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**Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim
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ar 5.30pm**

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Clár

- 5.30 pm Evening Meal
- 6.45 pm Opening of Convention
(a) Peter O'Halloran – Cathaoirleach An Mhí
(b) Minutes of Convention 2018
- 7.00 pm Corporate Trustee Presentation
- 7.30 pm Games Development Presentation
- 7.45 pm Discussion of Chief Executive & Sub-Committee Reports
- 8.15 pm Adoption / Review of Annual Accounts
- 8.30 pm Address by An Cathaoirleach, Séamus Ó Bolguidhir
- 8.50 pm Formal Election of Other Officers
- 9.00 pm Convention Closes

Each county is entitled to the following Delegate representation at Convention, in addition to its two representatives on the Provincial Council:

Ceatharloch 4	Cill Mhaináin 4	Iarmhí 5	An Mhí 6
An Lú 4	Longphort 4	Cill Dara 5	Uibh Fhaili 4
Cill Chainnigh 4	Laois 5	Áth Cliath 6	Loch Garman 5

NOTE

Leinster Council delegates cannot be proxied in an election

NOTE

Full Leinster Convention documentation has already been forwarded directly to each member of the outgoing Leinster Council

Micheál Mac Raghnaill (Rúnaí)
Áras Laighean, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Miontuairiscí Chruinniú de'n Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 26.01.2018

Seamus Uas. O Bolguidhir (Cathaoirleach) presided at An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil of Comhairle Laighean CLG, held in the Midlands Park, Hotel, Portlaoise on Friday 26ú Eanáir 2018. Also in attendance were:

Pádraig Ó Teachain (Leas-Cathaoirleach);
Máirtín Ó hAllmhurain (PRO);
Pádraig Ó Laighneach (Cisteoir);
Fiona Uí Dubhshláine (Cumann na mBunscol);
Lábhra Ó Curtain (Iarbhunscoileanna);
Micheál Ó hAolain (Ard Oideachais);
Seán Ó Maolmhuaidh (Liathróid Láimhe);
Edbhaird Ó Broin, Liam de Barra (Ceatharloch);
Seán Mac Nioclas (Áth Cliath);
Seán Mac Mathúna, Mairtín de Faoite (Cill Dara);

The following delegates represented the counties:

Ceatharloch

Tomás Ó Murchú, Seán Caimpín, Micheál Ó Faoláin, Micheál Ó Maonaigh.

Áth Cliath

Seán Mac Seanlaoich, Nollaig Ó Murchú, Micheál Saomhair,
Seán Mac Coisdealbha, Risteárd de Buitléir, Tomás Ó Sé.

Cill Dara

Gearóid Ó Donnaile, Micheál Ó Fionnain, Daithí Ó Cathail,
Alan Ó Duinin, Micheál Ó Gormáin.

Cill Chainnigh

Séamus Ó Riada, Séamus Breathnach, Conchúr Denieffe,
Pádraig Mac Aindreas.

Laois

Gearóid Ó Caomhánaigh, Máirtín Ó Broin, Tomás Ó Cléir,
Briain Ó hAlúin, Monica Uí Dubhshláine.

Longphort

Seán Ó Hainin, Peadar Ó Raghallaigh, Éamon Ó Raghallaigh.

Lú

Aodhán Ó Berrill, Roibéard Ó Dúchanna, Prionsias Ó Ciaráin,
Pádraig Mac Mathúna.

An Mhí

Peadar Ó hAllmhurain, Mairéad Uí Dubhshláine, Séamus Ó
Maolmhuire, Ciarán Ó Floinn, Seasún Pluincéid, Pádraig Ó
Ceallaigh.

Uíbh Fháilí

Éamonn Ó Ciosóg, Briain Ó Gabhain, Máire Ní Duinn,
Seosamh Ó hUigín.

Loch Garman

Aindriú Mac Aogáin, Deric Ceannt, Máire Ní Duill, Gearóid Ó
Dúill.

Séamus Ó Fionnalaigh, PS Ó Cionnaith (Cill Chainnigh);
Paschal Mac Fhoibhuí, Tomás Mac Seoin (Laois);
Deric Ó Fathaigh, Gearoid Ó hAagain (Longphort);
Pádraig Ó Tómhair, Deaglán Ó Broin (Lú);
Prionsias Ó Loinsigh, Breandáin Ó Coimín (An Mhí);
Seosamh Ó Briain, Liasrian Ó Maolmhuaidh (Uíbh Fháilí);
Micheál Mac Aodh, Liam Ó Murchú (Iarmhí);
Máire Ní Foghlú, Diarmuid Ó hUilín (Loch Garman);
Chris Ní Concubhair, Micheál Ó Murchú (Cill Mhantáin)
and Micheál Mac Raghnaill (Rúnaí).

Iarmhí

Tomás Ó Fiach, Seán Ó Briain, Seosamh Ó Mairtín, Proinsias
Ó Donnchú.

Cill Mhantáin

Máirtín Mac Gearailt, Máirtín Ó Colmain, Micheál Ó hAagain,
Padraig Ó Dúill.

The following also attended Convention:

Baill Nua Chomhairle Laighean CLG

Pádraig Ó Conchúir (Lú); Dolores Ó Sléibhin (Uíbh Fháilí);
Albert Ó Leabhraí (Iarmhí).

Comhairle Laighean Sub Committees

Deasún Ó hAilpín (Iarbhunscoileanna); Briain Ó Cairbre
(Health & Wellbeing); Seán Ó Bannain, Dónal Mac Gabhann
(Coisde Réiteoirí); PS Ó Ceallaigh (Infrastructure).

Iar-Oifigigh Chomhairle Laighean

Seán Ó hUaine, Seán Mac Cárthaigh, Seán Ó Broin, SS
Breathnach, Séamus de Grae, Liam Ó Néill, Albert Ó Fallúin,
Nioclas Ó Braonáin, Séamas Ó Beara, Séamus Ó hUilín,
Micheál Ó Dubhshláine, Pádraig Ó Flannagáin.

Special Guests

Sinéad Mac Concleibhe (Páirc an Chrócaigh), Peadar Ó Néill
(Cathaoirleach Coisde Co. Laoise CLG); Niall Mac A Laithimh
(Rúnaí, Coisde Co. Laoise) Seán Ó Cuirc (Photographer),
Caoimhín Ó Flannagáin (Iarmhí), Tomás Ó Scolaí (Laois).

Aras Laighean Staff

Seaghan Ó Flannagáin, Alan Ó Maolchathail, Seamus Ó
Dubhan, Colm Ó Cleir, Cian Ó Murchu, Brendan Ó
Muinneog, Sean de Brun, Sile Ní Chuinn, Hannah Ní hOrain,
Padraigín Ní Cleir.

Apologies for inability to attend had been received from
Gearóid Ó hArrachtáin (Áth Cliath); Liam Ó Diomsaigh (Baill
Nua, Cill Chainnigh); Séamus Aldridge, Sil Ó Mearain, Tomás Ó
Fearghail, Seán Ó hOráin, Máirtín Ó Sceallaigh (Iar-Oifigigh).

Oscailt

Máirtín Ó hAllmhurain (PRO) formally opened Convention.

Fáiltiú

Peadar Ó Néill (Cathaoirleach, Coisde Co. Laoise CLG) welcomed all delegates to the County. He thanked Comhairle Laighean for their support afforded to Laois particularly with the recent Laois Strategic Plan and as incoming Cathaoirleach (Coisde Condae) looked forward to the future for the mutual benefit of Province and County.

Séamus Ó Bolguidhir (Cathaoirleach) then proceeded with Convention.

Miontuairisci (28.01.2017)

Adopted and signed by an Cathaoirleach, proposed by Seán Ó Campion seconded by Briain Ó hAilin.

Report of CEO and Sub-Committee Reports

Proposed by Éamonn Ó Raghallaigh, seconded by Gearóid Ó Caomhanaigh.

In reply to Máirtín Ó Colmain (Cill Mhantáin) re: Rural Communities, Pádraig Ó Teachain (Leas-Cathaoirleach) advised that the National Committee – Cathaoirleach, Pat Spillane – have arranged to meet with the Minister for Rural and Community Development.

Leinster Bye Laws 2018

Proposed by Paschal Mac Conbhuí, seconded by Pádraig ÓRaghallaigh.

Leinster GAA Annual Accounts 2017

Proposed by Tomás Mac Seoin, seconded by Gearóid Ó hAagain.

Presentations

(a) Games Development

Alan Ó Maolcathail and Séamus Ó Dubhan gave a presentation on Games Development in the province.

(b) Public Liability Insurance Presentation

Sinéad Ní Concléibhe (Risk & Insurance Manager, Páirc an Chrócaigh) gave a presentation on the above.

Address by Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean CLG

Séamus Ó Bolguidhir (Cathaoirleach) then addressed Convention.

Election of Officers

All Officers were returned unopposed on proposition of Briain Ó hAilin, seconded by Seán Ó Caimpín.

The Convention ended



Chairman's Address to Convention

A dhaoine uaisle ta failte romhaibh uilig chuig Comhdhail Cinn Bliana Laighean anocht I Ostan Pháirc Lar-Tire.

Firstly I would like to thank Laois County Board on their invitation to hold our convention here tonight in Portlaoise. This is also the venue where their comprehensive and ambitious strategic plan was recently launched and I wish them the best with its implementation.

Our Sporting Fields 2017

Football

On our sporting fields Dublin footballers take pride of place as they not only won an unprecedented 7 Leinster titles in a row against a much improved and rising Kildare but they continued on their journey to win their 3rd Sam Maguire in a row in an epic final against Mayo. This team's record speaks for itself as they have been exceptional however, I do feel in certain quarters they do not get the credit they rightly deserve. Continuing with the big ball theme the Capital also won the u21 and the minor titles (both for last time at u21 and u 18 respectively) - so more evidence of the great work that's ongoing in the Capital. Early season Dublin also collected the O'Byrne Cup. To complete the scene the Royals were victorious at Junior and u17 level –the Juniors succumbing to Kerry in the all-Ireland Final. The under 17s caught the eye demonstrating many traditional Meath Football traits particularly the 'never say die attitude' which bodes well for the future.

Hurling

On the Hurling front a fine Galway team brought the Bob O'Keefe across the Shannon for the second time in their history after defeating a resurgent Wexford in front of a record Leinster Hurling Final crowd in Croke Park. Indeed Galway 'franked the form' and went all the way and won the McCarthy Cup for the 5th time in their history. Overall the aforementioned Wexford had a great year and I am sure will be seeking to build on it this year. Talking Leinster Hurling without mentioning Kilkenny is somewhat unusual but as we know they are never too far out of the picture as they won the Intermediate, u21 and minor titles (for the last time at u18 level) and the Walsh Cup at senior level. The Dubs also got a title at u/17 level and Kildare are worthy of mention as the u17 League Title winners demonstrating in a tangible way the great work that is ongoing in that County. Keogh cup winners was a third level institute namely Maynooth University and congrats to them also.

Club Football

Moorefield collected their second Leinster title with an extraordinary finish against St. Lomans. They now play Corofin in the all-Ireland semi-final and I hope that they can go all the way. Tomorrow Kilanerin play Michael Galveys (Roscommon) in the all Ireland semi and I wish the Wexford men the best in their pursuit of additional silverware. In addition, Multifarnham are already through to the all- Ireland junior final against Knocknagree (Cork) on Saturday week and what a historic year it would be for them if this impressive young team deliver the title.

Club Hurling

A fine Cuala team retained their Leinster Crown (the first Dublin Hurling team to do so) and will now endeavour to retain their all-Ireland crown with the first hurdle being the new Galway Champs Liam Mellows in a couple of weeks time and I wish them the best with that. In addition, we have St.Patrick's Ballyraggett and St. Mogue's of Wexford in the all- Ireland Intermediate and Junior Finals respectively and I wish them both well in their quest for the additional silverware. The following won Leinster Senior club league honours:- Buffers Alley, Ballinkillen, Windgap and St. Patrick's Wicklow, well done to all. These competitions are going from strength to strength and are much valued by many clubs across the province. Perhaps there is a bigger future for these competitions than we think relative to developing hurling and it is something that I will be exploring further.

