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**WE ALL BELONG HERE
IN THIS PLACE. AT THIS TIME**

WE BELONG NOT BECAUSE OF WHO WE ARE OR WHERE WE COME FROM

BEING HERE MEANS BELONGING

BELONGING MEANS KNOWING YOU'RE PART OF A COMMUNITY

A COMMUNITY THAT HAS A PLACE FOR ALL

WHERE POTENTIAL IS NURTURED

WHERE INDIVIDUALS BECOME TEAMS

WHO HONOUR THE LEGACY OF THOSE WHO WENT BEFORE

AND STRIVE TO BUILD A LEGACY OF THEIR OWN

SOME OF US PLAY

SOME OF US USED TO PLAY. SOME OF US NEVER PLAYED

WE ALL BELONG

BELONGING MEANS HAVING A VOICE

MEANS BEING ABLE TO SAY WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT

BEING LISTENED TO

BELONGING MEANS RESPECTING EACH OTHER

MEANS BEING THERE FOR EACH OTHER

ON THE PITCH. OFF THE PITCH

BELONGING MEANS ROLLING OUR SLEEVES UP AND DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

WE ALL BELONG WHETHER IT'S OUR FIRST DAY OR OUR HUNDREDTH YEAR

WE ALL BELONG HERE BECAUSE THIS PLACE BELONGS TO US ALL

OUR GAA

WHERE WE ALL BELONG



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Buanorduithe na Comhdhála **(Standing Orders for Convention)**

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)

CATHAOIRLEACH (CHAIRPERSON)	<i>JOHN MCGOVERN</i>
LEAS-CHATHAOIRLEACH (VICE CHAIRPERSON)	
RÚNAÍ CÚNTA (ASSISTANT SECRETARY)	<i>PHIL FLANAGAN (OUTGOING)</i>
CISTEOIR (TREASURER)	<i>SEAN BURNS (OUTGOING)</i>
CISTEOIR CÚNTA (ASSISTANT TREASURER)	
OIFIGEACH OILIÚNA (COACHING OFFICER)	<i>STEPHEN MCELRONE (OUTGOING)</i>
OIFIGEACH CULTÚRA & GAEILGE (OFFICER FOR CULTURE & IRISH LANGUAGE)	
OIFIGEACH CUMARSÁIDE (COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER)	
ARD COMHAIRLE (CENTRAL COUNCIL)	<i>VINCENT MARTIN (OUTGOING)</i>
COMHAIRLE ULADH (2) (ULSTER COUNCIL) (2)	<i>GREG KELLY (OUTGOING) & TIERNACH MAHON (OUTGOING)</i>
COMHDHÁIL BHLIANTÚIL (2) (DELEGATES TO CONGRESS) (2)	<i>PETER CARTY & PHIL FLANAGAN</i>
COMHAIRLE ULADH COMHDHÁIL BHLIANTÚIL (2) (DELEGATES TO ULSTER CONVENTION) (2)	<i>PHIL FLANAGAN</i>

Ceapacháin (Appointments)

OIFIGEACH PLÉANÁLA AGUS TRAENÁLA (PLANNING AND TRAINING OFFICER)	<i>DEIRDRE FELLONI</i>
OIFIGEACH NA BPÁISTÍ (CHILDREN'S OFFICER)	<i>ANITA KEHOE (OUTGOING)</i>
OIFIGEACH DÉIMEAGRAFACH (DEMOGRAPHICS OFFICER)	<i>FERGHAL O'CONNOR (OUTGOING)</i>
OIFIGEACH SLÁINTE AGUS FOLLÁINE (HEALTH & WELL BEING OFFICER)	<i>DAMIEN MCHUGH</i>

Ainmniúcháin Bhreise (Additional Nominations)

UACHTARÁIN OINIGH (HONORARY PRESIDENTS)	<i>JOE MCGURN (EXISTING)</i> & <i>PETER CARTY</i>
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Na Rúin (Motions)

MOTION 1

CLG Mhic Uidhir, An t-Iompú Deiseal

Amend Rule 6.15 Official Guide Part 1 to:

The All-Ireland Senior & Minor Finals shall be played in Croke Park. The Finals shall be played on or before the last Sunday in July on dates determined by the Central Council, **with the All-Ireland Minor Football & Hurling Finals to be played immediately prior to their respective Senior Finals.**

In exceptional circumstances the Central Council may make other arrangements.

Na Moltaí Don Choiste Chontae

(Recommendations to County Committee)

RECOMMENDATION 1

CLG Naomh Pádraig, Domhnach

A player changing from first 11 to Reserve football is not eligible for the next two matches at Reserve level regardless of competition.

Exception: If the player changing from the first 11 hasn't participated in the previous two Senior matches, either as a starting or substitute player, then they are eligible to play the next reserve match.

RECOMMENDATION 2 (MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE TO AMENDMENT 1)

CLG Naomh Pádraig, Domhnach

A player changing from first 11 to Reserve football is not eligible for the next match at Reserve level regardless of competition.

Exception: If the player changing from the first 11 hasn't participated in the previous two Senior matches, either as a starting or substitute player, then they are eligible to play the next reserve match.

RECOMMENDATION 3

CLG Ghaeil Inis Ceithleann

To facilitate clubs, their players and their families:

A 10 day holiday period is included in the Fermanagh senior club fixtures. This period will start on the Saturday of the 2nd Weekend of July until the Monday after the 3rd weekend of July (inclusive).

During this period, no club adult fixtures will take place.

Fodhlíthe Choiste Chontae Fhear Manach CLG

(Fermanagh GAA Bye-Laws)

To be Read in Conjunction with the Official Guide and the GAA Official Codes

1 COUNTY CONVENTION

(1) The Annual County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.8 T.O., shall elect the following Officers in accordance with Rule 3.9 T.O., following nominations received in accordance with Rule 3.11 T.O.:

- Chairperson;
- Vice-Chairperson;
- Assistant Secretary;
- Treasurer;
- Assistant Treasurer;
- Coaching Officer;
- Officer for Irish Language and Culture; and
- **Communications Officer.** ~~Public Relations Officer~~

(2) It shall further appoint the following Officers, in accordance with Rule 3.11 T.O., following recommendation by the outgoing County Committee:

- Planning and Training Officer;
- Demographics Officer;
- **Health & Well Being Officer;** and
- Children's Officer.

(3) It shall further elect two representatives on Provincial Council and one representative on Central Council, who shall hold office respectively for the term of the ensuing Provincial and Central Councils.

(4) It shall elect delegates, in accordance with Rule 3.10 T.O., to include the County Chairperson and County Secretary, when available, to

- Annual Congress; and
- Provincial Convention.

(5) The County Management Committee shall act as the Standing Orders Committee for County Convention and shall examine motions submitted and decide whether these are in order. The Standing Orders Committee may put a motion in order where there is a failure to quote any or the appropriate rules affected, where there are minor clerical errors, or may classify the Motion as a Motion, a Bye-law, an amendment to a Bye-Law, a Recommendation to County Committee or a Regulation. Clubs shall be advised in writing, in advance of Convention, of the reason for the amendments being made.

(6) When a motion, bye-law or amendment(s) to same, or proposed regulation change is received by the County Secretary before the specified closing date and is found to be out of order, the County Secretary shall contact the proposing club and advise them of same, with a brief outline of the reason(s) why it is out of order. It will then be up to the relevant club to correct the motion, if so desired, and to re-submit it by a date given by the County Secretary in order to be included. Only the

correction of motions submitted on time will be allowed in this process – no new motions can be submitted.

(7) In the case of all motions passed at County Convention (or at County Committee, in the case of Regulations) which involve an amendment or change of Bye-laws or Regulation, the Standing Orders Committee shall have authority to examine such motions and, without derogating from their meaning, recommend any re-phrasing, re-location or re-classification considered necessary. Such recommendations shall be put before the County Committee for ratification at its first meeting after Convention before being forwarded to Central Council for approval if such approval is required.

2 COUNTY COMMITTEE

(1) The County Committee shall consist of the following:

- (a) Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for the Irish Language and Culture and **Communications** ~~Public Relations~~ Officer;
- (b) Central Council Representative (who shall be ex-officio);
- (c) Two Provincial Council Representatives (who shall be ex-officio);
- (d) Children's Officer;
- (e) Planning and Training Officer;
- (f) Demographics Officer;
- (g) Safety and Facilities Officer;
- (h) Named Hurling Committee Representative;
- (i) County Referees Administrator;
- (j) Two representatives from each affiliated club named on nomination form issued for County Convention, subject to rule 3.16 (g) T.O.;
- (k) Named County Primary Schools Committee Representative;
- (l) Named County Post-Primary Schools Committee Representative;
- (m) Named County GAA Handball Committee Representative;
- (n) Named Fermanagh Ladies Gaelic Football Association Representative;
- (o) Named Fermanagh Camogie Association Representative.

(2) The positions detailed above (with the exception of a Full Time County Secretary appointed under Rule 3.17 (f) T.O.) in paragraphs (a) to (c) shall be elected at the Annual County Convention as per Rules 3.8, 3.9 and 3.10 T.O..

(3) The positions detailed above in paragraphs (d) to (f) shall be appointed at the Annual County Convention on the recommendation of the outgoing County Committee as per Rule 3.11 T.O..

(4) The positions detailed above in paragraphs (g) to (o) shall be appointed by the County Committee.

(5) All members of the County Committee, with the exception of a Full Time County Secretary appointed under Rule 3.17 (f) T.O., and positions detailed in paragraphs 2 (1) (m) to (o) shall have full voting rights.

(6) As permitted by Rule 3.9 (b) Exception (2) T.O., the County Treasurer and County Children's Officer are not subject to the maximum period of five years in office.

(7) Proxies may be appointed for the two named representatives of each affiliated club. Proxies are also allowed for representatives of (k), (l), (m), (n) and (o) provided they are officers of their respective committees.

3 SUB-COMMITTEES

(1) In accordance with Rule 3.18 T.O. and subject to Rule 3.19 T.O., the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose powers and functions shall be as detailed therein and in these Bye-Laws, where appropriate:

All members of sub-committees shall be named.

Where a quorum for meetings is not stated in these Bye-Laws, Rule 4.2 T.O. shall apply.

(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 ~~Communications~~ ~~Public Relations~~ Officer, and in addition the Planning and Training Officer, Safety and Facilities Officer, Demographics Officer, the Children's Officer, the Named Hurling Committee Representative, the Central Council representative and the two Provincial Council representatives.

(ii) Competitions Control Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach (who shall be the Vice Chairperson of the County Committee), Rúnaí (who shall be the Assistant Secretary of the County Committee) and not fewer than six other named members, along with the Fixtures Analyst and the County Referees' Administrator (who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of Referees), all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

The Competitions Control Committee shall have plenary powers, except in matters pertaining to Grading of clubs and players within the county.

(iii) Fixture Analysts

At least one Fixtures Analyst shall be appointed by the County Committee, on the recommendation of the County Management Committee and whose functions shall be as outlined in Rule 3.18 (iii), T.O..

(iv) Hearings Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí and not fewer than five other named members all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

(v) Safety and Facilities Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach (who shall be the County Safety and Facilities Officer) and Rúnaí and not fewer than five other named members, to include a qualified Event Controller, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

(vi) Planning and Training Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach (who shall be the County Planning and Training Officer) and Rúnaí and not fewer than five other named members, all of whom shall be appointed by the County

Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

(vii) Referees' Administration Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí and not fewer than five other named members, one of whom shall be the County Referees' Administrator, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

(viii) Coaching and Games Development Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach (who shall be the County Coaching Officer) and Rúnaí (who shall be the County ~~Head of Games Development Manager~~) and not fewer than five other named members, one of which shall be the Children's Officer, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

(ix) Cultural Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach (who shall be the County Officer for Irish Language and Culture) and Rúnaí and not fewer than four other named members, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

(x) ~~Communications~~ Public Relations/Marketing Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach (who shall be the County ~~Communications~~ Public Relations Officer) and Rúnaí and not fewer than four other named members, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

(xi) Youth Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí and not fewer than four other named members, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

The County Youth Committee may hold an Annual Forum each year and it may make recommendations to the County Competitions Control Committee on matters relating to underage competitions within the County.

(xii) Finance Sub-Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach (who shall be the County Treasurer) and Rúnaí (who shall be the County Assistant Treasurer) and not fewer than five other named members, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

(xiii) Information Technology Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí and not fewer than four other named members, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

(xiv) County Teams Management and Panels Sub-Committee

The membership of the County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee / Player relationships and as approved by Ard Chomhairle from time to time and shall be appointed by the County Committee, on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

(xv) Audit and Risk Committee

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

(xvi) Demographics Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach (who shall be the County Demographics Officer) and Rúnaí and not fewer than four other named members, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

(xvii) Health and Well-being Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí and not fewer than four other named members, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

(2) In accordance with Rule 3.17 (m) ~~16 (f)~~, T.O., the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees, whose functions shall be as outlined in these Bye-Laws:

(i) Strategic Implementation Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí and not fewer than four other named members, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee. This Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of a County Strategic Plan and the elements of the Provincial and National Strategic Plans that relate to the county.

(ii) Hurling Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí and not fewer than four other named members, all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the County Management Committee.

The Hurling Committee shall be entitled to make proposals in relation to the format of all hurling competitions to the Competitions Control Committee and on matters relating to the promotion and improvement of hurling within the county to the County Coaching & Games Development Committee. The Hurling Committee may hold an Annual Forum.

(iii) Post-Primary Schools Committee

It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí and not fewer than three other named members, including a member of the County Management Committee, a representative from each affiliated Post-Primary School and a representative from the County Coaching & Games Development Committee.

The Post-Primary Schools Committee shall be responsible for the promotion, development and control of games in Post-Primary Schools; for the organisation of games, where appropriate, and to encourage as wide a participation in Gaelic games as is feasible.

(3) Except in the case of the County Hearings Committee and the County Competitions Control Committee, the County Chairperson and County Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees.

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. and in these Bye-Laws.

(1) Attachment to First Club

A person seeking to become a member of the Association shall have a limited choice e.g. to joining either a Club in the Catchment area of his permanent residence or a Club with which he has a “relevant connection” as defined in Rule 6.2 (b) T.O..

(2) Permanent Residence

(a) Permanent residence, in the context of this Bye-law and Rules 6.3 and 6.4 T.O. shall mean residing at a fixed address for a minimum period of one month prior to the date of the transfer application.

(b) The onus of proof of residence rests with the member seeking the transfer. Where proof of residence has not been established to the satisfaction of the County Competitions Control Committee, it shall be empowered to investigate the evidence of the member seeking the transfer, and where such evidence is found to be false, the member shall be liable to be dealt with under Rule 7.2 (e), T.O..

(c) For a player, up to and including Minor level, residence shall be considered to be the permanent residence of his Parent(s)/Guardian(s).

(3) 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.

(4) Applications for Transfer to leave a First Club (within the County) as defined in Rule 6.3 T.O. shall not be granted, except in the following cases:

(a) A player whose residence/ family residence is changed to the catchment area of the club to which he wishes to be transferred.

(b) A change of address is not required in the case of a player whose residence/ family residence is already in the area of the club to which he wishes to be transferred, and who is presently a member of a club which is outside the club area of his residence.

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

(6) 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 (6): 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) – (5) above.

(7) 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.

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

(9) 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..

(10) 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.

(11) In accordance with Rules 6.4 (f) and 6.6 T.O., an appeal against a decision on a transfer may be made to the County Hearings Committee.

(12) In accordance with Rule 6.4 (g) T.O., a transfer becomes effective:

- On the expiry of the period allowed for an Appeal against the decision on the Transfer application; or, if an Appeal is submitted, on the making of a decision on the Appeal; and

- On ~~Codes (4.1) and (4.2)~~ **Code 4.2** being complied with.

5 GRADING OF CLUBS AND PLAYERS

(1) All applications from Clubs and Players for re-grading must be sent in to the County Secretary by the 31st January and shall be dealt with in accordance with Codes (10.7) and (10.8).

(2) Clubs shall be graded as Senior, Intermediate or Junior.

(3) A team winning the Junior Football Championship shall be promoted to the Intermediate Grade for the following year.

(4) A team winning the Intermediate Football Championship shall be promoted to the Senior Grade for the following year.

(5) One team shall be relegated from the Senior Football Championship to the Intermediate Football Championship each year.

(6) One team shall be relegated from the Intermediate Football Championship to the Junior Football Championship each year.

6 PLAYING RESTRICTIONS (CLUB)

(1) A player that is a member of a GAA Club that exclusively plays football may be given permission

to play hurling with another GAA Club within the county, provided that a fully completed approval form is signed by the player and the Secretary of both Clubs. That approval form is processed by the County Competitions Control Committee for decision. In the event of a Club Secretary not signing the approval form, the Competitions Control Committee shall still consider the application. Bye-Law 4 (2) (a) – (c) shall apply where appropriate. The County Management Committee shall designate hurling zones within the county and members of clubs that exclusively play football shall only be permitted to play hurling for another GAA club within that same zone, except under exceptional circumstances. **Penalty:** As set out in Code (8.3) i.

(2) A player that is a member of a GAA Club that exclusively plays hurling may be given permission to play football with another GAA Club in the county, provided that a fully completed approval form is signed by the player and the Secretary of both Clubs. That approval form is processed by the County Competitions Control Committee for decision. In the event of a Club Secretary not signing the approval form, the Competitions Control Committee shall still consider the application. Bye-Law 4 (2) (a) – (c) shall apply where appropriate. The County Management Committee shall designate zones within the county and members of clubs that exclusively play hurling shall only be permitted to play football for another GAA club within that same zone, except under exceptional circumstances. **Penalty:** As set out in Code (8.3) i.

(3) Permissions to Play are only applicable until 31st December each year.

(4) A permission to play request is primarily a matter between a player and the County Committee. When a player signs a permission to play request, 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 permission to play, 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.

7 GENERAL

(1) The above Byelaws shall supersede all previous Byelaws and relevant motions passed at County Convention. They shall be referred to by number in all objections, appeals and such like documents wherein they are used.

(2) Amendments and/or additions to these Bye-Laws may be made at any Annual County Convention, or at a Special County Convention convened for the purpose, providing that the resolution proposing same is carried by a vote of three-fifths of the delegates present, entitled to vote and voting thereon. Motions for their amendment or deletion shall quote the number of the Bye-Law to be amended or deleted

(3) A new Bye-Law may be enacted, at any Annual County Convention or Special County Convention, convened for this purpose, by a simple majority.

(4) In accordance with Rule 3.15 T.O., new or amended bye-laws, as proposed, shall not become operative until sanctioned by the Management Committee of Central Council.

Miontuairiscí na Comhdhála deiridh (Minutes of 2024 Convention)

Miontuairiscí Chomhdáil Bhliantúil 2024– 9 Nollaig 2024

1. Tionólfar an Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach i gColáiste Thiar Theas, Inis Ceithleann, Co. Fhear Manach, Dé Luain 9 Nollaig 2024.

Bhí an Cathaoirleach, Brian Armitage i gceannas agus bhí na teachtaí seo leanas i láthair:

Oifigigh

Leas-Chathaoirleach	John McGovern
Rúnaí	Tom Boyle
Rúnaí Cúnta	Phil Flanagan
Cisteoir	Sean Burns
Cisteoir Cúnta	
Oifigeach na Páiste	Anita Kehoe
Oifigeach Oiliúna	Ferghal O'Connor
Oifigeach Forbartha	Sean Donnelly
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	Deirdre Felloni
Oifigeach Cultúra & Gaeilge	Ciaran Maguire

Representatives:

Ard Comhairle	Tiernach Mahon
Comhairle Uladh	Peter Carty, Greg Kelly

Fo-Choistí:

Teresa McNabb (Coaching & Games)
 Leanne Prior (Youth Committee)
 Des Crudden and Katy Crudden (Crudden & Dolan Accountants)
 Gerard Tracey (Club Eirne),
 Liam Magee (Cumman naBunscol).

Fuarthas leithscéal ó:

Damian McHugh (Health & Wellbeing Committee,
 Phil O'Connor (An Choiste Iomáint),
 Roisin Smyth (An Choiste Iomáint),
 Gerry McPhillips (Aghadrumsee St Macartans),

Na Clubanna:

CLG Naomh Mac Artáin, Achadh Dhroim Sí	Ciaran Carey	Pat McCaffery		
CLG Uí Raithile, Béal Cú	John J Stewart	Rita McGourty		
CLG Airt Mhic Mhurchú, Béal na Leice	Tony Presley	Malachy McConnell	Aaron Quigley	
CLG Éimhir Mhic Mhathúna, Achadh Lon	Gerry Boyle	Kieran Rooney		

CLG Uí Dhuibhir, An Cuach	Patrick Trainor	Lawrence Harte		
CLG Chláirseacha Dhoire Ó gConaíle	Donal Corrigan	Nicola Cassidy	Gerry Gallagher	
CLG Uí Chonaill, Doire Uí Loinn	Vincent Martin	Marie Maguire	Brian Maguire	Brian Lunney
CLG Naomh Muire, Daimhinis	Michael Keown	Shane McGuinness	Bart O'Brien	
CLG Naomh Seosamh, Eadarnaigh	Donal Gormley	Stephen McElrone		
CLG Ghaeil Inis Ceithleann				
CLG Ghaeil na hEirne, Béal Leice	Breda Gallagher	Peter McMahon		
CLG Naomh Molaise, Na Cearna	Michael McQuaid	John McEnhill		
CLG Bhriain Bhóramha, Cill Náile	Sean Doonan	Jason Martin	Raurai McDermott	
CLG Mhig Reachtain, Na Cnoic				
CLG Naomh Pádraig, Lios Béal Átha	Jacinta Teague			
CLG Eiméid, Lios na Scéithe	Gerry Hicks	Martin Teague	Kieran Durnien	Sean Jackman
CLG Naomh Muire, Droichead Mhig Uidhir	Kevin Corrigan	Matthew Teague		
Naomh Aodhán				
Chéad Chumann (CLG) Fhear Manach, Achadh Gé	Derek Conlon	Roisin Conlon	Jacinta Cadden	Finbar O'Keefe
CLG Sheamróga Ros Liath	Francis Rooney	Colin Rooney		
CLG Naomh Pádraig, Domhnach	Pauline O'Reilly	Jack Foster		
CLG Sheamróga An Tigh Mór	John Doherty	Bernard McManus		
CLG Mhic Uidhir, An t-Iompú Deiseal	John McElroy	Niall McElroy		

Na Meáin:

Gerry McLaughlin, Katrina Brennan.

The Clár was detailed in the Convention Booklet circulated in advance of Convention.

Brian Armitage (Cathaoirleach) welcomed all delegates to Convention.

Standing orders were adopted on the proposal of Ferghal O'Connor (Coaching Officer) and Tiernach

Mahon (Central Council.).

Minutes.

Minutes of the County Convention held on the 14th December 2023 were read and adopted on the proposal of Peter Carty (Comhairle Uladh) and Michael Keown (Devenish St Marys).
No Matters arising.

2. Chairman's Address (See Appendix 1)

3. Secretary's Report: Presented by Tom Boyle (Rúnaí)

See copy of County Convention Book/presentation.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Ferghal O'Connor seconded by Anita Kehoe (Oifigeach na Páiste).

Matters arising:

Tom Boyle(Rúnaí) made comment on the following areas of his report-

- Player injury Scheme-reminder to clubs that players involved in club and county activity must be registered on Foireann from 1st January in order for a player injury claims to be covered.
- Tom Boyle paid tribute to outgoing officers namely Ferghal O'Connor and Tiernach Mahon on completing their five year terms as officer and special mention to Peter Carty who completed five years in the role of Ulster Council representative.

Ciaran Carey (Aghadrumsee St Macartans) highlighted the results of both Minor and U-20 football-reference Pages 17-19.

Brian Armitage (Cathaoirleach) thanked An Rúnaí for his report.

4. Sub Committee Reports:

4.1 Competition Control Committee: Presented by John McGovern.

The report of the CCC was adopted on the proposal of Greg Kelly (Comhairle Uladh), seconded by Martin Teague (Lisnaskea Emmetts).

Matters arising.

Correction to P34 – should read 'St Patricks were relegated to the Junior Football Championship for 2025'.

4.2 Youth Committee: Presented by Leanne Prior

The Youth Committee report was adopted on the proposal of Gerry Hicks (Lisnaskea Emmetts) seconded by Vincent Martin (Derrylin O'Connells).

No Matters arising.

4.3 Coaching and Games Development Committee:

The reports of the Coaching and Games Committee and GDM report were adopted on the proposal of Peter Carty (Comhairle Uladh), seconded by Ciaran Maguire (Oifigeach Cultúra & Gaeilge).

No Matters arising.

4.4 Hurling Committee: Presented by Roisin Smyth

The Hurling Committee report was adopted on the proposal of Tiernach Mahon (Ard Comhairle) seconded by Deirdre Felloni.

No Matters arising

4.5 Referees' Administration Committee: Presented by Dermot Love.

The report of the Referees Committee was adopted on the proposal of Michael Keown (Devenish St Marys) seconded by Anita Kehoe (Oifigeach na bPáiste).

No Matters arising:

4.6 Safety & Facilities Committee: Presented by Sean Donnelly

The report of the Safety & Facilities Committee was adopted on the proposal of Vincent Martin (Derrylin O'Connells), seconded by Ferghal O'Connor (Oifigeach Oiliúna).

