</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>U16 League</b>           | 12                  | 7                        | 41.5%           |
| <b>Féile (U15)</b>          | 4                   | 0                        | 100%            |

| Hurling Competitions | No. of Games | Conceded/Unplayed | % played |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------|
| U14 League           | 16           | 5                 | 68.75%   |
| U12 League           | 14           | 1                 | 93%      |
| Season Totals        | 46           | 13                | 71.75%   |

There were seven U12 teams, seven U14 teams, three U15 Féile teams and five U16 teams. The welcome addition of Cootehill Celtic GAA and East Cavan Gaels to the Fermanagh U14 and U16 competitions definitely bulked up the numbers per competition. However, particularly in the case of East Cavan Gaels, when the hurling age grades started to overlap with similar football age grades in Cavan, they were unable to field and fulfil fixtures, further hindering the successful conclusion of the scheduled games. Whilst at the beginning of the year there was ambitious hope of 8 teams for the small sided games at minor level, once Autumn began this had dwindled to two clubs and an unsustainable competition. A disappointing outcome for the players we hoped, would have some game time before entering adult hurling next year.

In an attempt to afford the Hurling memorial blitzes their rightful place in the masterplan, we have given them their own dedicated dates that we hope will become their annual slot and a date for all clubs to aspire to play in and fulfil. We attempted endlessly to introduce a Go Games Calendar, modelled on that of the football. Unfortunately however, there was little or no appetite for this at any age, with the exception of two hurling clubs for the most part and there really were no hurling blitzes fulfilled properly, aside from those that were Memorial Blitzes, which was disappointing. If we are not coaching our fundamentals as early as possible, I fear that there will be no teams to follow the great numbers and interest that there is at U12, which would truly be a travesty.

Comhghairdeas to all this season's football and hurling winners at Minor, U16, Féile, U14 and U12 and our commiserations to the runners up and those who narrowly missed out on the top two spots. The league tables and Championship results for both codes are available below.

#### Underage Football Finals for the 2024 Season

| Competition    | Winners       |      | Runners Up         |      |
|----------------|---------------|------|--------------------|------|
| U18A FC        | Irvinestown   | 3-8  | Derrygonnelly      | 0-11 |
| U18B FC        | Derrylin      | 2-10 | Tempo              | 1-8  |
| U18 FL1        | Irvinestown   | 3-6  | Derrygonnelly      | 1-8  |
| U18 FL2        | Belnaleck     | 2-13 | St.Patricks Donagh | 2-5  |
| U18 FL3        | Tempo         | 3-16 | Coa                | 1-6  |
| U18 FL4        | Roslea        | 4-11 | Aughadrumsea       | 2-8  |
| U16A FC        | Newtownbutler | 5-15 | Kinawley           | 4-5  |
| U16B FC        | Erne Gaels    | 4-12 | Lisnaskea          | 2-9  |
| U16FL 1 Replay | Teemore       | 1-13 | Kinawley           | 0-15 |
| U16FL 1        | Teemore       | 0-13 | Kinawley           | 1-10 |
| U16FL 2A       | Derrylin      | 1-15 | Coa                | 3-3  |
| U16FL 2B       | Ederney       | 1-13 | Belcoo             | 2-5  |
| U16FL 3        | St. Marys     | 2-15 | Devenish           | 1-8  |
| Féile na nÓg 1 | Newtownbutler | 3-4  | Kinawley           | 1-1  |

| Competition           | Winners       |          | Runners Up      |          |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| <b>Feile na nÓg 2</b> | Belnaleck     | 3-5 E.T. | Lisnaskea       | 3-5 E.T. |
| <b>U14A FC</b>        | Enniskillen   | 2-6      | Newtownbutler   | 1-8      |
| <b>U14B FC</b>        | Lisnaskea     | 6-8      | Belcoo          | 1-9      |
| <b>U14FL 1</b>        | Newtownbutler | 2-8      | Enniskillen     | 1-7      |
| <b>U14FL 2</b>        | Derrygonnelly | 4-9      | Kinawley        | 2-10     |
| <b>U14FL 3</b>        | Lisnaskea     | 1-16     | Belcoo          | 2-6      |
| <b>U14FL 4</b>        | Coa           | 5-8      | Devenish        | 3-6      |
| <b>U12FL 1</b>        | Enniskillen   | 7-12     | Irvinestown     | 5-6      |
| <b>U12FL 2</b>        | Enniskillen B | 5-14     | Teemore         | 2-10     |
| <b>U12FL 3</b>        | Aughadrumsea  | 7-12     | Belcoo          | 4-5      |
| <b>U12FL 4</b>        | Lisnaskea     | 6-16     | Maguiresbridge  | 7-9      |
| <b>U12FL 5</b>        | Teemore B     | 4-10     | Devenish        | 2-7      |
| <b>U12FL 6</b>        | Irvinestown B | 5-8      | Derrygonnelly B | 2-5      |

#### Underage Hurling Finals for the 2024 Season

| Competition               | Winners           |      | Runners Up       |      |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------|------------------|------|
| <b>U16HL Div 1 Cup</b>    | Cootehill Celtics | -    | Belnaleck        | -    |
| <b>U16HL Div 1 Shield</b> | Naomh Aodhan      | 2-16 | Enniskillen      | 0-11 |
| <b>Feile na nGael</b>     | Enniskillen       | 5-8  | Belnaleck        | 0-2  |
| <b>U14HL Div 1</b>        | Naomh Aodhan      | 5-9  | Lisbellaw        | 2-5  |
| <b>U14HL Div 2</b>        | Ederney           | 2-6  | Enniskillen      | 2-4  |
| <b>U12HL Div 1 Cup</b>    | Lisbellaw         | 2-10 | Knocks Grattan's | 1-3  |
| <b>U12HL Div 1 Shield</b> | Lisnaskea         | 9-16 | Enniskillen      | 0-4  |
| <b>U12HL Div 2</b>        | Naomh Aodhan      | 2-3  | Belnaleck        | 2-0  |

We truly have a great association in the GAA comprising of some of the best and most committed volunteers that any association could ask for, who are deeply rooted at its core. We have the ability to offer our youth, avenues to grow as individuals through sports, through culture, through heritage, and to offer adults and coaches development through administration and coaching, as well as a meaningful support network at the heart of everything we do incorporating many generations in one unique organisation.

The amount of excellent work done by GAA volunteers across Fermanagh is inspirational and often quite humbling. In most cases the commitment, hours, and devotion all too often goes unseen and unnoticed. Every dedicated volunteer is vitally important in shaping our youth for the future, leading by example, providing a safe environment for players to learn, grow, develop, and prosper, not only as players but as individuals.

The County Board owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to all of those clubs who organise their own tournaments, blitzes and competitions throughout the year in addition to the scheduled league, championship and Féile fixtures, notably in football the Gerard Cox Derrygonnelly Tournament, the Tommy Durnien Memorial Tournament, the Hugh Cathcart Kinawley Tournament, Óisín McGovern Teemore Tournament, Paul Bogue Tempo Tournament, Pauric McGovern Tournament Derrylin and in hurling the Joe Maguire Memorial Tournament Ederney, Jim Dundas Memorial Tournament Lisnaskea

and Shane Mulholland Memorial Tournament Lisbellaw. Any tournament or series of games organised over and above the Bord na nÓg schedule, is a credit to the clubs taking the initiative to orchestrate them and only serves to further improve our young, improve their fundamentals across the board and most importantly their enjoyment of our games.

We wish to acknowledge the work of Cumann na mBunscol and the teachers in our schools throughout the county who participate in and promote the Cumann na mBunscol competitions, training our youth and further promoting and enriching our games. I wish to take this opportunity to thank John Prunty, Cumann na mBunscol Secretary for providing an excellent detailed report for the 2024 season and always being an integral link between the Youth Board and Cumann na mBunscol throughout the year.

The tremendous work done by the Fermanagh Competitions Controls Committee headed up by Chairperson John McGovern and CCC Secretary Phil Flanagan is unrivalled. John, Phil and all the CCC members have an exceptionally difficult task orchestrating our annual master plan and trying to accommodate everything. An almost impossible task to please everyone, but John, Phil and the CCC members do an incredible job in the delivery of achievable master plans and often receive more criticism than deserved praise. However, we only ever strive to do our best, to be innovative in what we schedule to deliver and to offer competitive, meaningful games for all ages in the county.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Phil for the tremendous work he does for Fermanagh GAA, the endless and thankless hours put into his role at county level, setting aside the incredible work he does within his own club. I rely on Phil heavily to ensure that the youth masterplan is up to standard and that what the Bord na nÓg is delivering, is befitting the youth in our county and up to standard with the rest of Ulster. No better man to point out a flaw or two, but also no better man to come up with a workable solution.

Phil is an incredible asset, exceptionally knowledgeable and I am very fortunate to have his counsel at my disposal throughout the last few seasons. This season especially, when the new age grade implementation required a whole new rules revision. But through greater collaboration, research and lengthy meetings with delegates, we were able to publish an updated and workable rules and regulations document for 2024. Thank you Phil for your hard work and tireless efforts to advance Fermanagh GAA.

To our Children's Officer, Anita Kehoe, whom co-ordinates with club Children's officers and Designated Officers, keeps on top of our vetting processes, provides safe guarding training and training updates, ensuring that we in Fermanagh GAA are creating and maintaining the safest possible service and environment for our young people, we thank her for her diligence. Anita is always approachable, open minded and highly motivated, in a role that continues to grow in importance and significance. Fermanagh GAA are very lucky to have someone of Anita's calibre in the role. Thankfully, 2024 seen a vast improvement in the issues Anita was dealing with, especially at our lower age grades, with the implementation of silent sidelines in the county. This initiative is to allow our children to just "play" and "enjoy" our games without the negativity from our sidelines. Whilst the concept did take some time to bed in, over time and overall, it was a success and we hope it continues to improve next season as the initiative develops.

Many thanks should be conveyed to our county coaches Pat Cadden, Ultan Kelm, Johnny Garriety, Keith Reilly and the welcome addition of Fionan O'Brien, coaching our games throughout the county

at primary and post-primary level. This coaching is invaluable to our youth and their development. Much credit must go to our county coaches' commitment in continuing to delivering this service along with the additional demands of Academy activities.

Unfortunately, with the vacancies in Fermanagh coaching remaining unfilled, our County Coaches are stretched beyond capacity, what they are expected to achieve and deliver with the limited resources and diminished time frames, versus what is realistically attainable, doesn't match up and their prolonged over-exertion is not sustainable. They need more help and support, they need for Croke Park to legitimately listen to the concerns of the smaller counties and they need the jobs to become more attractive career prospects with competitive salaries accompanying them.

A special word of thanks must go to Teresa McNabb, the Games Development Manager. Teresa does a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes for coaching and games development within Fermanagh, all too often unnoticed and we are so fortunate to have her lead this team of coaches, as professionally and diligently as she does. Another lady who is incredibly busy with Fermanagh GAA commitments, but still manages to immerse herself in club activities and maintain a very busy household. We are so grateful for the time, dedication and selfless commitment you give to this county and the advancement of our games.

I wish to commend Gerard McLaughlin, Hurling Referee Appointments Officer, Fergal Cleary, Football Referee's Appointments Officer and Dermott Love, Referee's Administrator for their difficult jobs in appointing referees to officiate all of our games, often under challenging and strenuous circumstances. Our thanks and gratitude extend to each and every referee this season, who do an incredible and thankless job.

This season the referee's truly went above and beyond, particularly with the addition of officiating the U12 games. We thank them for all of their commitment, dedication and assistance in ensuring that our youth fixtures ran efficiently. It was heartening to see the number of new faces officiating this season, but as always, we need many more referee's in the county and would urge all clubs to consider new individuals to put forward to help the referee's committee. The days of referee's performing their duties at up to three fixtures on one day alone, is not sustainable and shouldn't be acceptable either.

A special word of thanks particularly to Fergal for his diligence in the role this season, always cool, calm and collected in his approach to workable solutions. This was an even more demanding season than 2023, I relied very heavily on Fergal to keep me right, definitely on more than one occasion this year, often spotting conflicts and oversights I hadn't even had the opportunity to see.

Whilst we had much less of an overlap with the Adult Championship fixtures for men and women in 2024 than that of 2023, it was still a few weeks overlapping too many, putting a tremendous amount of strain on our limited number of referees and extra work on ourselves adjusting and refixing whole rounds of games. However, we navigated our way successfully through it all, managing to get all fixtures officiated from U12 through to U18, owing to excellent collaboration between both committees, in particular with Fergal, who dedicates an extraordinary amount of time to his thankless role.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Brian Armitage for his support, confidence, and counsel as Fermanagh County Chairperson. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to County Secretary Tom Boyle and County Treasurer Sean Burns for their continued help, guidance, and encouragement throughout the season. I would like to acknowledge the help of the County PRO Deirdre Donnelly in

trying to ensure that the excellent sporting activities provided for our Gaels, are advertised on our social media platforms and given the recognition that they truly deserve, highlighting the tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes.

I wish to acknowledge the Hurling Development Committee and their new Secretary this year Roisín Smyth. The conversations of the hurling development committee within the county has highlighted a willingness to see the game progress, a keen desire to develop the hurling structures already in place but the small hurling community with a skeleton of highly motivated volunteers within the county is so exhausted and overwhelmed from years of struggling and trying to keep the spark of hurling alive in the county at youth level, that the incredible achievements of the Fermanagh Senior Hurling team definitely kept the fire ignited in their bellies this season. We need many more hurling coaches to step up to the plate.

In conclusion, I would particularly like to thank most sincerely, all club delegates and for their collaboration, patience, understanding and mutual respect throughout the year. Whether begging for pitches, debating gradings, rearranging fixtures (of which there was a considerable amount), or negotiating compromises, your co-operation has always been greatly appreciated. Delegates attending Bord na nÓg meetings is essential in driving our initiatives forward and ensuring that the Bord na nÓg are delivering a programme of games that our players want and our clubs buy into.