Coaching and Games

When value for money is mentioned it usually points at this particular area which is fully understandable. This is a large investment space for our organisation. Oversight of this area is of paramount importance and the proper development of young players who we hope will in turn serve to sustain our association is without question a very worthwhile investment. As many of you may be aware a comprehensive review of this Area at National Level was recently undertaken. It is hoped that this review will inform our direction and help to ensure we can get maximum return on investment.

2017 saw an increase in staff numbers mainly along the Eastern seaboard area and new initiatives developed e.g. TURAS (or journey) which is an extensive coach education programme and will I believe pay dividends in the not too distant future. In relation to mandatory coaching standards I would like to see further rollout of this programme. They saying 'it is hard to be a prophet in your own land' is very apt in relation to the engagement of club and county managers and coaches. However, the more skilled or competent coaches we can produce for Counties and Clubs the better. Continued roll-out of the mandatory coaching standards should serve to alleviate the significant burden of 'importing' by counties and clubs of people with the requisite coaching/managerial skill-sets which is a thriving business for many – we have to erode that culture. This practice is becoming more and more unsustainable and having a detrimental effect on volunteerism which I believe is the cornerstone of our association. It is not lost on me that many of the more successful counties have home grown managers/coaches - two recent examples being Jim Gavin and Micheál Donoghue. To our Chairman, mile buíochas as it is great to have someone with Liam's experience at the helm and I thank him and his team as well for all their great efforts over the year.

While we sometimes concentrate too much on our elite element I must commend the great work being continued by our Games for All Committee chaired by Pat Lynagh. In addition, I would also like to commend the coaches who have done great work in our special schools throughout the province. There is a huge sense of satisfaction for our coaches from this particular work as the kids thoroughly enjoy their GAA. Our wheelchair hurlers won the championship/league double a wonderful achievement very well done to all as it is not so long ago when we were the whipping boys –great work going on there.

Cross-County Competitions

This is a very positive area for us which is best exemplified by the ever increasing numbers. With a few minor tweaks I believe we can improve on the current model e.g. cutting down on travel distances mid-week. This is a great way of developing players and teams as they are exposed to regular meaningful games that will stretch them at an appropriate standard. As previously mentioned the Senior Hurling Leagues have gone from strength to strength and are becoming increasingly more popular.

Féile

Our provincial committee under the watchful eye of Chairman Peter O Neill are to be commended for doing a wonderful job with the Féile which was hosted by Carlow, Wexford and Kilkenny. As ever many wonderful memories were taken away and cherished by the participants and others. The success of the first weekend which covered handball and rounder's continued through to the second weekend i.e. hurling and camogie which was played out in sweltering conditions attracting huge crowds and even created a shortage of ice cream in a number of venues. For Martin Skelly the National Chair and his team I am sure that there was much to be learned from the Féile experience that will serve to inform its future in a positive way.

Referees

Under Donal Smith and John Bannon great strides were made relative to Referee support. For example the splendid facilities in Abbotstown were utilised relative to fitness test preparation. Our coaching and games staff were not found wanting when we came knocking on their door and in this regard I would like to give special mention to Emmett Egan for his input. In addition to the fitness preparation programme the referees were also given briefings on varying related topics. The referees must have enjoyed both aspects as the attendance figures were excellent – well done to all concerned. As we know our match officials have a very tough job and it is not for everyone. However, the behaviour of many management team members NOT ALL on our sidelines leaves a lot to be desired and only serves to exacerbate the pressure on our officials. It is incumbent on all our top management teams to set the right example as the knock on effect can cause all sorts of problems for us particularly at grassroots level.

Hurling Monies

In 2018 three of our four designated Counties will operate out of the new tier two competition i.e. the Joe McDonagh cup. It will be another interesting way for these counties to demonstrate progress made since the inception of the scheme. To-date we have ensured that all of these monies were subject to pre- spend approval and in this regard I would like to acknowledge Nicky Brennan, Michael Dempsey, Shane Flanagan and Colm Clear who have put tremendous work and effort into this project.

Finances

As presented earlier tonight by Pat our accounts are in a positive state of health. However, we cannot become complacent as we are all aware there is a lot of change coming down the tracks with our competitions this year which I am sure will be interesting time for all. Creating a capital fund of €500K is I believe a smart move and when feasible we hope to build on that. To Pat, the Financial Committee and John Brown a big thank you for a job well done.

Infrastructure, Safety & Insurance

First of all I would like to congratulate Offaly on the opening of their Centre of Excellence the 'Faithfull Fields'. You are to be commended on the funding model used which is testament to great leadership, drive and passion the people of Offaly have for their County when it comes to GAA matters. It should not be long before you start to reap the rewards on the playing fields as well.

Laois have transformed the ground around O'Moore Park into a unique Centre of Excellence given the close proximity to their flagship County Grounds. Works on the complex are ongoing and I wish you the best with them.

Pearse Park in Longford is expected to be completed in good time for the Championship Football opener against Meath and we all await that day with 'bated breath'.

Louth are at negotiation stage relative to the proposed County Ground Development in Drogheda. Meath are in talks with Central Level re-the proposed Páirc Tailteann development. Kildare are at an advanced pre-planning stage with proposals for the re-development of St. Conleths Park.

Notwithstanding the above we have in Leinster been somewhat spoiled by having Croke Park in our province which we will continue to use for the playing of our games four times a year. When it comes to Stadium development or re-development as with all projects of this nature the advice is to be prudent and develop for your needs ensuring the final build is 'fit for purpose'. This serves to ease the financial strain and consequently club support may be that bit easier to garner as well.

As ever finding the capital for a project is one challenge but we also have to factor in the second challenge i.e. the operation and maintenance cost for the upkeep of the facility. If we fail on that front we are defeating the primary objective e.g. the expectation is that centres of excellence / training centres should be a 'step up' from club standard club pitches at the very least.

In relation to the club grants funding I would like to acknowledge receipt of same from Croke Park. In addition to this allocation we also topped up the fund this year in what I believe was a significant way. To the Development Officers within each County a big thank you for helping us ensure that the works have been undertaken in an adequate fashion.

Safety

From the safety side of the house well done to all concerned who were involved in the pre-Féile safety assessments of our facilities – you all played your part in ensuring that the Féile was conducted in the safest possible fashion. This work was of course in addition to your usual Provincial commitments.

Insurance

This time last year I broadened this committee to include an insurance element. Sinead's earlier presentation amplifies my rationale in that regard. The challenges are significant and as we know it is much easier to save money than it is to raise it, so essentially we are looking for a culture change from our units. We need to see changes in relation to the amount of third party events, the use of prohibited activities and record keeping. We need to notify the insurance officer as soon as practicable after an accident or incident.

To PJ and all the committee members - a big thank you as you play a very important role for us.

Scór

March next we hope to have the Senior Scór final in the Helix Theatre in Dublin. On the 14th January last we held a very successful Scór Na nÓg in the Opera House in Wexford. This was a massive thrill for all the participants and they all responded in the right way by setting very high standards. When compared with last year we had three additional counties involved and I hope that trend continues. Mile buíochas to Catherine, Áine and the committee who have done Trojan work and best wishes to our representatives in the All-Ireland Finals.

Overseas

Our overseas GAA family is ever increasing and the level of commitment shown by many abroad would put many so called 'Gaels' to shame here. The support network these units provide for our emigrants is invaluable and we will continue to support their efforts in the usual way.

Strategic Plan

It is our intention to develop a strategic plan for the next three years which essentially is a continuation of the existing version i.e. we are not starting from scratch. As you may be aware we are currently in the process of conducting an organisational review which to a certain extent is a continuation of what my predecessor John Horan had started. The objective being to ascertain how 'fit for purpose' or 'relevant' we really are as a Provincial Council. This review will I believe inform our strategy for the next three years and beyond. In addition there is a strategic review also being developed at Central Level which I have no doubt will also feed into our plan. The likelihood is that many of you will be contacted as our plan develops and I would welcome your cooperation in that regard.

PR & Marketing

We have three main sponsors and have established solid relationships with all of them. In addition we are in discussions with another prospective sponsor and we are hopeful that we will progress same in the not too distant future. Notwithstanding the digital strategy at central level which we can learn from we are also intent on establishing our own digital strategy and this is a space that we have just started to work on. Although based in Croke Park Cian Murphy has been great help to us throughout the year. There is a strong argument that we are under resourced in this area relative to other areas however, we hope our organisational review will throw more light on this for us. I would like to thank Martin O'Halloran and his committee for all their work throughout the year.

Discipline

Our hearings committee met on 15 occasions last year dealing with 45 cases – this is a massive commitment for volunteers. We should appreciate that many of these cases are complex and require a significant amount of preparation. 'Compelling evidence to the contrary' is the standard required to win a case and it should be noted that this is a very high standard. Unedited video is usually accepted as compelling evidence and in this regard units seeking a hearing without video evidence are essentially on a futile mission. I appeal to clubs to become familiar with rule 3.1(b) which may lead to less time being spent by our volunteers traversing the province for lost causes. To Dick Butler, John Byrne and the committee a big thank you and you should take on board that these men are available to visits and assist as appropriate in your counties.

Challenges

As ever there are no shortage of challenges. Where does one start? Of course there are the old chestnuts e.g. the urban / rural issues?

These issues are not going to leave us in a hurry and have been with us for some time as well. The plight of the elite player is getting a lot of air of late but then what of the club player – this is an important year for all -2018 will be interesting and informative given the whole new landscape we will have on the hurling and football fields.

Volunteerism is under threat and by extension the GAA as we know it is under threat. Officer training has and will help to allay concerns and serves to de-mystify the commitment requirement for some of our officer-ship roles. We can improve the employee/volunteer interface and that can be beneficial to all sides e.g. setting meeting times during core working hours can serve to deter or dishearten the volunteer. Similarly loading the employee just because they are paid to do a job may be detrimental to their performance. Clearly defined roles and responsibilities can help as long as everyone is aware of them –so communication is key. We can all thrive in a harmonious environment – getting there will take effort and possibly even compromise.

Uachtarán Tofa

To John Horan my predecessor I wish him and his family the very best when he takes up the reins as Uachtarán at the end on February. Any of us that know him can rest assured that he will do a great job.

Uachtarán

To Aodhán Ó Fearaghaíl well done on you 3 years which will be most remembered for the significant change to our competitions.

Ard Stiurthoir

Pdraig Duffy, our soon to retire Ard Stiurthoir, a sincere thank you for the significant contribution you have made over your tenure.

Áras Laighean Staff

You can't buy experience and in that regard the efforts and loyalty staff in Aras Laighean is much appreciated and the clubs and counties within our province are the main beneficiaries.

Míle Buíochas

The courtesy and welcome afforded to me throughout the year by each county and their officers is much appreciated – so a big thank you to all.

I hope that we have served you well in the last year and assure you that we commit to continual improvement evidenced by our current organisational review.

To the members of all our sub-committees a big thank you for all you work over the year.

Finally, to our management committee I would like to thank you for your commitment, support and input through our open and honest discussions.

To my fellow officers, the 2 Pats and Martin a sincere thank you for your work and support at all times.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir agus ar ar aighaidh linn le chéile.

Seámus Ó Bolguidhir

Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Laighean



Tuairisc an Rúnaí

Michéal Mac Raghnaill
Rúnaí Comhairle Laighean

Comhairle Laighean 2018 Competition Review

AIB Club Championships

'Light the bonfires, we're coming home.' Who will ever forget Shane Mulligan's line from the steps of Bord na Mona O Connor Park on December 9th 2018? Brilliant fairy tale! RTE and Virgin Media TV News bulletins on the Monday – tremendous boost for a small club and rural Ireland. Television Stations, Radio Stations, Print Media, Social Media you name it – St. Columba's delivered. A scoreline of 1-8 to 1-6 may be low scoring but St Columba's, Mullinalaghta and Kilmacud Crokes produced an excellent and entertaining Final. Both sets of players went to play football from start to finish. Referee David Gough played his part also. On a fine day (unlike the previous evening) and an excellent pitch, the attendance of 3,500 got their value. Roll on the All Ireland Semi Final!