Matters arising:

Sean Donnelly made comments in respect of Lissan overview for the future – Pitch usage, new LED Floodlighting, St Michaels Partnership, Development at Ashwoods, and ongoing works at Brewster Park.

4.7 Planning And Training Committee: Presented by Tiernach Mahon.

The report of the Planning And Training Committee was adopted on the proposal of Ferghal O' (Oifigeach Oiliúna) seconded by Michael Keown (Devenish St Marys)

Matters arising:

Tiernach Mahon (Ard Comhairle) emphasised the importance of getting work started in respect of the new county Strategic Plan.

4.8 Culture and Irish Language Committee: Presented by Ciaran Maguire.

The report of the Culture and Irish Language Committee was adopted on the proposal of Francis Rooney (Roslea Shamrocks) Roisin Conlon (Newtownbutler First Fermanagh).

Matters arising:

Ciaran Maguire (Oifigeach Cultúra & Gaeilge) emphasised that there is talent for Scór participation in Fermanagh but Clubs must put more effort into appointing a Scór officer.

4.9 Public Relations and Marketing: Presented by Deirdre Felloni.

The report of the Public Relations and Marketing Committee was adopted on the proposal of Ciaran Maguire (Oifigeach Cultúra & Gaeilge), Francis Rooney (Roslea Shamrocks)

No Matters arising.

4.10 Information Technology: Report completed by Niall Cullen (IT Officer).

The report of the Information Technology Committee was adopted on the proposal of Deirdre Felloni (Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí), seconded by Ferghal O'Connor (Oifigeach Oiliúna).

No Matters arising.

4.11 Health and Wellbeing Report: completed by Damian McHugh.

The report of the Health and Wellbeing Committee was adopted on the proposal of Ferghal O'Connor (Oifigeach Oiliúna), seconded by Deirdre Felloni (Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí).

No Matters arising.

4.12 Children's Officers Report: Presented by Anita Keogh

The report of the Children's Officer was adopted on the proposal Liam Magee (Cumann na mBunscol) seconded by John McElroy (Tempo Maguires).

No Matters arising.

5. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheets:

Treasurer's Report – Presented by Sean Burns (Cisteoir) – See Convention Book.

Des Crudden (Accountant & Registered Auditors) delivered a PowerPoint presentation to Convention covering the following:

Income—Gate Receipts, National League Share, Commercial Income, Fund-Raising Activities, Financial Income, Other Income, Income from Associated Bodies, Lissan Development Income.

Expenditure—County Competition Expenses, County Team Expenses, Financial Expenses, Administration Expenses, Grants & Donations, Coaching & Game Development, Lissan Maintenance Expenditure.

This was followed by the presentation of schedules of each area of Income and Expenditure and points of clarification.

Summary of Accounts:

Total Income: £996,069.00

Total Expenditure: £101,6021.00

Surplus: (£19,952.00.)

The Treasurer's report/Accounts were adopted on the proposal of Derek Conlon (Newtownbutler First Fermanagh) seconded by John J Stewart (Belcoo O'Rahillys).

Matters arising:

Brian Armitage (Chairperson) thanked Sean Burns for his report and thanked him for his commitment and work over the year. He went on to thank Des Crudden for the presentation of the accounts.

Club Eirne presentation (Appendix 2):

A power point presentation to all delegates. Ger Treacy, Chairperson of Club Éirne presented the report detailing the work of Club Eirne during 2024 and funds raised.

Matters Arising

Brian Armitage (Chairperson) thanked Club Eirne for their work throughout the year and appealed to members to support the various fund-raising events.

6. Election of Officers:

Cathaoirleach (Chairperson)

Brian Armitage (outgoing): Proposed by Martin Teague and Gerry Hicks (Lisnaskea Emmetts)

Brian Armitage elected unopposed.

Leas-Chathaoirleach (Vice Chairperson)

John McGovern (outgoing): Proposed by Anita Keogh (Oifigeach na bPáiste), Vincent Martin (Derrylin O'Connells)

John McGovern elected unopposed.

Rúnaí Cúnta (Assistant Secretary)

Phil Flanagan (outgoing): Proposed by Greg Kelly (Comhairle Uladh), Ciaran Carey (Aghadrumsee St Macartans).

Phil Flanagan elected unopposed.

Cisteoir (Treasurer)

Sean Burns (outgoing): Proposed by Derek Conlon (Newtownbutler First Fermanagh), Leanne Prior (Derrylin O'Connells)

Sean Burns elected unopposed.

Cisteoir Cúnta (Assistant Treasurer)

No nomination received.

Oifigeach Oiliúna (Coaching Officer)

Stephen McElrone (New nomination): Proposed by Donal Gormley (Ederney St Josephs), Vincent Martin (Derrylin O'Connells)

Stephen McElrone elected unopposed.

Oifigeach Cultúra & Gaeilge

Ciaran Maguire (outgoing): Proposed by Francis Rooney (Roslea Shamrocks), Vincent Martin (Derrylin O'Connells).

Ciaran Maguire elected unopposed.

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí (PRO)

Deidre Felloni (outgoing): Proposed by Vincent Martin (Derrylin O'Connells), Gerry Hicks (Lisnaskea Emmetts)

Deirdre Felloni elected unopposed.

Ard Comhairle (Central Council)

Vincent Martin (New nomination): Proposed by Anita Kehoe (Oifigeach Na bPáiste), Peter Carty (Comhairle Uladh),

Vincent Martin elected unopposed.

Comhairle Uladh (Ulster Council x2)

Greg Kelly (outgoing): Proposed by Finbarr O'Keefe (Newtownbutler First Fermanagh), Ciaran Carey (Aghdrumsee St Macartans)

Greg Kelly elected unopposed.

Tiernach Mahon (New nomination): Proposed by Michael McQuaid (Irvinestown St Molaise), Peter Carty (Comhairle Uladh)

Tiernach Mahon elected unopposed.

Comhdháil Bhliantúil (Delegates to Congress) - 2 to be elected (Chairman and Secretary are entitled to attend)

No Nominations received – left over to County Management Committee

Comhairle Uladh Comhdháil Bhliantúil (Delegates to Ulster Convention) - 2 to be elected.

No Nominations received –left over to County Management Committee

Children's Officer- recommendation from County Committee -Anita Kehoe

Recommendation accepted on the proposal of Nicola Cassidy (Derrygonnelly Harps), John McGovern (Leas-Chathaoirleach).

Planning and Training Officer-recommendation from County Committee – Tiernach Mahon
Recommendation accepted on the proposal of Ciaran Maguire (Oifigeach Cultúra & Gaeilge), Gerry Hicks (Lisnaskea Emmetts).

Demographics Officer- recommendation from County Committee- Ferghal O'Connor
Recommendation accepted on the proposal of Anita Kehoe (Oifigeach na bPáiste), Gerry Hicks (Lisnaskea Emmetts).

7. Motions

Note: Entitled to Vote 60.

Majority-31 votes.

Three Fifths -36 votes

Motion 1

Proposed Amendment to Bye-Law 4. Playing Eligibility/Transfers

As the Gaelic Athletic Association is community centered, 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.

Proposed by : Tiernach Mahon/Sean Burns

Following presentation/discussion and points of clarification, motion withdrawn.

Motion 2

Proposed Amendment to Bye-Law 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.

County Management Committee.

Following presentation/discussion and points of clarification, motion passed.

8. AOB-None

9. Conclusion

John McGovern (Leas-Chathaoirleach) thanked the SWC for the use of their facilities.

He thanked Tom Boyle and Phil Flanagan for their work in preparing the Convention book/presentation.

He thanked all the sub-committees for their reports.

He thanked Des Crudden for the presentation of finance issues and Gerard Tracey for the Club Eirne report. He went on to thank all clubs for their support.

A moment of reflection and prayer and for all deceased members was led by John McGovern and Greg Kelly (Comhairle Uladh).

John McGovern concluded by wishing all delegates well for the festive season and a good year 2025.

Convention ended at 10.30pm

Rúnái

Cathaoirleach

Date

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Is mór an onóir dom bheith anseo anocht ag oíche do CLG Fhear Manach.

I am delighted to see that we have an excellent attendance from all the clubs of the county for our annual convention. I thank you all for your attendance and your valued participation. I express my sincere gratitude to you all for your dedication and commitment in promoting our games in your communities.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone at SWC for their assistance with the organisation of this evening’s county convention.

As I reflect on my 3rd year in office, I have once again witnessed the outstanding commitment that the clubs in the county have given to the promotion of our games. The recent independent report published by Hallam University; Sheffield found that the Social Value of Gaelic games is estimated to be worth at least €2.87 billion to Irish society.

You the clubs without exception are the backbone of your communities and as such form an integral part of Irish society and one that we can all be proud of.

The county secretary Tom has provided us with a comprehensive report on all County teams, it just remains for me to say thank you to all our managers, coaches, backroom teams, and players at every level in both hurling and football for the effort and commitment to Fermanagh GAA and for the many great days you give us in 2024.

A special word of congratulations to our senior hurlers on winning the Lory Meagher cup a tremendous achievement and a just reward for all the hard work and dedication during the year by the management and players.

The decision by Ard Comhairle to do away with the McKenna cup was in my opinion short sighted. It has meant that the opportunity for counties to try out new players in competitive matches before the National league commences has been removed.

It also would have been the ideal competition to trial the new rules and as in previous years there was also an opportunity to provide new up and coming referees with meaningful games.

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. Their continued support is the financial lifeblood of our association and provides much needed resources for the promotion of our games. They support us, so where possible please support them.

Finance:

The continued dedication of Club Eirne in providing funding for Fermanagh GAA is without doubt a key component of the financial wellbeing of the county. A huge thank debt of gratitude is owed to the committee under the expert guidance of Ger Treacy. I have no doubt that the club Eirne report will outline in detail the amount of funding provided this year, and the future fund-raising initiatives that they have planned for the year ahead. I would encourage everyone to support these initiatives which in turn will benefit all the clubs.

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Behind all of this is our county treasurer Sean, I really don’t know how he does it, his ability to carry out the duties of county treasurer as well as all his other roles within his club and his community is amazing. The treasurer’s role is indeed the most strenuous of all the officers’ roles and it takes someone with a special talent to fulfil the role. The amount of correspondence and requests that the treasurer receives from Croke Park is unbelievable.

To the merry band of gate personnel and stewards who have helped throughout the year at county and club championship matches, thank you.

The whole area of club levies was revamped during the year, and I thank the sub committee for their hard work in devising a system which was equitable and acceptable to the clubs in the county. Thanks to all clubs who hosted county and club matches through the year.

Sub Committees:

In this evening’s convention booklet, each subcommittee has provided a report on their activities during the year, I ask each one of you here to read the reports and highlight to your club the outstanding work that is been carried out at all levels within the county. I want to put on record my sincere thanks to each committee and thank the Chairpersons and Secretaries for their leadership. In total 200 members served on the various sub committees during the year a true reflection on the dedication to the association within the county.

Bord na n-Óg:

I want to thank Bord na n-Óg Contae Fhear Manach for their outstanding work during the year in organising all our youth activities in both football and hurling codes with 465 competitive games taking place from U12 to U18 in both codes with a similar number of Go Games. Such an undertaking is no mean feat given the complexities involved in arranging activities and in some cases rearranging fixtures at very short notice

We are indeed lucky in Fermanagh to have such a dedicated team of volunteers looking after youth affairs at both county level and within our clubs. The amount of time and effort that the Bord na n-Óg committee have devoted this year to the implementation of the tasks associated with the smooth running of youth competitions in the county is to be applauded. Thanks to all the clubs in the county who have actively supported our games at youth level. Thanks also to all our coaching staff who continue to provide meaning coaching programs for both hurling and football within our schools. Teresa will no doubt give a detailed analysis of all the activities that were undertaken this year.

One point to highlight is the vacancies that still exist within the Fermanagh coaching structures which despite at least three rounds of advertisements and interviews have remained vacant. As Leanne states in her report there is a need for the jobs to become more attractive with competitive salaries accompanying them. This fact has been highlighted to the HR department in Croke Park not only by Fermanagh but also by several other counties. Hopefully they will take heed of the situation and act appropriately.

Leanne has provided a detailed comprehensive report on youth activities in the county and I encourage everyone to read it.

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At last year’s Youth Convention I emphasised that the time was right to produce a youth development plan and to this end under the direction of the Coaching and Games officer Fergal O’Connor a comprehensive external review and analysis of the coaching structures within the county has now been completed by Prof Stephen Behan of DCU and the findings and recommendations will be shared with all clubs at a standalone meeting at the end of January 2025. This report will form the basis of the counties Youth Development Plan for the next five years and link in with the new Fermanagh GAA Strategic Plan.

A sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the focus group meetings, your input was greatly appreciated by all those involved in compiling the report.

CCC:

I thank our CCC committee under the chairmanship of John and Secretary Phil for ensuring that all our competitions were run in a timely and professional manner. I wish to thank all the clubs for cooperating with our CCC.

They are several recommendations proposed by clubs in relation to the league structures within the county, these will be discussed in detail at the January County Committee meeting and a decision made on what best suits Fermanagh.

Hearings:

Thanks to Hearing’s committee who perform a key role within the county, one indeed that is very often overlooked. Thank you, Pat, and Martin and all the members of the committee, for making yourself available very often at short notice.

Health and Wellbeing:

The Health and Wellbeing Committee under the guidance of Damian and Anne have continued to promote health and wellbeing in our clubs and communities with a variety of activities. The committee continued to support clubs in the promotion of health and wellbeing in our players, members and wider community. 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.

I thank you all for your support for our nominated charity “Friends of The Cancer Centre” a local charity enhancing care and support for thousands of people affected by cancer across the county.

The Hurling Development committee:

On behalf of everyone I would like to thank Roisin Smyth for taking on the role of secretary of the hurling development committee a role which she carried out with great diligence and knowledge. One of the key points in Roisin’s report is the need for all clubs to adhere to the decision to allocate Monday nights to hurling activities unfortunately several clubs did not adhere to this during the year. In Roisin’s words “In order to grow the code we all need to promote hurling in the county and give all players the opportunity to play hurling”

Referees:

It was indeed heartening to see several new referees coming onboard this year but there are still

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a few clubs that need to put more effort into recruiting a referee to represent their club. We are blessed to have such a competent group of excellent referees. I thank all our referees and the referee administration committee for the vital role they play in the provision of our fixtures. I encourage more young men and ladies to come forward and take up refereeing. I appeal to players, management, and supporters to respect all our match officials as they carry out their duties. Congratulations to all the Fermanagh referees who officiated at both National and Provincial level during the year.

Teams:

Congratulations to all clubs from U12 up to senior level that won trophies this year. Well done to the clubs that went on to represent the county at Provincial level, Lisbellaw in the UIHC, Erne Gaels in the UJHC, Erne Gaels in the UCSFC, Lisnaskea Emmetts in the UCIFC and Aghadrumsee St Macartan’s in the UCJFC.

Scor Irish Language:

Thanks to all clubs in the county who continue to support Scor and Scor na nOg. The level of competition continues to increase year on year thanks to the efforts of Ciaran Maguire and his committee. I would ask all clubs to actively promote Scor and hopefully in the not-too-distant future all clubs in Fermanagh will be participating in Scor.

Without doubt the talent exists within every club. Congratulations to all clubs who have received Glór na nGael/GAA awards for the promotion of the Irish Language within their clubs. Good luck to the Enniskillen Gael’s Scor na nOg Nuachleas team who go on to represent Fermanagh in the All-Ireland Final at the end of January.

Finally, much credit must go to the wonderful singers on the Fear Manach panel of Amhrán na bhFiann performers. It was noticeable at the majority of championship games that our national anthem was sung by club members. We look forward to extending this further in 2025.

Safeguarding:

Anita our County Children’s officer has outlined in her report where we are in relation to safeguarding in the county, she also outlines that 2025 will be a year to build on the foundations set in place over the past few years. Remember safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us and the wellbeing of our young players must be the number one priority. To quote from Leanne’s report “Fermanagh GAA are very lucky to have someone of Anita’s Calibre in this role” Thank you Anita.

Safety and Facilities:

The chairperson of the Safety and Facilities Committee Sean has provided us with a detailed report on Lissan, New LED Floodlights, Gym, Wind Turbine, St Michael’s Partnership, Brewster Park development, Ulster Council Grants, Club Loans and the New Development at Ashwood’s Rd, Enniskillen. This committee works tirelessly in the background to ensure that our facilities are fit for purpose and are continually upgraded to order to meet the needs of all our teams both at club and county level. Thank you.

Clubs throughout the county have either completed, are in the process of, or are about to start major developments, I congratulate all involved on their foresight and ambition. At the end of the day, it will be the younger generation who will benefit.

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PR and Marketing:

Thanks to our PRO Deirdre for all your hard work with the promotion of Fermanagh GAA activities within the media and on all the social media channels. The production of programmes for our National league and the club championship is not an easy task but it was completed with outstanding efficiency. One point I have noted in Deirdre’s report is the increase of abusive comments online and face to face directed at many of our volunteers this is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Clubs are responsible for the actions of their members and should do all within their power to discourage such behaviour.

Thanks to our Fermanagh GAA TV production team under the guidance of Phil, our games are now streamed worldwide and provide a link with Fermanagh people living in many parts of the world.

Media:

To the Fermanagh Herald and the Impartial Reporter, I say thank you for your coverage and promotion of our games in the county.

Coaching:

To our coaching staff under the direction of Teresa McNabb Fermanagh Games Development Manager, thank you for all your hard work and dedication throughout the year. The Coaching & Games Report contained in tonight’s convention booklet outlines in detail the extraordinary amount of activity that was undertaken by our coaches this year. It is important that all clubs are made fully aware of both the amount of work undertaken by our county coaches and the assistance that they can provide to clubs.

As I have previously stated several roles within the coaching structures have still to be filled but we will be doing our utmost to alleviate this situation within the early part of 2025.

Catchment Areas:

Following a deliberation by the Hearings Committee the need for regularization of our regulations over whether we had definitions of our Club catchment areas was apparent. I set up the Club Catchment Area Workgroup to make proposals to be brought forward for adoption by County Committee. A scoping exercise was undertaken nationally to find out how other Counties deal with this and our Clubs were asked for their proposals as to what they felt was the best way forward. A very wide range of views were returned, and discussions were held with numerous Clubs. Following this it was decided to ask Clubs for their considered opinion as to whether catchment areas were necessary or not. Following the overwhelming view of this vote that they were not necessary it was decided to bring a motion to County Convention, that motion is to be brought to the floor for discussion and decision tonight. Thanks to Tiernach and all the members of the working group who worked diligently to come up with possible solutions.

Strategic Plan:

2024 was the final year of our current Strategic Plan (Ar aghaidh agus os a chionn Fear Manach). It is important that we look now at the way ahead for Fermanagh GAA in our ever-changing society and link our plan with that of the national GAA Plan (Aontas 2026) and the new Ulster GAA Plan. This will be one of the key priorities for 2025.

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Schools:

Our schools both primary and secondary are the lifeblood of the association within the county. I thank all the staff within our schools who give tirelessly of their time in the development of the skills of our games. I ask all clubs to continue to support the schools in whatever way possible be it coaching or equipment. It is vital that there is a clear and tangible link between clubs and schools.

Integration:

At National level, integration between the association, camogie and ladies' football was prioritised, this has proved to be a slow process however the sooner it becomes a reality the better. We look forward to working more closely with the LGFA especially around the whole area of fixtures and venues. On that point I would like to congratulate the Fermanagh ladies' team and management on winning the 2024 All Ireland Junior title, a great achievement. Well done.

Conclusion:

Finally to my fellow officers I say thank you for all you help and support during the year, a special word of thanks to our vice chairperson John who stood in for me on numerous occasions when I was unavailable, I hope it gives him a taste of what lies ahead for him, to our extremely dedicated County Rúnaí Tom Boyle who kept me on the straight and narrow during the year, to our very hard-working and efficient County Treasurer Sean Burns, thanks also to rúnaí cúnta Phil Flanagan for his wise advice on all matters related to the official guide, there were times when I thought he slept with it under his pillow and finally to our PRO for being the shield between me and the media.

At this evening's convention we have several officers who have completed their term of office, I thank each and every one of them for their hard work and commitment over the last five years and I wish them well in whatever role they undertake in the future. I know none of them will be lost to the association.

I want to extend to all who have suffered the loss of a loved one in the last twelve months our deepest condolences.

Ar dheis lamh De go raibh a anamacha.

In conclusion I thank you the clubs for your support throughout the year and I wish all present and your families a Happy Christmas and a successful 2025.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

Brian Armitage - Cathaoirleach



2024 REPORT TO COUNTY CONVENTION



From The Chair...

After the frantic nature of 2023 and the Win a House Competition matters in Club Eirne were quieter in 2024. This pause in intense work coincided with the County officers carrying out the necessary due diligence regarding the purchase of land that we have heard about tonight.

The planned purchase of 25 acres of land at Ashwoods is a very significant moment in the proud history of Fermanagh GAA. This along with the imminent publication of the Review of Coaching in our County which has been ongoing throughout the latter months of 2024 now points the way forward for the County for many years to come.

On behalf of all involved in Club Eirne I congratulate those involved in the land purchase and indeed in the Coaching Review work. We welcome the fact that we now have a clear vision for Fermanagh GAA. We know we are going to take forward very significant capital developments and deliver training facilities that are on a par with any county across the island.

We also know we will shortly have a suite of recommendations in relation to how coaching should be taken forward in the County so with those key strategies in place the vision for the future is clear and that will no doubt be welcomed by all Fermanagh Gaels.

We do however recognise that to deliver on such a vision will take patience and a hell of a lot of money. We wish the County Management committee success in their forthcoming discussions with various grant aiding organisations, Croke Park and our local Council.

Funding such a development and a new coaching model certainly aligns itself with many central and local government policies and to those of our Association.

We also recognise that help will only come our way if we provide evidence that we are prepared to help ourselves and that is where Club Eirne and the Gaels of Fermanagh must step up and play their part in helping to raise match funding for such ambitious but much needed developments.

Club Eirne believe that if we can get our Coaching structures right in our Clubs and at County level and we have the facilities in place to allow our young people to prosper in their chosen sport then we can all hold our heads high, satisfied in the knowledge that we have done everything in our gift to ensure the youth of our county have been provided with the opportunity to 'Be the Best that they can Be'.

While 2024 was more low key for Club Eirne than the previous nine that I have been Chair we are still very proud of the fact that our work generated £138,651 for Fermanagh GAA.

This again is down to our loyal members, patrons, gold patrons and Brand Partners recognising the need to support Fermanagh GAA and putting their hands in their pockets to do so. For that we thank them sincerely.

So, as we approach a New Year, it is time to reinvigorate and relaunch Club Eirne and get back to recruiting new members and patrons as it is their consistent funds that will be the 'lifeblood' of Fermanagh GAA for many years to come.

We need to raise a minimum of £300k per annum for the next 10 years to help fund the new developments at Ashwoods, support the implementation of the agreed recommendations that emanate from the Coaching Review as well as provide funds to help support the day to day running costs of our teams and our current facilities.

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That is a significant challenge, and it is one everyone reading this report must consider. If you want the best for the future generations of boys and girls in our County, you must consider how you can help Club Eirne achieve this financial target.

For several years I have very much respected the opinion that a minimum contribution of £500 per annum is above the contribution level of many people in our County so with that in mind we have developed a Club Eirne Fermanagh GAA Lotto with the first draw to be held this weekend.

Contributions from £1 upwards will secure contributors an entry each week to winning an amazing jackpot of £25k – yes £25k on offer every week plus weekly consolation prizes if the jackpot is not won. I believe the Gaels of Fermanagh will row in behind this initiative as it will be a major part of how we go about achieving our target of raising £300k per annum.

Further to this I have been speaking to quite a few people over the last 12 months and have enlisted several new faces to help us to recruit new members and patrons in the years ahead, so this is a positive start, and I welcome them to the Club Eirne committee.

As ever in my end of year comments I wish to set our plans for the year ahead. These are as follows:

- Relaunch Club Eirne in late 2024 / early 2025.
- Recruit 100 new members, patrons, gold patrons in 2025 and endeavour to record an income of over £200k
- Record a minimum income of £100k from the Club Eirne Fermanagh GAA lotto.
- Seek out further Brand Partners.
- Contact those people who have for one reason, or another dropped off making payment to Club Eirne over the past 24 months.
- Investigate the possibility of hosting a

business breakfast event.

With these targets in mind 2025 will be a busy year and your continued support and generosity will be crucial in helping us achieve our goals. I would once again assure you that your hard-earned contributions are being spent wisely and prudently for the advancement of Fermanagh GAA and to ensure that we can pass on a thriving organisation to the next generation of Fermanagh Gaels.

My heartfelt thanks and best wishes are extended to all our Members, Patrons, Gold Patrons and Brand Partners who supported our efforts throughout the year and also many thanks to the members of the Club Eirne Committee.

Finally, thanks to Gerard O'Brien and Co, Accountants who audit our financial accounts so efficiently.

Wishing everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas and best wishes to all Fermanagh Gaels in 2025.