We truly value our Youth Delegates very necessary input to our Bord na nÓg meetings, our plans, and our decisions. They are the most important link we have with our clubs and youth players and are a fundamental part of our development as a county, as a whole. We require our Youth Delegates from both football and hurling on board, attending the Bord na nÓg meetings and helping steer our games and initiatives in both codes, developing both codes going forward into 2025 and ensuring a solid grounding for the legacy we wish to leave behind.

Whilst the position of Bord na nÓg Secretary is exceptionally demanding, challenging, frustrating and not always popular as on many occasion this season, it can also be hugely rewarding and inspiring. It is my honour to be in this position now eight years, to do the job we do and to work with the incredible Gaels we have around us sharing the same vision, even if it is at ridiculous o'clock at night and comes at a personal cost to us and indeed our very understanding families. We do it because we love these games, we are passionate about our county and its future and we are proud to be a small part of a very busy and hard working Fermanagh County Board.

I wish at this time to offer my sincere condolences to those families, who have lost loved ones over the course of the season. Ar dheis Dé go raibh said. May they rest in peace. I look forward to once again working with new and returning officers within the county and I am sure I am not alone in looking forward in anticipation to a New Year and a season full of even more fixtures and hopefully less turbulent obstacles and challenges in 2025!

Faoi dheireadh ba bhreá liom buíochas a ghabháil do gach duine a bheith i láthair anocht. Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise agus sláintiúil daoibh so léir. Finally, albeit a little early, I would like to thank everyone in attendance tonight. We wish you all an incredibly happy, prosperous and healthy Christmas and new year.

Leáine Nic an Phríora - Runaí Coiste Bord na nÓg Fhear Manach

# Tuarascáil an Choiste Oiliúna & Forbairt na gCluichí - Coaching & Games Development

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A chairde,

It gives me great pleasure to present my fifth, and final, Coaching Officer's report at tonight's 2024 Fermanagh GAA Convention.

Our Coaching and Games sub-committee met face to face this year and continued to communicate via other media means throughout the year.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to this group of volunteers namely:

- Teresa McNabb (GDM)
- Anita Kehoe (Children's Officer)
- Barry Owens
- Declan Deazley
- John Prunty (Cumann na mBunscol)
- Leanne Maguire (Bord na n-Og)
- Niall McElroy (Cumann na mBunscol)
- Shane McDermott
- Shaun Donnelly (Hurling Committee Representative)
- Simon Bradley (Secondary Schools)

Following last year's convention, the Coaching & Games sub-committee embarked on a countywide coaching review. One might have thought that this would have been an easy exercise to complete but once we discussed at length what the review would encompass this project grew legs and the projected timeframe for completion was the beginning of December 2024.

I am pleased to inform delegates here tonight that the review is completed. A date in early 2025 will be organised for presentation of the report findings and its proposed recommendations. The last part of the review is that the 4 – 5 key findings of the review forms part of the coaching & games development strategy for the next five years.

A sincere thanks to Prof. Stephen Behan of DCU for his professionalism and meticulous attention to detail in the collation and compilation of this review. To all those who undertook the review, attended the focus group meetings as well as individuals and groups who sent on their thoughts and ideas I really appreciate this.

A very special word of thanks also goes to our primary, secondary and 3rd level educational providers within the county who are supportive of the work that our coaching staff do. We really appreciate these providers, their teachers and lecturers who accommodate our staff while on their sites, promoting the GAA and providing a safe sporting outlet for all pupils.

Thanks also to our clubs who continue to utilise the expertise that we have within our coaching staff. Following on from last year's report, I appeal to you all to keep asking for help, guidance and assistance, as we are more than happy to help you all.

To our coaching staff of Teresa McNabb, Jonny Garrity, Keith Reilly, Pat Cadden, Ultan Kelm and Fionan

O'Brien I would like to sincerely thank you for all you do in promoting the GAA within our schools, clubs and academies. With your expertise, direction, passion and determination please continue this good work and challenge us all "Be the Best we can Be". I also would like to remind delegates that our coaching staff along with their existing roles have taken on additional work in the past 12 – 18 months following the departures of two long serving staff members for which we are very grateful.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to former Athletic Development Coach, Eoin Bradley, for his eight years of hard and sometimes unseen work in promoting our games, developing players for the rigour of senior inter-county competition, driving excellence in what we do and nurturing our coaches through their own pathways. I wish him good health and look forward to his continuous development.

However, with experienced staff leaving our organisation, we have unfortunately been unable to replace these despite numerous interview trawls. From feedback received from those who had, positions offered it is quite clear that the job role(s) is not reflective of the salary on offer. This was one of the issues quite clearly articulated to Croke Park and Ulster Council prior to HR becoming part of their remit and which they are struggling to address. The question that needs to be asked off them "are they doing all they can for Fermanagh GAA or is it a tick box exercise?"

Our GDM, Teresa McNabb, will give further detail on what our Coaching & Games staff have provided to us all in 2024 in her report.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our County Steering Committee of Chairman Brian Armitage, Secretary Tom Boyle, Treasurer Sean Burns and GDM Teresa McNabb whose expertise continues to ensure that we are able to support and develop our coaching staff as well strive to develop coaching and games within the county.

As Coaching Officer, I sincerely thank all those who assisted me in this role for the past number of years. I sincerely wish the newly elected Coaching Officer well in the role and hope that they receive all the help and support that I did.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to any member(s) who have may have lost a loved one throughout the year. May they rest in peace.

Finally, I would like to wish each one of you a happy and peaceful Christmas and a sporting, healthy 2025.

Is mise le meas,

Fearghail Ó Conchubhair  
Oifigeach Oiliúna  
Coiste Chonate Fhear Manach



# Tuarascáil an Bainisteoir Roinn na gCluichí - Head of Games' Report

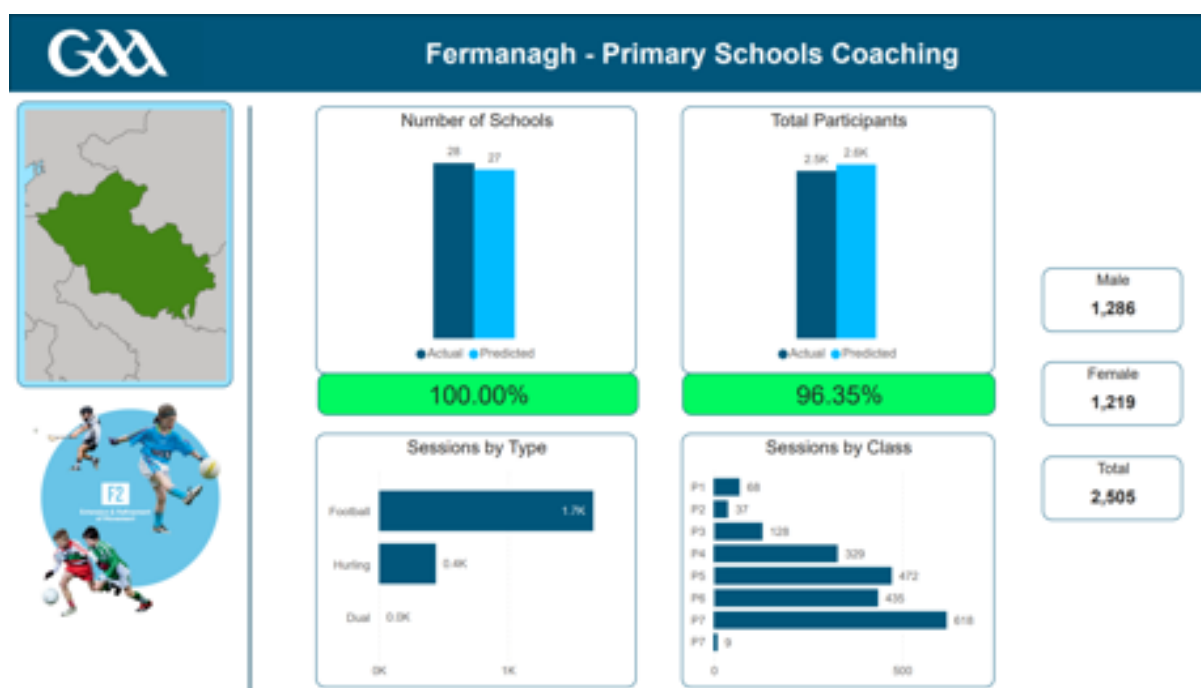
I am delighted as part of my role as Fermanagh Head of Games to be able to report to Clubs and members the successes and challenges of what has been another busy season.

I will outline the activities that took place during 2024 from a Coaching & Games department.

## Schools Programme -

Our Primary and Post Primary Schools Continue to receive a large amount of our time over the school year.

28 Primary Schools received Coaching support and blitz opportunities



Over the school year County Coaches have delivered Football and hurling blocks in our Primary Schools Programme and organised regional blitzes, this support continues to provide the highest standard of coaching and be a positive experience for pupils, teachers, and schools alike to which I would like to thank our hard-working staff for their professionalism in delivering a safe and fun programme for pupils, encouraging them to attend their Club sessions and keep working hard at their skills. This year we have a World Champion Handball player, coaching in both Primary & Post Primary schools. I would like to thank Megan McCann for her programme delivery in schools, camps and she is looking to work with coaches in Clubs to develop the game in the County – Megan is in post until March 2025, hence we are keen to get clubs active using her hands on support.

We are extremely lucky to have the quality of coaches working with our young players; Keith Reilly, Jonny Garrity, Pat Cadden, Ultan Kelm and Fionan O'Brien (placement)

We continue to promote strong club school link with your local primary school to ensure Gaelic Games

is the first choice of sports within the school and I ask Clubs to play a visible and important role in linking with schools in their area to maximise the opportunities for players, their club and schools.

Well done to the Fermanagh Cumann na mBunscol committee for all their competitions and events they organise over the year, a lot of planning and coordinating goes their games programmes - lasting memories for the pupils.

Thank you to all Primary Schools in Fermanagh, their principals and staff who continue to support and promote Gaelic Games within the County and who all work closely with our Coaching & Games team, this is greatly appreciated.

### Post-Primary Schools

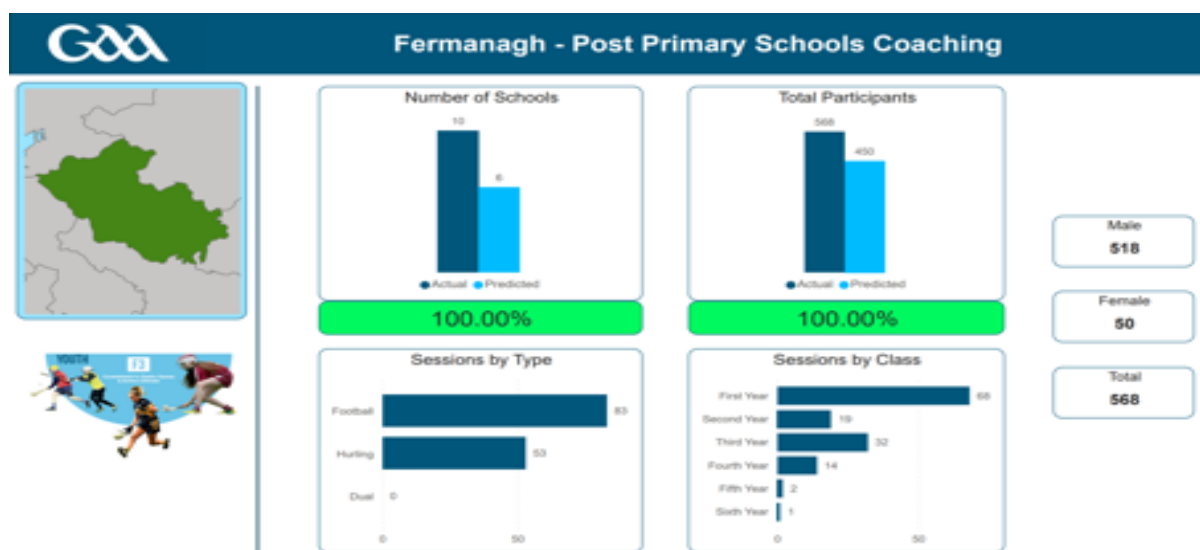
We continues to work closely with our Post-Primary Schools, support is provided across different areas such as skill development, athletic development, Super Games Programme, Coach Education and team preparation.

There is a small but hardworking, group of teachers who strive to prepare their teams for competition as best they can while always aiming to challenge and be as competitive as possible.

It was great to see St Michaels College U15 hurling team win the Corn De Danann Final on a scoreline 7:10 to St Paul's Bessbrook 1:15 this is a great achievement and well done to Shaun Donnelly (coach/ Hurling rep) and Frank Hughes St Michaels for training these lads and giving them the opportunity to compete. St Michaels have also entered a team in the U16.5 Maguire Cup & Sheild in early January 2025.

Well done to the St Michaels Year 8 football team won the Martin O' Farrell competition in May. Congratulations to St Aidan's Derrylin on a fantastic year on the field, U16.5 team winning the MacCormack Cup after a hard battle with Colaiste Feirste Belfast 0:09 points to 0:06 in January, followed by the U15.5 team winning the McEvoy Cup in April and then in May it was the turn of the U13.5 winning the Irish New Ulster shield Final, and their u14.5 girls reached their Ulster final but just came up short on the day.

In June our coaches organised and delivered Yr8 & Yr9 Football (boys & girls) 323 participated and 60 players participated in the Hurling Blitzes in Lissan, Schools were all really keen to play and it was a really enjoyable few day.



## Super Games

U13 Summer Regional Coaching delivered 5 weekly sessions to over 81 boys across 4 regions (Lissan, Derrygonnelly, Derrylin & Donagh) These were beneficial sessions to challenge and improve players against their peers. We had host of top coaching working with the players in the different regions and we thank them greatly for this -

James Mc Mahon, Tony Collins, Stephen McGullion, Declan McCusker, Paul Foy, Eunan Maguire, Niall McElroy, Raymie Johnston, Sean Bradley, Richard Ó Callaghan, Conor Doherty, Brendan Rasdale. Thanks to Keith Reilly for planning and coordinating this activity over the summer.