The previous day, Two Mile House (Kildare) and Dundalk Young Irelands (Louth) won the Intermediate and Junior titles respectively defeating opponents from the Faithful County - Shamrocks (Intermediate) and St Brigids, Croghan. Like the Senior Final both games were in the melting pot until the very end.

Two Mile House led at the break 1-7 to 0-2 in what was literally a game of two halves. Shamrocks scored 0-8 in the second half as against the Kildare side's 0-1. Thus leaving the minimum between the sides. Two late goals, one in injury time, swung the Junior decider in favour of the Wee County's Champions.

The AIB Club Hurling was a clean sweep for Kilkenny Clubs. Ballyhale Shamrocks, Graigue Ballycallan and Dunnamaggin were convincing winners of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Hurling titles respectively. Ballyboden St Endas (Dublin), Portlaoise (Laois) and Na Fianna (Meath) were the respective finalists. It is worth noting that Na Fianna had a semi final win over Taghmon Camross (Wexford).

Bord na Móna Leinster GAA Series

The 2018 Bord na Móna Series had to contend with inclement weather, late December start and Winner on the day. Both the O'Byrne Cup and Walsh Cup had a group of two teams each. To give the relevant counties a minimum of two games the respective groups were decided over two games.

Bord na Móna O'Byrne Cup • Holders - Meath

Offaly, Longford, Meath and Westmeath were the respective group winners and thus semi finalists. Westmeath had two points to spare over neighbours Offaly. The other semi final was concluded by a free taking competition. This followed extra time at which stage the sides were still level in Pairc Tailteann Meath 1-19 Longford 2-13.

The Final was subsequently delayed until May 13th – weather related problems. As it turned out, Meath and Westmeath were not involved in Leinster SFC Round 1 games on the same date. Playing the Final on the 13th of May suited both counties in their preparation for the respective Championship clashes. The occasion was enhanced by playing the Joe McDonagh Senior Hurling game between the same two counties as a double header. On the day the Royals had 9 points to spare.

Bord na Móna Walsh Cup • Holders - Wexford

In truth the Walsh Cup, with 11 counties participating, was lack lustre until the Semi Finals and Final. Yes, there were, on the scoreboard, some close games in the Round Robin section but overall disappointing. In the Semi Finals – Offaly ran Kilkenny close for much of the game while Wexford got the better of the Dubs.

The Final between the two great rivals of Leinster Hurling was played in Nowlan Park and like Pairc Tailteann the previous week the game was decided on free taking with the sides locked on 1-24 a piece after extra time. It was Wexford's day.

Bord na Móna Kehoe Cup • Holders - Longford

By the narrowest of margins Longford won the Kehoe Cup for the first time defeating Wicklow in the Final. DCU/St Patrick's Campus and Louth were the other two sides involved.

General

The three competitions play a very important role in preseason preparations. Some would say otherwise! In the discussions on the pros and cons of the said competitions it must be remembered that the primary purpose of the competitions is to be a Benevolent Fund.

Bord na Mona's involvement over the past number of years has greatly enhanced the competitions.

Electric Ireland Leinster Minor Football Championship (Fr. Murray Cup) • Holders - An Mhí

This year's format provided counties with a minimum of 4 games. 29 games in total were played. The last Round of games saw 10 of the 11 counties participating with 'something to play for'. On the evening of 3.7.2018 – Kildare, Laois, Meath and Wicklow were the last 4 while Dublin, Longford Louth and Wexford were the Shield Semi Finalists. Meath had a comprehensive win over Laois in their Semi Final. The Kildare v Wicklow Semi Final was a superb game of football with not even extra time separating the sides – 3-13 a piece. So it was to Aughrim for the Replay the following Friday evening. Again a top class game of football enthralled a crowd of 2,500. In the end the Lily Whites just prevailed.

The Final - in Bord na Mona O'Connor Park – was a rather tame affair with the Royals living up to their billing of being a very good solid team.

In the All Ireland series Kildare bowed out to Monaghan while Meath overcame Derry. In the Semi Final it looked at half time that Meath were on their way to the decider but a second half onslaught saw Galway progress to the Final. Longford and Dublin contested Shield Final with the former having 6 points to spare.

Electric Ireland Leinster Minor Hurling Championship (Walter Hanrahan Cup) • Holders - Áth Cliath

Similar to the Minor Football the Minor Hurling Championship had a Round Robin format on a tiered system. In total there were 25 games – almost all teams guaranteed 4 games. Many of the games within the Tiers were competitive suggesting that by and large the seeding was accurate.

Antrim and Down participated in Tier 2 and 3 respectively. Unfortunately from a Down perspective they were very weak. The gap between Tier 1 and the rest was significant. Of the four Quarter Finals, only the Laois v Offaly Quarter Final was competitive.

Both Semi Finals were exciting games. Kilkenny overcame Offaly by 5 points while Dublin had 3 points to spare over Wexford - same margin as was between the teams in Round 3 of the Round Robin.

What can be said of the Final? In Round 1 Kilkenny defeated Dublin in Parnell Park on a scoreline of 3-21 to 4-12. Nothing could have prepared us or for that matter the young players of both Dublin and Kilkenny for 30th June 2018 in O'Moore Park. In an enthralling game the Dubs turned the tables on the Cats on an amazing scoreline of 6-19 to 7-12.

In the All Ireland series eventual winners Galway overcame Dublin in the Semi Final and defeated Kilkenny in the Final.

The Peadar O Liathain Cup was won by Kildare having six points to spare over Westmeath.

Leinster Senior Football Championship (Delaney Cup)

Much has been said and written about our Senior Football Championship. Credit where credit is due. The four in a row All Ireland success and eight in a row Provincial titles is achieved by an absolutely outstanding group of footballers and management. It is for the rest to be realistic - to get the best from the talent available with solid management structures. Any pundit would have got long odds on Carlow, Laois and Longford all reaching provincial semi finals in the same year.

Laois had a narrow escape in Innovate Wexford Park requiring extra time to see off the Slaneysiders following up with a comfortable win over Westmeath.

A second first round game required extra time to separate the sides – Wicklow got the better of Offaly in the end and thus faced the Dubs who progressed to the Semi Finals.

Carlow overcame Louth. In doing so, they earned the right to face Kildare in the Quarter Finals. On a dramatic last Sunday in May for Leinster Football the form book and script were forgotten about. Carlow controlled the game throughout. With a few minutes remaining Carlow were leading by 4 points when in a break away attack from deep in their own half they literally ran the length of Bord na Móna O'Connor Park - to score a goal to give them a 7 point victory. It was dramatic to say the least.

There was further drama that Sunday in Glennon Brothers Pease Park when Longford had a deserved victory over the Royal County - 2 points to spare.

And so we headed to Croke Park for the provinces first visit in 2018 on Semi Final Sunday. Laois and Dublin made it to the Final on the last Sunday in June. Laois put in a very creditable performance. The Dubs moved on!

Leinster Senior Hurling Championship (Bob O'Keefe Cup)

New Format! Round Robin played over 5 weeks!

Before a sliothar was hit the expectation was that the Dublin/Offaly game would decide relegation. The script was almost torn up on day one when Dublin led the Cats for most of their Round 1 game but came up short by 3 points. Similarly in Round 2 in Innovate Wexford Park the Dubs lost out in the end by 2 points.

As it turned out the Dublin/Offaly game did decide which Leinster team headed to the Joe McDonagh Cup for 2019. Dublin comfortably won the game.

What of the other 3? By Round 5 Galway had secured their place in the Leinster Final. Kilkenny v Wexford in Nowlan Park was effectively a provincial semi final. There was little or nothing between the sides as both sets of players went all out to secure a Provincial Final spot. In the end it was Kilkenny's day by a mere point.

Kilkenny and Galway continued the sequence of a great summer's hurling with two excellent Finals. On the second Sunday in July the Tribesmen were victorious.

Galway subsequently qualified for the Liam McCarthy Cup Final but Limerick ensured there was not to be back to back titles for the Westerners.

The summer of 2018 will be remembered as a truly outstanding hurling season. Hopefully 2019 will be another. In response to issues raised during the summer regarding counties (2 in each province) playing 4 games in a row there will be adjustments in 2019 - maximum of 2 games in a row with the home/away sequence altered but counties will still have 2 home and 2 away games.

Joe McDonagh Cup Competition was very competitive. While it is a national competition I think it is only proper that with 4 Leinster counties involved that this report makes reference to it.

Like the Bob O Keeffe Cup there was a surprise or two. None more so than after two rounds Laois - one of the favourites - were in danger of relegation. Laois survived. Carlow and Westmeath contested the inaugural Final which was played in Croke Park with the Leinster Final. The prize was promotion to the Leinster SHC 2019. On the day Carlow were the stronger side and duly lifted the Joe McDonagh Cup.

Leinster Junior Football Championship

Five counties participated. There is little or no enthusiasm for the competition. That said, three of the four games were evenly contested. Kildare dethroned Meath in the Final.

Bord Gais Leinster Under 21 Hurling Championship (Robbins Cup)

Similar to their Senior counterparts the Under 21's has a New format for 2018. Antrim (representing Ulster) and Galway joined in the fray.

In an effort to avoid mismatches Comhairle Laighean decided to play the Championship on a tiered structure.

Being the Finalists of 2017, Kilkenny and Wexford were semi-finalists of 2018. Dublin had three outings pre semi final stage while Galway had just the one. From the perspective of the quality of the semi finals and final the format was a success. Wexford and Galway qualified for the Final defeating Dublin and Kilkenny respectively.

The Final was as dramatic as one could hope for. A late Wexford goal sent the game into extra time. With only seconds remaining in extra time Galway hit the net to win by the minimum.

Eirgrid Leinster Under 20 Football Championship 2018 (Flood Cup)

New age and another new format. Knockout games to finish on the day. Players could play in either Under 20 Inter County or Senior Inter County but not both.

Following the Round Robin series Dublin and Meath were semi finalists direct with Kildare and Offaly joining them with victories over Carlow and Westmeath in their Quarter Finals.

Kildare and Dublin made the Final with relative ease. The Final in Bord na Mona O Connor Park was an excellent game. Early on it looked as if Dublin would cruise to victory having scored 7 of the first 10 points. Suddenly Kildare came to life and for the rest of the game running out comfortable winners 1-15 to 0-10. The Lilywhites continued the Tullamore form in the All Ireland semi final and final defeating Kerry (Gaelic Grounds, Limerick) and Mayo in Croke Park to be the inaugural All Ireland and Leinster Winners at Under 20 Football.

There were numerous differences in the Championship Formats of 2018 compared to previous years.