Beir bua agus beannacht

GER TREACY
Chairman,
Club Éirne
December 2024

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT - 2024

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OPENING BALANCES (1ST OCTOBER 2023)	£ 2,101.83	€259.99
TOTAL INCOME	£139,253.95	
Members and Patrons	£59,906.25	
Brand Partners	£58,500.00	
House Draw - Residual	£20,847.70	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£140,601.10	
Transfer to County Board	£138,650.99	
Marketing & Website Costs	£200.00	
Bank & Other Charges	£681.01	
Printing Costs	£220.00	
Draw prizes	£849.10	
CLOSING BALANCES (30TH SEPTEMBER 2024)	£754.68	€259.99

WHERE THE MONEY TRANSFERRED TO FERMANAGH GAA WAS SPENT

Lackaboy Gym (Rent/Maintenance)	£28,000.00
Support for Underage Coaching	£30,000.00
Preparation for all County Football teams	£25,000.00
Preparation for all County Hurling teams	£25,000.00
Support Strength for Academy Squads	£15,000.00
Upgrades Lissan pitches	£12,000.00
County Office	£3,650.99
TOTAL	£138,650.99



Minor Football - Garda Cup Winners 2024



Minor Hurlers - Corn Tom Hogan Winners 2024

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí (Secretary's Report)

A chairde gaeil go léir,

Fellow Gaels, I wish to welcome you all here today to the South West College, Enniskillen for our County Convention of 2025.

As the end of 2025 fast approaches it is my pleasant duty as Secretary of Fermanagh County Board to present my report for adoption at Annual Convention tonight detailing the activities that took place under the control of the Board during the year.

Administration/Governance.

Club Affiliations

Twenty-three clubs affiliated to Fermanagh GAA in 2025, namely:

Aghadrumsee St. Macartans, Belcoo O'Rahillys, Belnaleck 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. All our Sub-Committees have presented a report to tonight's Convention and bearing in mind that each has its own report attached I will take this opportunity to thank all Chairpersons, Secretaries and Committee members for their hard work and commitment.

Finance: Chairperson - Sean Burns, Secretary -

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

Hearings Committee: Chairperson - Pat McGurn, Secretary - Conor McBarron

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

Coaching & Games Committee: Chairperson - Stephen McElrone, Secretary - Teresa McNabb

Hurling Committee: Chairperson - Peter Bogue, Secretary - Roisin Smyth

Referees Administration Committee: Chairperson - Michael Keown, Secretary - Dermott Love

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

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

Culture & Irish Language 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

County Teams

All our county teams results from U-17 to Senior are contained in Appendix 1.

All Youth & Development Teams results are contained in 'Coaching & Games Report'.

Senior Football

I thank Kieran Donnelly and all his backroom team for all their commitment and efforts over the past year in charge of our senior footballers. This year it was always going to be difficult to achieve promotion to NFL Division 2, but we maintained our NFL Division 3 status. In the Tailteann Cup we got off to a disappointing start against Carlow but bounced back to reach the Tailteann Cup semifinal where we lost to the eventual winners Kildare.

In September Kieran informed the County Board that he was standing down from the position of Senior Team Manager.

Declan Bonner was recently appointed to the position, and I wish Declan and his backroom team every success in 2026.

Tailteann Cup Team of the Year.

I congratulate Lee Cullen on his well-earned 'Tailteann Cup Team of the Year' award.



U-20 Football

Maurice McLaughlin, assisted by Johnny Feely and Aidan McElroy and his backroom team completed his fifth year in charge of our U-20 Footballers and I thank Maurice and all his team for their commitment and efforts over the last five years, and I wish them well for the future.

Ronan Gallagher was confirmed as the incoming U-20 Football manager at our September County Committee meeting, and we wish Ronan and his management team every success in 2026.

Minor Football

Pat Cadden, assisted by Sean Quigley and Aidan Breen have completed their first year in charge and I thank them for their work over their first year. Following on from a review Pat and his team will carry on for 2026.

Senior Hurling

I thank Joe Baldwin, Conor Tinnelly and Ollie McShea and their backroom team for their work over 2025, reaching the NHL Div 4 final where we lost to Louth. Nearing the end of the Nicky Rackard competition, Joe Baldwin stepped down as manager. The highlight of Joe Baldwin's time in charge was the winning of the Lory Meagher Cup finals in 2021 and 2024.

Daithi Hand and Peter Galvin were appointed managers for the coming season, and I wish them well for 2026.

U-20 Hurling

I thank Donal McShea, Brian Johnston and Joe McGoldrick for their commitment and efforts over 2024 & 2025. This year saw improvements in performance and results show they were competitive in both the U-20 Hurling Development League and the U-20 Hurling Championship 'Andrew O'Neill Cup'.

Johnny Dolan was appointed as our U-20 Hurling Team Manager for 2026 and we wish Johnny and his backroom team every success.

U-17 Hurling

Our U-17 Hurlers competed in the U-17 hurling development league and went on to win the league final, defeating Monaghan on scoreline of 1.12 to 0.07.

In the Celtic Challenge competition we had excellent results over Louth, Leitrim, Monaghan and Cavan but lost the final to Longford on a scoreline 3.13 to 1.10.

I thank Cyril Dunne and his backroom team for their dedication to the development of Hurling and wish them well for 2026.

Games Activity – Adult Club Competitions

Football

All our games activity is well documented in the reports from CCC, Coaching & Games and Hurling committees so it just remains for me to compliment all our finalists.

In our Senior Championship final, Erne Gaels Belleek overcame Derrygonnelly Harps to win their fourth title.

Erne Gaels competed in the Ulster Club Championship against the Cavan champions Kingscourt Stars in Breffni Park, and on the day won on a score line of 3-15 to 1-16. This result placed them in the Ulster Semi Final against Down Champions Kilcoo with Kilcoo winning on a scoreline of Kilcoo 4-12, Erne Gaels 1-10.

In the Intermediate Championship, Irvinestown St Molaise overcame the challenge of Belcoo O' Rahillys in the county final. In the Ulster Intermediate competition, they lost out against Cavan champions, CLG Cuchlainn in Breffni Park on a scoreline of 2-18 to 1-18.

In the Junior Football Championship St Patricks overcame the challenge of their neighbours Newtownbutler First Fermanagh's on a score line of 3-14 to 1-17. In the Ulster Junior Football competition, they lost out against Tyrone Champions Clogher Eire Og on a scoreline of 1-24 to 2-13.

In the Reserve championships, Derrygonnelly Harps won the Reserve '1' Championship with the Reserve '2' going to Tempo Maguires.

The Div 1 League final was won by Derrygonnelly Harps on the day, but at time of writing, this is still subject to final confirmation.

The Division 2 title went to Aghadrumsee St. MacCartans defeating Roslea Shamrocks.

In Erne Cup Division 1, Enniskillen Gaels took the title whilst Erne Cup 2 and 3 winners were won by Aghadrumsee St. MacCartans and Lisnaskea Emmett's respectively.

Hurling

Lisbellaw St Patricks represented the county in the Ulster Intermediate Hurling championship. In their opening game they had a fine win over Swatragh (Derry) winning on scoreline 0-19 to 0-14. Their second outing was against Castleblaney, and they went on to win on a scoreline of 1-14 to 2-10. In the Ulster final on the 30th November they lost to Eire Og -Carrickmore, on a scoreline of 1-18 to 0-15. I wish to also take this opportunity to congratulate Lisbellaw St Patricks on winning senior league competitions in both the Armagh and Tyrone senior leagues.

In the cross-county competition in the Cú Chulainn League, Erne Gaels reached the Division 3 Cup Final and the reserve team from Lisbellaw St Patrick's won the Division 3 Shield Final.

In the county hurling reserve league, Lisbellaw's Reserve team won the title defeating Erne Gaels in the final. Erne Gaels.

Referees

Dermott Love's (Referees Administrator) report to Convention clearly outlines the challenge in relation to the number of referees available to cater for our competitions across both codes and the need for clubs to be more proactive to provide support by way of umpires during our championship competitions and county finals. I want to take this opportunity to thank all our referees for their commitment over 2025 and hopefully more will come forward in 2026.

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, McMahon

Confectionery, 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.

Club Éirne.

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

Future & Changes to Administration

Over recent months, our County Management Committee and County Committee have presented proposals to develop two new employed roles:

1. Fermanagh GAA Head of Operations
2. Fermanagh GAA Commercial Manager

I understand that interviews for these positions will take place shortly, with the successful candidates expected to take up their roles in the New Year.

Tributes

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, Eugene Hueston, Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs - Eugene was a former player and administrator with his club, was a current member of our County CCC and was Fermanagh Rúnaí na gContae from 2002 to 2003.

John Murphy - Derrygonnelly & Lisnaskea was a club referee representing Derrygonnelly Harps.

The communities of Lisbellaw & Maguiresbridge and Gaels throughout the county were shocked and saddened at the untimely deaths of Vanessa Whyte and her children - James & Sara. Hugh Maguire (Derrylin/Belfast) was a member of the 1959 All Ireland JFC winning team and a

lifelong supporter of Fermanagh GAA.

John Mohan and Eamon Maguire were playing members of the 1961 Aghadrumsee St. MacCartans, senior football championship winning team.

Tommy Gallagher (Devenish St Mary's/Erne Gaels) was a lifelong member of the GAA both as a player and coach.

Go ndeana Dia trócaire ar a anamneacha go léir.

Acknowledgements

I wish also to take the opportunity to thank all who worked for the good of Cumann Luthchleas Gael at all levels throughout the county during the past twelve months.

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

Our County Chairman Brian Armitage has completed another busy year in the post, and I thank him for his support and assistance throughout the year.

Thank you to County Treasurer Sean Burns for his consistent dedication to overseeing the county's finances again this year and to Crudden & Dolan Accountants for their continued advice & support.

I also appreciate the co-operation 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 co-operation 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 co-operation in dealing with the Association's affairs during 2025.

Again this year I have worked closely daily with Comhairle Uladh and Croke Park. I thank Brian McAvoy and his staff at Comhairle Uladh and Tom Ryan (Ard-Stiúrthóra) and his staff at Croke Park for their expert advice and assistance.

Conclusion

Earlier in the year, I informed our Chairperson of my intention to step down from the position of County Secretary, with the understanding that I would continue to fulfil the responsibilities of the role until a successor is appointed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow county officers, representatives, and clubs for their cooperation and respect throughout my term as County Secretary.

Since 2003, I have also had the privilege of working alongside our county team managers and player panels across all levels & codes. I want to place on record my sincere appreciation and thanks to all of you.

To my club, Brookeborough Heber McMahons, where my journey in GAA administration began in 1982, thank you for your continued support and for grounding my lifelong connection to our

Association.

Lastly, to my family - Josie, John, Anna, and James - thank you for your constant support, advice, and (on many occasions) technical assistance over the years.

Finally I wish all of you here today season's greetings and express the wish that we can all go forward together in unity in the New Year. Nollag Shona daoibh.

Tomás Ó Báoghíll
(Rúnaí na gContae)



APPENDIX 1 - COUNTY TEAMS

SENIOR FOOTBALL



National Football League

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Cill Dara	7	5	0	2	162	103	10
Uibh Fhaili	7	5	0	2	145	113	10
An Clár	7	5	0	2	138	117	10
Fear Manach	7	4	1	2	111	124	9
Sligeach	7	3	1	3	136	129	7
Laois	7	3	0	4	146	137	6
Aontroim	7	2	0	5	132	148	4
Liatroim	7	0	0	7	59	158	0

Sat 25 Jan	(Round 1)	Cill Dara	2-24	Fear Manach	1-12
Sun 02 Feb	(Round 2)	Fear Manach	2-16	Aontroim	3-12
Sun 16 Feb	(Round 3)	An Clár	1-17	Fear Manach	1-15
Sun 23 Feb	(Round 4)	Fear Manach	1-13	Uibh Fhaili	3-06
Sat 01 Mar	(Round 5)	Fear Manach	0-19	Sligeach	0-19
Sun 16 Mar	(Round 6)	Liatroim conceded to Fear Manach			
Sun 23 Mar	(Round 7)	Fear Manach	1-18	Laois	2-13

Ulster Senior Football Championship

Sat 19 Apr	(QF)	Fear Manach	0-23	An Dún	2-19
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Tailteann Cup

TAILTEANN CUP GROUP 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Fear Manach	3	2	0	1	74	54	4
Loch Garman	3	1	1	1	72	68	3
Ceatharlach	3	1	1	1	67	96	3
An Longfort	3	1	0	2	51	73	2

Sun 11 May	(Round 1)	Fear Manach	2-18	Ceatharlach	3-18
Sun 18 May	(Round 2)	An Longfort	0-07	Fear Manach	2-19
Sun 01 Jun	(Round 3)	Fear Manach	0-25	Loch Garman	1-17
Sat 14 Jun	(QF)	Fear Manach	0-21	Sligeach	1-16
Sat 22 Jun	(SF)	Cill Dara	1-13	Fear Manach	0-09

U20 FOOTBALL



Ulster U20 Football Championship

ULSTER U20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Dún na nGall	4	4	0	0	110	44	8
Tír Eoghain	4	3	0	1	115	52	6
An Dún	4	2	0	2	83	95	4
Fear Manach	4	0	1	3	52	106	1
Aontroim	4	0	1	3	50	113	1

Wed 19 Mar (Round 1)	Fear Manach	1-08	Dún na nGall	1-18
Wed 26 Mar (Round 2)	Tír Eoghain	6-26	Fear Manach	0-06
Sat 29 Mar (Round 3)	Aontroim	0-17	Fear Manach	1-14
Thu 10 Apr (Round 5)	Fear Manach	3-09	An Dún	2-18

Ulster U20 Football Tier 2 Championship

Mon 28 Apr (Final)	Muineachán	4-17	Fear Manach	1-22
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MINOR (U17) FOOTBALL



Ulster U17 Football League

ULSTER MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE SECTION A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Dún na nGall	2	2	0	0	39	24	4
An Cabhán	2	1	0	1	40	28	2
Fear Manach	2	0	0	2	23	50	0

Sat 15 Mar (Round 1)	Fear Manach	1-08	Dún na nGall	1-20
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Sat 22 Mar (Round 3) An Cabhán 3-18 Fear Manach 0-12

Ulster Minor Football League Shield

Sat 29 Mar (SF) Muineachán 0-19 Fear Manach 1-12

Ulster Minor Football Championship

Sat 19 Apr (Round 1) Tír Eoghain 2-19 Fear Manach 0-03

Ulster Minor Football Championship Qualifiers

Sat 26 Apr (Round 1) Fear Manach 0-11 Doire 3-15

All-Ireland Minor Football Tier 3 Championship

Sun 11 May (Round 1) Fear Manach 0-11 An Longfort 1-10

SENIOR HURLING



National Hurling League

NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
An Lú	6	5	1	0	144	83	11
Fear Manach	6	5	0	1	118	100	10
Liatroim	6	3	1	2	98	106	7
An Longfort	6	3	0	3	110	111	6
Warwickshire	6	1	1	4	110	125	3
Lancashire	6	1	1	4	114	137	3
Muineachán	6	1	0	5	110	142	2

Sat 25 Jan (Round 1) An Lú 2-18 Fear Manach 1-12

Sun 02 Feb (Round 2) Fear Manach 1-14 An Longfort 0-14

Sun 09 Feb (Round 3) Fear Manach 2-14 Muineachán 0-15

Sun 02 Mar (Round 5) Warwickshire 1-12 Fear Manach 0-18

Sat 08 Mar (Round 6) Fear Manach 0-21 Liatroim 1-16

Sat 22 Mar (Round 7) Lancashire 1-10 Fear Manach 2-21

Sat 29 Mar (Final) An Lú 0-16 Fear Manach 1-08

Nickey Rackard Cup

NICKEY RACKARD CUP

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Maigh Eo	5	4	1	0	147	97	9
Ros Comáin	5	3	1	1	120	98	7
Ard Mhacha	5	3	0	2	86	106	6
Sligeach	5	2	1	2	120	114	5
An Lú	5	1	0	4	107	116	2
Fear Manach	5	0	1	4	101	150	1

Sun 13 Apr	(Round 1)	Fear Manach	0-15	Ard Mhacha	1-13
Sun 20 Apr	(Round 2)	An Lú	3-20	Fear Manach	0-15
Sat 26 Apr	(Round 3)	Fear Manach	2-18	Sligeach	7-20
Sun 11 May	(Round 4)	Ros Comáin	4-27	Fear Manach	0-22
Sat 17 May	(Round 5)	Fear Manach	1-22	Maigh Eo	3-16

U20 HURLING



Ulster Under 20 Hurling Development League

ULSTER U20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Muineachán	3	2	1	0	46	38	5
An Lú	3	2	0	1	36	34	4
Fear Manach	3	1	1	1	51	34	3
An Cabhán	3	0	0	3	34	61	0

Sat 01 Feb	(Round 1)	An Lú	0-08	Fear Manach	0-07
Sat 08 Feb	(Round 2)	Fear Manach	4-18	An Cabhán	2-06
Sat 22 Feb	(Round 3)	Muineachán	1-11	Fear Manach	2-08

All-Ireland U20C Hurling Championship - Andrew O'Neill Cup

Sun 30 Mar	(QF)	Fear Manach	1-06	An Lú	2-10
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MINOR (U17) HURLING



Ulster U17 Hurling Development League

ULSTER U17 HURLING DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Muineachán	3	2	1	0	82	37	5
Fear Manach	3	2	1	0	65	33	5
An Cabhán	3	1	0	2	50	74	2
An Lú	3	0	0	3	34	87	0

Sat 08 Feb	(Round 1)	Fear Manach	6-14	An Lú	1-05
Sun 16 Feb	(Round 2)	Fear Manach	3-09	An Cabhán	1-07
Sat 22 Feb	(Round 3)	Muineachán	1-12	Fear Manach	1-12
Sat 22 Feb	(Final)	Fear Manach	1-12	Muineachán	0-07

Celtic Challenge

CELTIC CHALLENGE GROUP 9

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
An Longfort	5	5	0	0	124	83	10
Fear Manach	5	4	0	1	109	57	8
An Cabhán	5	3	0	2	111	109	6
An Lú	5	1	0	4	91	104	2
Muineachán	5	1	0	4	84	104	2
Liatroim	5	1	0	4	66	128	2

Sat 05 Apr	(Round 1)	Fear Manach	1-18	An Lú	1-03
Sat 12 Apr	(Round 2)	Fear Manach	5-17	Liatroim	2-05
Sat 19 Apr	(Round 3)	Fear Manach	2-13	Muineachán	1-07
Sat 10 May	(Round 4)	An Longfort	1-12	Fear Manach	0-11
Sat 24 May	(Round 5)	An Cabhán	1-12	Fear Manach	1-23
Sat 07 Jun	(Final)	An Longfort	3-13	Fear Manach	1-10



FERMANAGH GAA 2025 IN NUMBERS

23

affiliated clubs

45

club adult teams

108

club underage teams

6,507

registered GAA members

GAMES

26

Club Referees

49.1

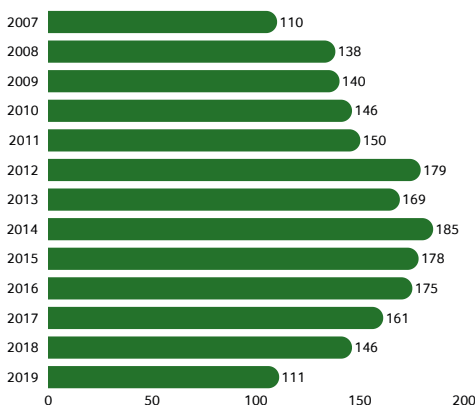
Average Referee Age

591

Games Played



MALE GAA PLAYERS BY YEAR OF BIRTH



GO GAMES

260

games at U7.5

220

games at U8.5



173

games at U10.5

142

games at U12

COACH DEVELOPMENT

30

Coach Education
Courses

146

Coaches took part in
Formal Coaching Courses

461

Coaches took part in
Informal Coaching Courses

644

Members took part in
Safeguarding Courses

COACHING & GAMES

204

Players involved with
County Academy Teams

288

Players played
half-time games

473

Player Development
Camp attendance

973

Cúl Camp
attendance

FERMANAGH GAA TV

22

Matches
Broadcast

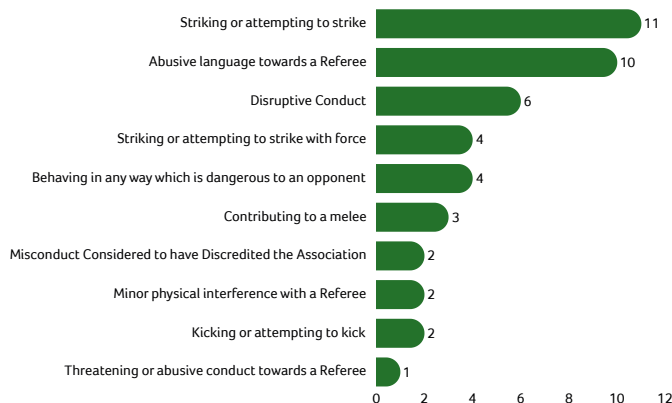
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Unique
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Income

DISCIPLINE - PROPOSED PENALTIES ISSUED BY CCC



Tuarascáil Choiste Cheannais na gComórtas

(Competitions Control Committee 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 – Greg Kelly (CLG Ghaeil Inis Ceithleann)
- Comhairle Uladh – Tiernach Mahon (CLG Naomh Molaise, Na Cearna)
- Ard Chomhairle – Vincent Martin (CLG Uí Chonaill, Doire Uí Loinn)
- Coiste Riaracháin Réiteoir – Dermott Love (CLG Ghaeil Inis Ceithleann)
- Fixture Analyst - Hugh Kelly (CLG Chláirseacha Dhoire Ó gConaíle)
- Coiste na nÓg – Leanne Prior (CLG Uí Chonaill, Doire Uí Loinn)
- Oifigeach Oiliúna - Stephen McElrone (CLG Naomh Iósaf, Eadarnaigh)
- Oifigeach Cumarsáide - Deirdre Felloni (CLG Uí Chonaill, Doire Uí Loinn)
- Michael Duffy (CLG Naomh Molaise, Na Cearna)
- Francis Gormley (CLG Naomh Iósaf, Eadarnaigh)
- Gareth Melanaphy (CLG Bhriain Bhóramha, Cill Náile)
- Michael Shine (CLG Eiméid, Lios na Scéithe)
- Jim Tummon (CLG Ghaeil Inis Ceithleann)
- Eugene Hueston (An Chead Cumann Fhear Manach, Achadh Gé)

RESPONSIBILITIES

In accordance with Riail 3.20 (ii) An Treoir Oifigiúil and Riail 3.2 Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach Fo-Dhlithe, An Coiste Cheannais na gComórtasí 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 2025

COMPETITION	WINNERS		RUNNERS UP	
SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP (REPLAY)	CLG Ghaeil na hEirne, Béal Leice	2-14 (1-12)	CLG Chláirseacha, Dhoire Ó gConaíle	0-20 (1-09)
INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP	CLG Naomh Molaise, Na Cearna	1-15	CLG Uí Raithile, Béal Cú	1-05
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP	CLG Naomh Pádraig, Domhnach	3-14	Chéad Chumann (CLG) Fhear Manach, Achadh Gé	1-17
SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1	CLG Chláirseacha Dhoire Ó gConaíle	0-17	CLG Ghaeil na hEirne, Béal Leice	0-15
SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2	CLG Naomh Mac Artáin, Achadh Dhroim Sí	1-11	CLG Sheamróga Ros Liath	0-11
RESERVE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GRADE 1	CLG Chláirseacha Dhoire Ó gConaíle	1-20	Chéad Chumann (CLG) Fhear Manach, Achadh Gé	0-05
RESERVE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GRADE 2	CLG Mhic Uidhir, An t-lompú Deiseal	2-17	CLG Naomh Seosamh, Eadarnaigh	1-09
ERNE CUP DIVISION 1	CLG Ghaeil Inis Ceithleann	2-18	CLG Chláirseacha Dhoire Ó gConaíle	0-23
ERNE CUP DIVISION 2	CLG Naomh Mac Artáin, Achadh Dhroim Sí	1-15	CLG Naomh Muire, Daimhinis	1-13
ERNE CUP DIVISION 3	CLG Eiméid, Lios na Scéithe	1-16	CLG Éimhir Mhic Mhathúna, Achadh Lon	0-12

MANNOK SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Sat 25 Oct	(Final Replay)	Erne Gaels Belleek	1-12	Derrygonnelly Harps	1-09
Sat 18 Oct	(Final)	Erne Gaels Belleek	2-14	Derrygonnelly Harps	0-20
Sun 05 Oct	(SF2)	Derrygonnelly Harps	3-16	Teemore Shamrocks	0-08
Sun 05 Oct	(SF1)	Erne Gaels Belleek	2-11	Ederney St Joseph's	2-10
Sun 28 Sep	(QF2)	Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	1-13	Teemore Shamrocks	1-14
Sat 27 Sep	(QF1)	Erne Gaels Belleek	1-21	Lisnaskea Emmetts	2-10
Sun 28 Sep	(Relegation)	Enniskillen Gaels	1-21	Kinawley Brian Borus	1-13

GROUP A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Derrygonnelly Harps	3	3	0	0	50	37	6
Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	3	1	1	1	50	48	3
Lisnaskea Emmetts	3	1	1	1	48	52	3
Enniskillen Gaels	3	0	0	3	37	48	0

Sun 21 Sep	(Round 3)	Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	0-18	Lisnaskea Emmetts	3-09
Sun 21 Sep	(Round 3)	Derrygonnelly Harps	0-14	Enniskillen Gaels	0-09
Sun 07 Sep	(Round 2)	Lisnaskea Emmetts	0-16	Enniskillen Gaels	1-11
Sat 06 Sep	(Round 2)	Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	0-14	Derrygonnelly Harps	0-16
Sun 31 Aug	(Round 1)	Derrygonnelly Harps	3-11	Lisnaskea Emmetts	2-08
Fri 29 Aug	(Round 1)	Enniskillen Gaels	1-11	Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	0-18

GROUP B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Ederney St Joseph's	3	2	1	0	72	48	5
Erne Gaels Belleek	3	1	2	0	51	46	4
Teemore Shamrocks	3	1	0	2	44	49	2
Kinawley Brian Borus	3	0	1	2	39	63	1

Sun 21 Sep	(Round 3)	Ederney St Joseph's	4-20	Kinawley Brian Borus	2-05
Sun 21 Sep	(Round 3)	Teemore Shamrocks	2-05	Erne Gaels Belleek	0-16
Sun 07 Sep	(Round 2)	Kinawley Brian Borus	1-15	Erne Gaels Belleek	1-15
Sat 06 Sep	(Round 2)	Ederney St Joseph's	2-17	Teemore Shamrocks	2-14
Sun 31 Aug	(Round 1)	Erne Gaels Belleek	1-14	Ederney St Joseph's	0-17
Sat 30 Aug	(Round 1)	Teemore Shamrocks	0-13	Kinawley Brian Borus	0-10

Erne Gaels Belleek were the 2025 Senior Football Champions.