Keith also overseen the U14 Football development camp in Lissan, a special word of thanks to Fuel & Lubricants for Sponsoring the Camp. We also had Josh Largo-Ellis, Darragh McGurn, Stephen Jackson, Brendan McGuckin Nutrition, Niall from Lakeland Physio thanks to Mark Hoy for arranging, Marua McMenamin delivered One Punch Workshop & JD Café.

Coach Education opportunities are key to developing our coaches at all levels, this can be part of formal learning or informal. The Coach Pathway has been created to mirror the Player Pathway, ensuring that coaches are provided with the knowledge, skill, and capacities to develop players within and across phases of the Gaelic Games Player Pathway – “just for me” and “just in time – are the new focus of learning.

Coaches identified a lack of time and other commitments as barriers to engaging in learning. They said they wanted shorter, more bite-sized learning opportunities. Consequently, a key feature of the new approach is to provide flexible and modular courses. We are excited over the coming months to work closely with National level to be able to offer more opportunities for coaches to learn.



### Courses completed:

South West College ICGG -April & September 2024

St Aidan's Derrylin – Oct/Nov 2024

St Kevins Lisnaskea – Nov/Dec 2024

Belleek ICGG – Feb24

Derrylin ICGG – Feb24

Donagh ICGG – March24  
Tempo ICGG – March24  
Derrygonnelly – Nov24  
Cul Camp ICGG – June24

### **Workshops**

Fundamental Movement – Jan24  
Pre-Season Conditioning – Feb24  
Condition Games for Youth – Feb24  
Coaching Fundamentals through Games – Nov24

We encourage all Clubs and their coaches to continue on their Coaching Pathway, to avail of the different learning opportunities and develop their skills. Our Coaching team are available to work with clubs to help develop coaches over the winter period. Various Coach the Coaches sessions have been delivered across the County, bespoke programmes of support can be discussed and actioned for individual clubs.

Fermanagh GAA continue to partner with the South West College, to support and develop students on and off the field of play. We continue to provide coaching support to college teams, provide learning opportunities, share facilities, support the Freshers fair, organise a Wheelchair awareness session from Ulster GAA, provide resources etc.

Thank you to SWC staff Sharon McGrath and in particular Dermot Feely for all the unseen work that he puts into providing such opportunities for students.

### **GAA for ALL**

Ultan Kelm has delivered coaching blocks to Willowbridge & Fresh Focus groups on a weekly basis, this support has been well received from participants and staff. The improvement from the start of the programme to now has been great to see.

Wheelchair awareness sessions were organised in Willowbridge school and South West College and delivered by Ulster GAA Paul Callaghan.

We were also delighted to support St Pat's Donagh with there Summer inclusive Camp and well done to Patricia Bradshaw and the other club members doing great work in this area. We encourage clubs interested in setting up a GAA for ALL Club/hub to get in contact and will support and signpost the best we can.



## Cul Camps

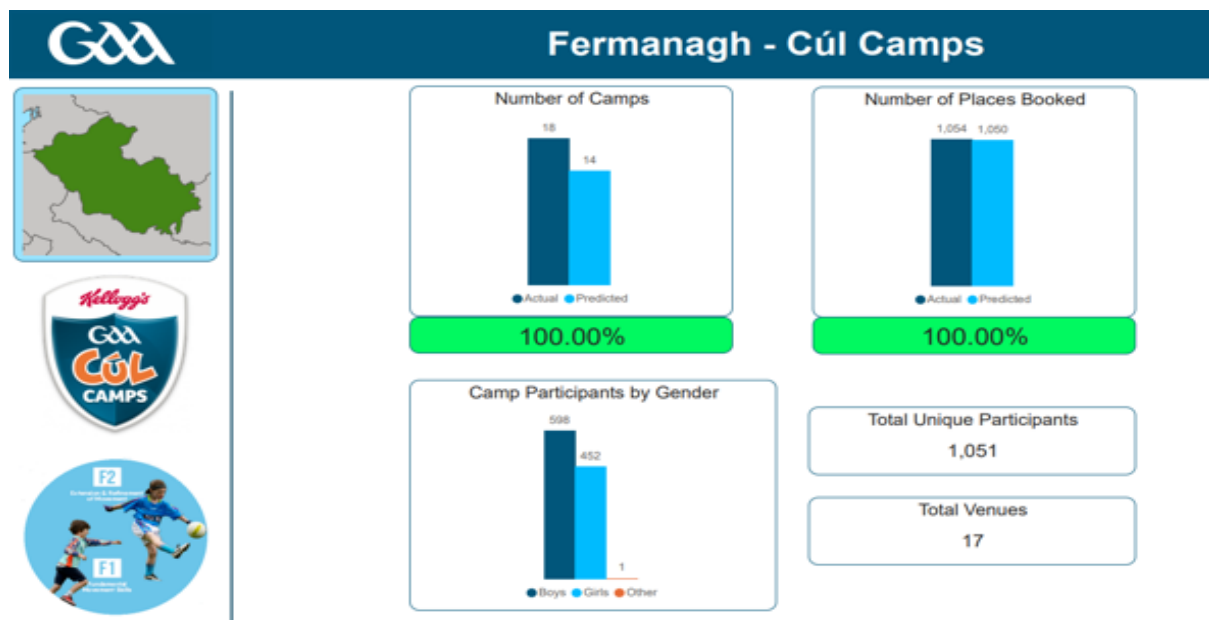
2024 Summer Cul Camps were once again well organised, 14 Camps with 1051 participants attending in a safe and fun environment. Thanks to all the clubs for supporting the running of Cul Camps and ensuring their facilities were of the highest standard. We encourage Clubs to continue to offer the Cul Camp experience and opportunity for their players, this does not mean that a Club offering can't be organized as well – our key aim is to maximize players Gaelic games experience and develop their skills in a fun and safe environment, this can be done through multiple opportunities over the summer. We are grateful to all the club coaches who supported the camps, their commitment and effort is much appreciated and thanks to their Club for recruiting and working closely with the Coaching & Games team and complying with policy.

We encourage clubs to plan ahead, identify potential cul camp coaches and get them ICGG qualified in Jan/Feb when courses are organised.

We will continue to face issues of having enough coaches to meet the demand for Cul camps places. Cul Camps continue to be delivered to the highest standard, giving children opportunities to play football, hurling and rounders on camp and this summer in we were able to offer a number of camps the opportunity to try handball on camp, thanks to Megan McCann Ulster GAA.

A lot of planning, organisation, and management of our Camps is down to the hard work of our Coordinators, they priorities safety and fun on camps at all times. Thank you to all our staff and the experienced coordinators who have helped deliver.

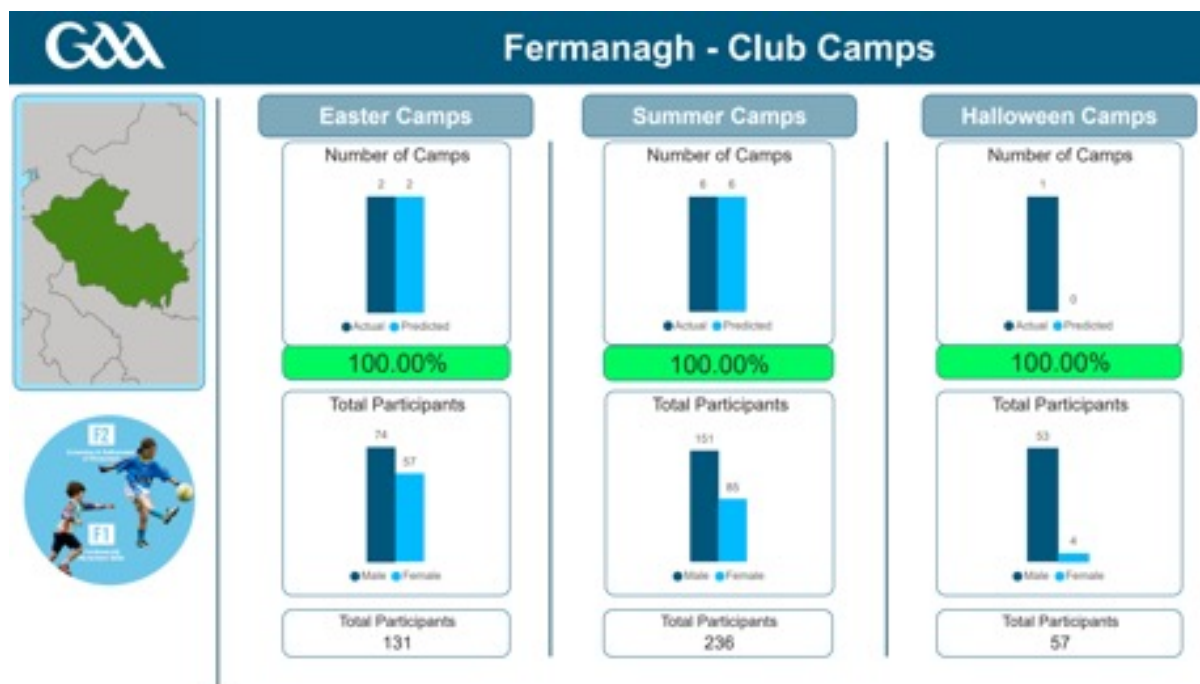
I must also highlight Croke Park's policy on Cul Camps and approving of Club Camps, these have been circulated a few times over the year and it is important Clubs are aware of them.



During the month of August, we also ran 5 Erne Camps with 237 children in attendance.

Easter time our coaches coordinated two regional camps 1 in Lisnaskea & 1 in Bawnacre Centre Irvinestown, a total of 131 children attended.

There was also an Easter Hurling development session for U13s on Wednesday 3rd April at St. Michaels College, also planned was a challenge game for U15 Academy however weather cancelled this. During Halloween, we delivered a Hurling & Handball camp at St Michaels College facilities with 57 participants



### Go Games

Well done to Leanne for coordinating a busy Go Games season, the number of games opportunities have multiplied which provides the most learning opportunities for our players. The best way players learn is through games, executing skills under pressure, decision making on and off the ball, the development opportunities are massive as long as the coaches ensure the right environment is there that we as coaches allow players to risk error to achieve success – Well done Leanne for logistics involved and to all the clubs who hosted and participated.

Half-time games are always in high demand from Clubs to participate in and for our young stars to watch our Senior intercounty players and then get the opportunity at half-time to try to emulate them.

This season we had 3 NFL & 3 NHL home games, along with Club Championship finals opportunities. Well done to Derrygonnelly Harps and Lisnaskea Emmett’s for once again planning and organising the U10.5 tournaments and to all the other clubs who organise invitational tournaments/ blitzes, these are important and valuable days for players.

A reminder that all clubs have the responsible to comply to GAA Go Games policy.

We need to ensure we continue to educate our new coaches on Go Games structures and policy, that our youngest players are protected and developed in the right environment.

The Croke Park Activity Day is always the highlight of the year for our young people, well done to all the players and their coaches for making this dream come true for them.

It is important that we continue to look at our Games structure and look at ways to better promote development in our leagues and championships so that we have competitive and meaningful programme of games.

The logistics of fixture scheduling is an extremely difficult one which involves taking into consideration a lot of other factors and is impossible to be perfect - I commend Phil & Leanne for their ability to put a masterplan together trying to be inclusive and maximise all the possible windows for playing opportunities.

At the forefront of it all we must ensure all our games for our players are challenging and of the highest standard possible and I believe we need to look at additional ways of offering this. National level is keen to explore possible blended games programmes to suit a counties structure, smaller sided games opportunities,

### **Hurling**

Fermanagh Hurling clubs continue to work hard to promote the game and participate in the internal and Tain Og competitions available. The Tain Og structure has been of great benefit to Fermanagh clubs over the last number of years however of late stronger clubs have been entering the competition, leading to development clubs struggling as a result.

We have 8 youth clubs registered however some of these are only able to field at 1 age grade and U8/ U10s in a good number of clubs have struggled to participate this season.

There is a need to focus efforts of Coach education support to volunteers within these clubs to encourage more involvement and provide substantial the opportunities for kids to play.

U13 hurling development are a very keen group coaching/playing opportunities, Mid-term break 3 days of coaching to 40+ player. In July (16th, 23rd & 30th) there were U13/U15 Coaching sessions held in Lissan to support players development and these were delivered by Ulster GAA RHDO's.

Setanta Programme ran 3 Fridays in April with 60 players participating, thanks to the clubs for supporting this programme and providing club coaches to support the sessions. 4 dates are being delivered (8th, 15th 29th Nov & 6th Dec) with 40+ players attending. The Setanta Coaching/ Games Programme for 10 – 13 year olds, allows players from all clubs to attend is open to new players as well. All players are integrated into teams to play games. Thanks to Patrick Delaney for coordinating these sessions and all the club coaches for assisting the smooth running of it.

We are very grateful to The Shane Mulholland Foundation who sponsored U13 Development camp in Lissan in August – this camp was also supported by 'Fermanagh and Omagh Distract Council'. This Camp is always a memorable one, the players receive skills coach, S & C, tactical awareness, player education, intercounty players attending, and each player received a bespoke jersey.

### **Fermanagh U15 Hurling Academy**

2024 Hibernia Cup Winners - this squad had a great season, with every game they grew in confidence, skill and teamwork. We recorded wins against Mayo B, Longford, Leitrim, Louth & Cavan – the squad topped their group and were presented the Hibernia Cup. This group was managed by Teresa McNabb and coached by Conor Wright Lisbellaw with help from Ulster RHDO Patrick Delaney, thanks also to

Shaun Donnelly for helping on the final blitz day.

In advanced of the Lory Meagher final and Celtic Challenge final, the senior and minor players held an open training evening in Lissan, meeting young players and signing autographs and taking time for photos.