Leinster Roll Of Honour 2018

IOMÁINT

	BUATHÓIRÍ	NEASÓIRÍ
Sinsir	Gaillimh	Cill Chainnigh
Mionuir	Áth Cliath	Cill Chainnigh
Mionuir Sciath	Cill Dara	Iarmhí
Fe 21 Bliain	Gaillimh	Loch Garman
Club Sinsir	Ballyhale Shamrocks (KK)	Ballyboden St Endas (DB)
Club Idirmheanach	Graigue Ballycallan (KK)	Portlaoise (LS)
Club Soisir	Dunnamaggin (KK)	Na Fianna (An Mhi)
Corn Ui Breathnach	Loch Garman	Cill Chainnigh
Corn Mac Eochaidh	Longphort	Cill Mhantáin

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	BUATHOIRI	NEASÓIRÍ
Sinsir	Áth Cliath	Laois
Soisir	Cill Dara	An Mhei
Mionuir	An Mhí	Cill Dara
Mionuir Sciath	Longphort	Áth Cliath
Fe 20 Bliain	Cill Dara	Áth Cliath
Club Sinsir	St Columbas (LD)	Kilmacud Crokes (DB)
Club Idirmheanach	Two Mile House (KE)	Shamrocks (OY)
Club Soisir	Dundalk Young Irelands (LH)	St Brigids (OY)
Corn Ui Bhroin	An Mhí	Iarmhí

Competition Notes

Senior Football Super 8s

Not too many years ago a Leinster motion to allow the province to run a Round Robin format in the early stage of the Provincial Championship narrowly failed to obtain the then two thirds requirement. Times change. Presently there is considerable discussion on the possibility of a 2nd Tier Championship - 5 tiers in Hurling with almost no issue. Any proposed new format must protect the Provincial Championships otherwise it is going no place. Perhaps in time to come that will change. Many counties believe (let it be realistic or not) that they can win a provincial title or at the very least get to the provincial final particularly when the provincial system is winner 'takes all'.

Irrespective of number of tiers the reality of sport is that you cannot keep subdividing in the hope that everyone will win silverware. If a second tier football championship is introduced and to facilitate proper and concise planning

- (1) Early rounds of the provincial championships would have to have winner on the day.
- (2) Semi Finals and Final be played in Croke Park with the Final played as a double header with an All Ireland Senior Football Semi Final.

Senior Hurling

Even after a fantastic hurling season, the four Sundays in a row proved contentious. This then led to the change for 2019.

There is also a debate that under the new structure there are difficulties with regard to Club activity during May and June in particular. Yet few if any alternatives have been proposed. Fundamentally, it is for the good of any club that their highest graded adult team remain in the championship as late into the summer as practical.

Under 20 Football

The regulation that a player is restricted to either Under 20 or Senior until his county is finished in the Under 20 Football Championship allowed us as a province to use the Round Robin format thus giving a minimum of 3 games per county (except the team eliminated in the Group of 3). The timing of the Championship did cause problems in that June is Leaving Certificate month. May is Third Level examine time. If the views of the Leinster counties were reflected at a decision making meeting, the March/April period would be voted through, but changing is not that simple when any such change is a matter for Congress.

Under 21 Hurling (Under 20 for 2019)

The Under 21 Championship 2018 was on a tiered structure. Earlier in this report I referred that the structure was effective in that there were a number of excellent games. Unlike Under 20 football for 2019 an Under 20 hurler may also play Senior inter county. Thus the added pressure of finding dates to facilitate all concerned.

Post Primary Schools

Five of the nine All Ireland titles came the province's way. Not for the first time St Kieran's did the double winning both the Croke Cup (Senior Hurling 'A') and the Niall McInerney Cup (Junior Hurling).

Colaiste Colm Tullamore brought All Ireland honours to the midlands by winning the Paddy Buggy Cup (Senior Hurling 'B'). This was an outstanding success for the Tullamore School.

In football Ardee CS and Colaiste Mhuire, Mullingar kept the provincial flag flying. Ardee CS won the Dr. Eamon O'Sullivan Cup (Senior Football 'C') while Colaiste Mhuire Mullingar won the Paul McGirr Cup (Junior Football).

Our four other representatives did themselves justice - Naas CBS in Senior Football 'A', Lucan CBS in Senior Football 'B', St Farnan's Prosperous in Senior Football 'D' and St. Fergals College Rathdowney in Senior Hurling 'C'.

Naas CBS will remember the school year 2017/2018 for many years. 2017/2018 was the year that they won their first provincial SF 'A' title - Br. Bosco Cup.

225 schools are involved with Top Oil Leinster Schools in the present school year. There are a number of initiatives outside of the traditional games programme being developed for Post Primary Schools. These initiatives will assist in keeping Gaelic Games vibrant in the Second Level sector and train leaders for the future.

Minor Championships

Both our Minor Championships were on Round Robin/Knockout format. Teams played a minimum of five games in football and three in hurling. The schedule was very tight. There was little or no time for training sessions or facilitating the dual player. On the other hand, counties seek more games. Club activity (or the lack of it) was also raised. However, in reality, was the club scene any different in previous years except for counties eliminated after two games in either code?

The counties in Tiers 2 and 3 of the hurling certainly benefitted. The playing of the Peadar Ó Laitháin Cup earlier than heretofore left July onwards free for the counties involved. In reality, the provincial hurling finalists will come from Tier 1. The runners up then face another Round Robin. Are there other and better ways of addressing the issue?

In Minor Football, in hindsight, many are of the view that Groups of 6 and 5 are too big together with a very tight schedule. But for the fact that Dublin were Minor Hurling winners and did not qualify for Football Semi-Finals coupled with the Kildare-Wicklow Semi-Final draw, we would have been in difficulty finding dates to ensure we met our All-Ireland commitments at Minor level.

Fixtures Planning

When planning for a following year, whether it is county, province or national, there is usually, at some level, a clamour for more games and next there is a demand for fixtures certainty. Over the last four years, a number of steps have been agreed to enhance fixture certainty for both inter county, clubs and education sectors. There is more to do! If we are really serious about improving fixture certainty, a number of additional measures should be considered:

- All knockout games, including Final, up to and including Under 20/21 finish on the day for all competitions.
- All knockout games in the educational sectors finish on the day.
- All Club Championship (knockout) up to an including Quarter-Finals finish on the day. For Semi-Finals and Finals replay(s) only if still level after extra time.
- All other Club games finish on the day.
- Culture of calling off games, particularly at underage level, because of player(s) moving up an age grade to be disallowed.

Player Numbers

Player numbers is an increasing problem for the non-large urban counties. Are we doing enough to encourage all our potential constituency to participate? Are we embracing the Go Games concept to its fullest? Unfortunately I do not believe that all our clubs are operating the Go Games concept to its fullest. I question the very idea of 'Tournaments' for Under 11. Children by their very nature are competitive - they need guidance and positivity from us as adults. Have counties enough flexibility in competition regulations to assist clubs in fielding a second or third adult team.

Joined-Up Thinking

Over the years we talk of the importance of

- (a) the club - the basic unit of the Association.
- (b) the importance of the Education Sectors.
- (c) in recent years, County Development Squads.

Do we really mean the above? If 'yes', why then have we allowed/tolerated an almost lack of 'joined-up thinking' and 'joined-up games programmes'? There has been some excellent progress, in recent years, in attempting to bring our thinking and policies to a situation that our games programme and education are fit for purpose.

Governance

With respect to Governance, there is a journey ahead - a journey that must be short rather than long term. One area of Governance that is in difficulty is that of discipline and acceptance of decisions. Collectively we have the solution - accept decisions, stop looking for technicalities and stop being hypocritical. Match Officials, Rulebook, CCC., Hearings, Central Appeals Committee and DRA are all part of our disciplinary system. By our own actions, at times, we are endangering our excellent games. Personal responsibility appears to be on the back burner. In September/October, Leinster Hearings dealt with 12 cases in the space of 3 weeks. A number of them did not have video evidence. In two cases at least, letters from opposing player(s) were produced as 'compelling evidence'. How fair is that? To say the least, there is little or no respect for the volunteers who give of their time. Perhaps a proposed suspension should be increased following a hearing if the player/official is unsuccessful at his/her hearing.

Referees

We are, or should be, all about games. The annual cry of "not enough referees" is getting louder, not to mention standard - the latter, at the best of times, is very subjective. The recent launch of the National Referees Strategic Plan is an excellent development. It can, however, be only as successful as the buy-in that all the stake-holders allow.

Referees are increasingly having difficulty in recruiting umpires. Recently, Leinster launched a training programme for umpires. This initiative will be expanded province-wide in the coming months and hopefully it will be received positively.

There are many who attend our games who are not well versed with the Rules. This can lead to controversy and, at best, ill-informed comment. Is it not time to revert to a proposal of the Strategic Review Committee Report 2002 "A system should be established so that an appointed third party on behalf of the Association and the Referee, to explain the basis on which a referee reached a decision, which is subsequently deemed 'controversial' or which becomes the focus of widespread comment and/or criticism."?

Leagues

Cross-County Leagues are becoming more popular with Clubs, both Juvenile and Adult, across the province. Internal Leagues in some instances are not meeting the requirements of all Clubs while playing against new opposition is also a positive. I would go so far as to suggest, particularly in hurling in some counties, that the internal league could be replaced by Cross-County Leagues.

At underage, there is ample scope for developing further the present league, particularly Under 15 and younger. There are many challenges to keep as many juveniles as possible playing our games. For example:

- (a) is using a full-size pitch with full-size goals conducive to Under 13/Under 14?
- (b) is having the same playing rules for juvenile and adult the best policy?
- (c) is it not time to promote 'positive sideline'?
- (d) play without the necessity of a permanent goalkeeping position up to and including Under 13?

Player Welfare

Player Welfare is much in the public mind but what does 'Player Welfare' mean to different people? As an Association, we must not alone listen but take cognisance of the medical advice that is available to us. Comhairle Laighean faced a little criticism towards the latter end of the year for starting our pre-season tournaments in December. But no criticism of Inter-County challenge games or that County squads, in numerous instances, were training collectively prior to the date that they were entitled as per rule voted on at Congress.

Fixtures Certainty

Considerable air time and energy is given to fixtures and fixture certainty. Similar to player welfare we talk of 'fixtures' and 'fixture certainty' as if there is a simple 'one-fit all' solution. As mentioned earlier, a number of initiatives have been put in place over the last few years to assist in improving the fixture dilemma. We must go much further in changing our attitudes.

What do we mean by fixture certainty? What do we mean when we say there are too many competitions and on the other hand there are not enough games for our players? Are we prepared, with the assistance of medical advice, to control/reduce the time given (accidentally or otherwise) to the Inter-County scene from a training perspective and availability of players to their clubs?

In 2018 the Super 8s (Football) and Hurling Round Robin got much of the attention re Club v County during May/June/July. But to date, I am not aware of alternatives other than questioning the use of extra time at All-Ireland Semi-Final level. Which brings me back to what do we mean by fixture certainty?

Games Development

Games Development, via its numerous facets, continues to have a positive and effective impact throughout the province. The various sectors within games development are highlighted later in this report. Safe to say that the work in this area would create greater dividends with 'buy-in' from all the stakeholders - everyone implementing best practice and adapting to changing times.

The sponsorship by Beko adds to the games development profile as does the continued success of Kelloggs Cúl Camps. Both have the club at the centre of their sponsorships.

Top Oil's involvement with Leinster Post Primary Schools continues to raise the profile of our Post Primary Schools programme.

Facilities

Clubs and counties continue to improve their facilities in a very challenging environment. Some Clubs require additional facilities while for other clubs survival is the challenge. For the former, sharing facilities with the Educational Sector is an option in some situations. In others, working with local authorities is a possibility. Many of our counties have facilities, either owned or rented that, by and large, cater for the ever increasing county activity from Under 13 development squads through to Senior and Ladies Football and Camogie.

Early in 2018, Coiste Bainistíochta & Airgeadais, at the suggestion of the Leinster Infrastructure, Safety, Insurance Committee, requested that a national policy regarding 3G pitches be developed. Irrespective of the number of pitches available to County Squads/teams, inclement weather (6 months of the year potentially) will put the best of sand pitches under pressure. Not to mention that pitch builders build pitches for matches and training other than running/sprinting etc.

3G pitches will not solve the latter but would most definitely solve the former. Second and Third Level schools would also benefit from having at least one 3G pitch per county. Hopefully, the recent government announcement of the large-scale Sports Infrastructural Fund will provide grant-aid to a number of projects at county level to at least have the facilities of a proper standard for the respective counties own usage.