Kinawley Brian Borus were relegated to the Intermediate Football Championship for 2026.

CADCO INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Sun 19 Oct	(Final)	Irvinestown St Molaise	1-15	Belcoo O'Rahilly's	1-05
Sat 04 Oct	(SF2)	Irvinestown St Molaise	1-26	Roslea Shamrocks	3-17
Sat 04 Oct	(SF1)	Belcoo O'Rahilly's	0-16	Aghadrumsee St Macartans	0-14
Sat 27 Sep	(QF2)	Irvinestown St Molaise	3-18	Devenish St. Mary's	1-22
Fri 26 Sep	(QF1)	Tempo Maguires	0-15	Belcoo O'Rahilly's	2-11
Sun 20 Sep	(Relegation)	Derrylin O'Connells	3-14	Maguiresbridge St Mary's	2-10

GROUP A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Roslea Shamrocks	3	3	0	0	72	30	6
Irvinestown St Molaise	3	2	0	1	82	37	4
Belcoo O'Rahilly's	3	1	0	2	38	65	2
Maguiresbridge St Mary's	3	0	0	3	35	95	0

Sun 14 Sep	(Round 3)	Roslea Shamrocks	2-25	Maguiresbridge St Mary's	0-08
Sun 14 Sep	(Round 3)	Irvinestown St Molaise	3-15	Belcoo O'Rahilly's	0-10
Sat 06 Sep	(Round 2)	Roslea Shamrocks	3-11	Irvinestown St Molaise	1-12
Sat 06 Sep	(Round 2)	Maguiresbridge St Mary's	3-11	Belcoo O'Rahilly's	3-12
Sun 31 Aug	(Round 1)	Irvinestown St Molaise	9-16	Maguiresbridge St Mary's	0-07
Sat 30 Aug	(Round 1)	Belcoo O'Rahilly's	0-07	Roslea Shamrocks	2-15

GROUP B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Aghadrumsee St Macartans	3	2	0	1	45	41	4
Tempo Maguires	3	2	0	1	38	38	4
Devenish St. Mary's	3	1	1	1	46	46	3
Derrylin O'Connells	3	0	1	2	51	55	1

Sun 14 Sep	(Round 3)	Tempo Maguires	1-14	Derrylin O'Connells	0-15
Sun 14 Sep	(Round 3)	Devenish St. Mary's	1-13	Aghadrumsee St Macartans	0-14
Sun 07 Sep	(Round 2)	Derrylin O'Connells	1-15	Aghadrumsee St Macartans	3-11
Fri 05 Sep	(Round 2)	Tempo Maguires	1-11	Devenish St. Mary's	1-9
Sat 30 Aug	(Round 1)	Devenish St. Mary's	1-15	Derrylin O'Connells	2-12
Sat 30 Aug	(Round 1)	Aghadrumsee St Macartans	1-08	Tempo Maguires	0-07

Irvinestown St Molaise were the 2025 Intermediate Football Champions.
Maguiresbridge St Mary's were relegated to the Junior Football Championship for 2026.

PETER CARTY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Sun 12 Oct	(Final)	St Patrick's Donagh	3-14	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	1-17
Sun 05 Oct	(SF2)	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	1-22	Coa O'Dwyer's	0-16
Sun 28 Sep	(SF1)	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	1-13	St Patrick's Donagh	0-20
Sun 28 Sep	(QF3)	Brookeborough Heber McMahons	0-9	Coa O'Dwyer's	1-14
Sun 14 Sep	(QF2)	St Patrick's Donagh	5-18	Coa O'Dwyer's	0-07
Sat 13 Sep	(QF1)	Brookeborough Heber McMahons	1-10	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	3-10

St Patrick's Donagh were the 2025 Junior Football Champions.

JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP



Sat 13 Sep	(Final)	Erne Gaels Belleek	4-19	Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	5-13
Sun 07 Sep	(SF)	Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	4-13	Knocks Grattans	2-9

WESTVILLE HOTEL SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Team	P	W	D	L	CONC	F	A	PTS
Derrygonnelly Harps	9	7	0	2		148	140	16
Erne Gaels Belleek	9	7	0	2		199	128	16
Irvinestown St Molaise	9	7	0	2		216	145	15
Teemore Shamrocks	9	6	0	3		202	147	15
Devenish St. Mary's	9	5	0	4		156	156	12
Enniskillen Gaels	9	5	0	4		183	132	11
Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	9	4	0	5		170	153	8
Kinawley Brian Borus	9	2	0	7		125	190	5
Ederney St Joseph's	9	2	0	7		153	175	5
Belcoo O'Rahilly's	9	0	0	9	1	51	237	0

Sun 17 Aug	(Final)	Derrygonnelly Harps	0-17	Erne Gaels Belleek	0-15
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Derryonnelly Harps were presented with the 2025 Senior Football League Division 1 Trophy.

CRUST & CRUMB SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Team	P	W	D	L	CONC	F	A	PTS
Roslea Shamrocks	9	7	1	1		175	128	18
Aghadrumsee St Macartans	9	7	1	1		214	141	17
Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	9	7	0	2		197	125	16
Lisnaskea Emmetts	9	5	1	3		168	131	13
Tempo Maguires	9	5	1	3		153	115	12
St Patrick's Donagh	9	4	0	5		144	173	9
Derrylin O'Connells	9	4	0	5		167	158	8
Coa O'Dwyer's	9	2	0	7	2	98	176	4
Maguiresbridge St Mary's	9	1	1	7		130	205	4
Brookeborough Heber McMahan's	9	0	1	8		114	208	2

Sat 17 Aug (Final) Aghadrumsee St Macartans 1-11 Roslea Shamrocks 0-11



Aghadrumsee St Macartans were the 2025 Senior Football League Division 2 Champions.

CLUB PLAYERS' COMPETITION

DIVISION 1A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Teemore Shamrocks	4	4	0	0	91	51	8
Kinawley Brian Borus	4	3	0	1	84	45	6
Enniskillen Gaels	4	2	0	2	68	65	4
Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	4	1	0	3	67	83	2
Belcoo O'Rahilly's	4	0	0	4	40	106	0

DIVISION 1B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Devenish St. Mary's	4	3	0	1	69	61	6
Erne Gaels Belleek	4	3	0	1	80	60	6
Derrygonnelly Harps	4	2	1	1	82	70	5
Ederney St Joseph's	4	1	0	3	60	84	2
Irvinestown St Molaise	4	0	1	3	68	84	1

CLUB PLAYERS' COMPETITION DIVISION 1 PLAY-OFFS

Points carried forward to SFL in brackets for each team.

Teemore Shamrocks	(3)	1-14	Devenish St. Mary's	(2)	0-13
Erne Gaels Belleek	(2)	2-11	Kinawley Brian Borus	(1)	1-11
Derrygonnelly Harps	(2)	0-14	Enniskillen Gaels	(1)	1-11

Derrygonnelly Harps won 3-1 on a 'Penalty Shootout'

Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	(0)	0-11	Ederney St Joseph's	(1)	1-12
Irvinestown St Molaise	(1)	2-23	Belcoo O'Rahilly's	(0)	1-06

DIVISION 2A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Lisnaskea Emmetts	4	3	1	0	72	53	7
St Patrick's Donagh	4	3	0	1	97	50	6
Maguiresbridge St Mary's	4	2	1	1	75	96	5
Derrylin O'Connells	4	1	0	3	63	86	2
Brookeborough Heber McMahons	4	0	0	4	54	76	0

DIVISION 2B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Roslea Shamrocks	4	3	1	0	98	43	7
Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	4	2	1	1	112	74	5
Aghadrumsee St Macartans	4	2	0	2	90	87	4
Tempo Maguires	4	2	0	2	64	72	4
Coa O'Dwyer's	4	0	0	4	34	122	0

CLUB PLAYERS' COMPETITION DIVISION 2 PLAY-OFFS

Points carried forward to SFL in brackets for each team.

Roslea Shamrocks	(3)	1-15	Lisnaskea Emmetts	(2)	0-12
Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	(2)	5-20	St Patrick's Donagh	(1)	2-13
Aghadrumsee St Macartans	(2)	4-13	Maguiresbridge St Mary's	(1)	1-13
Tempo Maguires	(1)	0-15	Derrylin O'Connells	(0)	1-09
Coa O'Dwyer's	(0)	0-07	Brookeborough Heber McMahons	(1)	2-14

RESERVE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GRADE 1



Sat 23 Aug	(Final)	Derrygonnelly Harps	1-20	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	0-05
Tue 12 Aug	(SF2)	Devenish St. Mary's	0-10	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	0-15
Sun 10 Aug	(SF1)	Derrygonnelly Harps	2-14	Irvinestown St Molaise	1-13
Sun 10 Aug	(QF3)	Enniskillen Gaels	2-11	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	2-15
Sat 02 Aug	(QF4)	Devenish St. Mary's	5-11	Teemore Shamrocks	1-14
Sat 02 Aug	(QF2)	Aghadrumsee St Macartans	conceded to Irvinestown St Molaise		
Sat 02 Aug	(QF1)	Derrygonnelly Harps	1-12	Kinawley Brian Borus	0-08
Sat 26 Jul	(PR2)	Teemore Shamrocks	0-25	St Patrick's Donagh	0-13
Sat 26 Jul	(PR1)	Roslea Shamrocks	1-17	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	3-13

RESERVE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GRADE 2



Sat 23 Aug	(Final)	Tempo Maguires	2-17	Ederney St Joseph's	1-09
Sun 10 Aug	(SF2)	Ederney St Joseph's	3-13	Derrylin O'Connells	2-14
Sun 10 Aug	(SF1)	Tempo Maguires	1-12	Brookeborough Heber McMahons	1-04
Sun 03 Aug	(QF2)	Derrylin O'Connells	3-12	Erne Gaels Belleek	1-11
Sat 02 Aug	(QF4)	Tempo Maguires	9-19	Derrygonnelly Harps (B)	0-07
Sat 02 Aug	(QF3)	Kinawley Brian Borus (B)	2-4	Brookeborough Heber McMahons	2-21
Sat 02 Aug	(QF1)	Lisnaskea Emmetts	0-17	Ederney St Joseph's	2-17

RESERVE HURLING CUP

Team	P	W	D	L	CONC	F	A	PTS
Lisbellaw St Patrick's	3	2	0	0		0	0	4
Erne Gaels Belleek	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	4
Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	3	1	0	2	2	48	2	2
Knocks Grattans	3	0	0	3	2	2	48	0

Sun 18 Aug	(Final)	Lisbellaw St Patrick's	4-11	Erne Gaels Belleek	4-10
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B MCCAFFREY & SONS ERNE CUP DIVISION 1

Team	P	W	D	L	CONC	F	A	PTS
Derrygonnelly Harps	12	10	0	2		278	185	20
Enniskillen Gaels	12	8	0	4	1	193	161	15
Irvinestown St Molaise	12	6	1	5	2	171	150	11
Teemore Shamrocks	12	6	0	6	1	164	162	11
Kinawley Brian Borus	12	5	0	7		149	204	10
Roslea Shamrocks	12	3	1	8		156	198	7
Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	12	3	0	9	2	166	217	4

Sat 26 Jul (Final) Enniskillen Gaels 2-18 Derrygonnelly Harps 0-23



B MCCAFFREY & SONS ERNE CUP DIVISION 2

Team	P	W	D	L	CONC	F	A	PTS
Devenish St. Mary's	12	9	1	2		220	147	19
Aghadrumsee St Macartans	12	8	1	3	1	179	139	16
St Patrick's Donagh	12	7	0	5	1	216	158	13
Ederney St Joseph's	12	7	0	5	2	156	157	13
Tempo Maguires	12	5	0	7		131	197	10
Derrylin O'Connells	12	5	0	7	1	119	184	9
Belcoo O'Rahilly's	12	0	0	12	8	36	75	-8

Sat 26 Jul (Final) Aghadrumsee St Macartans 1-15 Devenish St. Mary's 1-13



B MCCAFFREY & SONS ERNE CUP DIVISION 3

Team	P	W	D	L	CONC	F	A	PTS
Lisnaskea Emmetts	12	11	0	1		190	132	22
Brookeborough Heber McMahons	12	9	0	3		167	124	18
Erne Gaels Belleek	12	8	1	3	1	175	153	16
Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	12	6	1	5	3	152	83	10
Derrygonnelly Harps (B Team)	12	3	0	9	2	115	240	5
Kinawley Brian Borus (B Team)	12	3	0	9	2	160	219	4
Maguiresbridge St Mary's*	12	1	0	11	9	54	62	-7

*Maguiresbridge St Mary's withdrew from the competition on 7th May 2025 due to limited player numbers

Sat 26 Jul (Final) Lisnaskea Emmetts 1-16 Brookeborough Heber McMahons 0-12



FERMANAGH UNDERAGE HURLING COMPETITION WINNERS 2025

U12 HURLING LEAGUE



Division 1

LISNASKEA EMMETTS



Division 2

BELNALECK ART MCMURROUGH'S

U14 HURLING LEAGUE



Division 1

LISBELLAW ST PATRICK'S

U15 HURLING FÉILE



Division 1

NAOMH AODHÁN

U16 HURLING LEAGUE



Division 1

ENNISKILLEN GAELS



Division 2

LISBELLAW ST PATRICK'S



FERMANAGH UNDERAGE FOOTBALL COMPETITION WINNERS 2025

U12 FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Division 1
LISNASKEA EMMETTS



Division 2A
EDERNEY ST JOSEPH'S



Division 2B
TEEMORE SHAMROCKS



Division 3
DEVENISH ST MARY'S

U14 SPRING LEAGUE



Division 1
IRVINESTOWN ST MOLAISE



Division 2
EDERNEY ST JOSEPH'S



Division 3
ERNE GAELS

U14 FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Division 1
IRVINESTOWN ST MOLAISE



Division 2
DERRYLIN O'CONNELLS



Division 3
BELCOO O'RAHILLY'S



Division 4
COA O'DWYERS

U14 CHAMPIONSHIP



'A' Championship
NEWTOWNBUTLER FIRST FERMANAGHS



'B' Championship
BELCOO O'RAHILLY'S



'A' Féile
NEWTOWNBUTLER FIRST FERMANAGHS



'B' Féile
TEEMORE SHAMROCKS

U15 FÉILE

U16



'A' SIDE
ERNE GAELS BELLEEK

U16 FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Division 1
NEWTOWNBUTLER FIRST FERMANAGHS



Division 2
DERRYLIN O'CONNELLS



Division 3
YOUNG MAGUIRES

MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Division 1
NEWTOWNBUTLER FIRST FERMANAGHS



Division 2
COA O'DWYERS



Division 3
TEMPO MAGUIRES

U16 CHAMPIONSHIP



'A' Championship
NEWTOWNBUTLER FIRST FERMANAGHS



'B' Championship
ST GERARD'S

MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP



'A' Championship
DERRYGONNELLY HARPS



'B' Championship
TEEMORE SHAMROCKS

FERMANAGH UNDERAGE FOOTBALL FINALS 2025

COMPETITION	WINNERS		RUNNERS UP	
U14 Spring League D1	Irvinestown St Molaise	6-07	Enniskillen Gaels	2-07
U14 Spring League D2	Ederney St Joseph's	5-09	Derrylin O'Connells	1-05
U14 Spring League D3	Erne Gaels Belleek	5-13	Maguiresbridge St Mary's	3-10
U14 FL D1	Irvinestown St Molaise	11-10	Enniskillen Gaels	1-06
U14 FL D2	Derrylin O'Connells	4-15	Aghadrumsee St Macartans	2-10
U14 FL D3	Belcoo O'Rahilly's	5-09	St Patrick's Donagh	5-08
U14 FL D4	Coa O'Dwyers	5-06	Enniskillen Gaels	4-08
U14 A Championship	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	5-10	Irvinestown St Molaise	4-12
U14 B Championship	Belcoo O'Rahilly's	4-08	Derrygonnelly Harps	2-08
U16 7 A Side	Erne Gaels Belleek	5-13	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	5-11
U16 FL D1	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	1-14	Enniskillen Gaels	1-09
U16 FL D2	Derrylin O'Connells	0-16	Erne Gaels Belleek	2-09
U16 FL D3	Young Maguires	4-10	Belcoo O'Rahilly's	2-09
U16 A Championship	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	3-13	Derrylin O'Connells	1-15
U16 B Championship	St Gerard's	4-05	St Patrick's Donagh	3-05
U18 FL D1	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	1-12	Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	1-06
U18 FL D2	Coa O'Dwyers	5-14	Enniskillen Gaels	3-09
U18 FL D3	Tempo Maguires	2-22	Erne Gaels Belleek	2-15
U18 A Championship	Derrygonnelly Harps	3-10	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	2-09
U18 B Championship	Teemore Shamrocks	2-12	Ederney St Josephs	2-06

FERMANAGH UNDERAGE HURLING FINALS 2025

COMPETITION	WINNERS		RUNNERS UP	
U14 HL Tier 1	Lisbellaw St Patrick's	4-06	Lisnaskea Emmetts	1-02
Feile na nGael Tier 1	Naomh Aodhán	3-06	Lisbellaw St Patrick's	2-02
Feile na nGael Tier 2	Lisnaskea Emmetts	0-02	Ederney St Joseph's	0-01
U16 HL Tier 1	Enniskillen Gaels	3-04	Naomh Aodhán	1-03
U16 HL Tier 2	Lisbellaw St Patrick's	2-12	Ederney St Joseph's	3-05

Introduction

2025 saw a much increased workload for the main officers on the Competitions Control Committee. In addition to the existing extensive duties of adult competitions and disciplinary matters, we found ourselves being unexpectedly handed responsibility for the day-to-day management of underage football and hurling in the month on the 9th March. Therefore, this report will cover all aspects of club competitions within the county, both adult and underage.

The increased workload was not easy to manage, but we think it went smoothly enough. Clubs were given their entire football fixtures for the underage football season on the 12th and 13th March, a significant improvement on operations in recent years. However, in order to reduce the administration burden on the CCC, all communications regarding fixture changes were required to come through the Club Secretary as there were some clubs who had up to five people making contact and it was impossible to stay on top of things in that fashion.

Playing Rules of Gaelic Football

2025 will be remembered as the year when radical changes were made to the playing rules of Gaelic Football. Looking back, changes such as the kickout/advanced marks, the introduction of the black card and stopping players passing the ball back to the goalkeeper directly after a kickout now appear quite modest changes, despite the controversy at the time of their own passing.

The introduction of a whole new raft of playing rules presented a significant challenge to all of us involved with Gaelic Games, for players, for spectators, for team officials and for referees. But also spare a thought for committees in charge of competitions. There was a lot for all of us to grapple with, but in the whole, after one year, the changes have had a positive effect on the game as a spectacle.

The new rules have added a significant increase to the workload of referees already under immense to pressure to make a split second decision, when the viewing public has the benefit of replays to aid them.

Senior Football League Division 1 Final

In Fermanagh, we had an early example of the scale of the challenge involved and there were similar issues to arise in other counties. The outcome of the Senior Football League Final was brought into question by the incorrect awarding of scores to Derrygonnelly Harps. Two points were kicked from inside the 40m arc that were incorrectly awarded as two point scores, leaving the scoreboard showing a two point win for Derrygonnelly Harps. However footage from Fermanagh GAA TV clearly showed that both scores were inside the 40m arc and should not have counted as two point scores.

In the immediate aftermath, Derrygonnelly Harps were presented with the league trophy and no doubt they enjoyed the celebrations that followed. In the days following the final, Erne Gaels submitted an Objection to the awarding of the game to Derrygonnelly Harps, who were given a right to Counter-Object. In their response, Derrygonnelly recognised the impact the online commentary had on the welfare of the match officials involved, acknowledged that there were *‘two errors at the later stages of the game’* and suggested that extra time would have been the most likely outcome had these errors not materialised. They further stated their willingness to abide by the decision of the CCC.

Based on this amicable response, the Competitions Control Committee (in the absence of the Chairperson) took the decision to order a replay of the Senior Football League Division 1 Final, committing to working with both clubs to find a suitable date. The committee was conscious of the

difficulty there would be in finding a suitable date with the Senior Football Championship about to get underway, as well as past lessons in this regard - the league final was unplayed in 2018 as a result of a degree of inflexibility from the two participating clubs and a lack of ruthlessness from the Competitions Control Committee at the time.

Returning to 2025, it is clear that, despite the decision taken in Fermanagh, Rule 7.5 (n) relating to Objections in this manner is narrowly defined to only account for accounting errors by match officials rather than the wrong type of score being awarded.

Similar Objections submitted by clubs in other counties were either deemed to be out of order by the CCC in their county (or by the Provincial Hearings Committee on appeal) and these disputes included queries over where a score was kicked from and whether or not the ball was touched by another player before going over the crossbar.

Ahead of the Senior Football Championship Final involving the two same clubs as the League Final, approaches were made to both clubs to play a single match for both trophies but there was no agreement to be reached.

With the passage of time and the progress of Erne Gaels in the Ulster Club Championship, we find it increasingly unlikely that the League Final will be played and that despite the inherent unfairness surrounding the outcome, we feel we have no alternative other than to follow the rules and have made the decision to award the 2025 Senior Football League Division 1 Final to Derrygonnelly Harps. Erne Gaels have submitted an appeal to this decision and a Hearing has been scheduled by the Provincial Hearings Committee to determine the outcome of the matter.

Senior Football League Structure

At the beginning of the year, a decision was taken to rearrange the Senior Football League structures to a 3 Division model, with 8 teams in Division 1 in 2026, and 6 teams in both Division 2 and Division 3.

The CCC met recently and we believe there is merit in considering tweaks to this proposed structure as any league Division with 6 teams will likely become very stale very quickly. Consider two teams in the Intermediate Championship and operating in either Division 2 or Division 3 in 2026 as an example. They will likely play each other 3 times in the new league, possibly meet in the League Final and could also meet each other another twice in the 2026 Intermediate Championship.

Therefore, each of those teams will likely play 15/16 games in the league and 4-6 in the Intermediate Championship depending on their progress. But 5/6 of those games will likely be against the same opponent. The same story is of course true for the 4 teams competing in the Junior Football Championship. We are concerned that the impact of this change is that teams will end up repeatedly playing against a small group of teams.

We would like to explore options for making amendments to the 2026 league structure that would not undermine the spirit of the intention to introduce a 3 division structure. We think there is an option to bring the Senior Football League and Erne Cup competitions together and organise these competitions across 5 Divisions of 8 teams. We would suggest that the games in Divisions 1 and 2 could be played on a Friday night, with most of the games in Divisions 3-5 being played on Saturdays and Sundays, similar to the existing structure.

There would likely be some fixture scheduling problems with such an arrangement in that there is an overlap of clubs that would be operating in a new Division 3 and Division 5 but solutions would have to be found to this. Additionally, a Reserve team could realistically win promotion from Division 3 to Division 2, adding further complexities to the scheduling arrangements.

We think this option is something that deserves consideration, but not something to be either rushed into or ruled out altogether and is a decision for the incoming County Committee to consider in the New Year, but a discussion is encouraged within clubs in the meantime.

A POTENTIAL 5 DIVISION MODEL FOR ADULT CLUB FOOTBALL IN FERMANAGH FOR 2026?