The County U17 Celtic Challenge squad had a fantastic season winning for the first time the Corn Tom Hogan Cup beating Leitrim in the final. Congratulation to all the players and management of Cyril Dunne and his backroom team; Eamon Palmer, Colm McPhillips, Luke Dempsey and Paul Rafferty. The group had a tough Ulster Development league; however these games hardened their resilience in a bid to reach the final only for the 2nd time in the history of the competition. This is a talented group of players.

Congratulations to the Senior Hurlers on winning the Lory Meagher in Croke Park – lead by Captain Ryan Bogue – These players are all role models to our underage players.

They have inspired our youth and encouraged the Celtic Challenge players especially – At least 10 of senior winning team have all played on Celtic Challenge teams.

Thanks to the players for their commitment and effort and the coaches who work tirelessly week in week out – well done.

I would also like to thank our RHDO Patrick Delaney for his work with schools and his support along with a number of his colleagues Kevin, Eamon & Declan who have taken Academy/development sessions.

Thanks to Roisin Smyth Secretary of the Hurling Committee for her ongoing work and due diligences behind the scenes to promote hurling and ensure games are played.

A special word of thanks to Mary McElroy who was always willing to take photographs of everything hurling (and football) for the promotion within Fermanagh and further afield – Thanks.

### **Academies**

Our U16 & U15 Academies teams participated in their respective national competitions. The U15 squad lost out to Clare 1 & Longford, conceded to Sligo and won against Leitrim. Thanks to Keith Reilly, Tommy McCaffrey for working with these players over the season.

The U16s were in a tough group of the Gerry Reilly Cup, losing out to Cavan, & Louth (Antrim game was not played), the last two playoff games were both away to Tipperary and Antrim ending in defeats. Thank you to Fergal Shannon and Kevin Martin for all their time and hard work with these players over the season.

Thanks to CCC trying to plan a master plan for teams and including all the academies. It is important that we can communicate a clear plan around Academies fixtures and weekly sessions to ensure Academies players are allowed to maximise their development opportunities. We aim to work closely with CCC and Clubs to put plans in place accordingly. The more our players can develop through Academies and schools the stronger the players are for their clubs – Support from all Clubs is important for our academies to be the best they can be. We ask Clubs to encourage & support their players to attend the various coaching/games and help communicate between players/parents/coaches.



Thank you to all the Clubs who have provided their facilities which is key to giving players every opportunity to reach their potential, from time to time we will be looking to Clubs to please make their pitches and gyms/facilities available so we can work continue to build on players progress.

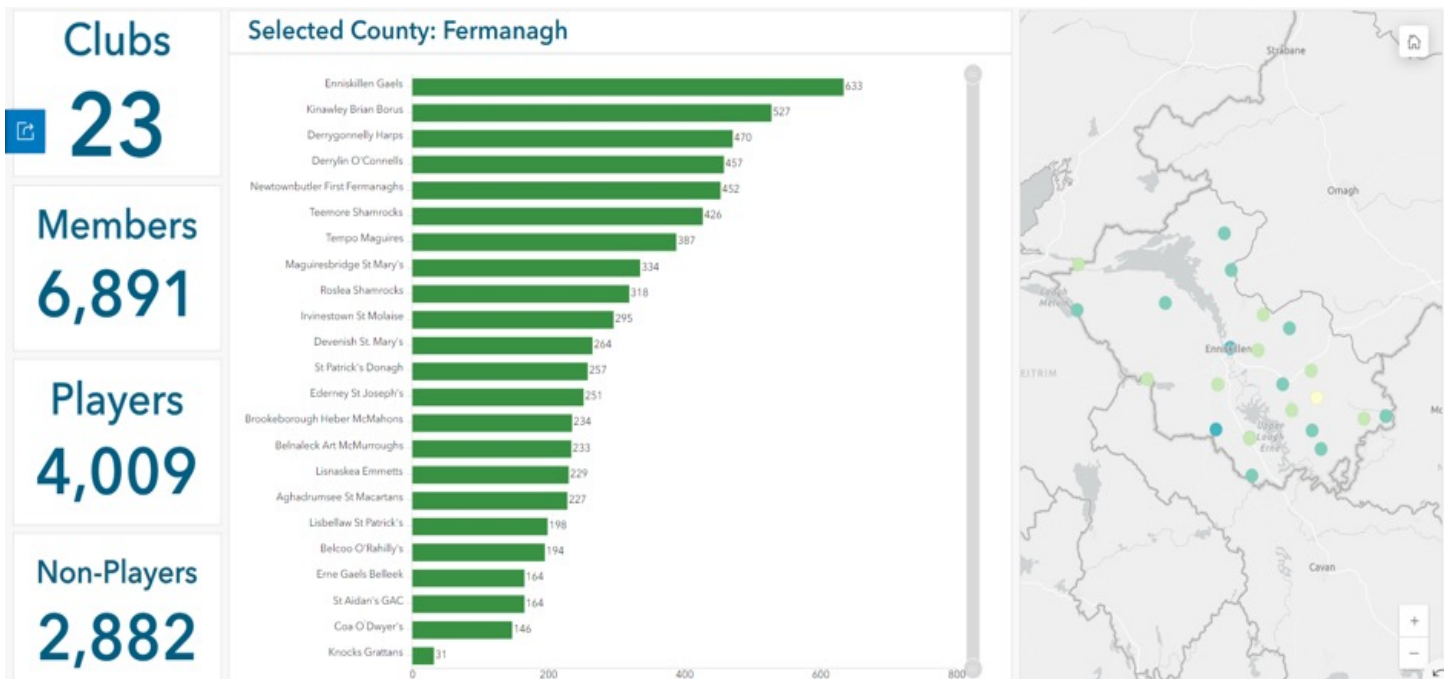
### County Minor

The County Minors footballers lost their 4 games in the Ulster league against Donegal, Monaghan, Tyrone & Down. In the Championship Fermanagh, finished bottom of the group and then entered the Tier 3 competition Prelim Quarter-Final, travelling to the Connacht Centre to play Limerick, like a few of their other games, the players started brightly and had lots of opportunities but failed to make an impact in the second half, which brought a close to their season. Thanks to manager Niall McElroy and his management team of Niall & Eunan for all their time and hard work with these young players and too the players your effort could not be faulted.

Thank you to the County Minor sponsor Tracey Concrete and Patsy for his ongoing support to the County Minors

| # | Team      | P | W | L | D | F  | A  | Pts |
|---|-----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1 | Donegal   | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 67 | 44 | 6   |
| 2 | Tyrone    | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 67 | 42 | 6   |
| 3 | Monaghan  | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 60 | 67 | 4   |
| 4 | Down      | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 67 | 48 | 4   |
| 5 | Fermanagh | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 25 | 85 | 0   |

A discussion for another day but its important that Clubs are aware of the potential there is in their area and likewise the difficulties small rural areas will have in fielding teams in the not too distant.



## **Acknowledgements**

Thank you to all the Clubs and especially the Youth Officers who work closely with myself and the Coaching Team, we endeavour to organise and deliver various programmes which will help Clubs develop, we are only too happy to communicate and work with clubs to support their volunteers,

Thanks to Tom Boyle County Secretary who is always available to provide guidance, support, and assistance throughout the year, the unseen work which Tom get through is truly on a different level and always done for advancement of Fermanagh GAA – Thank you Tom.

Thanks to County Chairman Brian Armitage, Treasurer Sean Burns, for all their advice and support. Thank you to Ferghal O'Connor County Coaching Officer, for his support to myself and the Coaching Team, it has been a pleasure to work with Ferghal over the years in his role and I thank him for all his hard work and we look forward to the release of the Coaching Review report in early 2025.

Thanks to the Steering committee (Brian, Sean, Tom & Ferghal) for your flexibility and commitment to meeting regularly on pressing Coaching & Games business and ensuring we are moving in the right direction. Appreciation also goes to the County Coaching Committee for their input and support (Co. Coaching Committee; Leanne Prior, Anita Kehoe, Simon Bradley, Declan Deazley, John Prunty, Niall McElroy, Barry Owens, Shane McDermott and Shaun Donnelly, chaired by Ferghal O'Connor).

Thanks to Youth Board Chair Eoghan Cassidy for his continued promotion and leadership on behalf of the Youth Board, thanks to our extremely hard working and dedicated Secretary Leanne Prior and CCC Chair John McGovern, Secretary Phil Flanagan for all their support and flexibility to various requests from Coaching & Games.

Thank you to Fergal Cleary, Dermott Love, Gerry McLaughlin & all their referees, for facilitating a referee for any of our games we may have, be Schools/Academies, they are very supportive. Thanks to Children Officer Anita Kehoe for her support and advise in relation to Safeguarding issues and is always on the end of a phone. Tiernach Mahon thanks for your information and signposting across different areas.

Club Eirne continue to do great works, a special mention to committee members namely Ger Treacy/ Sean Burns/Stephen McElrone and others who continue to fundraise for the development needs of our Youth and teams/facilities within the County.

Thank you to Deirdre Donnelly for all her PRO support and promoting of all things Fermanagh.

I would like to thank Ulster GAA under the stewardship of Director of Coaching Dr Eugene Young and Provincial Games Manager Jimmy Darragh and the Ulster staff for their support to Fermanagh. At National level we work closely with Shane Flanagan, Seamus Kenny, Mark Gottsche & Mike Henchy from Games Development, I thank them for their time and support given.

Thank you to all Clubs for making their facilities available over the course of the year, without which we would be lost and thank you Enniskillen Gaels for making Brewster Park available for numerous half-time games, finals, and other activities, this is greatly appreciated.

To all our Club Coaches, Academy coaches, Schools Coaches, and management teams for their efforts over the year in striving to improve, develop and support Gaelic Games, it is greatly appreciated –

thank you.

At Easter Time Eoin Bradley left his Athletic Development role after 8 years of service to Fermanagh GAA, we thank Eoin for his hard work in developing players along the pathway and his commitment to Fermanagh GAA, I would like to wish Eoin and his family well and thank him all he did.

Finally, to thank Fermanagh Coaching and Games Team Keith Reilly, Jonny Garrity, Pat Cadden, Ultan Kelm and Fionan O'Brien for their dedication and tirelessly work Coaching and supporting players and coaches on the ground, they always make themselves available for Coaches/Clubs.

They are an extremely enthusiastic teams and it is a pleasure to work along sides them all and we are lucky to have such quality and experience within our team.

My sincere condolences to all who has lost loved one in 2024.

Finally too wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and look forward to working with you all in 2025.

Is mise le meas,  
Teresa McNabb  
Fermanagh Head of Games.

# Tuarascáil an Choiste Iomána- Hurling Committee

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As we look back on the year it is important that we remember how the year started with GAA CCC's recommendation to exclude Fermanagh and other so called weaker counties from the National Hurling League in 2025. Thankfully representatives from our clubs stood together and agreed at our county meeting on the 10th December to oppose this and eventually the correct decision by CCC to drop the proposal was made.

I want to thank all who spoke out and stood up for our current & future hurlers, we may be deemed a weaker county but those who play and promote hurling in Fermanagh do so with the same passion as any other throughout the GAA and therefore should have the same opportunities to shine.

In 2024 the season started with U20's competing early in the year.

The County Minor Hurlers competed in Ulster Development league and the Celtic Challenge and on the 1st June in Ballyshannon the lads were successful in lifting the Celtic Challenge Cup, this being the first time Fermanagh won the competition.

The next day 2nd June we watched with pride as our senior hurlers climbed the steps of the Hogan stand to lift the Lory Meagher Cup it was a great weekend for the players and management of both teams.

In August we went on to see our U15 Development squad win the Hibernia Cup thanks to the players & coaches.

All the work at county & club level by the coaches over the last number of years has built to the success we seen this year and we thank all the coaches who have worked with the teams over the last number of years but most of all we thank the players for their commitment. It would be remiss of me not to mention all the parents/guardian who bring the young players to training, matches throughout the year for club and county, we know that there is a lot of travel thank you all.

Both St. Michael's College and St Aidan's competed in the Ulster Schools competitions and we thank Shaun Donnelly, Frank Hughes in St Michaels and Sean Bradley in St Aidan's for the work they are doing in the schools. St Michaels u15.5 team won the Corn de Dannan in late December this was a first for the school.

Playing hurling in your club is the foundation of it all and there is a small number of hurling coaches who have worked hard throughout 2024 to promote hurling at the grass roots. We had clubs taking part in the Tain Og competition, this was a competition initially set up to promote hurling in the weaker counties, and some feedback this year has been that the original ethos has been lost.

In April the County Feile na nGael competition took place in Derrylin and Enniskillen progressed to represent the county in Wexford in June.

The county league was changed to evens this year we had 7 clubs enter teams in U12, 5 clubs compete in U14's & U16's (including two Cavan clubs). The committee has discussed at length how we should ensure that all the young people who want to play hurling should be given the opportunity. This year

we seen some clubs not able to field at different age groups due to lack of numbers and then further limited due to a maximum of 4 sanctions allowed to a club. This meant that a number of young lads not getting to play hurling at club level. This needs to be addressed if we are to continue to build the foundations of hurling in our county, no player should be left without competitive hurling at club level.

As we know Monday nights is allocated to hurling, throughout the year it was noted that a number of clubs did not abide by this. In order to grow the code we need all clubs to promote hurling in the county and give all players the opportunity to play hurling.

I would like to thank Leanne Prior for her dedication as county youth secretary and for running the fixtures programme. I also wish to thank Teresa McNabb and Patrick Delaney for the promotion of hurling at youth level and for organising of the hurling development programmes/ camps at Easter, Summer and Halloween. We also had the Setanta programme on Friday evenings.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thanks to all our hurling clubs & coaches who work tirelessly to develop our game and keep the game going.

As the committee agreed in our first meeting back in January it was vital we all worked together to ensure we give our young people have the opportunity to hurl, as a committee we can only ensure that if we work together at all levels.