Workload

Year after year, at club, county and provincial we talk about the increasing workload that we all encounter. I referred to it in last year's report. Since then, GDPR has been implemented. It will take us all a period of time to become familiar with the regulations. But as with all elements of Governance, working to the regulations and learning from errors will enable us to be practical and observant. In general, our own lack of adhering to the Association rules and regulations, is the main reason for many of our difficulties. There are occasions when a Congress decision is flaunted within weeks. Could this be a reflection of how the various units are represented at the different levels?

Media Coverage

Media coverage has been very good in 2018. However social media is a serious challenge - serious in that coverage may not be accurate or a mere portion of the overall picture given. 2018 saw TV coverage, particularly RTE, concentrating on the All-Ireland and Provincial Hurling Championships. From time to time there has been discontent at the lack of coverage of, say, the Joe McDonagh Cup to mention one. Then, on the other hand, we complain of too many games on television. Do we really know what we want?

'Good Luck' and 'Welcome'!

In Comhairle Laighean, we said 'goodbye' to Cian Murphy. Cian's contribution to Comhairle Laighean was immense and greatly appreciated and I wish him well on behalf of all of us in his new position at central level. Cian's successor, John Haughney, has hit the ground running. I have no doubt that John will have a fruitful time with Comhairle Laighean and that Comhairle Laighean will greatly benefit by his presence.

Finances

They say money is not everything, but without it where do we go? As suggested earlier, there are different views on the Hurling Championship Round Robin. In Comhairle Laighean's case the Hurling Championship, including replay, ensured that, despite a significant drop in the attendances at our Senior Football Championship, the 2018 finances are on a par with 2017. The buoyant figures allowed the Comhairle to assist a number of county projects and to add to the Club Grant allocation of €850,000.00 from Ard Chomhairle.

Sheamus Howlin



On Saturday 1st December, Leinster GAA lost former Chariman Sheamus Howlin. Sheamus had a long association with Leinster GAA and served as PRO for many years before becoming Vice-Chairman and then Chairman in due course.

During his tenure as Chairman he oversaw the significant transformation and upgrade of Leinster GAA headquarters at Arás Laighean, a facility which to this day is still winning many admirers. It is also worth noting that this work was conducted on the back of the foresight from another former Chairman in Seamus Aldridge of Kildare, during who's tenure the purchase of the building was secured in the first instance.

In addition to his involvement with Leinster GAA, Sheamus went on to serve as Chairman on many National Committees and won new admirers throughout the GAA world in the guise of his overseas remit.

Leinster GAA Chairman paid tribute to Sheamus saying "Sheamus was a very affable character and struck a chord with anyone whom he encountered, both at home and abroad. However, it was through his uncanny knack of seeing solutions where others might see only problems, that so endeared him to our clubs. This was particularly relevant when dealing with financial matters. For Sheamus that is a wonderful legacy to have."

Paddy Clarke



This year Leinster also said farewell to Louth's Paddy Clarke who passed away on November 10th.

Paddy was Louth Senior Manager from 1997 to 2001 fulfilling a lifelong ambition in the process. He managed teams to county championships in Louth, Meath, Monaghan, Cavan and Dublin and he brought St Brigid's to their first Dublin and Leinster titles in 2003.

Paddy also served as Assistant Coach on Ireland's Compromised Rules Team on two different occasions at both home and abroad series in 2000 and 2001 respectively.

Alongside his coaching activities, Paddy also maintained an extensive collection of statistics and records regarding all things Louth GAA, football in particular.

Paddy also served as Provincial Football Officer and Tutor for many years and was a leading light in the world of Coach Education long before it was in vogue.

Paddy was always at the forefront of innovation in coaching and was an inspiration for generations of both players and coaches alike.

GAA Conventions

As presently structured I believe that both County and Provincial Conventions have out lived their use and practicality. County Secretaries and Provincial Secretaries spend considerable time and energy producing Convention Reports – Convention Reports that involves other officers/staff contributing, but for what? Is it only because the rule says so. Increasingly County Officers meet at both provincial and national level. To meet deadlines as per rule preparing Financial Accounts in the short period of time is a pressure cooker operation.

Everyone accepts that transparency and accountability are an absolute must, but there must be a more productive means other than the presently structured convention format. Leave the 'End of Financial Year' date as is and present the Financial Statement to a special Committee meeting in January following the end of the given financial year.

Sympathy

As the year drew to a close Comhairle Laighean and the GAA lost two stalwarts of our Association. We pay our respects to both Sheamus and Paddy on the page opposite.

In November tragedy struck in the O'Loughlin Family (Clonkill) when little Annabel died in a tragic accident in her home. On behalf of everyone associated with Comhairle Laighean, our sympathy to the O'Loughlin family. I also express gratitude to Clonkill Club for the manner in which they dealt with Annabel's death and the sensitivity they showed with the O'Loughlin family.

To Ballyboden St Endas and Dublin - our appreciation for the spirit in which you remembered Annabel on that Tuesday evening in Parnell Park – it was truly magnificent.

To the many who lost relative(s) and friends since our last Convention, I extend sympathy.

May they rest in peace.

Buíochas

- Like every other year the work of Comhairle Laighean in 2018 would not be possible without the dedicated Áras Laighean team. To each of them on your behalf I extend appreciation and thanks.
- To all County Officials thank you for your assistance and commitment during the year.
- To players, match officials, stewards, groundstaff – you are the personnel that provide the games at all levels.
- The Games Development Staff throughout the province for their work during the year.
- Officers of Comhairle Laighean, Council members, members of Sub-Committees who all performed their task on a voluntary basis.
- Staff in Croke Park and our colleagues in Comhairle Chonnachta for their assistance during the year.
- To the members of the many media outlets for their coverage of our activities during the year.
- To our sponsors, Bord na Móna, Beko, Top Oil and O'Neills for your continued support.



Micheal Mac Raghnaill

Comhairle Laighean Hall of Fame Awards 2018

DJ Carey • Kilkenny

On the 1st of July last fans of both Kilkenny and Galway showed their appreciation for one of Hurling's All-Time greats as DJ Carey was inducted into the Leinster GAA Hall of Fame at Half Time in the Leinster GAA Senior Hurling Championship.

The Gowran native first made his appearance in the infamous Black and Amber during the National League of 1988-89 where he would claim the first of many National titles. He won his first All-Ireland Medal in 1992 while hitting the net against Cork in the final. This sight of Carey hitting the net would go on to be a familiar recurrence throughout his career as he went on to score 62 goals before retiring from inter county action in 2005.

Carey's intercounty career yielded great team and individual success. He won a total of 5 All Irelands,

10 Leinster Championships and 4 national Leagues as a senior. This allied alongside his 9 All Star awards go some way to reflecting his influence on the game. The undoubted highlight of his career came in 2003 when he captained Kilkenny to Leinster and All-Ireland success, completing a double for the cats.

It was not only in the Black and Amber that DJ hit the heights; he also led his home club of Young Irelands to two County Championships in 96 and 02. This combined with Inter Provincial success winning two Railway Cup Titles with Leinster only go to further his legend.

Carey joins many other Kilkenny stalwarts such as Michael 'Ducksie' Walsh and Eddie Keher in the Leinster GAA Hall of Fame.



Kilkenny Hurling Legend D.J. Carey receives his Leinster GAA Hall Of Fame Award from Leinster GAA Chairman, Jim Bolger, at Croke Park at half-time in the Leinster SHC Final between Galway and Kilkenny this summer.

Jimmy Keaveney • Dublin

Supporters at Croke Park afforded a fantastic reception to Dublin legend Jimmy Keaveney when he was inducted into the Leinster GAA Hall of Fame at half time in the provincial final on Sunday, 24th June.

A favourite of Hill 16 during his playing days, some of the highlights of Jimmy's career were shown on the big screen after he received his memento from Leinster GAA Chairman, Jim Bolger.

At the start of the 1974 Championship, Jimmy Keaveney was a retired inter-county player. But Kevin Heffernan brought him back into the fold

after the narrow first round win over Wexford.

The St Vincent's star would be the missing piece in the jigsaw. A dead ball specialist, lethal from play and an ideal full forward target, Keaveney lit up the iconic Dublin team of the 70s.

The leader of the attack, he won three All-Irelands, three All-Stars and six Leinster SFC between 1974 and 1979.

His individual tally of 2-6 against Armagh in the 1977 All-Ireland final is an all-time final record that he shares with Kerry's Mikey Sheehy.



Dublin Football Legend Jimmy Keaveney receives his Leinster GAA Hall Of Fame Award from Leinster GAA Chairman, Jim Bolger, at Croke Park at half-time in the Leinster SFC Final between Dublin and Laois this summer.

Games Development Report



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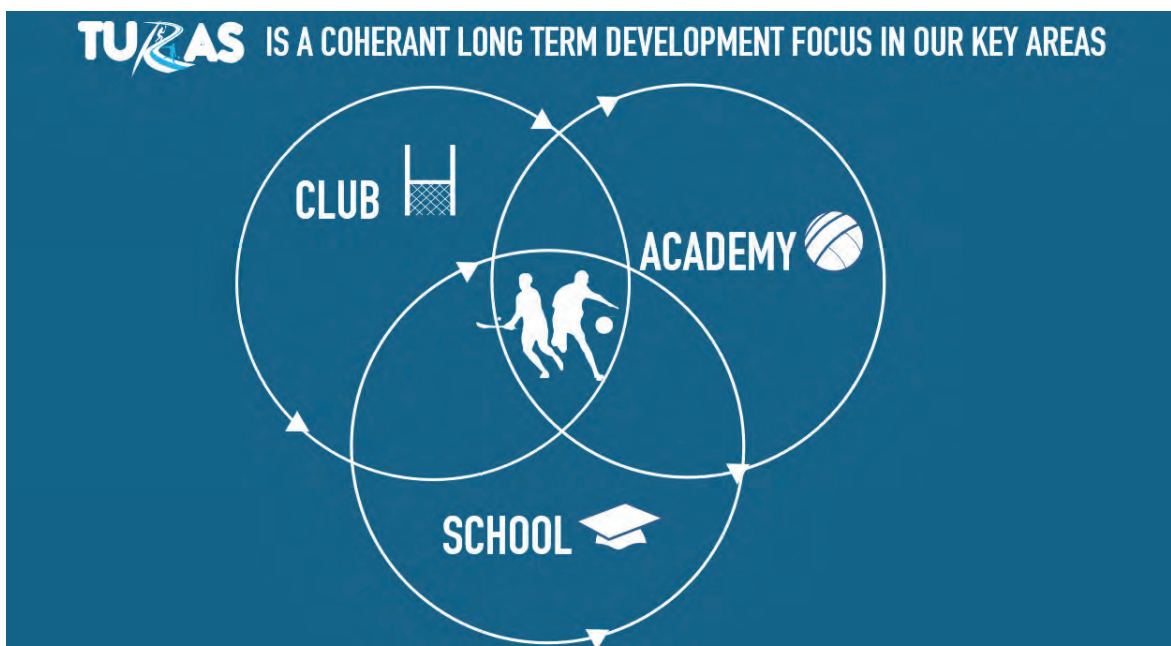
In 2018 our Games Development's priority areas of focus were club engagement through formal and informal coach education, provision of games and a more structured approach to development squads. We aimed to achieve these targets through the Turas Coach Developer Programme, Coach Education & Extra Game Opportunities (Cross County Leagues). With such a wide and varied range of activities, we tried to keep our report and concise on all the different initiatives which fall under the above areas.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of all involved in Coaching and Games throughout the province in each county and in the Leinster offices. In the last year we have had a number of new staff join the team and we would like to wish them well in their time with us. We also had a number leave during 2018 and I would like to thank them for their work and commitment and wish them the very best in the future.



TURAS is a coach development program Coaching Coaches to Develop Players

Developed and launched in late 2017, TURAS provides club coaches, Academy Squad and Teachers with regular and meaningful coach development opportunities. TURAS is based on five key principles that when applied will positively improve coach and player performance. During 2018, the focus was primarily on club coaches where the need for coach development is most pressing.