All County League Division 1	All County League Division 2	All County League Division 3	All County League Division 4	All County League Division 5
Aghadrumsee St Macartans	Belcoo O'Rahilly's	Brookeborough Heber McMahons	Aghadrumsee St Macartans (2)	Belcoo O'Rahilly's (2)
Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	Ederney St Joseph's	Coa O'Dwyer's	Devenish St. Mary's (2)	Belnaleck Art McMurroughs (2)
Derrygonnelly Harps	Kinawley Brian Borus	Derrylin O'Connells	Kinawley Brian Borus (2)	Brookeborough Heber McMahons (2)
Devenish St. Mary's	Lisnaskea Emmetts	Maguiresbridge St Mary's	Lisnaskea Emmetts (2)	Derrygonnelly Harps (3)
Enniskillen Gaels	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	Derrygonnelly Harps (2)	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs (2)	Derrylin O'Connells (2)
Erne Gaels Belleek	Roslea Shamrocks	Enniskillen Gaels (2)	Roslea Shamrocks (2)	Ederney St Joseph's (2)
Irvinestown St Molaise	St Patrick's Donagh	Irvinestown St Molaise (2)	St Patrick's Donagh (2)	Erne Gaels Belleek (2)
Teemore Shamrocks	Tempo Maguires	Teemore Shamrocks (2)	Tempo Maguires (2)	Kinawley Brian Borus (3)

(2) indicates a second team from a club and (3) indicates a third team from a club

If such a system were to be put in place, then additional issues would also need careful consideration, including the reliability of First 11/13 lists, the retention/scheduling of a Reserve championship, whether second teams from a club could be promoted to Division 2 if they won Division 3, and the possible inclusion of some Reserve teams in the Junior Football Championship.

In 2025, we continued with the same championship structure for the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Football Championship and the results have been provided earlier in this report.

Provision of Referees

We continue to have a serious under provision of referees for club games. In the early part of 2025, with a considerable number of referees involved in inter-county activity across both football and hurling, there were only 13 referees available for several weekends in a row. On these weekends, games were taking place in the Senior Football League (10 games), Erne Cup (9 games), and U14 Football League (9 games).

On a fortnightly basis, there were also 13 games to be played in the U12 football league, but there just wasn't the number of referees available to cover all these games and as a result the U12 games were

played using the Go Games model. This caused quite a bit of controversy and discussion and it was clearly explained that the primary reason for this was a shortage of referees and additional referees needed to be provided by clubs to change this approach. Unfortunately, only two clubs, Ederney St Joseph's and Maguiresbridge St Mary's secured an additional referee this year. Good progress, but not enough to deal with the immediate crisis at hand.

In 2025, there were only 26 football referees in total on the pool available for appointment to cover all 300 underage games and 291 adult games.

Each club is reminded that they need to be providing at least two football referees in order to ensure that we can get our games played. Each club involved in hurling also needs to provide a referee to look after hurling games as the situation is just as bad when it comes to trying to get underage hurling games played. Most weeks, we only had two hurling referees available to cover games.

We would therefore encourage clubs to identify potential referees urgently and get them lined up for training over the winter months. We accept that this isn't an easy role to identify people for. We could possibly get by without a few coaches or ticket sellers in our clubs, but as an Association, we simply couldn't continue to operate without referees.

Discipline

Despite the introduction of the new playing rules and considerable changes to dealing with dissent, disruptive conduct and other unacceptable behaviour, too many people are still engaged in disgraceful conduct towards our match officials. These people are not all team officials and players. Adults looking after underage teams and club officers have a responsibility to deal with the conduct of their club members. It cannot all be left to the referee or the CCC to challenge unacceptable behaviour from club members or spectators, regardless of who they are. If you see a spectator shouting abuse at a referee from within your club, then there is a responsibility on your club to deal with it.

What kind of message does it send out to young players if they see adults shouting vile abuse at match officials and nothing being done about it? Children take their lead from adults, and clubs should be ensuring that they are only allowing responsible and sensible adults to be involved with teams.

This not only means following the minimum requirements set out by the Code of Behaviour and outlined by the County Children's Officer in her report, but also making sure that absolute lunatics are not left in positions of responsibility looking after groups of young children. You wouldn't want your own children being influenced in such a way so why would it be acceptable to inflict it on other children? We must set higher standards for ourselves and for those involved in our association and that means challenging bad behaviour, from both children and from adults.

There is provision within the Official Guide for Disruptive Conduct by Players, Team Officials or Supporters to be dealt with and this rule has been utilised on more than one occasion by the CCC in 2025 to clamp down on such behaviour.

A word to referees that if they expect unacceptable behaviour towards them to be dealt with, then the alleged infraction needs to be included on their match report. All too often, the same individuals within the County repeatedly breach the Rules and then a blind eye is turned to it. All that is doing is encouraging that same individual to carry out the same conduct week after week.

Referees are also encouraged to make appropriate use of the new 50m penalty for dissent and disruptive conduct in order to clamp down on this behaviour. After being penalised once or twice in a game, people will soon learn to have manners, and if they don't then it is their own fault and those involved with their team won't be long letting them know to have manners.

Clubs are also reminded that there is provision in Article 5.11 of their Club Constitution to discipline their members who breach rules of the Association.

A new Rule was also added at Congress 2025 as follows: *"No Member of the Association may communicate with a Match Official with a view to influencing the contents of a Referee's Match Report. Unauthorised communication in breach of this Rule shall be considered as misconduct discrediting the Association."* Clubs are encouraged to make sure that their players, team officials and Executive members are aware of this addition as the problem has been an ever increasing one in recent years.

Reserve Football Competitions

This year saw the retention of the Erne Cups in three divisions, with the Reserve Football Championships moving back a two tiered structure. Two clubs struggled with their Reserve teams this year and comprise nearly 50% (17/36) of the games conceded. A flippant regard to the Erne Cup seems to be remaining within the County, with all 3 games in the last Rounds of Divisions 1 and 2 conceded, and 1 out of the 3 in Division 3 being conceded.

The two tiered Championship certainly appears to have been more of a success, although there are questions to be asked about the benefits of moving to First 11 lists for Reserve Football.

Following a motion from a club, a change was made to the Competition Regulations to reduce the number of players in a club ineligible to play in the Erne Cup from 13 down to 11. We are not convinced this move had the desired effect. The reduction to 11 has increased the crossover between Senior football and Reserve football and in the round, is having a more negative than positive effect.

It is increasingly difficult to retain young players making the transition from underage to adult football and we do not think the solution is to deny them more games by increasing the number of Senior players that can play Reserve football. We would suggest that for 2026, that we return to a First 13 and move to a First 15 for the Reserve Football Championships.

Far too many games are still being conceded and this attitude would likely prevail even if only 5 players had to be named. The issue is not simply a shortage of players, it seems to be the unwillingness of many players to travel to play a game.

An alarming statistic - of the 19 games that were conceded in the Erne Cup (not including the 17 others that were conceded by Maguiresbridge St Mary's and Belcoo O'Rahilly's), 15 of those were conceded by the away team. Clubs are asked to reflect on this reality and to address it.

Adult Hurling

2025 saw an increase in the number of teams participating at adult hurling, with Lisbellaw St Patrick's Senior team representing the county with distinction in the Ulster Club Championship at Intermediate Level. With a shortage of competitive activity in Fermanagh for their players, Lisbellaw St Patrick's participated in both the Armagh Hurling League Division 1 and the Tyrone Senior Hurling League. Remarkably, they won both competitions with 7 wins from 8 in Armagh and 4 from 4 in Tyrone.

Clubs from Fermanagh also participated in a cross-county competition in the Cú Chulainn League, with Erne Gaels reaching the Division 3 Cup Final and the Reserve team from Lisbellaw St Patrick's winning the Division 3 Shield Final. It may have been deemed to be a cross-county competition, but in reality, the four Fermanagh teams were in a group of their own and with the exception of finals, didn't play against any teams from outside the county.

Those four teams also entered the Reserve Hurling Cup but the number of games actually played calls the viability of the competition into question. Lisbellaw's Reserve team and Erne Gaels reached the final without actually playing a game due to the games being conceded. Belnaleck Art McMurroughs and Knocks Grattans did manage to play against each other in a one-sided affair.

Underage Competitions

The 2025 season in Fermanagh marked a notable change in the organisation of our underage Gaelic Football and Hurling programmes. Traditionally, U12 and U14 football competitions were run independently, each within its own shoty defined period.

In 2025, to enhance player development opportunities and to extend the competitive calendar, the county adopted an alternating weekly format - U12 fixtures one week, followed by U14 fixtures the next. From U12 to U18 in football, there was a growth of 30% in the number of games scheduled all with the intention of extending the playing season to improve the standard of football within the county.

This was coupled with a much extended Go Games football programme at U8.5 (P4) and U10.5 (P6). 14 dates were offered for each ages in 2025, a jump from 10 at U10.5 and 6 at U8.5 in 2024.

Due to the Youth Committee not functioning this year, Stephen McElrone (Coaching Officer) was given responsibility for organising Go Games activity at U8.5 and U10.5. These age grades were a huge success, with feedback from members very positive on the increased games provision, better communication and much more notice on the scheduling of games.

The CCC organised its competitions based on recommendations provided by the Gradings Committee. Our thanks to that group for the work they put into trying to figure out how best to divide clubs based on ability. This isn't an easy job, especially at U14 level where the competitiveness of the initial groups was hard to gauge with no previous competition to use as a baseline.

Using a previous U11.5 tournament is not accurate and nor will using U12 activity, competitive or otherwise, as the size of the pitch is different, the number of players on the team is different, and there are a whole host of other variable factors that change from U12 to U14. Clubs dealt with this year's U12 Go Games in different ways, with some clubs using it as an opportunity to maximise participation and others adopting a more competitive approach. Some clubs have used a mixture of this depending on their opponents on the day or other factors.

There is nothing wrong with any of these approaches, but the variation on offer does mean that the results cannot be accurately used to rank or grade teams for future competitions. Using a series of results from U12 games this year to determine gradings in two years will not work, anymore than using that data to decide the teams judged by some parties to be deserving of a place in a final based on the results of the Go Games.

After the first round of U14 fixtures given the scale of difference in many of the divisions, we regraded the teams based on accurate data and this transformed the competition. After the first round of fixtures played, two thirds of all games had a gap of 10 or more points between the teams, which was not developing players on either team. It was clear to most people that something had to be done.

The introduction of a 7 a side competition at U16 level was popular and offered additional football at a time when a full competition could not be arranged due to the ongoing activity with schools and County Minors in the first half of the year. This is something we plan to expand on for 2026 across additional age groups where the calendar allows and with venue availability.

As always, it is very challenging to manage a sufficient calendar of games activity with every increasing pressures at both ends of the year with weather, and particularly with the expansion of inter-county activity at U17 level in both football and hurling.

Our Minor Footballers exited the All Ireland Minor Tier 3 Championship on 11th May 2025. Our Minor Hurlers entered the Celtic Challenge once again this year and reached the Corn Michael Feery Final, which was played on 7th June 2025. Given the number of players involved in both panels, clubs are unwilling to participate in competitive activity during this window, with some people also complaining about GCSE and A-Level study leave/exams occurring at this time.

There appears to be consideration given at a national level to change the inter-county minor football structure to mirror that of the Celtic Challenge in hurling, to provide additional tiers and more competitive football for counties at the lower end of the scale. Whilst this could be a welcome move to provide more meaningful games for our players, in reality it will likely mean a longer inter-county season, reduce the window for underage club games and have players playing against a lower standard of opposition.

Our Minor Hurlers participated in the Celtic Challenge competition, which is for 38 teams from all 32 counties. The top 16 counties play separately in the Leinster and Munster Minor Championships and this competition is for less developed counties and additional teams from the strong counties. So in reality, we were competing in the 11th Division at U17 level in hurling. We have to ask is this the road we want to go down in football as well?

The CCC ran an online survey from the 12th - 28th November aimed at seeking views on underage competitions in 2025. We are only starting to assess the responses in detail but it is clear that there are key themes coming through, including an appreciation for the improved notice of fixtures in 2025, improved communication and better planning across both codes. There are mixed views on the changes to the underage football calendar, with some in favour of the longer season and others presenting reasons as to why they feel overlap doesn't suit them or their club.

Many have lamented the fact that U12 was played on a non-competitive basis in 2025 but this was down to the shortage of referees within the county. The only solution is for more individuals to take on this role. There is no point in a club with multiple U12 teams complaining about no referees for U12 games if they haven't provided a sufficient number from within their club to take on this task.

Competitive club hurling also saw some growth in the early stages of 2025 with an much expanded games programme planned, but tragic circumstances caused the widespread postponements of

games over a prolonged period. There is still a strong sense of loss felt by those who knew Vanessa Whyte and her two children James and Sara Rutledge. The manner of their brutal killing sent shockwaves through the GAA and the wider community and for a time, the playing of our games slipped down the priority list. But we can be sure that they would not want it to remain there. Vanessa was a tireless worker in her adopted club of Lisbellaw St Patrick's and a driving force to make things happen. She was a passionate advocate for the plight of the hurlers in the county and never hesitated to report back her feelings on how things were being done but more importantly how she felt they could be improved. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dílse.

The shortage of people involved as voluntary hurling coaches in clubs is continuing to restrict the ability to grow the game, with poor use being made of the 18 blitz dates offered across U8.5 and U10.5 for hurling. The dates offered in 2024 were on Saturdays not allocated for football, but those slots were not utilised so they were freed up for football in 2025 and the hurling dates moved to Monday evenings, with a similar outcome.

For various reasons, it has not been possible to conclude some underage hurling competitions. At minor level, the late addition of a team from Knocks Grattans has caused further disruption to a competition already deferred from its original window during the summer as a result of the tragic circumstances outlined above. It was already difficult to secure a suitable date to play Minor games with U16 football already scheduled for Saturday mornings and the challenge presented for dual players with the progression of the St Patrick's Donagh football in the Junior Football Championship and the Ulster Club Championship ruling out weekends for them.

This all outlines the challenges involved with scheduling games and deviating from the programme outlined in the early part of the year, which is done in consideration of all Gaelic Games activity in the county to avoid situations like this arising, unless in exceptional circumstances as happened with the U14 hurling competitions this year.

Eugene Hueston



On the 1st April this year, we heard the sad news that one of our longest serving members on the Competitions Control Committee had passed away. We all knew him as Buff and he was a loyal and committed member of the GAA. He was an especially proud member of Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs and over the course of his life, he filled many voluntary roles at both club and county level, including that of County Secretary. He was an ever present at meetings and matches, always entertaining those around him and a consistent support for those in positions of leadership in the Association and is sadly missed. We thank Buff's family for sharing him with the GAA over the years. Tá sé imithe ar shlí na fírinne agus ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann.

Brian Armitage & Tom Boyle

This County Convention marks the end of an era in Fermanagh GAA with Brian Armitage stepping down from his role as Cathaoirleach after four years, with Tom Boyle soon to retire from his position as Rúnaí. Both Brian and Tom have been very supportive of the Competitions Control Committee during their lengthy periods in leadership positions within Fermanagh GAA. Brian also served as our Committee Secretary during two challenging years of Covid from December 2019 to December 2021.

Despite County Bye-Laws precluding them from participating in the affairs of the CCC, they have

both been extremely helpful and supportive to the committee. More tributes will rightly be paid to both Brian and Tom in due course, but for now, a word of thanks to two sound GAA volunteers for their help over the course of the last 12 months.

Buíochas

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 and to deal with disciplinary matters within Fermanagh.

The County Treasurer Sean Burns, along with his team of gatemen and gatewomen make matchdays run much smoother and a massive thanks to all of them for this thankless task. The Hearings Committee in the county play a vital role in offering members a chance to challenge a decision made by the CCC on disciplinary matters and our thanks to Pat McGurn (Cathaoirleach), Connor McBarron (Rúnaí) and all members of that committee.

We want to offer sincere thanks to all our club secretaries and team officials 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 (football) and Gerard McLaughlin (hurling) who looked after the appointment of referees for all club matches 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, chaired by Michael Keown. 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 remember at this time John Murphy who sadly passed away at the end of 2024 after a lengthy and brave battle against cancer.

We want to say a huge thanks to all the clubs of the county for providing their facilities to host matches this year. The level and scale of improvements that are being made to club facilities across the county is staggering and leaves it much easier for us as a Committee schedule games, with more and more venues now becoming suitable for hosting matches with respectable attendances. Many clubs have invested and are continuing to invest heavily across a wide range of facility improvements, including floodlights, spectator accommodation, health and safety measures and continuous pitch maintenance to allow games to go ahead throughout the 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).

John McGovern
Cathaoirleach

Phil Flanagan
Rúnaí

Tuarascáil Choiste na nÉisteachtaí

(Hearings' Committee Report)

Typical behaviours/actions that contributed to a Notice of Disciplinary Action being issued through the CCC:

- Abusive language towards a referee / umpire, linesman or sideline official.
 - Physically/verbally assaulting a referee.
 - Physically/verbally assaulting a juvenile player.
 - Engaging in disruptive conduct on the line.
 - Dangerous play.
 - Misconduct considered to have discredited the Association.
 - Contributing to a match having to be ended before full-time.
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- Number of Fermanagh Hearings upheld: x9
 - Number of Fermanagh Hearings overturned: x3

Number of Fermanagh Hearings by Club breakdown:

- CLUB No.1: x7
- CLUB No.2: x3
- CLUB No.3: x1
- CLUB No.4: x1

TOTAL No: 12

Summary

(i) The successful completion of Gaelic Games within Co. Fermanagh is largely due to the diligence and commitment of our referee body. We as an Association cannot emphasise enough our gratitude to them for this work.

(ii) Referees need to be more succinct, short and specific within their reports than being over descriptive.

We would recommend for the County Referee's Officer to advise the referees WHEN DETAILING AN INCIDENT to start their report with the following words: 'I clearly saw/heard

(iii) Within our county we have had ONE club appealing EVERYTHING! This clearly reflects on their being a poor executive leadership guiding this club.

(iv) Another club; albeit very successful within modern times, really need to evaluate themselves on what they are about and how they go about their business for e.g. manipulation of audio/visual evidence. Not only did this action lack of integrity but it was downright dishonourable on the club's behalf!

Rule 7.3 (aa) (4) A Member deliberately giving false evidence or otherwise misleading a Hearing, whether orally or in writing, on any matter of fact, shall be guilty of Misconduct Considered to have Discredited the Association.

The penalties for such can lead to suspension, expulsion from the Association and Disqualification.

A Fine, Deduction of Points in League Competitions may also be considered. Rule 7.2 (e)

(v) Members of the Hearings only come from a small number of clubs. It doesn't look good for Fermanagh GAA when we have to bring outside members to adjudicate when clubs refuse to accept sitting members.

(vi) Clubs must accept that appealing everything is not consistent with the rules of our Association and they can in future have penalties increased for trying to just have a Hearing.

A new Rule was added in Congress 2025 in relation to frivolous appeals.

Potential Increase in Penalty

Rule 7.3 (dd) - In the case of any infraction of Rule 7.2 (b) Category III and IV and Rule 7.2 (c) Category IIa and IIIa which is deemed Proven at a requested Hearing, the Hearings Committee, at its sole discretion, may determine that any one of the following positions be applied:

(i) The Hearing had no prospect of success or

(ii) The Hearing request was an abuse of process.

Penalty

An additional One Match Suspension

Or

An additional four-week Term of Suspension.

(vii) There is a certain type of etiquette that ALL clubs should be pertaining to aspire to whilst upholding the spirit of the CLG / GAA. Unfortunately, this is not the case with some of our clubs!

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Tuarascáil Choiste na nÓige (Youth Committee Report)

Is mór an onóir agus an phribhléid domsa ar son an Coiste Bord na nÓg Fhear Manach, Fáilte uí Cheallaigh a chur romhaibh anocht go dtí. Naomh Pádraig, Domhnach, Páirc Chuimhneacháin Lúis Ó Lionáird. It is a privilege and an honour on behalf of the Fermanagh Bord na nÓg Committee, to welcome all our principal County Officers, our Bord na nÓg Delegates and all fellow Gaels, here to St. Patricks Donagh, Louis Leonard Memorial Park, tonight for our annual Youth Convention.

Thank you to St. Patricks GAC, in particular Chairperson Kevin Foster, Secretary Pauline Collins and Youth Officer Ronan McManus, for hosting the 2025 Youth Convention and all of the preparations and diligent organisation ahead of tonight's proceedings.

The 2025 season for the Fermanagh Bord na nÓg, was definitely a season like no other in my time, a season that would have to navigate the implementation of the new rules to our football game, as well as still navigating another year of the reversal of our age grades. The main body of work of the Bord na nÓg is the provision of a safe and nurturing environment for young people to learn our 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 our 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 the responsibility of the Bord na nÓg to ensure that they enjoy all our Gaelic Games and can participate in them in a spirit of fair play, mutual respect, equality and most importantly, safely.

In the past five years as the Bord na nÓg chairman and eight years representing his club, Derrygonnelly Harps at the Youth Board, nobody has done more to uphold the mission, the vision and the values of the GAA than Eoghán Cassidy. He has always led from the front strongly, diligently and passionately. Never afraid to speak his mind, never hesitant to share his opinions or skepticisms. No challenge encountered was ever a problem that we couldn't resolve.

Eoghan carried out so many jobs in his role, most of which went unseen. His passion, heart and enthusiasm for Gaelic Games in Fermanagh and the direction they should be headed has never wavered. Eoghan's integrity and great leadership made him an excellent Chairperson. I am extremely grateful to Eoghan for his time, his patience, his dedication and his council through all the highs and lows we encountered together. It has been my honour and privilege to serve alongside Eoghán for the past five years. Leaving big boots to fill, Eoghan steps down from the Bord na nÓg for an equally important role within his club and we wish him all the very best in his new GAA venture. Go raibh mile maith agat agus árd mór ort Eoghan.

Our Fermanagh Youth Gradings Committee, tasked with considering several years' worth of underage performances, gradings, rankings, and results, consists of Eoghan Cassidy, Ciarán Carey, John Prunty, Thomas McElroy, Micheál McCaffrey, Sinead Casey and myself. We were delighted to welcome Barry Rice (Maguiresbridge) to the committee this season and were greatly appreciative of his knowledge and expertise. I thank you all for your commitment, experience, and expertise in what is always a complicated and arduous task.

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. Unfortunately this season, the collective knowledge and expertise of this committee wasn't always taken into consideration. We owe each of them a debt of gratitude for completing this very thankless task annually and hope for their continued council in the season ahead.

Only the second season since moving back to the even age grades and it was always going to be the most difficult year for grading, at an U14 level in particular where absolutely no data for gradings existed previously. Unfortunately, this will once again be the case for U14 grading in 2027, as a direct consequence of the U12 age grade games reverting back to a Go Games non-competitive format this year. However, through previous experience, it took three years for the odd age grades to settle in and we envisaged the ripple of problems changing back to evens to be no less complex and hope 2026 will see the grading process settle again for the most part.

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 turbulent pathway back to a seamless masterplan of even age grades continues to be a work in progress. The biggest issues facing us in the 2024 playing season were still waiting for us in 2025, club leagues at the same time as Academy Leagues of the same age grades, an ever narrowing games calendar, the minor players season overlapping with adult fixtures, clubs prioritising their players to fulfil football fixtures whilst hurling fixtures suffer the consequences.

Continuing with the status quo masterplan simply wasn't going to address any of the issues. CCC proposed a radical alternative masterplan, with many adjustments to most age grades. Change is never easy, universally accepted or perfect, but change is very often necessary.

The outcomes of the Football Review Committee were discussed at length by CCC. Where adoption of the new rules were deemed age appropriate for our players in Fermanagh, we updated the Rules and Regulations document accordingly. CCC then produced and published a document which incorporated the Rules and Regulations for both codes (football and hurling) along with the season's masterplan dates for both codes.

The most notable addition to the fixtures masterplan was the introduction of an U16 7-side competition which commenced mid-March. This was a competition introduced to bridge the time gap from the last U16 fixture in 2024 until the start of the first U16 league fixture in 2025, which would now occur at the latter end of the season.

15 Fermanagh clubs, separated into 2 groups, participated in the 7-side league which took place every Thursday in the Bawnacre and culminated in the top team in each group making the 7-side finals with playoff fixtures for the teams finishing second and third. Whilst in its infancy, it did offer some players in the county an opportunity to play small sided, short, sharp and fast paced fixtures.

The U12 and U14 fixtures also changed from the norm, alternating weekly from the 22nd March for 6

Months until September. The U14 gradings deficits were very apparent after the initial few games in each round and the decision was taken to play one round of fixtures in a group stage format (with a final at the end) and then use these rankings to divide the 3 groups into 4 divisions and proceed with a single round league (with a final at the end) before commencing the U14 Championship. This age grade in hindsight was probably the biggest success story of the season with an increased number of games provided, albeit not everyone was a fan of the extended playing season.

Unfortunately, the U12 season didn't build on the massive successes of 2024 and saw a reversal from a competitive league to a Go Games format. CCC highlighted a crisis point with the considerable drop-off in the number of active referees in the county across both football (GAA and LGFA) and hurling and the significant increase in the number of underage games being played.

An initial proposal was emailed to club secretary's, to create a pool of adult club members who were willing to officiate at U12 football and hurling games. Clubs were asked to nominate at least one person for each U12 team their club was entering, who was willing to act as a referee for U12 games and was not already an existing referee. Disappointingly, the three day turnaround for these names, only yielded a response from one single club in the county, sealing the fate for the U12's.