Róisín Smyth  
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# Tuarascáil an Choiste Riaracháin na Réiteoirí - Referees' Administration Committee

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## Introduction

I would like to begin this report by thanking the referees within the County for their efforts and commitment during the 2024 season and members of CCC who have provided consistent support to referees during the season. There are various aspects to refereeing and the brief seems to be changing every year and with another plethora of rule changes on the horizon, 2025 will produce more challenges.

## Training

For those who are unaware, all referees MUST complete PSNI/Garda vetting, safeguarding training, Rules test and fitness tests before stepping onto a pitch. These are the minimum standards as indicated by Croke Park and I'm pleased to report the Fermanagh panel of referees meet these standards. We have secured the services of some new Assessors this year which has allowed us to provide independent feedback to all referees and the mentoring programme for new referees is continuing.

## Games

It's our aim that games are shared equally between clubs and referees and with this in mind CCC in association with the referees committee have indicated that every club should cover 3.0% of games. The table below is an indication of how this has evolved during the season and it's clear that some clubs are carrying an excessive workload. The only club falling below the threshold was Teemore and I'm hopeful this issue will be addressed before the start of the 2025 season. Although Erne Gaels also fell below the level this was primarily due to Niall Cullens inter County commitments. It's a credit to Fermanagh referees and particularly our Appointments Officer (Fergal Cleary) that nearly 800 games were covered in Fermanagh this year, this includes a 30% increase in youth games from previous seasons.

## Championship

The County Championship format this year was again highly successful but came at a cost to referees. The logistics around providing 4 officials for some championship games on the same day and at different locations can be challenging. Again, I would like to thank the referees for their commitment and diligence during this period. On reflection of the Championship referees found the most difficult aspect was securing umpires for their respective games. I understand that refereeing isn't for everyone, but I urge clubs to do more to support your referee and put in an effort to secure a team of umpires.

Referees are currently getting more support for their umpiring duties from their refereeing peers rather than their own club. So much coverage is rightly directed to the "respect" campaign, but I can confirm that sending numerous text messages or making phone calls hours before a game trying to secure a final umpire is every bit as stressful has been challenged on the football pitch.

The Championship format was overall a great opportunity for referees, and we had the opportunity to officiate in highly competitive games which will benefit all aspects of Fermanagh football going forward. This season the Senior championship final required a replay to separate the teams and this gave an opportunity to two referees, both equally competent and at different stages of their respective careers. Congratulations to Nigel Sweeney and Eoin Murphy who contributed to the spectacle and

excitement of both matches.



***Junior Football Championship Final***



***Intermediate Football Championship Final***



*Senior Football Championship Final Replay*



*Senior Football Championship Final*



| Club                     | % of games officiated<br>2024 | % of games officiated<br>2023 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Aghadrumsee              | 7.31                          | 4.79                          |
| Belcoo O'Rahilly's       | 7.1                           | 6.61                          |
| Belnaleck                | 4.77                          | 1.71                          |
| Brookeboro               | 5.51                          | 5.59                          |
| Coa O'Dwyers             | 6.78                          | 5.36                          |
| Derrygonnelly Harps      | 7.94                          | 6.84                          |
| Derrylin O'Connell's     | 3.28                          | 6.5                           |
| Devenish St. Mary's      | 9.53                          | 8.55                          |
| Ederney St. Joseph's     | 4.87                          | 5.02                          |
| Enniskillen Gaels        | 6.67                          | 7.18                          |
| Erne Gaels               | 2.33                          | 0.91                          |
| Irvinestown St. Molaise  | 4.98                          | 6.27                          |
| Kinawley                 | 4.24                          | 3.88                          |
| Lisnaskea Emmetts        | 3.5                           | 9.46                          |
| Maguiresbridge           | 3.81                          | 3.76                          |
| Newtownbutler            | 4.56                          | 2.39                          |
| Roslea Shamrocks         | 3.81                          | 1.82                          |
| St. Patrick's Donagh     | 3.71                          | 3.65                          |
| <b>Teemore Shamrocks</b> | <b>0.21</b>                   | 5.36                          |
| Tempo Maguires           | 5.08                          | 4.33                          |

## Hurling

Hurling continues to develop within Fermanagh and once again referees are playing their part. I would like to thank the hurling referees for their continued commitment to hurling within the county. The referees are now extending themselves further and have been officiating at provincial level (Gerry McLaughlin & Michael Keown) which once again illustrates their commitment to the progression of the game. Fermanagh had 40 scheduled hurling matches last season and although that figure is small in comparison to other counties the growth should in the last few years is a credit to all involved.

## National Level

Fermanagh has a small panel of referees and yet continues to generate quality officials who excel at National Level. Niall Cullen has been representing his County and club with great aplomb in recent years and was once again retained on the National League panel for 2024. Eoin Murphy and James Lewis are included within the Provincial panel for 2024 and we wish Niall, James, and Eoin well in the future and we hope that others can see the opportunities that can be availed of.

## Ladies Football

Ladies football in Fermanagh is thriving and once again referees are playing their part. We are again talking about the same group of people, nearly half the current refereeing panel are doubling up to referee ladies' football. This again demonstrates the commitment of the current panel where they have additional rules to learn notwithstanding the continuing pressures of time and other resources.

I would urge all clubs to encourage some more ladies take up refereeing, especially those who have recently retired from the game, their experience of ladies' football should be retained.

### **Recruitment**

Refereeing isn't easy, it is physically and mentally demanding, but it is rewarding. The refereeing committee have tried numerous approaches to recruit referees with some limited success but regrettably the most successful method of recruitment is proving to be the threat of removing home games. This approach is by no means favoured but clubs must realise that referees (like footballers) have a shelf life.

30% of the current refereeing panel are over 50 years of age and clubs need to prepare for their inevitable retirement, so please be proactive, help your club and county and take recruitment seriously. I will remind all clubs that all referees must complete PSNI/Garda vetting, this is the responsibility of the referee and their respective club. Many thanks to the efforts of clubs who have provided new referees this season Roslea (Martin McClave), Aghadrumsee (Gerry Grew), Belnaleck (Aaron Quigley), Maguiresbridge (Mattie Teague). Four new referees in Fermanagh within one year is an excellent result in comparison to previous years, I hope this development continues.

### **Conclusion**

This year has proved once again, difficult for Referees and although recent initiatives such as "silent sidelines" has been a good forward step, we are still well short of an acceptable standard with regards to player and supporter behaviour. There are however many positive moments, matches and events and it's important to focus on this. I would finally, on behalf of the Refereeing Panel thank everyone for their kindness and support during the 2024 season especially the members of CCC who work tirelessly on our behalf.

Is Mise Le Meas

Diarmaid Gadhra  
Referee Administrator

# Tuarascáil an Choiste Sábháilteachta & Áiseanna - Safety & Facilities Committee Report

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## **Lissan - Pitch Usage**

Overall, both pitches held up well throughout the season, however this was mainly due to reducing the usage in February and March, otherwise both would have been unplayable. The inter county season lasts 9 months, the majority of all county squads training and preparation takes place in the six-month period from November to April and eases off from May to July.

The downside of the initial six-month block is no growth so maintaining a grass surface is a challenging process with only two pitches which are overrun, Joe Prunty is key to helping us maintain a good surface and many thanks to him for his advice and help.

## **New LED Floodlights**

With help from the Ulster Council, we were successful in obtaining a grant to install a new set of LED lights for the top pitch at Lissan, these should be operational by February

## **Gym**

We increased the size of the gym to comfortably accommodate a full intercounty squad and now have a fantastic 2,500 sqft gym facility fully kitted out.

## **Wind Turbine**

The new wind turbine has been installed at Lissan by Conrick Power, we are in the process of negotiating a new pricing structure with Conrick Power

## **Lissan Overview**

Lissan can now facilitate all our intercounty squad requirements on one site from training, meeting, eating plus strength and conditioning

## **St Michaels Partnership**

To alleviate the chronic shortage of access to pitches we entered into a partnership agreement with St Michaels which involved the resurfacing of their pitch, we also intend to repurpose the lights from Lissan. The pitch shall be shared between all county teams and St Michaels.

## **New Development at Ashwood's Road, Enniskillen**

We are delighted to announce we have sale agreed to the purchase of 25 acres on the Ashwood's Road in Enniskillen subject to approval by Croke Park. This ambitious project aims to increase training facilities for county teams both male and female plus development squads for football and hurling. It is a commitment to the growth and prosperity of the county that continues to build and shape a bright future for our county. At last year's AGM we made aware that further land to develop more pitches at Lissan would not be possible and we had taken the decision to follow a twin site strategy and we would aim to source 20 plus acres on the edge of Enniskillen to develop this site. Lissan is always going to be a key part of our facilities infrastructure and to replace it would cost £2m unfortunately there is no land available to further develop pitches at the site. Central to our thinking is the future amalgamation of the GAA and the LGFA and how we as a county can accommodate the need for both organisations. The new site when complete shall accommodate 3 pitches, county offices car parking and a pitch to host competitive matches. Including Lissan and St Michaels this will allow us access to six grass pitches. A key advantage with this site is that it allows us to plan for elements we could

never achieve at Lissan, plus it leaves a footprint for both us and all future generations to work and build on. We won't achieve this in a few years but we now have the land and location to really dream and set the first steps towards all that we need and it will take generations of Fermanagh Gaels to achieve this. An overnight success takes 10 - 20 years. A small dedicated group have shown great resilience to achieve this important stepping stone for the county namely Seamus McMahon, Lauri McCusker, Sean Burns. No project like this is achieved without the local knowledge to help locate the site and financial support of likeminded Fermanagh Gaels to help secure it. A few individuals who wish to remain anonymous have been very exceptionally supportive and without their help it would simply not be happening, a huge thankyou to these Gaels.

Our strategy is to develop the site in Phases –

#### **Phase 1: 5 Years 2025 - 2030**

- Two Full Size Sand Grass Training Pitches Floodlighting, Fencing & Catch Nets
- One pitch to host competitive matches with adjoining meeting and changing facilities, Strength & Conditioning Performance Hub
- Car & Coach Parking, initial outline works

#### **Phase 2: Years 2030 - 2035**

- Aim to host games club championship games , Sports Pavilion and stand, 4 sets of changing rooms Multi-Purpose Hall, Meeting Rooms, Office Accommodation, Kitchen, Treatment/ Physio Rooms, Toilets

#### **Funding Sources**

We are currently in talks with Croke Park for grant aid plus Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Club Eirne

#### **Brewster Park**

We were awarded a grant of £30k from Sport Northern Ireland towards the relocation and upgrade of the accessible viewing platform in the John Vesey stand.

#### **Ulster Council Grant**

In partnership with Enniskillen Gaels, we applied to Ulster Council's Capital Infrastructure Grants Scheme for:

- Full replacement of the roof on the John Vesey stand - Complete
- Upgrade of male and female toilets that service the John Vesey stand – Complete in 2025

We were awarded £125k, and the roof has now been replaced, and we are in the process of upgrading the toilets. Many thanks to Enniskillen Gaels for their cooperation on this project.

#### **Club Loans**

Croke Park launched their club development loan fund this year, congratulations to all the clubs who were successful.

#### **Thank you**

I would like to thank Seamus McMahon and Lauri McCusker for all their hard work and support throughout the year, also a special note of thanks to Sean Burns.

Sean Donnelly

# Tuarascáil an Choiste Pléanála agus Traenála - Planning And Training Committee Report

The year 2024 has been pivotal for the GAA as it continues to implement strategic programmes that strengthen club and county operations, leadership, and community engagement. This report will delve into the comprehensive training efforts, resource development, and strategic planning initiatives that have set the foundation for robust growth in 2025 and beyond. These efforts underscore the GAA's commitment to empowering its members through knowledge, support, and leadership.

## A. Club Officer Training 2024/25



### 1. Role Induction Webinars

The induction webinars have become an integral part of the GAA's strategy to seamlessly transition new officers into their roles while refreshing the knowledge of current officers. These webinars aim to create a baseline of competence and confidence among club leaders.

#### Key Features of the Webinars:

- **Content Breakdown:** Sessions include modules on governance, financial management, member engagement, and strategic leadership. Detailed explanations are provided to help officers understand how to document meeting minutes effectively, prepare budgets, and engage with members to foster a sense of belonging.
- **Interactive Q&A Sessions:** To ensure practical understanding, webinars feature a live Q&A segment where officers can pose specific questions related to their club's unique circumstances.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples and case studies are presented to illustrate challenges faced by clubs and the solutions that have been successfully implemented elsewhere.

#### Webinar Benefits:

- Immediate access to valuable resources and guides post-session.
- Networking opportunities among officers across different counties through breakout rooms.

#### Webinar Series Dates:

- 7th January 2025: Ulster Council focuses on Northern club-specific insights.
- 8th January 2025: Connacht Council addresses rural club engagement strategies.

- 15th January 2025: Leinster Council’s session will discuss high-population club management.
- 16th January 2025: Munster Council presents case studies on regional cooperation.

## 2. Club Governance Workshops

Club governance workshops represent a proactive approach to empowering officers to maintain transparent, effective leadership within their clubs. The 2024 initiative places an emphasis on real-time problem-solving and practical governance tools.

### Workshop Agenda:

- **Understanding Your Constitution:** Workshops start with a detailed analysis of the club’s constitution, ensuring that officers know how to align their operations with it.
- **Role-Specific Training:** Each officer is taken through role-specific scenarios where they can practice decision-making and strategic thinking.
- **Interactive Governance Simulations:** Attendees participate in simulations where they tackle scenarios involving funding decisions, disciplinary matters, and club policy updates.

### Collaborative Environment:

- **Workshops foster a sense of camaraderie** by encouraging officers to share challenges they face and brainstorm solutions collaboratively.
- **Feedback Loop:** Post-workshop surveys help adapt and refine content for future sessions.

## 3. Volunteer Management Course

The newly launched volunteer management course, created with SETU Carlow, represents a cornerstone of volunteer engagement efforts. Recognising the role that volunteers play in sustaining GAA clubs, this course seeks to build the capacity of Club Officers to nurture and manage their volunteer base effectively.