Overview of the programme - what is delivered, when is it delivered and by whom

TARGET	Activity	Staffing	Objective
Club Coaches	Provided age-specific regional Turas player pathway workshops in every county	County C&G Staff	To support 5000 coaches from the Leinster Player Pathway per annum on their coaching journey To deliver, at least, one TURAS age-specific workshop in each county
Club Coaches	Provide practical Turas coach development supports to club coaches while working with their own teams in their own club	County C&G Staff	To provide two club visits for all coaches who engage who engage in the TURAS player pathway workshops

How the programme aligns to the GAA Player Pathway

The Turas programme will provide regional player pathway workshops per age group in every county. Player Pathway resource cards have been produced using content created by National Coach Education guidelines. All participant who attend Player Pathway workshops will be provided with these resources.

The Turas programme is completely underpinned by the content on the GAA Player Pathway.

How the programme contributes to self-sufficiency and sustainability at Club level

Clubs will become more self-sufficient by increasing the number of quality coaches working with their players aged 4 up to adult. By creating a more robust coaching pathway within clubs, more players will be recruited into clubs and retained right through all stages of the pathway.

Leinster GAA acknowledge the vital role of coaches in the development of players at all levels and stages in the Province and TURAS aims to provide both the resources and personnel to increase coaching expertise throughout the province.

The benefit of TURAS is that we will be providing a coherent coach development programme across all Leinster clubs. If coaches engage in this coach development program they will be exposed to best practice and more learning opportunities for them and their players. By engaging in the programme clubs will have better coaches and in turn more players, while counties will have a better and deeper player pool as well as a coherent coaching system.

What has been the role of full-time personnel in relation to the programme

All full time personnel have been assigned a region of clubs within their county and have completely responsibility for all clubs. Their regions range in sizes from 2–10 clubs. The role of the full time staff is to deliver workshops at all ages along the player pathway to coaches. Any coach who attends the player pathway workshops are then supported in their club sessions by staff members on two occasions where staff work with coaches to implement the content of the player pathway. Fig 3 below outlines the support process provided by full time staff to club coaches. The provision of practical coach development supports to club coaches while working with their own teams in their own club is the key aspect of the project.



HOW WE SUPPORT

COACHES

DELIVER PLAYER
PATHWAY
WORKSHOP



CLUB VISIT 1

PART-TAKE SESSION WITH EXAMPLES OF
GOOD PRACTICE REVIEW SESSION USING

TURAS
PRINCIPLES



CLUB VISIT 2

OBSERVE SAME COACHES &
REVIEW USING

TURAS
PRINCIPLES

TURAS

Impact in 2018

Sample of Turas Club Support in action in 2018.

GDA – Darren Heydon (Wicklow)

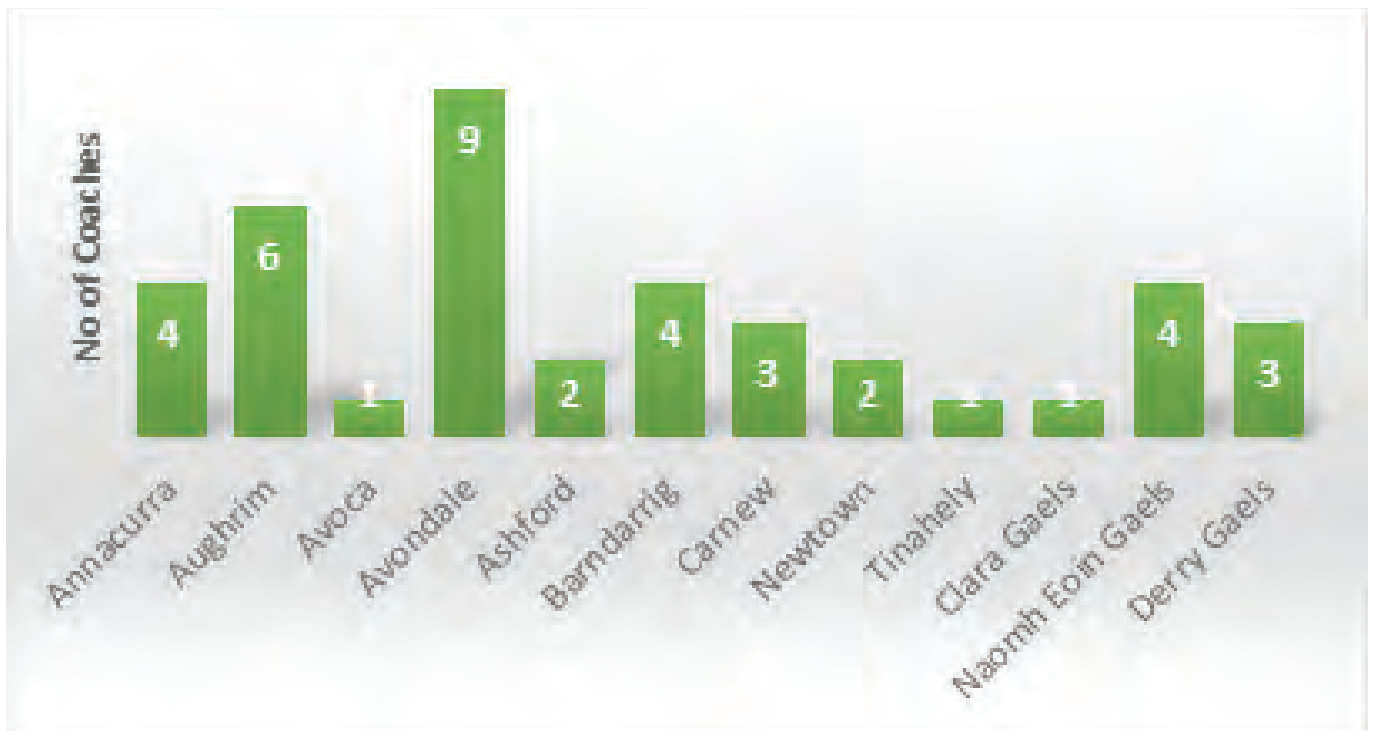


Fig 4. Total number of coaches attending Player Pathway Workshops

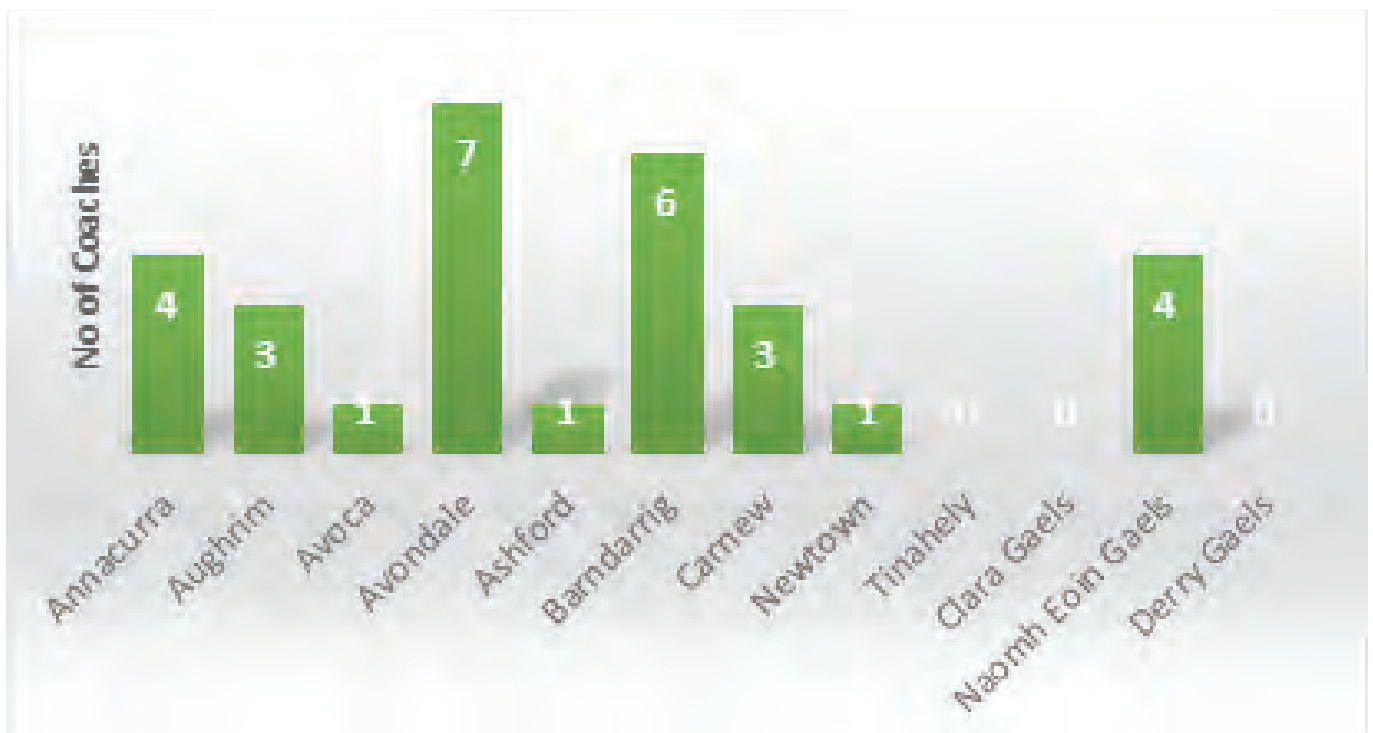


Fig 5. Total number of coaches supported by Darren through club visits

A report for all of Leinster was drawn down on November 30th outlining the following detail:

Total number of club coaches attending workshops – 2715

Total number of club coaches supported with club visits – 1858

Celtic Challenge

Once again in 2018 Leinster counties were an integral part to the success of the Celtic Challenge. With our minor championships moving to U17 this year for the first time, the Celtic Challenge provided competition for those players who didn't make their county minor panels. All Leinster counties took part in 2018 and while the issues of Player Eligibility for Tier 1 Counties must be further regulated to continue to avoid overlap with the Minor Hurling Championship, the Celtic Challenge has been hugely successful in providing additional games to players at a crucial stage of the Player Pathway.

The finals were once again hosted in Leinster, with Bord Na Mona O'Connor Park providing a great venue for all 5 finals on Saturday 30th June. While Leinster had no winners this year it must be stressed that our Tier 2 and Tier 3 counties were essentially entering their second and third teams into the Celtic Challenge in order to allow them to compete in the Leinster minor provincial championship. Providing a high level of Hurling to this crucial group of players (aged 16 & 17) will be of huge benefit to both clubs and county teams in the coming years.

The results from the finals were:

Corn Michael Feery:	Sligo 3-12 Donegal 2-8
Corn Jerome O'Leary:	Laois 4-12 Antrim 3-10
Corn William Robinson:	Derry 2-18 Galway Tribesmen 3-12
Corn John Scott:	West Cork 2-17 South Tipperary 1-19 (AET)
Corn Michael Hogan:	Galway McDonagh 2-23 East Cork 0-19

2018 presented a number of challenges to the structure and scheduling of the competition due to the reduction of the Minor age-grade to U.17 as well as the increase in the number of Inter-County Senior Hurling games during the period May/June, which meant certain dates were avoided in order to guarantee the availability of Match Officials of a requisite standard. Overall, there was satisfaction in counties with the timing and running of the competition.



Cross County Leagues 2018

This year saw 264 teams enter the Cross County u13 & u15 Football & Hurling Leagues. Every county was represented. For 2018 we introduced a deposit for teams and this helped to prevent walkovers in the early rounds. The fact that clubs had to pay a deposit meant there was a reduction in the number of teams who entered and then withdrew before a game was even played. Unfortunately, after the first few rounds we experienced the heavy snow and this cancelled all activity for two full weekends, which left us with very little time to play remaining games before the end of March when county leagues begin. Well done to all who got their games played and fitted in the finals around their own internal county activity.

Similar to last year, we have identified some issues and in 2019 we have provisionally booked 3G pitches throughout the province in order to ensure games go ahead in the case of bad weather.