A similar group and league type format occurred with the U12's as per the U14's, with 5 group stages in April and May being condensed down to 4 divisions in June and July. Sadly, only 3 of these divisions completed their fixtures schedule. CCC organised an U12 Blitz finals day across four venues for any club who wished to participate in August. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sinead Casey for chasing up all of the U12 group and league scores throughout the season and recording them meticulously/ These will be invaluable when it comes to attempting to grade U14's in 2027. This age grade will require much consideration going into 2026.

The U16 and U18 league and championship for the most part proceeded without issue. A very condensed season with little wiggle room for both age grades in order to fit in a full league and championship. The minors competed for 3 months mid-May to mid-August quickly followed by the U16's competing for 3 months mid-August to mid-November. Playing numbers within some clubs, player protection during exam season, the condensed schedule and no room for injury recovery, resulted in almost double the number of conceded games at both these age grades this season compared with that in 2024, something that will need to be taken into consideration for 2026.

There have been 393 football fixtures scheduled on servasport this season for our youth and despite all of the hurdles, we still achieved a very respectable 90.07% fulfilment of football fixtures, which was equally as heartening as it was a relief.

FOOTBALL	2024 Football Season			2025 Football Season		
	Game Scheduled	Conceded / Pending	% played	Game Scheduled	Conceded / Pending	% played
U18 championship	17	0	100%	16	0	100%
U18 League	80	3	96.25%	85	10	88.24%
U16 Championship	17	2	88.25%	16	1	93.75%
U16 League	87	8	91%	73	14	80.82%
U16 7-aside	-	-	-	45	5	88.88%
Féile (U15)	32	0	100%	19	0	100%

U14 Championship	18	0	100%	19	2	89.5%
U14 League	92	6	93.5%	54	5	90.74%
U14 Group Stages	-	-	-	66	2	96.96%
U12 League	122	3	97.5%	-	-	-
Season Totals	465	22	95.25%	393	39	90.07%

The increased establishment of our Go Games calendar within the county and its integration into the annual fixtures Masterplan, ensures we offer the youngest Gaels in our county, access to our games much earlier than ever before in a fun, safe and structured way. The appetite for these games continues to increase with every successful season and their potential knows no limit.

As this aspect of our games development continues to flourish, we need to revisit it and how we best deliver it, to ensure that we continue to produce a legacy of development which enhances the football and hurling in our county for many years to come. A number of individuals have indicated that they would be keen to collaborate and shape the next stage of our go games development, building on the foundations in place and I look forward to working with them in this exciting endeavour for Fermanagh GAA.

Congratulations and very well done to all of the teams who have ventured outside the county to provincial and national competitions, Newtownbutler and Teemore football Féile na Peile, Naomh Aodhan and Lisbellaw St. Patricks for hurling Féile na nGael, always representing Fermanagh with great pride and honour. I have no doubt Derrygonnelly 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.

Once again, the hurling fixtures were featured in the Fermanagh GAA masterplan with the new addition of the Táin Óg Fixtures. There were six U14 teams, six U15 Féile teams, six U16 teams and four U18 teams all from Fermanagh this season.

Unfortunately however, a failure to adhere to the fixtures schedule and many other competing interests prevented multiple fixtures reaching their conclusions, greatly diminishing the integrity of the competitions resulting in only a 69.23% fixture fulfilment rate, due in large part due to an excellent group of U16's. It would be greatly hoped that we can bring these U16's through to minor and the excellent group of U12's from 2024 should produce an excellent U14 season in 2026.

HURLING	2024 Hurling Season			2025 Hurling Season		
	Game Scheduled	Conceded / Pending	% played	Game Scheduled	Conceded / Pending	% played
U18 League	0	0	0	3	2	33%
U16 League	12	7	41.5%	18	4	77.7%
Féile (U15)	4	0	100%	8	0	100%
U14 League	16	5	68.75%	23	10	56.5%
U12 League	14	1	93%	-	-	-
Totals	46	13	71.75%	52	16	69.23%

The hurling Go Games dates were included in the masterplan once again this season. Unfortunately however, 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 and u14, which would truly be a travesty. It is no secret that the volunteer base within hurling in Fermanagh is small, overburdened and exhausted from keeping the show on the road thus far. But without an injection of new energy, fresh volunteers and innovative idea's going forward, we jeopardise the future potential of Fermanagh hurling.

At the Hurling Development Roadshow in Garvaghy Centre of Excellence in May, the new National Head of Hurling, William Maher listened to many of the concerns relayed by the Ulster counties, concerns which all seem to be universal. It was a positive meeting and hopefully when they study the performance metric's and participation trends, their strategic focus will see benefits for smaller hurling counties like Fermanagh. The introduction of a new Hurling Games Participation Officer within Fermanagh will also be a welcome addition.

This season saw a Fermanagh U16 Poc Fada competition take place amongst Lisbellaw, Belnaleck, Enniskillen, Lisnaskea and Naomh Aodhan. Ben Plamer from Belnaleck advanced to the Ulster Poc Fada to represent Fermanagh in Glenarm on June 17th. A welcome addition to our hurling repertoire.

Other noteworthy developments in Fermanagh hurling saw the extensive redevelopment of the Knocks Grattan's grounds and the establishment of a new hurling club between Belcoo and Blacklion, MacNea Hurling. Both of which are heartening to see.

Comhghairdeas to all this season's football and hurling winners at Minor, U16, Féile and U14. Our commiserations to the runners up and those who narrowly missed out on the top two spots.

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 into 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 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 2025 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 and 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, especially this season when he done the Lion's share of the Adult and Youth fixtures whilst I concentrated on my studies and he continued to do so for the remainder of the season. The masterplan he proposed to CCC was ambitious and he seen it through to fruition. Thank you Phil for your hard work and tireless efforts to advance Fermanagh GAA. Because we have both been doing what we do for so long now, If this season in particular, has taught either of us anything is that we need to educate others around us and share the knowledge we have to ease these burdens going forward. Hopefully the results yielded from the CCC Underage Competition Review questionnaire will be an excellent asset, helping guide our decisions for the season ahead.

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 an absolute lady. Open minded, highly skilled and motivated in her role and always approachable. Her role continues to grow in importance and significance in our games and there is no better woman in Fermanagh to do the job as well as she does. Fermanagh GAA are very lucky to have someone of Anita's calibre in the role.

The implementation of silent sidelines in the county in 2024 reduced Anita's workload greatly. This initiative was to allow our children to just "play" and "enjoy" our games without the negativity from our sidelines. It was a success and whilst 2025 may have seen this initiative's standards slip somewhat, hopefully new plans will see it continues to improve once again next season and reinforce the respect deserved by all on our sidelines.

Many thanks should be conveyed to our county coaches, 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 continuing to deliver this service along with the additional demands of Academy activities. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Pat Cadden

for his service to Fermanagh GAA. Pat's departure from Fermanagh Coaching and Games is most regrettable but we wish him all the very best with his next endeavor.

Congratulations to Fermanagh Coaching and Games Officer Stephen McElrone in a very productive first year in his role. Acknowledging the gaps in our secondary school delivery, has made advancements and appointments there, whilst continuing to pursue Croke Park for more attractive career prospects with competitive salaries for additional coaching staff in the county. There has been a significant increase in the number of courses and workshops available for developing players, building teams and strengthening clubs. Stephen has also immersed himself in academies improvements whilst delivering a Go Games schedule in my absence this season. Fair to say he has hit the ground running.

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. We thank them for all their commitment, dedication and assistance in ensuring that our youth fixtures run efficiently. As always, we need many more referees 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.

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 all of those vacating their positions the very best of luck in their future endeavours.

I wish to welcome Peter Bogue to the Hurling Development Committee and acknowledge the continued hard work and dedication of Hurling Development Committee Secretary Roísín Smyth. I look forward to working closely with them both again in the future. There is a keen desire to develop the hurling structures already in place and positive aspirations to see Fermanagh Hurling progress to the next levels. However, the small hurling community within the county functioning with a skeleton of highly motivated volunteers, is so exhausted and overwhelmed from years of struggling and trying to keep the spark of hurling alive in the county. We need to address the issue of how we get more coaches and volunteers developed and trained to help relieve the pressures in hurling. We need to get these coaches into our primary schools delivering dedicated hurling programmes as early as possible. Hopefully some of these concerns will be addressed by the newly appointed Hurling Games

Participation Officer.

In conclusion, I would particularly like to thank most sincerely, all club delegates and for their patience throughout the year. I acknowledge that this year was very different to others and appreciate that youth delegates didn't feel that they had a voice this season. On behalf of the Bord na nÓg, we apologise if this was indeed the case and are committed to ensuring your clubs youth delegates voice is once again heard in 2026 at the monthly Fermanagh Bord na nÓg meetings. We understand more than ever the essential and integral part these monthly meetings play in ensuring we are delivering a programme of games that our players want and our clubs buy into, that their concerns and reservations are heard and acknowledged in the appropriate forum and that any decision made about the future and direction our games are going in is a collective one and in the best interests of Fermanagh GAA.

We truly value our Youth Delegates very necessary input for 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 2026 and ensuring a solid grounding for the legacy we wish to leave behind. We are committed to ensuring that the voices of the youth delegates are once again placed at the heart of all decisions taken concerning our youth.

It is my honour to be in the position of Secretary of the Bord na nÓg now for nine years. Whilst this season ultimately resulted in a prioritisation of my career and studies, it by no means diminished my appetite or desire to aspire for better for Fermanagh GAA. We are passionate about our county, we love these games, we are proud to be a small part of a very busy and hard working Fermanagh County Board. And whilst it may not always be apparent and we may not always agree, the youth of Fermanagh GAA are always at the heart of our decisions.

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. Whilst it is not my intention to single any individual out, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the tragic passing of Lisbellaw Youth Board Delegate Vanessa Whyte and her children James and Sara. Vanessa and I got on very well and were quite alike in our thought processes on the dual player in Fermanagh. A lady never afraid to speak her mind, express her opinion or indeed hold people to account. A lady that lived for the promotion of hurling in Lisbellaw and Fermanagh and always on the Maguiresbridge sidelines for the children's football matches. A lady who made her mark on us all, whom we will all miss dearly and remember fondly.

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 2026!

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, 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 na nÓg

Tuarascáil Choiste Oiliúna agus Forbartha Cluichí (Coaching and Games Development Committee)

A chairde,

During 2025, the Coaching and Games Committee targeted several key changes which we are pleased to report have now been implemented. The main focus areas were the expansion of the Go Games programme, the restructuring of staffing and academy systems, and the enhancement of coach education.

While significant progress has been made, we recognise there is still more to do. The committee will again set ambitious targets for 2026 to ensure that every young player within Fermanagh GAA is given the best opportunity to become the best version of themselves.

Football Go Games

The Go Games programme had a major increase in volume in 2025.

- U7.5: 8 rounds
- U8.5: 14 rounds
- U10.5: 12 rounds + 5 blitzes

All clubs participated in either the Derrygonnelly or Lisnaskea Emmetts tournaments, which added four further rounds and a blitz. This provided 15 weeks of football for U10.5 players.

Overall, Go Games dates increased from 20 in 2024 to 37 in 2025 — a significant expansion which we aim to maintain in 2026.

Average attendance rose from 60% at the start of the year to 80% once a structured fixture calendar was introduced. This also ensured a shared hosting responsibility. Hosting requires organisation, but it is extremely rewarding, supported by the excellent facilities in Fermanagh clubs.

U12 Football Programme

The U12 league consisted of 10 rounds and was incorporated into the Go Games structure due to the ongoing shortage of referees. Despite requests to clubs to train referees, only St Mary's Maguiresbridge and St Joseph's Ederney responded.

Experience shows that competitive games overseen by club mentors is not a sustainable model. Therefore, unless referee recruitment increases significantly, no structural changes will be made to the U12 league in 2026.

Football Games Programme

In collaboration with the CCC, a bi-weekly games calendar was introduced, similar to the successful model used in other counties. This provided players with an extended season at their own age grade, moving away from the traditional "league and championship window."

The expanded calendar brought clear benefits but also challenges — particularly around scheduling relating to inter-county U17 commitments, the Fermanagh Senior Championship, and the overlapping competitions for U16–U18 players.

A survey has been issued by the CCC to gather feedback from players, coaches, and mentors to help refine next year's programme.

Hurling

The 2025 hurling programme opened positively with participation in the Táin Óg Hurling League and spring Academy Hurling.

However, our hurling community was deeply impacted during the summer by the tragic passing of Vanessa Whyte, her son James Rutledge, and daughter Sara Rutledge. This heartbreaking event brought understandable disruption to the programme, and the thoughts of everyone in Fermanagh GAA remain with their family and the wider Lisbellaw and hurling communities. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

Upon resumption, the U12, U14, and U16 competitions recommenced, producing some excellent hurling with strong representation across the county. Participation levels in hurling are now higher than ever, which is extremely encouraging.

Nonetheless, challenges remain at Go Games level, particularly around volunteer availability and player numbers. The Coaching and Games Committee have focused on hurling-specific coach education over the winter to help address these issues, but clubs must also recruit and support new volunteers to ensure fixtures are fulfilled according to the county masterplan.

A particular well done to all clubs who competed in the Fermanagh Junior Hurling Competition during the summer. This was an excellent addition to the playing calendar and highlighted the continued growth of the game in the county.

Camps

Fermanagh hosted 14 Kellogg's Cúl Camps and 3 Erne Camps in 2025.

Our Player Development Camps for teenagers were especially successful, running during the summer and again at Halloween. The Halloween camps attracted over 250 teenage players both male and female, demonstrating the strong appetite for development opportunities.

Restructuring and Staffing

The Coaching and Games budget was restructured in 2025, with greater investment directed towards post-primary schools. Clubs were asked to support the continuation of primary school coaching, and we are very grateful for the strong level of engagement. This collective backing has allowed for an expanded overall budget.

At post-primary level:

- St Michael's College, Enniskillen employed Niall McElroy (Tempo Maguires) as GAA Development Manager, part-funded by Fermanagh GAA.
- St Kevin's College, Lisnaskea employed a full-time Games Promotion Officer.
- A part-time Gaelic Games Officer was facilitated at Mount Lourdes.
- Support was also extended to St Aidan's Derrylin, St Joseph's Enniskillen, St Mary's Irvinestown, and South West College.

This area remains a priority and further investment is encouraged.

Academy

A sincere word of thanks to all volunteers who worked with our Academy squads in 2025. Training volumes increased significantly thanks to the commitment and enthusiasm of our coaches.

The programme was designed to respect club commitments while enabling players to train and compete with peers at their own level. However, we recognise the need for continued improvement. Fermanagh remains behind provincial and national standards in player development, and we must close this gap.

In January 2026, academy players will attend an induction day, where each will be profiled and recorded in a development database. Parents will also attend workshops focusing on nutrition, S&C, and athletic development.

Attendance and commitment will be essential going forward. Unfortunately, some players may not continue if they do not engage fully — as significant time and resources are being invested in those who show commitment.

Coach Education

Coach development was a major focus in late 2025 and will continue into 2026.

We held our first Coaching Conference in partnership with St Michael's College, focusing on club structures and player development.

We also welcomed Kevin Kelly, Ulster GAA Provincial Hurling Manager, who delivered two workshops on development structures and volunteer pathways.

Progress in coaching qualifications continues to grow:

30 coaches completed the Level 1 course.

10 coaches completed the Level 2 course — the first Level 2 group ever completed in Fermanagh, marking a milestone achievement.

Focus for 2026

Key priorities for the coming year include:

- Expanded Academy support through pitch-based training alongside increased S&C and player education.
- Continued development of modified games programmes, including small-sided formats similar to the successful U16 7-a-side competition.
- Further increasing attendance and participation at Go Games level.

Closing Remarks

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone involved in Coaching and Games throughout 2025 — our full-time staff, volunteers, committee members, coaches, and club officers — for your outstanding commitment and passion in promoting Gaelic Games within Fermanagh.

Finally, I wish all players, mentors, officials, and supporters a happy and peaceful Christmas, and a successful and rewarding 2026 both on and off the field.

Stiofán MacGiolla Ruain - Oifigeach Oiliúna



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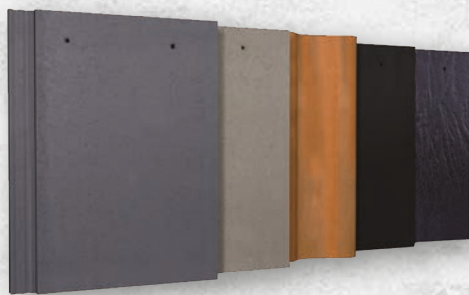
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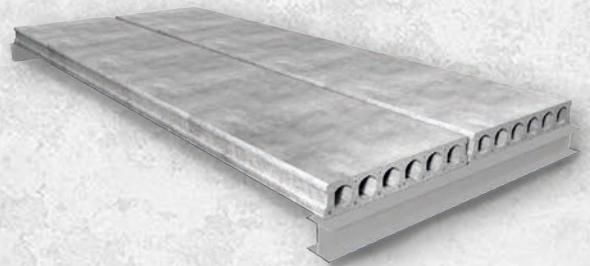
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Tuarascáil Cheannaire na gCluichí (Head of Games' Report)

This report outlines the key achievements, developments, and challenges across all Coaching & Games programmes delivered throughout 2025. The Coaching & Games team continued to prioritise player development, club support and coach education, ensuring that Gaelic Games remain strong in every Club across Fermanagh.

Primary Schools Programme

A full Primary Schools coaching programme was delivered from January to June 2025. In September, a new restructured model was introduced, aligning school support more closely with club needs. Of the 25 primary schools, 19 Primary School have requested additional coaching support and 6 required no additional support.

Ulster GAA Regional Hurling Officer Patrick Delaney provides coaching to feeder Primary Schools and Fermanagh Coach Megan McCann can also provide Handball support to Clubs in their feeder schools who are engaging in setting up hubs for players to access.

Post-Primary Schools Programme



7 Post Primary Schools have received support in skill development, strength and conditioning, competition preparation, Team support and player education. Player development at this Post Primary School age is one of the key focus areas for Coaching and games to give greater support and investment.

Fermanagh GAA are delighted to partner with St Michael's College, Mount Lourdes Grammar (in conjunction with Fermanagh LGFA), St Kevin's College and South West College to continue to enhance opportunities for young players.

- 450 players (boys & girls) attend two Post Primary School blitz days in Lissan for Yr8 & Yr9 in June
- St Michaels U15.5 teams won The Corn De Danann Final in February defeating Colaiste Feirste 7-07 to 4-04.
- St Aidan's won their first-ever Ulster Schools' hurling title defeating St Malachy's Castlwellan on a scoreline of 3-02 to 1-03 in February.
- St Kevin's College U13.5 won the Danske Bank McKee Plate in April defeating St Joseph's, Newry.
- South West College made history by claiming the prestigious Corn na Mac Léinn for the first time defeating New York 5-12 to 2-07.

Games Programmes

Thanks to CCC and Phil Flanagan for a comprehensive programme of games this season which was scheduled across football and hurling. Fixture scheduling remains a significant challenge, but CCC, with Coaching & Games support, facilitated a broad calendar of meaningful competitions, including facilitating National Academy and school fixtures into the calendar. Players need as many opportunities to experience meaningful, development-focused competitive games throughout the season.

Fermanagh is part of a national pilot exploring adapted games formats to enhance participation and development opportunities through clubs and schools - Sligo, Longford and Leitrim are the other 3

counties involved in the pilot.

CCC organised the U16 Small Sided Games 7-aside ran at start of season in the Bawnacre to provide games for none County players – this was a positive initiative; Coaching & Games in conjunction with CCC hope to explore the possible of a larger calendar of adapted games for different age cohorts and codes.

- 16 clubs participated in National League half-time games.
- Hurling Go Games indoor series delivered across three dates in March
- U13 Football pilot programme (2 players from each club) featuring six coaching sessions and two internal games.

Go Games

This year's Fermanagh Go Games Programme was coordinated by County Coaching Officer Stephen McElrone. A planned schedule of dates was organised for the U7.5, U8.5, U10.5 and U12 age groups, with a significant increase in the number of blitz opportunities offered.

The programme was delivered using a blended approach, combining:

- Multi-club blitzes at designated venues, and
- Standalone fixtures to allow greater flexibility over the summer period.

Games played:

- U7.5 -- 260 games
- U8.5 - 220 games
- U10.5 - 173 games
- U12 - 142 games

Thank you to Stephen for his weekly coordination and communication with clubs. The Go Games Programme is an important part of the player development pathway. It is imperative that clubs attend as many blitz opportunities as possible and ensure that our players are provided with the right environment in which to learn.

Go Games are small-sided game opportunities. For the best possible development, we should be providing 5-, 6-, 7-, 8- or 9-a-side games. Piling as many players as possible onto the pitch serves no purpose and does not support effective player development.

Well done to all the Clubs and Coaches who attended and hosted Go Games Blitzes.

Well done also to Derrygonnelly and Lisnaskea Clubs who annually organise the U10.5 blitz Programme which all clubs look forward to each year.

Finally well done to all Clubs who organise various Go Games and Youth Blitzes within the County. Small Sided Games / Adapted Games programmes will become part our games offering in the future and serve as another development piece along our players pathway.

Cúl Camps & Development Camps

Cúl Camps attracted 973 participants in 2025, with a further 102 children attending Erne Camps. Across Easter, Summer, and Halloween, a total of 473 players engaged in development-focused camps.

Halloween Player Development Camps included:

- St Michael's College – 104 participants
- St Aidan's Derrylin – 55 participants
- Lisnaskea – 53 participants
- Mount Lourdes (Female) – 54 participants



Numbers are back on Cúl Camps, a few factors impacting; cost of camps, availability of coaches & Coach to Child ratio policy. There is a large interest in Youth player development camps, young players looking to improve and learning from senior intercounty role modules and top coaches.

Talent Academy Progress

The Talent Academy offered structured programmes for U14–U17 squads, each receiving technical, tactical and athletic development as well as player education. All squads completed their national fixtures.

U14 Development squads completed three structured blocks of coaching after school and travelled to Sligo for two competitive games.

The U15 Football Academy completed their season with strong player engagement, and a lot of close competitive contests, players put in a good season of development work.

U16 squad represented Fermanagh in the Gerry Reilly Shield competition, beating Tipperary by a point in the semi-final to reach Gerry Reilly Shield against Antrim played in Lisnaskea losing by 8 points.

The U15 Hurling Academy finished top of their group and reached the All-Ireland Hibernia Cup Final, narrowly losing to Longford by a point 3-09 to 2-13. The players showed great development throughout their group games and played some great hurling in the final, losing out by a last minute free.

Celtic Challenge team had another strong season, winning the Minor Development League against Monaghan in the Bawnacre and reaching their respective Celtic Challenge final, losing out to a strong Longford 3-13 to 2-10.

County Minor Football team had a difficult season, up against the top teams in the Country in the Ulster Minor League. The team did put in a good performance in their All-Ireland Tier competition against Longford in Roslea, unfortunately coming up short 1-10 to 0-11.

As part of our Academy Player Development structure, players received targeted education in key performance areas. At our Easter Academy Player Development day featured nutrition workshops, leadership and County values presentations, video analysis, and athletic development and match preparation.

Inclusion – GAA for ALL

Inclusive coaching programme in 2025, involved weekly coaching delivered to Willowbridge School and the Fresh Focus Group in Enniskillen, with Fresh Focus services users and staff also participating in the GAA for ALL Activity Day in Croke Park.

Well done to Brookeborough GAA who successfully launched a weekly GAA for ALL coaching hub, demonstrating strong demand for inclusive sport and we were happy to support St Pat's Donagh who run their All-Stars Summer Camp - Well done everyone!

Coach Education & CPD

Coach Education remains a priority, with a full calendar of ICGG and CPD workshops delivered across the county. A total of 8 ICGG courses and more than 12 CPD workshops were delivered, involving over 230 coaches. Workshops included Nursery, New Rules, Goalkeeping workshops, Athletic Development sessions, and Award 1 & Award 2 qualifications.

Coach Education in 2026 will remain at the forefront of Coaching & Games priorities, providing coaches with knowledge and skills needed to develop players effectively.

Hurling Development



Hurling participation continues to grow, showing strong engagement at academy and school level. Our hurling Go Games Programme needs attention; numbers of games being played has been very low. The Hurling Development Camp attracted 33 players and offered high-quality coaches and games opportunities, which was kindly sponsored by the Shane Mulholland Foundation and supported by the GPA and FODC. It is extremely positive to see the strides within newly formed

unit MacNea Hurling, it's great to see players and coaches in the Belcoo area getting involved, the more teams we can have playing, the better games programmes we can structure and offer.

Coaching and Games were delighted with the uptake from 4 interested hurling clubs to get involved in a Participation Officer pilot initiative, Hurling Club contributed to a PO who would coach 1 day a week in their local feeder schools create a stronger School-Club link and increase participation.

The hurling fraternity was rocked in the summertime with the tragic loss of Vanessa, James and Sara, we keep their family, friends and teammates in our thoughts and prayers, they are sadly missed.

Thank You & Acknowledgements

Fermanagh Coaching & Games wishes to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of the many individuals and groups who supported our programmes throughout 2025. The progress made this year would not have been possible without their dedication, collaboration, and commitment to Gaelic Games.