### Course Objectives:

- **Engagement and Retention:** Introduces modern methods for engaging volunteers that are based on research in sports and community service organisations.
- **Customised Volunteer Strategies:** Officers learn to create tailored engagement plans that reflect their club’s demographic and cultural makeup.
- **Mentoring Programmes:** Training on establishing a mentorship culture within the club to help newer volunteers learn from seasoned members.
- **Certification Advantages:**
- Graduates of the course receive formal accreditation, enhancing the club’s reputation for having trained, qualified leaders.
- Insights from the course are expected to improve volunteer satisfaction and long-term retention rates, reducing the pressure of frequent volunteer turnover.
- **Testimonials and Pilot Results:**
- Early participants from pilot courses reported a 30% increase in volunteer engagement at their clubs.

## 4. IT Systems Training

With increasing reliance on digital tools, the GAA has prioritised comprehensive IT training for Club Officers. The training covers not only technical skills but also data security and ethical handling of information.

## Topics Covered:

Member Management Using Foireann: Officers receive in-depth guidance on efficiently managing player registration, event scheduling, and real-time member updates.

- **Advanced Microsoft 365 Skills:** Practical workshops demonstrate how to use Teams for virtual meetings, Excel for financial tracking, and OneDrive for secure document storage.
- **Data Compliance:** Officers learn GDPR basics and how to ensure the club's operations meet legal requirements for handling personal data.
- **Hands-On Tutorials:**
  - Officers practice using digital forms for registration and attendance, creating spreadsheets for financial summaries, and sharing documents securely.
- **Safety Workshops:** Address how to set permissions for club documents and manage user access to protect sensitive data.

## 5. TOBAR Resource Platform



TOBAR continues to be a vital resource hub for Club Officers. This centralised platform offers:

- **Easy Navigation:** Step-by-step guides to access and download templates for club management tasks such as budgeting, event planning, and volunteer onboarding.
- **Updated Modules:** Regularly updated with new training materials, including video tutorials on best practices and current governance expectations.
- **Special Feature Highlight:**
  - The platform now includes interactive assessments that officers can take to gauge their understanding of training material and identify areas for further study.

## B. Club Compás Programme



Club Compás represents a major leap in how Clubs self-evaluate and strive for excellence in governance and operational standards. The two-phased programme guides Clubs through introspection and formal accreditation.

### Self-Assessment Phase Details:

- **Comprehensive Checklist:** Clubs work through a structured checklist covering areas such as

- health and safety protocols, member participation levels, and executive roles.
- **Data-Driven Evaluation:** Automated insights are provided post-assessment to help clubs visualise their strengths and pinpoint areas needing action.
- **Phase Two – Accreditation:**
- **Submission Preparation:** Guidance sessions help Clubs compile supporting documents such as meeting minutes, financial reports, and policy adherence evidence.
- **Review Board Interaction:** Clubs have the opportunity to present their submissions to a panel for immediate feedback and final approval.
- **Accreditation Benefits:** Successfully accredited Clubs gain access to exclusive development grants and are invited to highlight their achievements at the annual GAA Governance Conference.

### **C. County Officer Training Conference 2025**

The County Officer Development Conference set for 18th January 2025 at Croke Park will be a landmark event for developing leadership and fostering strategic discussions among County Officers.

Programme Highlights:

- **Keynote Speakers:** Thought leaders in sports governance and management will deliver talks on forward-thinking approaches to leadership and community-building.
- **Workshops:**
  - **Strategic Growth and Planning:** Interactive session on aligning county plans with the GAA's national goals and adapting to changing member needs.
  - **Sponsorship and Funding:** Insights into securing sponsorships and diversifying income sources.
  - **Community Engagement Tactics:** Proven methods to reach new demographics and expand the club's support base.

Networking Opportunities:

- Facilitated sessions where officers can form partnerships for inter-county initiatives and mentorships.

### **D. County Strategic Plan 2025 Onwards**

Developing a forward-thinking County Strategic Plan is essential as Fermanagh GAA looks ahead to post-2024 growth. This next phase will be built using a structured, agile framework to ensure adaptability and sustainability.

Strategic Planning Approach:

- **Vision Workshops:** Key stakeholders, including club leaders and community representatives, will attend workshops designed to define a collective vision for the county.
- **SWOT Analysis:** Conducting thorough analyses to pinpoint strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats at both the club and county level.
- **Feedback Integration:** A system for collecting input from members through surveys and focus groups ensures that the strategy reflects the voices of the broader community.
- **Implementation Roadmap:**
- **Mentorship from the National Committee:** Regular consultations with the National Planning and Training Committee will help keep the plan on track.
- **Quarterly Check-Ins:** Progress reports and review meetings will be scheduled to evaluate KPIs and adapt the strategy as needed.

Goals of the New Plan:

**Sustainability:** Establishing environmental initiatives and cost-effective club management practices.



Increased Participation: Strategies to involve more youth, families, and underrepresented groups.  
Enhanced Support Structures: Building stronger resources for officer training, player development, and volunteer retention.

#### Buíochas

The work achieved this year, and the ambitious plans set for 2025 are only possible due to the unwavering dedication and effort of our members, Club Officers, volunteers, and the broader GAA family. Your commitment to fostering a vibrant and welcoming environment is the cornerstone of our success.

With gratitude and optimism, we look forward to 2025 and the many milestones we will reach together.

Tiarnach O Mathuna

# Tuarascáil an Choiste Cultúrtha agus Gaeilge - Culture and Irish Language Committee Report

A chairde Gaeil go léir,

Is cúis áthais agus bróid dom go gcuirim an turascáil seo os bhur gcomhair tar éis an chúigiú bliain a chaitheamh mar Oifigeach Gaeilge & Cultúra. Bhí rudaí curtha ina cheart in 2024 go pointe agus ba mhór an dul chun cinn a chonacthas i gcúrsaí Scór & Gaeilge.

Anois, ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas croíúil a thabhairt don chuid eile den Choiste Bainistíochta as ucht mé a threorú fríd 2024. Tá buíochas tuillte fosta ag baill fhochoiste Gaeilge, Cultúra & Oidhreachta as an tacaíocht agus an léargas a chuir siad ar fáil. Ba phléisiúr dom bheith ag comhoibriú libh agus tá mé ag súil go mór leis na dúshlán eile atá amach romhainn. Níl amhras orm ach go rachaidh muid i ngleic leo mar atá déanta againn le 12 mhí anuas. Faoi dheireadh na hoifigigh Ghaeilge & Cultúra a rinne an obair ar an talamh ina gceantracha, ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil libh.

Ar aghaidh linn go 2025.

## Scór na nÓg 2024

D'éirigh linn Comórtas Scór na nÓg 2024 a réachtáil sa chontae ar an lompú Deiseal. Bhí rannpháirtíocht sásúil sna comórtais gan dabht ach ba mhaith liom é sin a mheadú sna bliantaí atá amach romhainn.

| Club                           | Peil | LGFA | Iom-áint | Rince Foirne | Amh Aonar | Scéal-áíocht | Bailéad Ghrúpa | Nua-chleas | Ceol Uirlise | Rince Seit | Tráth na gCeist | Iomaitheoirí |
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| Aghadrumsee St Macartan's      |      |      |          | 0            | 1         | 0            | 1              | 0          | 1            | 0          | 0               | 3            |
| Belcoo O'Rahilly's             |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0            |
| Belnaleck Art MacMurrough's    |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0            |
| Brookeborough Heber MacMahon's |      |      |          | 0            | 1         | 1            | 0              | 0          | 1            | 0          | 1               | 4            |
| Coa O'Dwyers                   |      |      |          | 0            | 1         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 1            |
| Derrygonnelly Harps            |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 1            | 0          | 0               | 1            |
| Derrylin O'Connell's           |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0            |
| Devenish St Mary's             |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0            |
| Ederney St Joseph's            |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1               | 1            |
| Enniskillen Gaels              |      |      |          | 0            | 1         | 0            | 0              | 1          | 1            | 0          | 0               | 3            |
| Erne Gaels                     |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0            |
| Irvinestown St Molaise         |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0            |
| Kinawley Brian Borus           |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0            |
| Knocks Grattans                |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0            |
| Lisbellaw St Patrick's         |      |      |          | 0            | 1         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1               | 2            |
| Lisnaskea Emmets               |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0            |
| Maguiresbridge St Mary's       |      |      |          | 0            | 1         | 1            | 0              | 0          | 1            | 0          | 1               | 4            |
| Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0            |
| Roslea Shamrocks               |      |      |          | 1            | 1         | 1            | 0              | 0          | 1            | 0          | 2               | 6            |
| St Aidan's                     |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0            |
| St Patrick's Donagh            |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 1            | 0          | 0               | 1            |
| Teemore Shamrocks              |      |      |          | 0            | 1         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1               | 2            |
| Tempo Maguires                 |      |      |          | 1            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1               | 2            |
| Knockninny Ladies              |      |      |          | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0            |
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Ba iad a leanas na buaiteoirí:



Rince Foirne – CLG Seomróga Ros Liath



Amhránaíocht Aonar – CLG Naomh Mac Artán Achadh Dhroim Sí



Aithriseoireacht – CLG Éimhir Mhic Mhathúna Achadh Lon



Bailéad Ghrúpa - CLG Naomh Mac Artán Achadh Dhroim Sí



Nuachleas – Gaeil Inis Ceithleann



Ceol Uirlise – CLG Éimhir Mhic Mhathúna Achadh Lon



Tráth na gCeist – CLG Seamróga An Tigh Mór

### Scór Sinsear

Bhí Comórtas Scór Sinsear againn sa chontae ag am a raibh neart cluichí ag tarlú, ní raibh an t-am sásúil in aon chór. Is fiú a lua go raibh 16 fhoireann páirteach sa Tráth na gCeist. Tá sin le moladh.

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| Belcoo O'Rahilly's             |      |      |         | 0            | 1         | 1            | 0              | 1          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 3             |
| Belnaleck Art McMurrough's     |      |      |         | 0            | 0         | 1            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1               | 2             |
| Brookeborough Heber MacMahon's |      |      |         | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1               | 1             |
| <b>Coa O'Dwyers</b>            |      |      |         | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0             |
| Derrygonnelly Harps            |      |      |         | 0            | 1         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1               | 2             |
| Derrylin O'Connell's           |      |      |         | 0            | 1         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1               | 2             |
| Devenish St Mary's             |      |      |         | 0            | 0         | 1            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 1             |
| Ederney St Joseph's            |      |      |         | 0            | 1         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1               | 2             |
| Enniskillen Gaels              |      |      |         | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1               | 1             |
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| Knockninny Ladies              |      |      |         | 0            | 0         | 0            | 0              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0               | 0             |
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Ba iad a leanas na buaiteoirí:



Amhránaíocht Aonar – CLG Ghaeil na hÉirne Béal Leice



Aithriseoireacht – CLG Airt Mhic Mhurchadha Bealach na Leice



Nuachleas – CLG Uí Rathaille Béal Cú



Tráth na gCeist – CLG Bhriain Bhoramha Cill Náile.

### **Amhrán na bhFiann**

I mbliana rinne muid dul chun cinn suntasach agus is é sin go raibh Amhrán na bhFiann á chanadh ag gach cluiche craoibhe a bhí ar taispeánt ar Fermanagh GAA TV. Is cúis áthais é sin dúinn go mbíonn Amhrán Náisiúnta na hÉireann le cloisteáil. Is dócha gurb é an mian atá againn i leith 2025 ná go mbeidh Amhrán na bhFiann le clos ag gach cluiche Craoibhe ó thús go deireadh. I mbliana bhain 15 an cáilíocht amach.

Sin a bhfuil dtaobh cúrsaí Scór don tuairisc seo, ach sula bhrisfinn isteach go dtí an gné eile den phost ba mhaith liom cupla rud a lua maidir leis na pleananna atá againn do 2025:

- Nuair a thiocfas an t-am go mbeidh na comórtaisí ar ais caithfidh muid amharc ar tuilleadh iontrálacha ó chlubanna fud fad an chonrae.
- Ní haon mian in aisce é go mbeadh GACH club páirteach in Tráth na gCeist. Comórtas sultmhar atá ann níl di dhíth ach 4!
- Caithfidh clubanna teagmháil a dhéanamh leis na heagraíochtaí eile a chuireann cúrsaí cultúrtha chun cinn sa cheantar chun iomaitheoirí a aithint. Ba chóir don Scór bheith ag tacú leis na chomórtaisí eile ar nós Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.



- Beidh orainn cur le liosta na moltóirí mar sin is ar na clubanna a bheith sé chun daoine cuí a aithint leis na rólanna seo a chomhlíonadh
- Caithfidh muid amharc i dtreo an na comórtaisí a thaifead leis an teicneolaíocht atá amuigh ansin agus chun bunachar ábhair a bheith réidh le húsáid le linn dúilíocht an gheimhridh.
- B'fhiú do chlubanna smaoineamh faoi Oícheanta Airneáil a chur ar siúl sula dtosóidh an Scór mar thraenáil is mar chleachtadh do na hiomaitheoirí

Anois, cúrsaí Gaeilge. Mar is eol do neart daoine sa chontae tá mo chroí istigh i gcur chun cinn na Gaeilge. Is í an Ghaeilge teanga dhúchasach na tíre seo agus is orainne atá sé chun an teanga a shlánú, a athréimiú agus a úsáid ar bhonn laethiúl. Tá stádas na Gaeilge slán go maith sa chontae dar liom. Tá dornán beag daoine in rólanna lárnacha a bhfuil Gaeilge ar a dtoil acu. Molaim an cruinneas atá ag Deidre a dhéanann job iontach mar bhean an tí ag na cluiche craoibhe. Tá sé tábhachtach go bhfeicfidh daoine go bhfuil Gaeilge ag réimse leathan daoine mar sin gur rud nadúrtha é an teanga a bheith á spalpadh i ngnathchaint.

Tá obair mhór mhaith ar siúl ag roinnt do na clubanna mar sin déanfar cíorú air sin sa chéad alt eile.

### Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonnacha

Comhghairdeas le An t-Iompú Mhig Uidhir ar a bronnadh bonn airgid mar chuid d'Fhondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonnacha. Tá siad ar an liosta anois leis na clubanna a leanas

- Cumann Naomh Pádraig An Domhnach
- Na hÉiméid Líos na Scéithe
- Eadarnaigh Naomh Seosamh
- Cumann Bhriain Bhóramha Cill Náile
- Cumann Uí Chonaill Doire Uí Loinn
- Seamróga Ros Liath

### Comharthaíocht

Gabhaim comhghairdeas leis na clubanna a bhfuil obair thógála ar bun acu agus is é an rud a déarfainn leo ná teagmháil a dhéanamh liom má bhíonn cuidiú de dhíth chun comharthaíocht Ghaeilge a chur in airde

### Lá ceardlainne

**Gaeilge sa Chlub**  
Ceardlanna le clubanna CLG

- ▶ Cistiú/Funding
- ▶ Dea-chleachtas / Best Practice
- ▶ Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonnacha / Joseph McDonagh Foundation
- ▶ Acmhainní / Resources

Teach Fhear Manach  
Inis Ceithleann

Satharn 13ú Eanáir

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council  
Comhairle Coantair Fhear Manach agus na hOmaí

ULSTER GAA

Glór na nGael

13 Eanáir 2024 i Teach Fhear Manach, Inis Ceithleann, bhí lá traenála do chlubanna CLG i bhFear

Manach agus roinneadh eolas ar an lá seo faoi dheiseanna maoinithe, comhairle ó ghrúpaí áirithe agus traenáil don Oifigeach. Eagrófar ceann eile in Eanáir 2025. Tá sé seo oscailte do gach duine. Cuirfear eolas amach go luath.

Seo a leanas na spriocanna atá ann don Ghaeilge:

- Leanúint ar na postálacha ar na meáin shóisialta a rinneadh chun ardú feasachta a dhéanamh sa chontae.
- Leanúint leis an dea-chaidreamh atá ag Oifigeach Cultúra & Gaeilge sa chontae leis an Oifigeach atá ag Comhairle Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí.
- Leanúint leis an dea-chaidreamh atá ag Oifigeach Cultúra & Gaeilge sa chontae leis an Oifigeach Gaeilge atá an Comhairle Uladh
- Tógra úr a thioseacht ag brath ar airgead ó Chomhairle Cheantair Fhear Manach, ranganna Gaeilge a bheidh ag clúdach an tsáintearmaíocht a bhaineann le cúrsaí CLG.
- Leanúint leis an ardán atá tugtha don Ghaeilge tríd an obair atá déanta le FermanaghGAA TV.
- Tráchtairacht Ghaeilge a chur ar fáil ag ócáidí áirithe sa bhliain.
- Ábhar Gaeilge a phostáil go Fermanagh GAA TV le go mbeidh deis ag daoine coimhead ar ábhar Gaeilge ar líne.

Leis seo, sin an turascáil atá agam i leith cúrsaí Scór & Gaeilge don bhliain 2024. Tá mé ag súil go mór leis an deis tógáil ar an obair seo agus forbairtí a thabhairt chun críche. Fágaim seo faoi bhráid an chruinnithe. Beidh mé féin ag fágáil an post tar éis 2025 mar sin is gá amharc ar chomharbha chun teacht isteach i m'áitse

Ciarán Mag Uidhir

**Oifigeach Cultúra & Gaeilge**

2024 CLG Fhear Manach

# Tuarascáil An Choiste Margaíochta Caidreamh Poiblí - Public Relations & Marketing Committee Report

## Promotion of Fermanagh GAA activities

Our social media channels continue to be a vital tool in promoting all our activities. Along with team news and score updates of our county games and club championship we have covered Scór, health and wellbeing events and lots of coaching and games, thanks to Theresa and her coaching team for providing the C&G content. Thank you to Eimear Keenan and Pauric McGurn for assisting during the club championship with score updates.

Our social media channels continue to grow in followers and number we are well established X, Facebook, Instagram and Youtube and added new this year Threads and just in the last few weeks bluesky.

Once again thank you to Mary McElroy for all the photographers of our many club and county activities, she has captured many memories, and this has helped to increase our profile.

## Social Media Statistics for 2024

| X/Twitter       | 2024   | 2023   | 2022  |
|-----------------|--------|--------|-------|
| New Followers   | 752    | 1,191  | 1,950 |
| Total Followers | 32,249 | 31,500 |       |

| Facebook        | 2024      | 2023    | 2022    |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Profile Visits  | 1,900,000 | 659,064 | 145,775 |
| New Followers   | 1,100     | 1,368   | 409     |
| Total Followers | 16,298    | 15,358  | 13,439  |

| Instagram       | 2024   | 2023    | 2022   |
|-----------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Reach           | 30,500 | 367,042 | 30,005 |
| Profile Visits  | 33,200 | 29,355  | 16,975 |
| New Followers   | 980    | 1,208   | 741    |
| Total Followers | 4,958  | 4,085   | 2,983  |

| Threads         | 2024 |
|-----------------|------|
| Total Followers | 772  |

| Youtube           | 2024   | 2023    | 2022   |
|-------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Views             | 19,337 | 141,103 | 57,697 |
| New subscribers   | 81     | 289     | 823    |
| Total Subscribers | 2,928  | 2,843   |        |

## Updated County website

The county website was updated earlier in the year and has greatly improved the viewer experience. It continues to be an important for the promotion of all our activities and has grown steadily over the year. We added a new section with county player profiles in both football and hurling, thank you to

Martin Brady for taking the player headshots.

|                         | June   | July   | August | September | October |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|
| <b>Active Users</b>     | 8.6k   | 7.8k   | 9.20k  | 10k       | 11.58K  |
| <b>New Users</b>        | 7.9K   | 6.6k   | 7.80k  | 8.4k      | 9.79K   |
| <b>Views</b>            | 51.7K  | 70.5k  | 70.7k  | 75.3K     | 61.3K   |
| <b>Engagement Rate</b>  | 55.89% | 53.32% | 55.22% | 55.07%    | 54.22%  |
| <b>Devices</b>          |        |        |        |           |         |
| <b>Mobile</b>           | 91%    | 91.80% | 91.30% | 90.20%    | 87.70%  |
| <b>Desktop</b>          | 7.70%  | 7%     | 7.30%  | 8.10%     | 9.90%   |
| <b>Tablet/Smart TV</b>  | 1.30%  | 1.20%  | 1.40%  | 1.10%     | 2.40%   |
| <b>Top Pages</b>        |        |        |        |           |         |
| <b>Fixtures-Results</b> | 34,460 | 51,028 | 41,688 | 43,167    | 30,463  |
| <b>Home page</b>        | 9,880  | 12,878 | 14,717 | 13,327    | 10,394  |

## Media

Thank you to all the media personnel at local and national level I have dealt with this year, from TV, radio and written media and photographers, it has been a pleasure to work with you all. In particular, we are appreciative to have to very active local newspapers providing a wide and detailed coverage of all our GAA activities during the year. I want to thank the Fermanagh Herald and Impartial Reporter for all their coverage in 2024.

## County Teams

Teams for senior hurling and football were released on our social media generally on a Friday evening prior to their league or championship games. U20 and minor teams were published before their respective championship games.

I want to thank our county team managers for their continued corporation in providing teams for publication and always being available for press interviews and other promotional events. I also want to note my appreciation and thank our county captains and many other players for being available for interviews, championship press launches and other various photo shoots.

12 months ago, the future of our senior hurling team was being cast into doubt with an ill thought-out proposal. Our senior hurlers responded in the best way possible to prove they deserve to pull on the county jersey. It was a pleasure to be present at our all our senior hurling games in 2024 and watch Ryan Bogue along with manager Joe Baldwin lift the Lory Meagher Cup in Croke Park. A special work of thanks to our senior and minor hurling teams on the meet the players evening held in advance of the Lory Meagher Cup and Celtic Challenge Finals. It is worth noting that our senior hurlers paid for a sliothar for every child that attended the event, this was greatly appreciated by all in attendance and a fantastic way to inspire the next generation of hurlers in Fermanagh.

## Programmes (Allianz League & Club Championship)

24-page match programmes were produced for the home Allianz Football league games, single page programmes for the Allianz Hurling League and Lory Meagher Cup games.

For the club competitions a 12-page programme was produced for the Senior League finals, single

page programme for Junior Football Championship finals and for the club championship a 32 page programme to cover up to the quarter-finals, a 12-page programme for the semi-finals and a 60-page programme to cover the Intermediate and Senior Championship finals.

I want to thank all those who contributed to the production of the programmes in 2024, The Print factory for producing all the programmes but a special word of thanks to photographer Martin Brady who is always helpful and never fails to provide many of the fantastic photos in the programmes.

### **Sponsor Promotion**

Working along with the county Treasurer, Sean Burns we were able to have a photo opportunity with our main county sponsor Patsy Tracey at the first home football league game. Our main county sponsors logos were used on many of the score updates on our social media posts.

Prior to the club football championship, we had players from all twenty clubs attend the photo shoot along with our main SFC sponsor Mannok and CADCO. Thank you to all clubs for their attendance as it greatly helped with the promotion of the club championship. Thank you to Enniskillen Gaels for making available Brewster Park for the event and Martin Brady for taking the photographs.

### **Monaghan Brothers Fermanagh GAA TV**

The Fermanagh GAA TV team lead by Phil Flanagan has continued to provide a great service in covering many of our games this year. The coverage of our county final and replay were excellent. This is a small hardworking team, and we were not able to provide as wide a coverage of games in the club championship this year. Following our 2023 review we felt that some grounds were just not suitable for live streaming due to poor internet access.

The TV team are always looking for new volunteers to assist, if there are any budding media technicians that would like some hands on experience we would welcome their assistance. Thank you to all involved.

### **Respect our Volunteers**

There have been many times this year where I have questioned why I do this role of PRO and I have seriously considered walking away from it, but my passion and commitment to the GAA, along with the trust that has been placed in me from you the club and fellow County Officers keeps me going. Thank you to all those who have supported and appreciated the work I have done for Fermanagh GAA.

I have noted an increase of abusive comments online and face to face directed at many of our volunteers and it is simply not acceptable. I will make no apologies for blocking people on social media for repeated insults to our volunteers and I challenge you if you think you can do a better job, please put yourself forward to work in our sub-committees or to stand for a position at county level.

We need to focus in 2025 on valuing and respecting our volunteers for the work and time commitment they give to the GAA.

### **Finally**

I want to thank all those who have assisted me in 2024, I appreciate the support of County Chairman Brian Armitage, Secretary Tom Boyle and Treasure Sean Burns along with all my fellow county officers. I wish you all a Happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to a rest before another busy season in 2025.

Is mise le meas,  
Deirdre Felloni  
Oifigeach Caideramh Poiblí Coiste Contae Fhear Manach

# Tuarascáil An Choiste Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise - Information Technology Committee Report

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Is íontach an dul chun cinn atá déanta ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael í gcúrsaí teicneolaíochta le blianta beaga anuas. Is cúis onóra domhsa an tuairisc seo ón obair Eolas Teicneolaíochta a chur ós bhur gcómhair ag an “Crinniú Cinn Bliana 2024” anocht.

## **Email/Ríomhphost**

County and Club officers are strong users of their gaa email accounts. I and others in the county can now change passwords ourselves within minutes. Please send requests to me by email or whatsapp and I will get them changed. Increasingly the requests are coming from individuals who have forgotten their password but still have access to the account on one device. In this scenario please include contact details so that I can provide you with the new password. This has become the busiest aspect of the role but volumes are always manageable and the new system has certainly improved officer wait times.

## **Security/Slándáil**

I want to sincerely thank the officials that alerted me to certain scam and phishing emails throughout the year. Your vigilance is much appreciated and I ask that that you all continue to be aware of the issue. Online resources providing advice on this topic are plentiful and should anyone want recommendations please contact [itofficer.fermanagh@gaa.ie](mailto:itofficer.fermanagh@gaa.ie).

## **Foireann**

A list of those with access to the registration system is not held within the county so it is good practice for clubs that appoint new registrars to inform me if they want to remove access from the outgoing registrar or not. The same applies to office holders and an email to me can rectify this quickly.

If you have a new referee within the club please let me know as soon as possible as their foireann status has to be updated for the referee administrator to issue appointments via sms to the referee.

## **Fixture Planning/Riarachan na gCluichí**

My thanks to all those involved in the continued use of the new system especially the referee appointments officers Ferghal Cleary, Gerard Mc Laughlin, & Kieran Farmer, Youth Committee Secretary Leanne Maguire, and CCC Secretary Phil Flanagan.

## **E Learning/E Foghlaim**

The GAA makes many resources available online, these resources are available from <https://learning.gaa.ie/>. A youtube channel provides useful videos while recorded webinars are also available. Please feel free to share these resources amongst your Club.

## **Buíochas/Thanks**

My thanks to all others who have contributed to the I.T related work during the year and a special word of thanks to the Officers and Club Secretaries who had queries during the year for their patience and courtesy at all times.

## **To Conclude/Le Críochnú**

Finally can I take this opportunity to wish all incoming Committees and County Management Officers success next year. May I also sympathise with those members bereaved during the year and wish all

officers, delegates and club members a peaceful Christmas and a happy healthy 2025.

Ar deireadh bá mhaith liom an deis seo a ghlacadh chun gach ráth a ghuí ar an Coiste agus ar Oifigí Bainistíocha na Condae don bhliain seo chugainn. Bá mhaith liom fosta mo chomhbhrón a chur in iúl leis na baill a chaill gaolta le linn na bliana. Guím Nollaig Shíochánta agus athbhliain Shlántiúil ar na hOifí, toscairí agus baill na gClubanna ar fud na Contae.

Go raibh Maith agaibh

Niall O’Cuilinn - Oifigeach Eolais Teicnoliachta C.L.G Co. Fhear Manach



# Tuarascáil Oifigeach na bPáistí - Children's Officer Report

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As part of the remit of a County Children's Officer, a report has to be prepared for our Annual Convention.