The following are the entries per competition:

County	U-13 Football	U-15 Football	U-13 Hurling	U-15 Hurling
Carlow	4	5	2	1
Dublin	2	3	3	1
Kildare	21	16	8	7
Kilkenny	-	-	1	2
Laois	4	4	4	6
Longford	11	5	-	1
Louth	7	6	1	3
Meath	18	15	11	6
Offaly	9	5	5	6
Westmeath	6	3	4	2
Wexford	2	3	9	9
Wicklow	7	6	3	3
London	-	1	-	-
Total	94	72	51	47



Balyna (Kildare) U15 Football League winners in the National Games Development Centre Abbotstown where they defeated St. Judes (Dublin)

Kelloggs Cúl Camps

In 2018, we again saw an increase in attendance at the Kelloggs Cúl Camps. In total 55,607 children attended the camps in Leinster, which saw an increase from 51,621 the previous year. This 7% increase is in line with the national average. This year in particular where it was felt that counties were at saturation point, great credit must go to all for the promotion of the camps. Numbers such as these bring their own issues and staffing of the camps is starting to become difficult so counties may have to look at the timings of their camps and adjust accordingly in order to maintain the high quality of the experience the child receives at the camps.

County	Total Participants 2017	Total Participants 2018	Total Increase in 2018
Carlow	1996	2084	+88 (94%)
Dublin	11471	12540	+1069 (9%)
Kildare	7037	8021	+948 (14%)
Kilkenny	2467	2883	+416 (17%)
Laois	2751	3194	+443 (16%)
Longford	1750	1731	-19 (-1%)
Louth	3379	3450	+71 (2%)
Meath	5249	5683	+434 (8%)
Offaly	3228	3251	+23 (1%)
Westmeath	2811	3215	+404 (14%)
Wexford	5512	5625	+113 (2%)
Wicklow	3970	3930	-40 (-1%)
Grand Total	51621	55607	+3986 (7.2%)

Croke Park Play & Stay Days

Our Croke Park Play & Stay days were run in April of this year. U8 players from various clubs in all Leinster counties got the chance to play in Croke Park over the two days. With Leinster being the only province to provide u8s with the opportunity to play in Croke Park, this allows us have six pitches and twelve teams playing every hour over the two days. In 2018 a total of over 3,500 children played. Special thanks to Dublin and Kildare for supplying young whistlers over the two days, without these young referees we could not give so many children the experience of playing in Croke Park.

Adult Club Hurling League 2018

In 2018, 60 teams entered the Leinster GAA Adult Club Hurling League with all 12 counties represented. This year we had 4 divisions with each team guaranteed 3 games in the round robin, teams who finished first and second in the groups progressed to quarter finals, this gave 32 of the 60 teams at least 4 games. All leagues ran pretty much on time, with the Division 2 final being the only final greatly delayed but this was completed when the clubs involved finished their involvement in their respective championships. Special word of thanks to Hananah Horan, Tadhg Doran and Tom O'Donnell in the Leinster Offices and the referee's coordinators, John Bannon and Donal Smyth for their assistance in the organisation of the fixtures. Also thanks to Leinster CCC for providing the opportunity for some of our finals to be played before Leinster Championship games. The Division 1 Final preceded Kilkenny v Wexford in Nowlan Park and the Division 4 Final was played in Wexford Park before Wexford v Galway. These were great occasions for club players to play before such large attendances.

Full results for all matches and winning team photos can be found at the end of the Convention Report

Poc Fada 2018

The Leinster Poc Fada final this year went to a new course and was held on the Sugarloaf in Co. Wicklow. Representatives from the Leinster Counties (see below) participated in a senior and U16 competition (there was also a camogie event on the day). The senior competition was won by Brian Connaughton representing Westmeath and the U16 competition was won by Ben Rogers representing Dublin.

A special mention must go to Culm Carty, Tom Ryan, Jonathan Tallon and Seamus Hughes for their hard work to make this year's competition so successful.

Senior Competitors

Co.	Name
Carlow	Conor Treacy
Dublin	Fintan O'Brien
Kilkenny	Killian Phelan
Laois	Enda Rowland
Louth	Ronan Byrne
Meath	Kevin Keens
Offaly	Cillian Kiely
Westmeath	Brian Connaughton
Wexford	Peter O'Brien

Under-16 Competitors

Co.	Name
Carlow	Eoin Kavanagh
Dublin	Ben Rogers
Kildare	Eoin McConnon
Kilkenny	Billy Drennan
Kilkenny	Declan Killeen
Longford	Adam Murray
Louth	Tom Matthews
Meath	Kevin Keena
Offaly	DJ McLoughlin
Westmeath	Jamie Mulkearns
Wexford	Peter O'Brien
Wicklow	Meitheal Cleary



Increase in Staff Capacity

Throughout the province there has been an increase in capacity with 93 Games Development Staff now employed by Leinster GAA. This is the second year of the East Leinster Project which is the main reason we have been able to increase our staff numbers. The large urban centres throughout the province are the main areas which we have focused on to increase participation and activity. With club investment we have been able to stretch the project to reduce the number of clubs our games development staff are responsible for, resulting in more club engagement through the delivery of Coach Education and Turas.

This investment has also allowed us to have a constant presence in primary and post primary schools which has increased the number of children engaging in GAA activity on a weekly basis. As well as practical coaching and education of those involved in coaching, this investment has also given staff time to focus on developing club coaching structures and ensuring there is a year round programme of GAA activity for all children in these clubs.

Coach Education

In 2018 we once again delivered a comprehensive suite of formal coach education courses throughout the province. There was a total of 222 courses delivered over 829 sessions in Leinster in 2018. These courses were made up of foundation, Award 1 Child, Youth and Adult as well as Award 2 Child, Youth and Adult courses. This level of delivery is only possible due to the dedicated tutor corps, which is made up of both full time and volunteers, who continue to give of their time and expertise to ensure that we can continue to meet the development needs of the coaches throughout the province. One Highlight from this year was the recent award 2 certification evening that took place in DCU St Patricks Campus on the 30th of November. A total of 108 coaches were formally certified as Award 2 coaches. This is the culmination of 18 months of hard work on behalf of each of the participants as well as all the coach developers and facilitators that assisted in the delivery of these courses.

Key Initiative – Combined Award 2 between IT Carlow and the Defence Forces

In 2018 we have commenced a joint venture by delivering the award 2 course to both the students in IT Carlow alongside several highly experienced coaches who are active members of the Irish Defence Forces. Over the last number of years, we have delivered award 1 courses to members of the defence forces in the curragh army barracks. Based on this relationship Capt. Padraig Murphy approached us about these coaches progressing on to the award 2 course. After some discussions it was agreed by all concerned that by combining the experience of the defence forces coaches (who are active coaches in the clubs) and the cutting-edge knowledge the students are being exposed to on a daily basis, would create the perfect learning environment for all. This has proved to be a huge success and it is planned to continue with this on an annual basis.

Coach Developer Training

As part of our coach education programme we are continuously looking to increase the number of coach developers as well as provide on going training and development for those who are active. In 2018 we completed the on-course assessment of eleven new coach developers, trained or are in the process of training forty-seven new foundation tutors (as well as providing training for 6 additional coach developers from Connacht). Along with the training of new coach developers we also provided our annual in-service for active coach developers which was delivered in October and focused on the delivering even better feedback to coaches during a course. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Beades from IT Tralee who assisted us in the provision of this in-service training.

Key Initiative – Change in Approach to Coach Development

In the last year or two we have changed our approach to up skilling and training both full time staff and volunteer coach developers, hence the change in terminology from "tutor" to "coach developer". The role of

tutor was the person who only delivers on formal coach education courses. This model has served us well over the years, but we must also be open to adapt and develop ourselves even further. The current research tells us that formal coach education is an important part of a coach's development but is only one small part. Coaches develop their knowledge and skills through multiple different ways and it is based on this that we have changed our philosophy from developing tutors to developing coach developers who will have the skill sets to assist coaches in a multitude of settings and not just on formal coach education courses.

Referee Education

Leinster GAA coaching and games through the support of Emmett Egan, have once again continued to assist in the training of development referees in Leinster through the provision of monthly sessions in Abbottstown, supporting the continued great work of John Bannon and Donal Smyth. This support begins in October of each year and continues for 6 months with additional inputs from experts in the area of diet and nutrition, sports psychology and other disciplines as required. Games development staff have continued the roll out of the recently updated young whistler and go games referee courses in 2018. This is an ideal way of introducing people to refereeing in a non-competitive and generally enjoyable setting.

Key Initiative – Umpire Training

One of the requests from the referee development group was to develop a workshop to help develop and train umpires. Currently the training and development of umpires has been a role for the referee whom they are working with. In October of this year we piloted a new two-hour interactive workshop for umpires with a number of referees and their umpires. The feedback from this workshop was very positive and it is hoped to train up a number of tutors to deliver this in the coming months to ensure that it will be not only available for those on the Leinster development panels but all to club referees and their umpires.



Supporting Teachers & Students

In 2018 Leinster GAA once again provided 39 students from around the province with a bursary of €750 to assist them with their third level studies. These students were selected based on their contributions to their colleges and clubs with a focus on those who are actively involved in both administration and coaching within their respective GAA units. I would once again like to thank Pat Lynagh, Ciaran Flynn, for their input in the process, as well as acknowledge the work of Hannah Horan in the administration of the scheme.

Key Initiative – GAA 5Star Centres

Leinster GAA have continued to deliver and support coaching in our primary throughout the province. In 2018 a new national initiative was developed called the GAA 5Star Centre. This initiative commenced in September 2018 and since its inception we have met with 109 schools of which 76 have enrolled in the programme so far for the academic year 2018/19. This initiative is about supporting schools and teachers to become more self-sufficient in delivering fun, enjoyable and wholistic Gaelic Games experience within their schools.

Europe

In 2018 one of the key partnerships with GGE was to train up several volunteers to be able to deliver foundation courses in Europe. In total seven participants were selected to complete the training from the following regions in Europe: Galicia (2), Brussels (2), Leuven (1), Helsinki (1) and Dresden (1). The participants completed two weekends training in Ireland and a further weekend was delivered in Brussels. This will be a huge addition to the development of coaches in Europe over the coming years as the GGE will now have a total of 11 foundation tutors based around Europe and will be self-sufficient in delivering courses as and when required.

The impact of these coach developers is exemplified in the recent foundation course that was delivered in Santiago de Compostela by Alexandre Sanmartin and Pablo De Silva, where 24 participants completed the course. In Galicia, where there is currently 14 mens Gaelic Football teams, coaches must have completed the foundation course to be allowed on the sideline during games.

Staff Training

In 2018 we once again provided a significant number of training and development opportunities for staff to assist them in their roles within the county and the province. Over 90 games development staff received bespoke training in the area of debriefing a facilitation to assist them in supporting the volunteer coaches throughout the province. Other bespoke training included workshops specifically targeted at up skilling the staff in supporting and developing hurling coaches within the province.

As with any other year, several new initiatives were launched by both Leinster GAA and National Games Development for which staff were provided in-service to assist them in delivering on these new initiatives. Along with this we have continued to provide induction and upskilling for all new staff who have joined us in the last 12 months.

This year saw a cross collaboration approach to staff training between ourselves and the Connacht games development department. We worked together with the assistance of the national HR department, to provide management training for a number of the games managers in both provinces. This relationship was beneficial to all, and enhance the opportunity to learn and share from each other.

As with previous years we have continued to support a number of staff by supporting them in achieving additional formal education certification, with the main one once again being the Level 7 special purpose award in Leadership & Management delivered by IT Carlow.

Key Initiative – Sport Coaching Ireland Level 1 Coach Developer Course

We have trained a total of 36 new staff members as Sport Coaching Ireland Level 1 Coach Developers. These staff members will be completing their off course assessments in the coming weeks and once this is done we will not only have 36 newly qualified foundation tutors but also staff who have additional knowledge and skills to assist the development coaches in their clubs and regions.