- **County Leadership & Governance**
 - County Steering and Executive Committee, especially Brian, Tom, Sean and Stephen for all their support and guidance.
 - Sub-Committees including County Coaching & Games Committee, Competitions Control Committee, Communications Committee, Youth Committee, Hurling Workgroup and Club Éirne
- **Schools**
 - All Primary and Post-Primary Schools in Fermanagh
 - Principals, teachers, and school-based staff
 - Cumann na mBunscol Fermanagh Committee for their full programme of activity

- Schools and Staff who made themselves available and facilitated indoor hall and outdoor pitch access throughout the year, this is greatly appreciated.
- **Coaching & Games Staff**
 - Full-Time and Part-Time County Coaches who deliver tireless on the ground, Keith, Jonny, Fionan, Megan, Rhianna, Dearbhla, Dermott, Colm and best wishes to Ultan and Pat in their future careers; thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment.
 - Academy Coaches and Team Management who give their time and expertise to develop the next generation.
- **External Partners & Supporters**
 - Ulster GAA Coaching & Games Team, a special thanks to Dr. Eugene Young Coaching and Games director who has now retired and will be missed. Thanks also to Jimmy Darragh who is always on the end of a phone.
 - National GAA Games Development Department
 - South West College partnership team
 - Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
 - The Shane Mulholland Foundation
 - Fermanagh LGFA
 - Sponsors and programme supporters (Camp sponsors, Academy sponsors/businesses, etc.)
- **Match Officials**
 - Fermanagh Referees Committee – thanks to Dermott, Fergal & Gerry.
 - Referees, Umpires, and Linespeople who supported Schools, Academy, and Go Games fixtures – a massive number of games overseen by a dedicated group.
- **Parents, Guardians & Players**
 - Parents and guardians who consistently supported their children's involvement
 - All players across camps, academies, schools programmes, and Go Games activity
 - Young people who represented their Schools, Club and County with pride and commitment throughout 2025
- **Clubs & Volunteers**
 - All Fermanagh GAA Clubs and their Chairpersons, Secretaries, Coaching Officers, and Youth Officers
 - Club volunteers who supported Camps, Go Games, Academy sessions, and half-time games, attend courses & workshops, meetings, you are worth your weight in gold.
 - Clubs who provided facilities, equipment, and support for all Coaching & Games activities, especially hosting of Academy games.
 - GAA for ALL hubs and inclusive volunteers

A special word of thanks is extended to Tom Boyle.

Throughout my time working with Tom, he has been a constant source of calm, support, and steady guidance. His depth of knowledge and unwavering commitment to Fermanagh GAA have been invaluable. Tom's dedication, work ethic, and genuine care for the organisation have played a major role in shaping the strong position Fermanagh GAA finds itself in today. I am sincerely grateful for his leadership and the opportunity to work alongside him.

My sincere condolences to all who has lost loved one in 2025. Finally to wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and look forward to working with you all in 2026.

Teresa McNabb – Fermanagh Head of Games

Tuarascáil Choiste Iomána (Hurling Committee)

As we look back on 2025, we remember Vanessa Whyte her children James & Sara, may they rest in peace.

The county U20 team competed in the Ulster Development League and in the Andrew O'Neill Cup.

The County Minor Hurlers won the Ulster Development league defeating Monaghan in the final. They went on to reach the final of the Celtic Challenge but lost out to a strong Longford team.

The senior hurlers had a good start to the season and reached the Div 4 League final against Louth. Gained promotion to Div 3 for 2026. Went on to compete in the Nicky Rackard Cup.

In July the U15 Development squad played in the Hibernia Cup final against Longford.

Thank you to all the work at county & club level by the coaches 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.

Playing hurling in your club is the foundation of it all and there is a small number of hurling coaches who continue to promote hurling at the grass roots.

The County Féile na nGael competition took place and Naomh Aodhán progressed to represent the county in Wexford in June.

The county league we had 7 clubs enter teams in U12, 7 clubs compete in U14's, 6 clubs competed in U16's, with 4 clubs entered in the Minor league. This year we had 4 adult clubs fielding, Lisbellaw, Erne Gaels, Knocks Grattans & Belnaleck. It is great to see the growth in hurling at adult level in the county.

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.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all the club hurling reps who attend the hurling committee meetings throughout the year. Thank you to all our hurling clubs & coaches who work tirelessly to develop our game and keep the game going. As the committee agreed it was vital we all worked together to ensure we give our young people have the opportunity to hurl.

Róisín Smyth - Runai

Tuarascáil Choiste Riaracháin na Réiteoirí

(Referees' Administration Committee)

Introduction

I would like to begin this report by thanking the referees within the County for their efforts and commitment during the 2025 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 introduced for 2025 the season generated several challenges.

There were 300 Youth game referee appointments in 2025, in 2024 there were 409. The decrease from last year is due to U-12 football leagues being under the 'Go-Games' format with no referees appointed. There were 291 Adult game referee appointments in 2025, in 2024 there were 308.

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. The introduction of new rules this year was a seismic change for everyone, and I would hope that all Gaels recognise the efforts Referee's went to whilst ensuring compliance and fairness are upheld simultaneously. We had hoped to secure the services of some new Assessors this year but unfortunately this task slipped and remains a focus for 2026. The referee committee do have a mentoring programme for new referees and this successful initiative will also continue for the foreseeable future.

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 endeavour to secure a reliable 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 once again required a replay and this gave an opportunity to two referees. Congratulations to Barry Monaghan and James Lewis who contributed to the spectacle and excitement of both matches.

Games

The table below indicates the percentage of games each referee officiated in 2025 in comparison to the 2024 season. CCC recommends that each club officiates a minimum of 3% of the total games

each season. Erne Gaels have a lower percentage as Niall Cullen has limited availability due to his Inter County commitments. The table does however indicate that some clubs are carrying a heavier burden than others and hopefully this anomaly can be addressed before the 2026 season commences. It's a credit to Fermanagh referees and particularly our Appointments Officer (Fergal Cleary) that nearly 700 games were covered in Fermanagh this year, this figure doesn't include school's fixtures or Ad-Hoc challenge games arranged sporadically throughout the season.

CLUB	% OF GAMES OFFICIATED 2024	% OF GAMES OFFICIATED 2025
Aghadrumsee St Macartan's	7.31	4.93
Belcoo O'Rahilly's	7.10	6.02
Belnaleck Art McMurroughs	4.77	4.45
Brookeborough Heber MacMahons	5.51	6.26
Coa O'Dwyers	6.78	4.45
Derrygonnelly Harps	7.94	5.90
Derrylin O'Connell's	3.28	4.09
Devenish St. Mary's	9.53	8.54
Ederney St. Joseph's	4.87	8.54
Enniskillen Gaels	6.67	6.62
Erne Gaels	2.33	2.17
Irvinestown St. Molaise	4.98	7.82
Kinawley Brian Borus	4.24	3.61
Lisnaskea Emmetts	3.50	3.97
Maguiresbridge St Marys	3.81	3.85
Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	4.56	3.61
Roslea Shamrocks	3.81	2.77
St. Patrick's Donagh	3.71	4.45
Teemore Shamrocks	0.21	2.89
Tempo Maguires	5.08	5.05

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 2025. Eoin Murphy and James Lewis are included within the Provincial panel for 2025, and James was just recently appointed to referee the Ulster Club Junior final. 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. I would also like to congratulate Shane Connolly and Shane McGoldrick who are making their mark at provincial level.

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 Maguiresbridge (Paul Traynor), Ederney (Aarron Dennison) and Garrett Mac Enri (Teemore) made a return to refereeing. Two 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.

Sadly, since County Convention last year, one of our own, John Murphy passed away, a young man who had refereed for many years, representing his club Derrygonnelly Harps with pride. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

I would finally, on behalf of the Refereeing Panel thank everyone for their kindness and support during the 2025 season especially the members of CCC and the County Chairman who work tirelessly on our behalf.

Is Mise Le Meas

Diarmaid Gadhra - Referee Administrator

APPENDIX
2025 FOOTBALL FINAL REFEREES

Competition	Referee
U14 Football Spring League 1	Paul McGoldrick
U14 Football Spring League 2	Paul McCarney
U14 Football Spring League 3	Chris McCaffrey
U14 Football League Divison 1	Aaron Dennison
U14 Football League Divison 2	Cristi MacNia
U14 Football League Divison 3	Garrett McEnri
U14 Football League Divison 4	Paul Traynor
U14 A Football Championship	Aaron Quigley
U14 B Football Championship	Michael Keown
U16 Football League Divison 1	Noel McDonagh
U16 Football League Divison 2	Nigel Sweeney
U16 Football League Divison 3	Fergal Cleary
U16 A Football Championship	Shane Connolly
U16 B Football Championship	James Lewis
U18 Football League Division 1	James Carey
U18 Football League Division 2	Niall McCann
U18 Football League Division 3	Michael Keown
U18 A Football Championship	Niall McCann
U18 B Football Championship	Karol Bradshaw
Erne Cup 1	Mark Curry
Erne Cup 2	Nigel Sweeney
Erne Cup 3	Paul McCarney
Reserve A Football Championship	Eoin Murphy
Reserve B Football Championship	Paul McCarney
Senior Football League Division 1	Ollie McShea
Senior Football League Division 2	Noel McDonagh
Junior Football Championship	James Carey
Intermediate Football Championship	Hugh Breen
Senior Football Championship	Barry Monaghan
Senior Football Championship (Replay)	James Lewis

2025 HURLING FINAL REFEREES

Competition	Referee
U14 HL Tier 1	Michael Keown
U16 HL Tier 1	Gerard Mc Laughlin
U16 HL Tier 2	Mark Curry
Junior Hurling Championship	Paul McCarney
Reserve Hurling Cup	Gerard Mc Laughlin



**MANNOK SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
FINAL (REPLAY)
JAMES LEWIS**



**MANNOK SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
FINAL
BARRY MONAGHAN**



**CADCO INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
FINAL
HUGH BREEN**



**PETER CARTY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
FINAL
JAMES CAREY**

Tuarascáil Choiste Sábháilteachta agus Áiseanna (Safety and Facilities Committee Report)

LISSAN FACILITIES

Lissan has been maintained to a high standard throughout the year. A key improvement was the move to St. Michael's pitch from May, providing an excellent training surface for the championship run. Several upgrades were completed, including an upgrade to the wind turbine in August, the installation of new stop nets on the bottom pitch, and the commissioning of new LED floodlights on the top pitch in September. Thanks are extended to Joe Prunty for his excellent pitch maintenance and to Liam Keenan for his superb site management.

ASHWOODS ROAD STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

Following the announcement at last year's AGM, the purchase of 24 acres at Ashwoods Road, Enniskillen, has been successfully completed. Environmental and traffic surveys are finished, and we are now proceeding with appointing an architect and compiling full cost estimates for a major new twin-site development.

This project is central to our long-term strategy, anticipating the future amalgamation of the GAA and LGFA. The new facility will complement the ongoing role of Lissan and will include:

- Three floodlit pitches
- A strength and conditioning hub, recovery suite, and meeting rooms
- County offices and catering facilities
- Car parking and a stadium pitch for competitive matches

This is a multi-generational project that will provide a footprint for future development. The strategy is to develop the site in phases:

Phase 1 (2026-2030): Design, planning, and procurement, followed by the construction of two full-size training pitches and one competitive match pitch with changing facilities, a Performance Hub, and initial parking.

Phase 2 (2030-2035): Development of a sports pavilion with a stand, four changing rooms, a multi-purpose hall, office accommodation, kitchen, and treatment rooms.



Funding discussions are ongoing with Croke Park, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, and Club Eirne.

BREWSTER PARK

A grant of €134k has been secured from the Croke Park National Infrastructure Fund to install circa 4,000 new spectator seats, replacing the old wooden benches in the John Vesey Stand. This development, which will be supported by the Ulster Council, Enniskillen Gaels, and the County Board, forms part of an overall project, which also includes the provision of a new toilet block. The total project cost is €420k for both the toilets and seating with the County Board and Enniskillen Gaels contributing 50%. All works are scheduled for completion by late April 2026.

CLUB DEVELOPMENTS

It is encouraging to see widespread facility improvements across our clubs. A summary of club projects is provided below:

Aghadrumsee St Macartans:

- Upgraded pitch floodlights, installed a tarmacked walkway with low-level lighting around both pitches. Plans for 2026 include entrance enhancements and clubroom roof repairs.

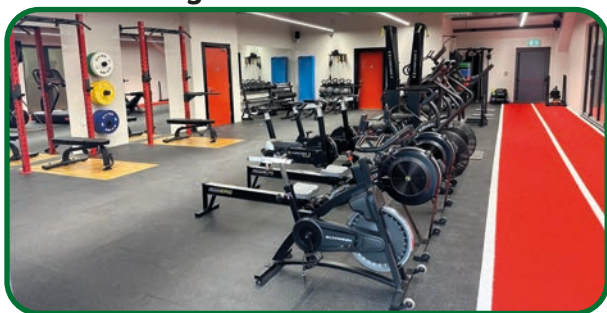
Belcoo O'Rahillys:

- Construction of a new Hub (gym, changing rooms, meeting space) is well underway, supported by a fundraising draw.

Belnaleck Art McMurrough's

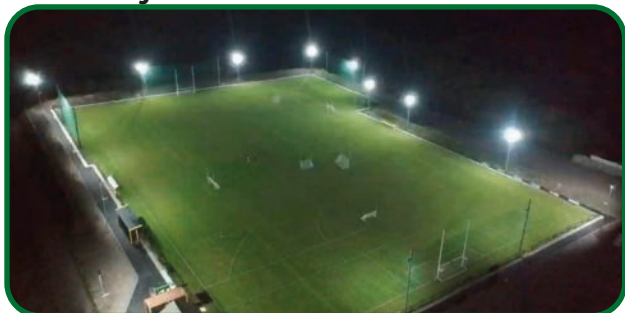
- Upgraded Pitch facility including training lights and opened new gym.
- Also played lead role with Community Association in securing planning permission for new Wellbeing community hub. Plans for year ahead include improving entrance and advancing wellbeing community hub facility.

Brookeborough Heber MacMahons:



- Recently completed a new gym, upgraded changing rooms, and a tarmacked car park with new gates. Future plans include developing a stand.

Coa O'Dwyer's



- Completed another stage of their development with the tarring of walk way and the erection of training and walking lights , new fencing and planting
- Carried out a number of fundraising events including a 5k / 10k run and a tractor run

Derrygonnelly Harps



2025

- Completed the gym and opened it to the public
- Secured planning permission and prepared the ground for a third grass training pitch.
- Fundraising : Held a very successful walkathon

2026 Plans

- Install an EV charger subject to funding
- Commence work on third pitch
- Complete new entrance and associated works to new carpark
- Renovate old dressing rooms

Derrylin O'Connells:

- Launched a development draw with plans to commence a major new complex in 2026.

Devenish St Marys

Recent developments

- Lead role in delivery of Community gym in Garrison
- New dugouts
- Resurfaced main entrance to grounds

Proposed developments

- Extended car parking at Club grounds
- Provision of walkway around main pitch and link back to village
- Development of 2nd pitch at new grounds purchased

Ederney St Joseph's:

- Planning approved for a new community hall, increased stand capacity (600 seated, improvements to allow a ground capacity for 2,000 spectators total), expanded gym with a recovery suite, and a tarmacked car park.
- Target completion: March 2029.

Enniskillen Gaels:

- Changing rooms and referees' room refurbished.
- A new youth training pitch will be operational in Spring 2026.
- Work will soon start on a new health and wellbeing hub to be completed 2026

Erne Gaels Bealeek

5-year Development Plan includes

- Extension and Development of Centre
- Developing a Community accessible lighted walkway around our grounds



- Erecting a Spectator Stand

Irvinestown St Molaise



- Completed the installation of floodlighting in September at a cost of €140,000
- Grant of €100,000 obtained from FODC for provision of tarmac in the car park and a walkway
- Planning permission in place for a 300-seater Spectator Stand and Training pitch, anticipated costs €500,000
- Development Draw was launched in October with the aim of raising sufficient funds to complete both projects

Kinawley Brian Borus

- Constructed a multi-purpose building €35k / received funding to cover all from FODC + one other
- Just starting covered disabled viewing area / 108 spectator seat stand. Cost €55k. Received donation of €23.5k towards this project and are looking to raise €15-20k from members for buy a seat scheme. This project will be completed before Christmas. This is phase 1.
- Phase 2 will be a small terrace area + surfacing and lining out disabled parking. That will be 2026 / 2027

Knocks Grattans

- New grass pitch

Lisnaskea Emmetts:

- Plans for 2026 include erecting public toilets and enhancing the entrance.



Lisbellaw St Patricks

- Planning approved for lights, stand and walkway
- Currently working on fundraising and grant aid

Maguiresbridge St Mary's:

- Planning to commence work in 2026 to create a walkway and upgrade the entrance and fencing.

Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs



- 2025 - Completion of second Prunty Pitch and community walkway
- 2026 – Plan to alter and enhance entrance to grounds, Refurbishment and extension to changing Rooms block, Erection of Floodlighting and building of storage facility at Training Pitch

Roslea Shamrocks

- Phase one upgrades completed of club complex with replacement of all external windows and doors.
- 2026 -Plan to Install EV Charger within club grounds

St Patrick's Donagh :



- Erected new pitch fencing, completed a tarmacked walkway, refurbished public toilets, and enhanced the entrance.
- Plans for 2026 include new floodlighting, a tarmacked car park, and solar panels.

Teemore Shamrocks



- 2025 Completed seating in stand and floodlighting to the training pitch
- 2026 Starting in January to build a 40m x 25m indoor training facility with 4G surface

Tempo Maguires

- In January 2025, new floodlights were installed on the main playing pitch. With an average of 525 Lux, the lights are capable of hosting matches of all standards and the first match played was an inter-county challenge match between Fermanagh and Monaghan.
- A new roof was installed on the existing changing rooms to address recurrent leaks. Solar Panels and battery storage were also added to reduce carbon emissions and electricity bills.



Work is also well advanced on a range of other upgrades for 2026, including:

- the addition of a sensory room overlooking the main pitch;
- a new changing room at the training pitch;
- replacement seating in the spectator stand;
- a new scoreboard;
- a ball wall; and
- EV charging points.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all clubs who secured funding, including through the new Croke Park Club Development Loan Fund.

PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. MICHAEL'S

The newly resurfaced pitch at St. Michael's has been a wonderful success in its first year of use. We are delighted with this partnership and credit Joe Prunty for creating a superb playing surface. We look forward to maintaining this long-term relationship and intend to install a set of stop nets and dugouts in 2026

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks are extended to Seamus McMahon, Lauri McCusker, and Sean Burns for their hard work and support throughout the year. Special gratitude is also due to the individuals who provided local knowledge and financial support to secure the Ashwoods site, including several anonymous donors without whom this project would not be possible. A huge thank you to these Fermanagh Gaels.

Sean Donnelly - Oifigeach Sábháilteachta agus Áiseanna

JOIN CLUB ÉIRNE TODAY



To meet growing demand, ambitious goals have been set:

- Develop three fully lit full-size pitches at Ashwoods – £2,000,000
- Build a 12,000 sq. ft. complex with changing rooms, physio studios, meeting rooms, kitchen/dining area, County Board offices, and a modern gym – £1,800,000



YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL

To make these dreams a reality, we must raise over £1 million in the next 5 years. Club Éirne is leading the way and inviting individuals, families, and businesses to join us:

PREMIUM SUPPORT LEVELS:

- £10,000/year for 5 years
- £5,000/year for 10 years

(Premium supporters will feature prominently on a display in the new Ashwoods building and receive pitch-side signage.)

OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE:

- Become a Patron – £1,000/year
- Become a Member – £500/year
- Participate in the Club Éirne Weekly Lotto – £25,000 jackpot

TOGETHER, WE CAN ELEVATE FERMANAGH GAA TO NEW HEIGHTS.

Your generosity ensures every player - male and female - has the facilities, coaching, and opportunities they deserve.

Ger Treacy - 07714749162 Sean Burns - 07525236644

Tuarascáil Choiste Pleanála agus Oiliúna (Planning and Training Committee Report)

Réamhrá

The past year has been a period of steady progress in developing the planning and training structures within Fermanagh GAA. Our work continues to be guided by the principles and supports offered through both Croke Park's National Planning and Training Unit and Ulster GAA's Club and County Development Department. Together, these partnerships have provided a strong framework for good governance, effective leadership, and long-term planning across our county and clubs.

The Planning and Training function plays a central role in strengthening how Fermanagh GAA operates—ensuring that our clubs, officers, and committees are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead effectively and to plan for sustainable growth.

1. Club Officer Training



At the heart of our annual development calendar is Club Officer Training, delivered in partnership with Ulster GAA at the beginning of each year.

This training remains the single most important opportunity for club officers—new and returning—to familiarise themselves with current GAA policies, administrative procedures, and best governance practice.

Attendance at these sessions has improved in recent years, but it is vital that every club avails fully of this annual induction and refresher training. It provides practical guidance on the roles of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, and Health & Wellbeing Officer, as well as covering topics such as club governance, child safeguarding, and financial accountability.

Each club is encouraged to make this training a compulsory part of its officer handover process, ensuring continuity, consistency, and confidence in how our clubs are run.

2. Club Compás – the New Club Development Framework

During 2025, Fermanagh GAA began preparing for the rollout of Club Compás, the new national club development and health-check framework developed by Croke Park to replace Club Maith.



**LEADING YOUR CLUB
TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

Club Compás is designed to help clubs measure and improve their performance across five key areas:

1. Governance & Leadership
2. Games Development
3. Community & Culture
4. Facilities & Operations
5. Communication & Engagement

This framework will provide a modern, online, self-assessment system to help clubs identify strengths, address gaps, and plan future priorities.

Over the coming year, the County Planning & Training Committee will work with Ulster GAA to

introduce Club Compás to all Fermanagh clubs, providing guidance and mentoring support to help clubs complete their assessments and set realistic development goals.

3. Fermanagh GAA Strategic Plan 2026–2029

Work is ongoing on the preparation of the Fermanagh GAA Strategic Plan 2026–2029, which will set out the county's vision, priorities, and actions for the next four years.

This process—led by the County Planning & Training Committee—has involved wide consultation across clubs, committees, schools, and community partners. The plan will align closely with:

- The GAA National Strategic Plan,
- The Ulster GAA Strategic Framework, and
- Fermanagh GAA's own development priorities in the areas of games participation, volunteer development, facilities, communications, and governance.

The final document will be launched in 2026 and will include clear objectives, measurable outcomes, and a robust implementation and review framework.

This plan will not only guide decision-making at county level but will also act as a reference for clubs preparing their own local development plans.

4. County Officer Development

As the responsibilities placed on county administrators continue to grow, the need for ongoing officer development and upskilling has become increasingly evident.

In collaboration with Ulster GAA and Croke Park, there is an opportunity to expand training provision for county officers and sub-committee members in areas such as:

- Governance and risk management
- Financial accountability and reporting
- Communications and media relations
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)
- Strategic leadership and performance management

Such structured training will ensure that county officers are well-equipped to manage the evolving demands of our Association and to lead with confidence, integrity, and competence.

5. Looking Ahead

The year ahead offers an opportunity to:

- Embed Club Compás across all Fermanagh clubs.
- Achieve full attendance at Ulster GAA's annual Club Officer Training.
- Finalise and launch the Fermanagh GAA Strategic Plan 2026–2029.
- Develop a County Officer Development Programme tailored to local needs; and
- Continue building a culture of good governance, planning, and accountability at every level of the Association.

By investing in our people and planning strategically, Fermanagh GAA will continue to grow stronger, more inclusive, and more sustainable in the years ahead.

Acknowledgements/ Admhálacha

Sincere thanks are extended to:

- The Ulster GAA Club & County Development Team for their ongoing support and expertise.

- The GAA National Planning & Training Unit for resources and guidance.
- All club and county officers who have participated in training and consultation; and
- The members of the Fermanagh GAA Planning & Training Committee for their commitment throughout the year.

Is Mise,

Tiarnach O'Mathuna - Pléanála agus Traenála

Tuascáil Choiste Cultúir agus Gaeilge (Culture and Irish Language Committee Report)

A chairde Gaeil go léir,

Is cúis áthais agus bróid dom go gcuirim an tuascáil seo os bhur gcomhair tar éis an chúigiú bliain a chaitheamh mar Oifigeach Gaeilge & Cultúra. Bhí rudaí curtha ina cheart in 2025 go pointe agus ba mhór an dul chun cinn a chonacthas i gcúrsaí Scór & Gaeilge.

Ní féidir gan an tuascáil seo a scríobh gan éachtaí Gaeil Inis Ceithleann a lua. Nuair a labhair mé go deireannach ag Comdháil bhí an contae ag dúil le Babhtaí Ceannais Scór na hÉireann san Ostán Hillgrove i mí Eanáir. Nuair a chuaigh ógánaigh Inis Ceithleann ar stáitse léirigh siad talann, bród agus diocas ina bparóiste, ina gclub agus ina gcondae. Thug siad leo Craobh na hÉireann agus déanaim comhghairdeas ó chroí leis na daoine óga, leis an mheantóir Garvan Ó Gallachóir agus le fear amháin ar a bhfuil ard mheas agam, Peter Watson. Eisean a las an splanc sa chlub go dtig leo cur isteach ar an Scór agus gur chóir a seacht ndícheall a dhéanamh. Gan Peter, dar liom, caolseans go mbeadh an lá leo. Is é mo ghuí go mbeadh Peter éigin in achan club.