## Where we are in 2024?

- All clubs have a vetted Children's Officer in place.
- All clubs now have a Designated Officer in place.
- All clubs have their National Child Safeguarding statements displayed in all clubrooms/club areas
- Vetting and Safeguarding information is now available via Foireann (this is still a work in progress, some details are still missing – clubs should follow up on this with Ulster GAA)
- Delivery of 18 face-to-face Safeguarding Level 1 courses across Fermanagh. Lists of attendees emailed to all clubs. A sincere thank you to all clubs and participants.
- Delivery of a Safeguarding Level 1 course exclusively for referees in Fermanagh which was well attended.
- Vetting via Access (NI) moved to online application to save time and allow applicants to take ownership of their vetting. General consensus is that this is more “user friendly” but some issues still persist.
- Last year I commented on the need to have parents behind the perimeter of the pitch at U11.5 games. This year has seen a considerable drop in complaints at U12 grade and below. That does not mean it has completely disappeared, but maybe the message is getting through that verbal abuse of underage players and others is unacceptable. Again, I would like to stress that any of these measures are not put in place due to the behaviour of the children taking part in our games...
- However, I am concerned at the number of reports of adults entering the field of play at other games, particularly at U14 and U18 level. Clubs need to be proactive in ensuring pitch-side access is not available to individuals who are not involved in teams. It is better to be proactive to a potential problem than having to be reactive to it.
- Roll out of the Ulster GAA “One Punch” campaign ongoing, and clubs will work with Maura McMenamin to ensure its roll-out to underage players and coaches.

## Legal Requirements

All club executives, underage coaches, Children's Officers and our Child Safeguarding Tutors have roles to play in the delivery of the code. Our daily practices will continue to remain our central focus and we must continue to legally implement our comprehensive Code of Behaviour.

Please be mindful that those within our clubs who are selected to work with Children must have mandatory requirements:

1. They must have attended the Gaelic Games Child Safeguarding Workshop.
2. They must be vetted through Access NI.
3. They must possess a minimum foundation coaching qualification received from GAA.

If someone refuses to complete these, you'd need to ask the question 'why'? And if they are suitable to have working with young people in your club.

## Planning ahead for 2025

2025 shall be a year to build on the foundations set in place over the past few years and the plan shall

include;

- Clubs appointing Children's Officers as per club constitutions.
- Clubs appointing Designated Officers as per club constitutions.
- Clubs appointing a Hearings Committee (who review any alleged breaches of the code) as per club constitutions.
- Continued use of gaa.ie Children's Officers email addresses through clubs, meaning that information that needs to go directly to club Children's Officers can do so via designated email addresses.
- Ensure that Vetting is ongoing in all clubs throughout 2025
- Ensure clubs access the face-to-face Safeguarding Level 1 training where needed.
- Delivery of Safeguarding Level 2 Training for club Children's Officers, and Safeguarding Level 3 Training for club Designated Officers to be organised for Fermanagh clubs in early spring. This will be delivered and certified by Ulster Council and is to be renewed every three years.
- Clubs to ensure roll out at club level of the Ulster GAA "One Punch" campaign.
- Clubs are asked to continue to keep parents behind the perimeter of pitches, and to be mindful of who gains access to their pitches during Gaelic games activities.

### **Thanks**

Finally, in closing, a sincere 'thank you' to our County Chairman Brian Armitage, County Secretary Tom Boyle, Vice Chairman John McGovern, CCC Secretary Phil Flanagan, Hearings Secretary Martin McBrien, PRO Deirdre Felloni, Youth Secretary Leanne Prior, Coaching Officer Fearghal O'Connor, GDM Teresa McNabb and the county coaching team, for their strong support in what we want to achieve. I thank all members of our Determining and Hearings Committee. Not an easy task, thankfully not over-used, but they continue to play a vital role in ensuring the Code of Behaviour is upheld.

To the Clubs of Fermanagh and their Children's Officers, to Ulster Council, especially Head of Safeguarding Bernie Fox and the newly appointed Safeguarding Manager Ciara McGrory, and to our National Children's Officer Michelle Harte, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

### **To Conclude**

I commend those clubs who have introduced new initiatives this year, such as their own club easter and summer camps or parish leagues to name but a few. These initiatives breath fresh life into underage structures and give our young players such positive experiences and happy memories. Well done! When I deliver Safeguarding Courses, I am reminded of why we want our young people to play our games. We want our underage players to benefit from and participate in our Gaelic Games in a safe and enjoyable environment where our Games are conducted in a spirit of fair play.

It is not just the responsibility of the Children's Officer to ensure our young people are safe. It is the responsibility of all involved in our association. When it becomes an integral part of the clubs' ethos, then we become a welcoming and safe environment, where young people will thrive. Most of the clubs in Fermanagh are doing just that and continue to provide our young people with a positive experience. It is such a privilege for me to travel around our clubs and see first-hand the excellent work that is ongoing. Well done to you all.

I wish everyone a Happy Christmas, and a Peaceful and Sporting 2025

Is mise le meas,

Anita Mhic Eochaidh - Oifigeach na Páiste Chontae Fhearmanach

# Tuarascáil an Choiste Coiste Sláinte agus Folláine - Health & Wellbeing Committee Report

While the GAA will always be primarily known as one of the world's leading amateur sports organisations, our members and our communities remain at the heart of all we do.

Of course, county and club units already do so much in the area of promoting healthy lifestyles and communities and we in the county health and wellbeing committee are working hard to ensure that all available supports and structures are in place, so as to maximise the GAA's potential in this area.

We have continued to promote health and wellbeing in our clubs and communities with a variety of activities. The county committee continued to support clubs in the promotion of health and wellbeing in our players, members and wider community.

The following were our key objectives at the start of the year and how fulfilled them.

## Action Area 1 - Continued Development of Health and Wellbeing Structures

During the year we have continued to develop lines of communication with the Healthy Club Officers the majority of clubs in Fermanagh have appointed a healthy club officer. We are continuing to develop lines of communication with all clubs and promote health and wellbeing activity on the county website, where we have links to national and provincial sites as well as links to the GAA e-learning site. We have also downloadable guidelines and resources for clubs. We can also showcase what is happening around the county at club level. Clubs are being encouraged to let us know what they are doing so we can start to show it on the website.

We report to county board meetings about our activity, as well as using the website and social media through the county PRO. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank Deirdre Felloni, County PRO, for their assistance throughout the year. The committee is also represented at all Ulster council meetings as well as national level to ensure that Fermanagh's voice is heard at all levels and has the full support of both Maura McMenamin at Ulster council and Colin Regan in Croke Park, as well as the provincial and National Health and Wellbeing Committees. Biannual reports are submitted to the National Health and Wellbeing Committee outlining the work in Fermanagh.

## Action Area 2 - Support Growth, Development and progression of HCP

Training for Healthy club officers was delivered by online by the community and health department in Croke Park.

I am pleased to report that 13 clubs in Fermanagh are continuing their journey as part of the healthy club project aiming for either foundation, silver or Gold awards and congratulations to; Belcoo O'Rahilly and Tempo Maguires for joining in Phase 7. We would encourage all clubs to consider becoming part of the healthy club project. The county continues to be represented at provincial and national level events, and members of the committee attended

the County Health and Wellbeing forum in Croke Park in November.



### **Action Area 3 - Support Critical Incident Response.**

A county critical incident plan was developed and was adopted by the county board and is available to view on the county website health and wellbeing page. This plan will be updated following the county convention. I am grateful for the support from the county management committee and the county board for their continued support in this. We are actively encouraging clubs to adopt their own critical incident response plan as soon as possible if they have not already done so.

Unfortunately throughout the year some clubs have had reason to utilise these. If any club wishes to discuss their CIRP or developing one they can contact me via email or phone and we will support them in developing their own critical incident response plan.

### **Action Area 4 - Plan and Deliver Community and Health Activities**

We continue to link with local health and wellbeing organisations and charities throughout the county and through these contacts we have been able to carry out health and wellbeing campaigns throughout the year at national league matches and club championship, on Mental health awareness with action mental health, Breast and testicular cancer awareness and road safety as well as other campaigns. We have continued to work with the official county charity partner – Friends of the Cancer Society – in promoting cancer awareness and fund raising at the county finals.



While the GAA community can offer a supporting environment, it is only through the assistance of medical professionals and service providers, such as the Samaritans, that the appropriate help can be sought. In each club, the Healthy Club Officer will act as the link with the County Health & Wellbeing Committee and will be the point of contact within the club for any relevant activities. They will also be the person that the county committee will liaise with in relation to Health & Wellbeing. This may be an opportunity for clubs to involve someone not previously associated with the GAA but who have an interest in health and wellbeing and could then become a member of the club.

They will not, be expected to become a counsellor for the club but they should have an interest in the area of health and have a willingness to drive this agenda in their club. As each club holds its AGM and the Health and Wellbeing Officer is appointed or reappointed we would ask each club to send contact details to the committee using the official email address: [chair.hwc.fermanagh@gaa.ie](mailto:chair.hwc.fermanagh@gaa.ie) so that lines of communication can be maintained. Please forward this information even if the person has not changed as phone numbers and email addresses can change.

Looking forward to 2025 and beyond we hope to maintain and improve communication with clubs. We hope to continue to raise the profile of the committee within the county and the important work being done by clubs around the county. Following guidance from National Health and Wellbeing Committee we hope to continue to develop the health and wellbeing structures within the county. Our focus will be on supporting the healthy club project. I will report any developments to the county board. We continue to showcase the good work done in Fermanagh at provincial and national level.

In 2025 we will meet early in the year to develop a plan for the year being aware that there may well be constraints on what we can do.

Mental health will continue to be a big part of our work and we are aiming to forge links with, and work in partnership with the many excellent statutory, voluntary and community services that are

out there, and better enable them to gain access to our members and promote good mental health among our communities. We are also hoping to roll out the one punch campaign in the county.

We can also do a lot of good work in just encouraging people, particularly our young boys and men, to seek help when it is required and to help in tackling the stigmas that often prevent people from reaching out to others. We have to stress the message that “It’s Ok not to feel Ok”.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank the county management committee and the county board for their continuing support in delivering our objective and place on record my thanks to the members of the committee, for their work on the committee and all the healthy club officers for their work this year.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank; County Chairman Brian Armitage, Secretary Tom Boyle, Treasurer Sean Burns, Vice Chairman John McGovern and PRO Deirdre Felloni for their support and assistance and just end by leaving a brief but essential check-list for clubs.

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|--|----------------------|
| Has your club appointed a Healthy Club Officer?  | Yes / No             |
| Have you informed the county H&W committee?  | Yes / No             |
| Do you have Health and Wellbeing Policies adopted by the club?   | Yes / No             |
| Has your club developed a critical incident response plan and do members know where to access it.          | Yes/No               |
| Do you liaise with the county committee about what your club is doing in the area of health and wellbeing? | Yes / No             |
| Is your defib in good working order and do you have people trained in CPR?                                 | Yes / No/ don't know |
| What do you want from the county health and wellbeing committee?   |                      |

# Tuarascáil an Chisteora - Treasurer's Report

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A Chairde Go leir

I am glad to present to you my treasurers report for the year ended 30/09/2024.

It has been a difficult year financially. Preparation of all our football and hurling teams from development squads through to senior has seen increasing costs in provision of playing gear, pitch hire and maintenance, food and medical/physio cover. The standardisation of salaries for coaching staff through the C & G HR plan initiated by Croke Park has also added cost to the county. Whilst income from our championships and commercial income has remained steady I believe there is a need for a dedicated person to pursue commercial opportunities given the extended county season.

Whilst the GAA central finance have tweaked the national league share for smaller counties I believe they must do more to address the imbalance between the larger counties which have wide opportunities for commercial income and the smaller ones who despite loyal support from a limited number of sponsors, will never be able to match their larger neighbours.

There is ever increasing demand for training facilities for our teams and whilst our two pitches at Lissan have been used to the maximum, we are also grateful for the cooperation of schools, clubs and the council in making their facilities available at peak times. Extensive activity by our development committee has ensured that we are very close to confirming the acquisition of land upon which it is planned to develop 3 pitches and office, meeting room and gym facilities.

I thank all our sponsors and in particular our main sponsors Tracey Concrete Ltd, Mannok, Monaghan Bros, O Neills, Modern Tyres, Mc Mahon Healthcare, Beltertech, Westville Hotel, Crust and Crumb, Cadco, B Mc Caffrey and Sons and Peter Carty.

Club Eirne again provide essential funds to keep facilities maintained to a high standard and a planned relaunch of Club Eirne's membership recruitment had been delayed in the hope that it would coincide with the announcement of a successful land acquisition. However we cannot delay this any longer and Gerard Treacy, chairperson of Club Eirne, will address this in his report.

Once again, I am indebted to our loyal group of gate-people who turn up week after week in all weathers to ensure we maximise gate income. It is essential that we have new volunteers to assist those already helping.

Fermanagh have again this year provided the opportunity to pay cash at championship games but thankfully approx. 90% of patrons are now purchasing their tickets online. This situation will have to be looked at again by the incoming finance committee as the switch to online ticketing has taken place in the vast majority of counties with positive financial outcomes.

Many thanks to Phil Flanagan and his band of skilled helpers in Fermanagh GAA TV who again this year have provided much needed revenue to the county. It was a particularly busy year for Phil and Joni with the birth of their 4th child

Grateful appreciation to all the clubs who have provided grounds and facilities for all our adult and

underage competitions. I think the cooperation between county officers and the clubs in Fermanagh is one of our great strengths and displays great unity of purpose.

Thanks also to Brian and Tom and all my fellow County Board officers for their guidance and cooperation during the last 7 years.

Once again thanks to Katie, Des and Kevin from Crudden and Dolan for the tremendous assistance they provide throughout the year.

I wish all our players, members, delegates, sponsors and supporters a very happy Christmas and a successful 2025.

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