Ó thaobh na Gaeilge de, cad é mar eisimléar iad an lompú Deiseal agus an Gaeltacht sa bhaile atá eagraithe acu don dara bhliain as a chéile in 2025. Cuireadh le líon na ndaoine óga a ghlac páirt i mbliana agus is léir go bhfuil clubanna & contaethe eile sa tír ar an rud atá againn. Ba mhaith liom comhghairdeas fosta a dhéanamh le Gaeil Inis Ceithleann agus An Chéad Chumann Fhear Manach Achadh Gé as bonn de chuid Fhondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonnacha a fháil i mbliana. Tá comhghairdeas tuillte as a gcuid iarrachtaí an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn.

As I bring an end to my time as Cultural Officer in the county. I wish to reflect on the past 6 years. In that time we saw Scór return to the county in the previous year before I took up the role there was no interest in Scór Sinsear / Scór na nÓg. As I began my period as the officer I found it difficult to fathom how a talented county such as ours would allow things sink to rock bottom that there would be no Scór in the county.

Sadly, as I edged towards the final days of my term it became clear how it unfolded before I began my term: ambivalence from many clubs, a lack of respect or interest for cultural matters and an overall dearth of pride in our areas runs deep in several of our clubs. Whilst thankfully a small number of clubs do excel at providing opportunities for young people both, playing and non-playing members, the overall picture is one of bleakness. As an eternal optimist, I have not given up hope that our county would turn our ship around and aim to restore a semblance of pride in our Irish culture.

Scór na nÓg 2025

Ba iad a leanas na buaiteoirí

Amhránaíocht Aonar – CLG Éimhir Mhic Mhathúna Achadh Lon

Aithriseoireacht – Gaeil Inis Ceithleann

Bailéad Ghrúpa – Gaeil Inis Ceithleann

Ceol Uirlise – CLG Naomh Mac Artán Achadh Dhroim Sí

Tráth na gCeist – CLG Éimhir Mhic Mhathúna Achadh Lon

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. Ba iad a leanas na buaiteoirí:

Amhránaíocht Aonar – CLG Ghaeil na hÉirne Béal Leice

Aithriseoireacht – CLG Airt Mhic Mhurchadha Bealach na Leice

Tráth na gCeist – CLG Naomh Mac Artán Achadh Dhroim Sí

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 taispéaint 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 cáilaíocht 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 chondae.
- 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 athréimíú 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.

Fonndúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonnacha

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

- Bonn Airgid – An Chéad Chumann Fhear Manach Achadh Gé
- Bonn Cré Umha – CLG Gaeil Inis Ceithleann

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

18 Eanáir 2025 in 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. Ní bheidh CLG Fhear Manach ag glacadh páirte sa Lá ceardlainne a thuilleadh agus FODC dírithe ar chúrsaí Gaeilge sa tír seo a chur ó mhaith. Tá géarcáineadh tuillte ag FODC as an stráitéis atá acu i leith cúrsaí Gaeilge. Níl muid áit níos fearr ná mar a bhí blianta ó shin in ainneoin oifigeach lán aimseartha a bheith fostaithe. I mo bharúil b'fhiú an rannóg a chur as feidhm muna dtaga biseach ar a gcuid iarrachtaí

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 thoiseacht 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.
- Tráchttaireacht Ghaeilge a chur ar fáil ag ócáidí áirithe sa bhliain.
- Ábhar Gaeilge a phostáil go FermanaghGAA 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 2025. 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

SCÓR NA NÓG 2025

Club	Peil	LGFA	Iomáint	Rince Foirne	Amh Aonar	Scéalaíocht	Bailéad Ghrúpa	Nuachleas	Ceol Uirlise	Rince Seit	Tráth na gCeist	Iomaitheoirí
Aghadrumsee St Macartan's				0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Belcoo O'Rahilly's				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belnaleck Art McMurrough's				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Brookeborough Heber MacMahon's				0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
Coa O'Dwyers				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	1	1
Ederney St Joseph's				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enniskillen Gaels				0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lisnaskea Emmets				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maguiresbridge St Mary's				0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs				0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Roslea Shamrocks				0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
St Aidan's				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Patrick's Donagh				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teemore Shamrocks				0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Tempo Maguires				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Knockninny Ladies				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL				0	4	3	1	0	5	0	10	23



SCÓR SINSEAR 2025

Club	Peil	LGFA	Iomáint	Rince Foirne	Amh Aonar	Scéalaíocht	Bailéad Ghrúpa	Nuachleas	Ceol Uirlise	Rince Seit	Tráth na gCeist	Iomaitheoirí
Aghadrumsee St Macartan's				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Belcoo O'Rahilly's				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belnaleck Art MacMurrough's				0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Brookeborough Heber MacMahon's				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Coa O'Dwyers				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derrygonnelly Harps				0	1	0	0	0	0	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	1	1
Ederney St Joseph's				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enniskillen Gaels				0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Erne Gaels				0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Irvinestown St Molaise				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Kinawley Brian Borus				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Knocks Grattans				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lisbellaw St Patrick's				0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lisnaskea Emmets				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maguiresbridge St Mary's				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Roslea Shamrocks				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
St Aidan's				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Patrick's Donagh				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Teemore Shamrocks				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Tempo Maguires				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Knockninny Ladies				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL				0	4	1	0	0	0	0	12	17



Tuarascáil Choiste Cumarsáide agus Margaíochta (Communications and Marketing Committee Report)

Tar éis ceithre bliana gnóthacha, tá cinneadh déanta agam éirí as mo phost mar Oifigeach Cumarsáide. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a chuidigh liom le ceithre bliana anuas.

After four busy years I have decided to step down from Communications Officer (formally PRO). Due to work commitments and wanting to spend more time with family and friends, I don't feel I can give this demanding position the time it needs.

At Congress earlier this year the position of Publication Relations Officer changed to Communications Officer, while the title may have changed the responsibilities remained. For the last four years the county season runs from January-June and main club season August-November, I have been lucky to get a few weekends free from attending games during those months. The demand for instant score updates on all games, nearly daily updates on social media on all our activities is unsustainable as a single volunteer. While our social media is important for providing information and connecting to many of our supporters across the world, I do think that unless there are many more people to assist then we need to consider providing less live updates and encourage people to attend the games.

County Teams

Teams for senior hurling and football were published 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.

There was live score updates from most of our senior hurling and football games, unfortunately due to a few clashes in fixture it was difficult to cover all games. For Minor and U20 in both codes half-time and full-time scores were done for all games, thank you all who assist in providing me with the scores for games I couldn't attend in person.



I want to thank our county team managers and backroom teams for their corporation in 2025, with out their cooperation in providing teams for publication being available for press interviews and other promotional events. As there are a number of county manager departures this year, Kieran Donnelly, Joe Baldwin, Maurice McLaughlin, Donal McShea, I want to thank you for all your assistance over the last number of years them and I wish you and your family well for the future.

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 media events.

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, Nickey Rackard Cup and Minor football league.

For the club competitions a 12-page programme was produced for the Senior League finals, single page programme for finals of Junior Football Championship, Reserve Football Championship, Reserve Hurling Championship and Minor Football Championship. For the club championship a 32 page programme to cover up to the quarter-finals, a single page programme for the semi-finals and a 60-page programme to cover the Intermediate and Senior Championship finals and 8 page programme for the senior football championship final replay.

I want to thank all those who contributed to the production of the programmes in 2025, 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.

Club Championship

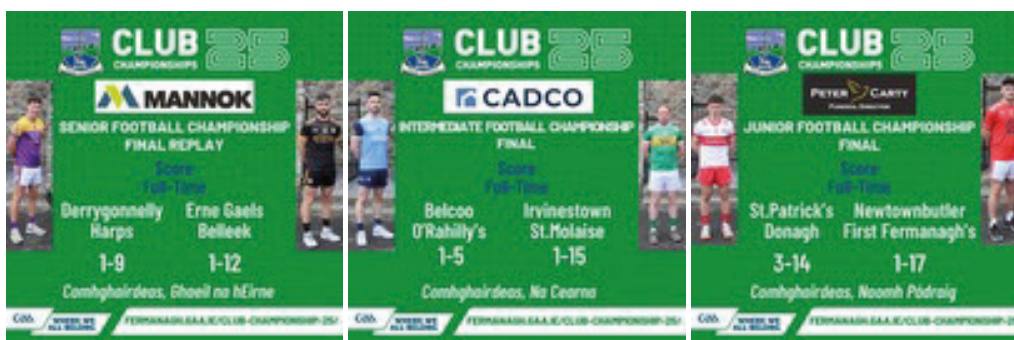
The photo shoot to launch the Club Championship was held in August at Enniskillen Castle, thank you to Fermanagh and Omagh Council for allowing the use of the Castle Grounds, it did add a great background for the photos.

Unfortunately, one club did not attend and one of the championship trophies was not brought to the event, however with Martin Brady's expert editing I don't think too many noticed. It was great to have representatives and banners from all three championship sponsors, SFC Mannok, IFC CADCO and JFC Peter Carty Funeral Director. Thank you to the sponsors and all those who assisted in ensuring their banners were displayed at the club championship games.



The weekend prior to the Senior and Intermediate finals a second photo shoot at Brewster Park was held, thank you to the players from the four clubs that attended a short notice. The images were fantastic for the promotion of the finals. Thank you Martin Brady for taking the photos and the sponsors Mannok and CADCO.

Thank you to you the clubs for providing team lists and other information for programmes and on match days when asked. No matter what game I attended you always looked after me with a cup of tea and buns/biscuit/sandwich. I can safely say the hospitality of our clubs is 1st class.



Ulster Club Championship

Congratulation to all our county winners. All our Senior, Intermediate and Junior Football and Hurling club champions were represented at the Ulster Club championship launches.

Live score updates were done for all but one game (due to clash of fixtures) in the Ulster club championships.

Sponsor Promotion

Our main county sponsors adverts were in the various programmes and their logos were used on many of the team news, score updates on our social media posts.



Media

It was unfortunate that in 2025 that the sports editors of both The Fermanagh Herald (Katrina McManus) and The Impartial Reporter (Ciaran Flaherty & Fionn Nolan) left their roles, thank you for all your work for Fermanagh GAA and I wish you well in the future.

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. We all in Fermanagh GAA appreciative the coverage in out local newspapers providing a wide and detailed coverage of all our GAA activities during the year.



A special word of thanks to Martin Brady, he was always available for all the photo shoots and providing photos for many different activities in 2025.

Social Media

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, referee appointments, health and wellbeing events, tributes and lots of coaching and games, thanks to Theresa and her coaching team for providing the coaching and games content. Thank you to Anita Kehoe for tweeting during the club championship with score updates and lots of great commentary on the games, it has received a lot of positive comments from with in and outside the county. I do hope Anita will be available for tweeting at many more of our games in 2026.

A new addition this year was some video highlights from our county senior football games. This was

compiled by Stephen Jackson and was a great addition in the promotion of our games. Thank you Stephen and it will be well worth continuing this and potentially expanding to hurling, however, it will require additional persons to assist in the editing of the games.

Mary McElroy has continued to photographer of our many club and county games at all grades, thank you for all these photos and I know it is greatly appreciated by so many of our supporters.

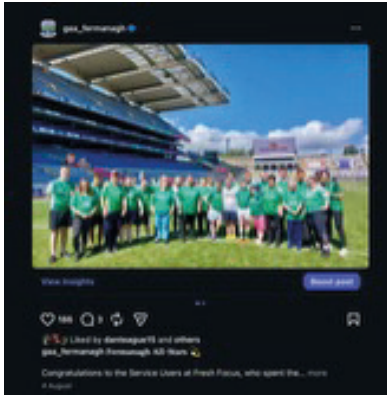


X/Twitter	2025	2024	2023	2022
New Followers	254	752	1,191	1,950
Total Followers	32,503	32,249	31,500	

Facebook	2025	2024	2023	2022
Profile Visits	933,245	799,157	659,064	145,775
New Followers	1,069	1,100	1,368	409
Total Followers	17,366	16,298	15,358	13,439

Instagram	2025	2024	2023	2022
Reach	65,516	30,500	367,042	30,005
Profile Visits	40,580	33,200	29,355	16,975
New Followers	1,209	980	1,208	741
Total Followers	6,167	4,958	4,085	2,983
Posts	500			
Stories Posted	159			

Bluesky	2025
New Followers	154
Total Followers	154



Monaghan Bros Fermanagh GAA TV

The Fermanagh GAA TV team lead by Phil Flanagan continues to provide excellent coverage of our club championship and a number of other finals. There is a great deal of work that goes on behind the scenes by the small hardworking team, so than you to you all.

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.



County Website

The county website is a crucial tool for accessing contact information and record keeping. It is key for fixtures and results as the stats show. The inclusion of the Ladies fixtures and results in 2025 was an important step in the integration process. The website has and will continue to be the main portal for accessing match tickets for our games.

There is a lot more potential for our website, the new Communications committee should investigate this in 2026 along with each sub-committee providing updates.

Website Statistics

	MAR	APR	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
Active Users	4.8k	6k	10.16k	7.7k	12k	12.3k	13.4k
New Users	4.4k	5.4k	9.2k	6.6k	10k	9.2k	10.2k
Views	18.8k	36k	58k	73.5k	96.2k	98.3k	73.7k
Engagement Rate	52.25%	54.15%	50%	53.5%	52.57%	53.48%	54.9%
Mobile	90.5%	92.2%	91.8%	92.7%	92.1%	90.3%	85.6%
Desktop	8.3%	7.2%	7.4%	6.4%	6.4%	8%	11.1%
Tablet/Smart TV	1.25%	0.6%	0.8%	0.9%	1.5%	1.7%	3.3%
Fixtures & Results	8,227	20,484	39,491	54,694	56,709	56,042	31,360
Home page	3,865	9,470	11,321	13,460	18,630	16,789	12,516
Tickets	-	538	676	316	3,435	4,183	5,032
Fermanagh GAA TV	-	-	-	-	3,999	6,064	12,018

Finally

I want to thank all those who have assisted me in 2025, all the clubs for your co-operation and a special thanks for all their support and assistance for many years to outgoing County Chairperson Brian Armitage and soon to be retiring County Secretary Tom Boyle, I wish you both and your families many years of healthy and happiness.

I wish you all a Happy and peaceful Christmas and every success to our teams and GAA representatives in 2026.

Deirdre Felloni - Oifigeach Cumarsáide

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Tuarascáil Choiste na Teicneolaíochta Faisnéise

(Information Technology Committee Report)

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 2025” 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. During the year officers with this functionality had increased security features added to their accounts. An unintended consequence of this is that I and others have to conduct additional measures on logging in to satisfy security features. If your request is urgent please use whatsapp/text or email niall.cullen.referee@gaa.ie and I will see your request immediately. 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 niall.cullen.referee@gaa.ie or 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 text to the new referee.

Fixture Planning/Riarachan na gCluichí

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

E Learning/E Foghlaim

Tha 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.

National Committee/ Coiste Naisiunta

2025 saw a return of National IT Officer meetings. These online meetings had ceased for a time but were a welcome addition as a forum for sharing ideas and learnings. Fermanagh was one of a number of counties represented on the group where the IT Officer had not changed since the first group meetings approximately 20 years ago. Fresh perspectives are always welcome and anyone that would

be interested in working on an IT Committee would be welcomed.

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. I have to give a special mention to Tom Boyle for his constant support and advice from when I first started in this role.

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 2026.

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 hOififí, toscairí agus baill na gClubanna ar fud na Contae.

Go raibh Maith agaibh

Niall O’Cuilinn - Oifigeach Eolais Teicnoliachta

Tuarascáil Oifigeach na bPáistí - (Children's Officer Report)

A Chairde,

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 2025?

- 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 23 face-to-face Safeguarding Level 1 courses across Fermanagh. A sincere thank you to all clubs and participants.
- Vetting through Access (NI) now completed via online application to save time and allow applicants to take ownership of their vetting. Teething problems seem to have become minimal.

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 of Behaviour. 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.

Planning ahead for 2026

In 2026 it would be my intention to continue the groundwork embedding Safeguarding into all clubs planning and my strategic plan shall include;

- Clubs appointing Children's Officers as per club constitutions.
- Clubs appointing Designated Officers and Deputy Designated Officers as per club constitutions.
- Clubs appointing a Determining Committee (who determine if a breach of the code has occurred) 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 continuing in all clubs throughout 2026
- Ensure clubs access the face-to-face Safeguarding Level 1 training where needed.
- Training of Safeguarding Tutor to deliver both Level 2 (Children's Officer) and Level 3 (Designated Officers) safeguarding training, and delivery of both courses to those who need it in Fermanagh.

- Clubs are asked to take responsibility for the coaches and mentors they appoint to work with their teams. Some of the behaviour I have witnessed first-hand this year falls far short of the standards some clubs would hold themselves to, but yet it is accepted because “we don’t have volunteers breaking down the door of the club to take teams” or “he/she is a great clubperson”. That is not good enough. Take ownership and hold people working with our young people to account.

Thanks

Finally, in closing, a sincere ‘thank you’ to our outgoing County Chairman and Designated Officer Brian Armitage. He has allowed me the freedom to give Safeguarding the platform it needs, and it is no doubt down to his pro-active approach that we do things so well in Fermanagh. Wishing you all the very best Brian.

Thank you also to our County Secretary Tom Boyle, Vice Chairperson John McGovern, CCC Secretary Phil Flanagan, Hearings Secretary Connor McBarron, PRO Deirdre Felloni, Youth Secretary Leanne Prior, Coaching Officer Stephen McElrone, Head of Games Teresa McNabb and the county coaching team, for their strong support in all things Safeguarding and helping me make our county one where young people feel safe when participating in our games.

I thank all members of our Determining and Hearings Committee who were called upon this year. It is 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, thank you for putting your faith in me. To Ulster Council, especially Head of Safeguarding Bernie Fox and the Safeguarding Manager Ciara McGrory, and to our National Children’s Officer Michelle Harte, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

To Conclude

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 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 urge clubs who now begin the process of appointing coaches and mentors to their teams to think carefully about the people given those roles and given the opportunity to work with our young players.

Take ownership of those people, take responsibility for their actions and set the bar high.

Remember, it’s not a problem until the calves are out through the gap! By that stage, it’s too late...

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas, and a Peaceful and Sporting 2026

Is mise le meas,

Anita Mhic Eochaidh - Oifigeach na Páiste Chontae Fhearmanach

Tuarascáil an Chisteora - (Treasurer's Report)

A Chairde Go leir

I am glad to present to you my treasurers report for the year ended 30/09/2025.

Like many clubs in the county, it has been a challenging year trying to maximise income in order to balance the day to day running costs of teams and coaching along with much needed and sustainable development of county infrastructure. It has been my pleasure to have worked with a tremendous team of dedicated volunteers from gate people, stewards, match officials, Fermanagh GAA TV workers and County committee members.

At the risk of repeating myself I feel I should again state the obvious that the GAA must, when allocating support funding to counties, 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.

This year seen us successfully complete the acquisition of additional land close to Enniskillen, thus fulfilling our longstanding objective of securing a base for increased training facilities to supplement the Lissan facility. I thank everyone involved in the process, for their assistance and perseverance, in getting it across the line. The work starts right away now to develop and deliver the facilities onsite which will assist our young people to be the best that they can be in the future in order to represent our county with pride. I encourage all the Gaels of Fermanagh to support us in this work over the next few years.

The Ashwoods project will require a large increase in income over the next 5 years and in light of this I have proposed that the County appoint a Commercial Manager who could operate on a part time basis for a fixed term, with specific responsibility for increasing commercial income in association with the treasurer and other members of management committee to deliver on our Ashwoods business plan.

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

Club Eirne members and contributors have again delivered tremendous financial assistance, without which we would not be able to provide high level support for our County teams Coaching and Games and infrastructure development. Gerard Treacy will address convention on Club Eirne's 5 year plan and I would ask everyone here to assist in recruitment whether within your club or business contacts or friends abroad.

Once again, many thanks to our loyal group of gate-people who turn up week after week in all weathers to ensure we maximise gate income. In particular I commend the many members of our minor and under 20 panels, both football and hurling, for assisting during the year in scanning and programme-selling. It is encouraging to see so many of our young players willing to help out.

Fermanagh GAA TV have provided an excellent service to our followers in the past 12 months. I cannot

stress enough the huge effort that this very small band of volunteers, led by Phil Flanagan, put in. It is particularly important for our diaspora and also supporters for health reasons etc who simply cannot attend our games in person. Financially it has become an important income stream and I would ask anyone with an interest in this form of media to get involved and maybe lighten the load or help to expand the service.

Grateful appreciation to all the clubs who have provided grounds and facilities for all our adult and underage competitions. It is hugely satisfying to see an uplift in the level of facilities at almost every club this year. Sean Donnelly's report elsewhere in this booklet is testament to that and we should be rightly proud of what is happening throughout the county in terms of facilities development. We have to compete with other sports in order to hold on to and increase membership and we are certainly stepping up to the plate in this area.

Cooperation between clubs and county has been excellent in my experience and it is this unity of purpose that gives Fermanagh strength.

My hanks to Brian and Tom and all my fellow County Board officers for their guidance and cooperation during the last 8 years.

Once again thanks to Katie, Des and Kevin from Crudden Dolan Accountants 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 2026.

Nollaig Shona

Seán O Briain - Cisteoir

Amended from a prayer composed by Right Rev. Monsignor Sean Cahill, P.P V.G. Enniskillen and read out on Centenary Day 1984

Let us thank God for An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael:

Father,
We thank you for your good gifts to us,
For making this wonderful world,
For calling us to be your people,
And for letting us build up your kingdom on earth.

We thank you for all the years of An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael,
For the inspiration of its founders,
For the wisdom of its leaders,
For the spirit and skill of its players,
And for the joy and happiness of so many people.

We thank you for giving us family and friends,
To be with us in times of joy and sorrow
To help us in days of need
And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration.

We remember those who have died,
Lord Jesus,
Have mercy on all the members of the Association who have died,
People we have known, loved and admired.
Bring them into the fullness of your joy
And let them live with you in heaven. Amen.

Let us pray for An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael as it begins another year:

Heavenly Father
Protect your people,
Look on us with love, as we gather here today in your name.

Bless all those who work and play in this Association,
Let all they do contribute to the good of all the members of the community,
Help us to recognise your presence among us.

Fill us with your joy and peace and guide us at all times.
We give you praise and thanks Heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

In the love of the Holy Spirit
now and always and forever. Amen.

Glóir don Athair agus don Mhac agus don Spiorad Naomh:
Mar a bhí ar dtús, mar atá anois agus mar a bheidh go brách le saol na saol. Amen.

Oifigigh an Chontae (County Officers)

	CATHAOIRLEACH (Chairperson)		RÚNAÍ (Secretary)		CISTEOIR (Treasurer)
1904	Robert A. Whyte	1904 – 1913	Richard Corrigan	1901	Joseph Hackett
1905 – 1908	Cahir Healy	1914 – 1919	Tom Sweeney	1905 – 1907	Tommy Clarke
1909 – 1915	Philip Mc Elgunn	1920 – 1923	Joseph Brennan	1908 – 1912	Peter Clarke
1916	Peter Clarke	1924 – 1927	Charles Smith	1913 – 1919	Tom Sweeney
1917 – 1921	Philip Mc Elgunn	1928 – 1936	Tommy Cox	1920	Joseph Brennan
1924 – 1926	Tommy Clarke	1937 – 1938	Jack Maguire	1927 – 1931	F. Matthews
1927	Thomas Corrigan	1939 – 1949	Seamus Kelly	1932 – 1934	Eamon McDonnell
1928 – 1930	Tommy Clarke	1950 – 1968	Tom Fee	1935 – 1939	Bob Packenham
1931 – 1932	Rev. Fr. B. Lappin	1969 – 1975	Malachy Mahon	1940 – 1945	Brendan Murray
1933	Rev. Fr. James Clancy	1976 – 2001	Paddy Donnelly	1946 – 1957	Jonny Monaghan
1934 – 1937	Rev. Fr. B. Lappin	2002 – 2003	Eugene Hueston	1958	Ignatius O'Neill
1938 – 1942	J.P. Dunne	2004 – 2005	Tom Boyle	1959 – 1966	Alphle Mc Caffrey
1943 – 1947	Rev. Fr. J. Duffy	2006 – 2008	Greg Kelly	1967 – 1968	Tommy Mc Dermott
1948 – 1950	Gerry Magee	2009 –	Tom Boyle	1969 – 1971	Alphie Mc Caffrey
1951 – 1954	Tommy Campbell			1972	Jim Bartley
1955 – 1957	Gerry Magee			1973 – 2001	Eddie Traynor
1958 – 1984	John Mc Elholm			2002 – 2004	Marius Mulligan
1985 – 1992	John Vesey			2005 – 2009	Vincent Martin
1992 – 2006	Joe Mc Gurn			2010 – 2013	Hugh Crudden
2007 – 2011	Peter Carty			2014 – 2017	Patricia Durnien
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2017 – 2021	Greg Kelly				
2022 –	Brian Armitage				

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