CARLOW 2018

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Carlow from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Carlow GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

100% **39** 39 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8+ WEEKS COACHING

18 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School • 8 Teacher Training Workshops



10 SECONDARY SCHOOLS
5 FUTURE LEADER COURSES
TY 9 COURSES (inc. Future Leaders)

SUPER GAME CENTRES 9 FOOTBALL • 200 PARTICIPANTS
 7 HURLING • 180 PARTICIPANTS

TALENT ACADEMIES

FOOTBALL

16 CLUBS REPRESENTED

- U-13** 100 Players
- U-14** 47 Players • 2 Teams
- U-15** 32 Players • 1 Team
- U-16** 24 Players • 1 Team
- U-17** 45 Players • 2 Teams

13 ACADEMY COACHES

12 AWARD 1 COACHES

06 AWARD 2 COACHES

HURLING

9 CLUBS REPRESENTED

- U-13** 70 Players 3 Schools of Excellence
- U-14** 42 Players • 2 Teams
- U-15** 32 Players • 1 Team
- U-16** 24 Players • 1 Team
- U-17** 45 Players • 1 Team

14 ACADEMY COACHES

13 AWARD 1 COACHES

06 AWARD 2 COACHES

CAMPS

19 

Cúl Camps

2083 Participants

3 Other Camps

3240 Participants

COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT

21 JUVENILE CLUBS

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
6 Foundation Courses	120	1 Club Coaching Officer Workshops	010
3 Safeguarding Courses	180	16 Turas Workshops	240
2 Award 1 Youth/Adult	042	140 Turas Club Visits	320
1 Award 2 Courses	003		



DUBLIN 2018

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Dublin from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Dublin GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

348 444 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8+ WEEKS COACHING

46 SECONDARY SCHOOLS COMPLETED FUTURE LEADER COURSES



900 T.Y. COURSES (inc. Future Leaders)

CAMPS



78

Cúl Camps

12588 Participants

92 Club Summer Camps

11423 Participants

73 Other Club Camps

8990 Participants

4 Advanced Coaching & Games Camps

200 Participants

TALENT ACADEMIES

FOOTBALL

U-14 2 Teams
U-15 2 Teams
U-16 1 Team
U-17 1 Team

15 AWARD 1 COACHES
05 AWARD 2 COACHES

HURLING

U-14 2 Teams
U-15 2 Teams
U-16 2 Teams
U-17 1 Team

13 AWARD 1 COACHES
03 AWARD 2 COACHES

COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT **94** JUVENILE CLUBS

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
042 Foundation Courses	0799
165 Safeguarding Courses	3421
024 Award 1 Child	0600

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
4 Award 1 Youth/Adult	087
2 Award 2 Courses	034





KILDARE 2018

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Kildare from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Kildare GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

85 100 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8+ WEEKS COACHING

66 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School
8 Teacher Training Workshops



21 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

12 SCHOOLS COMPLETED FUTURE LEADER COURSES

TY 18 COURSES (inc. Future Leaders)

SUPER GAME CENTRES 6 FOOTBALL • 116 PARTICIPANTS
1 HURLING • 26 PARTICIPANTS

TALENT ACADEMIES

FOOTBALL

30 CLUBS REPRESENTED

- U-13** 200 Players 8 Schools of Excellence
- U-14** 108 Players • 3 Teams
- U-15** 59 Players • 2 Teams
- U-16** 36 Players • 2 Teams
- U-17** 30 Players • 1 Team

18 **ACADEMY COACHES**
12 **AWARD 1 COACHES**
06 **AWARD 2 COACHES**

HURLING

16 CLUBS REPRESENTED

- U-13** 120 Players 4 Schools of Excellence
- U-14** 92 Players • 3 Teams
- U-15** 56 Players • 2 Teams
- U-16** 36 Players • 1 Team
- U-17** 30 Players • 1 Team

14 **ACADEMY COACHES**
10 **AWARD 1 COACHES**
04 **AWARD 2 COACHES**

CAMPS

59 Cúl Camps

8067 Participants



19 Club Summer Camps
1894 Participants

10 Other Club Camps
998 Participants

5 Advanced County Camps
143 Participants

COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT **49** JUVENILE CLUBS

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
22 Foundation Courses	466	6 Award 1 Youth/Adult	162
3 Safeguarding Courses	180	1 Award 2 Courses	012



KILKENNY 2018

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Kilkenny from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Kilkenny GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

35 76 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8+ WEEKS COACHING

20 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School
4 Teacher Training Workshops



12 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

6 SCHOOLS COMPLETED FUTURE LEADER COURSES
12 COURSES (inc. Future Leaders)

SUPER GAME CENTRES 12 HURLING • 500 PARTICIPANTS
2 FOOTBALL • 40 PARTICIPANTS

TALENT ACADEMIES CAMPS

FOOTBALL
15 CLUBS REPRESENTED

U-14 **30 Players** • 1 Team
U-15 **20 Players**
U-16 **35 Players** • 1 Team
U-17 **1 Team**

05 ACADEMY COACHES
05 AWARD 1 COACHES

HURLING
37 CLUBS REPRESENTED

U-14 **90 Players** • 3 Teams
U-15 **60 Players** • 2 Teams
U-16 **60 Players** • 2 Teams
U-17 **65 Players** • 2 Teams

25 ACADEMY COACHES
18 AWARD 1 COACHES
04 AWARD 2 COACHES

12 Cúl Camps

2873
Participants



4 Club's Own Summer Camps
600 Participants

2 Other Club Camps
120 Participants

1 Advanced County Camp
45 Participants

COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT 37 JUVENILE CLUBS

COURSES

PARTICIPANTS

COURSES

PARTICIPANTS

6 Foundation Courses

120

02 Club Coaching Officer Workshops 037

4 Safeguarding Courses

080

05 Turas Workshops 100

2 Award 1 Youth/Adult

048

37 Turas Club Visits 140





LAOIS 2018

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Laois from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Laois GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

50 60 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8+ WEEKS COACHING

45 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School
8 Teacher Training Workshops



6 SECONDARY SCHOOLS
4 SCHOOLS COMPLETED FUTURE LEADER COURSES
ITY 4 COURSES (inc. Future Leaders)

SUPER GAME CENTRES 3 HURLING • 200 PARTICIPANTS

TALENT ACADEMIES

FOOTBALL

- U-14** 40 Players • 2 Teams
- U-15** 35 Players • 1 Team
- U-16** 30 Players • 1 Team
- U-17** 26 Players • 1 Team

13 **ACADEMY COACHES**
05 **AWARD 1 COACHES**
01 **AWARD 2 COACHES**

HURLING

- U-14** 47 Players • 2 Teams
- U-15** 28 Players • 1 Team
- U-16** 34 Players • 1 Team

12 **ACADEMY COACHES**
03 **AWARD 1 COACHES**
02 **AWARD 2 COACHES**

CAMPS

35



Kelloggs Cúl Camps

3193 Participants

1 Other Club Camps
100 Participants

2 ADVANCED COUNTY CAMPS
150 Participants

COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT **37** JUVENILE CLUBS

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
5 Foundation Courses	90	1 Award 2 Course	012
1 Safeguarding Courses	20	18 Turas Workshops	293
1 Award 1 Child	22		



LONGFORD 2018

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Longford from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Longford GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.



30 37 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8+ WEEKS COACHING

26 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School
3 Teacher Training Workshops



9 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

4 SCHOOLS COMPLETED FUTURE LEADER COURSES

TY 6 COURSES (inc. Future Leaders)

SUPER GAME CENTRES

5 FOOTBALL • 145 PARTICIPANTS
1 HURLING • 20 PARTICIPANTS

TALENT ACADEMIES

FOOTBALL

17 CLUBS REPRESENTED

- U-13 65 Players 1 School of Excellence
- U-14 39 Players • 1 Team
- U-15 25 Players • 1 Team
- U-16 30 Players • 1 Team
- U-17 30 Players • 1 Team

14 ACADEMY COACHES
04 AWARD 1 COACHES
07 AWARD 2 COACHES

HURLING

9 CLUBS REPRESENTED

- U-14 25 Players • 1 Team
- U-16 22 Players • 1 Team
- U-17 24 Players • 1 Team

06 ACADEMY COACHES
01 AWARD 2 COACHES

CAMPS

13



Kellogg's Cúl Camps

1731 Participants

3 CLUB SUMMER CAMPS
250 Participants

1 OTHER CLUB CAMPS
81 Participants

COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT 17 JUVENILE CLUBS

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
03 Foundation Courses	51	3 Club Coaching Officer Workshops	13
15 Safeguarding Courses	251	11 Turas Workshops	123
1 Award 2 Course	24	38 Turas Club Visits	27





LOUTH 2018

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Louth from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Louth GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

68 71 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8+ WEEKS COACHING

24 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School
6 Teacher Training Workshops



19 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

6 SCHOOLS COMPLETED FUTURE LEADER COURSES
TY 6 COURSES (inc. Future Leaders)



2 FOOTBALL SUPER GAME CENTRES

TALENT ACADEMIES

FOOTBALL

HURLING

U-13 238 Players

U-14 47 Players · 2 Teams

U-15 35 Players · 1 Team

U-16 37 Players · 1 Team

U-17 44 Players · 1 Team

24 ACADEMY COACHES

08 AWARD 1 COACHES

16 AWARD 2 COACHES

U-14 30 Players · 1 Team

U-16 22 Players · 1 Team

U-17 20 Players · 1 Team

09 ACADEMY COACHES

07 AWARD 1 COACHES

02 AWARD 2 COACHES

CAMPS

35

Kelloggs Cúl Camps



3450

Participants

4

Other Club Camps

COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT

40 JUVENILE CLUBS

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
15 Foundation Courses	244	1 Club Coaching Officer Workshops	012
21 Safeguarding Courses	422	80 Turas Workshops	297
2 Award 1 Youth/Adult	036	78 Turas Club Visits	099
1 Award 2 Courses	008		



MEATH 2018

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Meath from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Meath GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

50 113 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8+ WEEKS COACHING

44 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School
12 Teacher Training Workshops



21 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

12 SCHOOLS COMPLETED FUTURE LEADER COURSES
TY 18 COURSES (inc. Future Leaders)



SUPER GAME CENTRES

6 FOOTBALL • 240 PARTICIPANTS
2 HURLING • 40 PARTICIPANTS

TALENT ACADEMIES

FOOTBALL

- U-14 80 Players • 3 Teams
- U-15 60 Players • 2 Teams
- U-16 40 Players • 2 Teams
- U-17 35 Players • 1 Team

20 ACADEMY COACHES
10 AWARD 1 COACHES
06 AWARD 2 COACHES

HURLING

- U-13 70 Players 3 Schools of Excellence
- U-14 60 Players • 2 Teams
- U-15 50 Players • 2 Teams
- U-16 40 Players • 1 Team
- U-17 35 Players • 1 Team

20 ACADEMY COACHES
08 AWARD 1 COACHES

CAMPS

39 Cúl Camps
5683 Participants



25 Club Summer Camps
1500 Participants

15 Other Club Camps
1325 Participants

11 Advanced County Camps
233 Participants

COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT 67 JUVENILE CLUBS

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
21 Foundation Courses	298	1 Award 2 Courses	005
16 Safeguarding Courses	320	120 Turas Workshops	960
1 Award 1 Child	015	250 Turas Club Visits	500
6 Award 1 Youth/Adult	098		





OFFALY 2018

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Offaly from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Offaly GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

100% **58** **58 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS**
RECEIVING 8+ WEEKS COACHING

6 Teacher Training Workshops



10 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

5 TY COURSES

SUPER GAME CENTRES 6 FOOTBALL • 322 PARTICIPANTS
6 HURLING • 272 PARTICIPANTS

TALENT ACADEMIES

FOOTBALL

U-14 44 Players
U-15 35 Players
U-16 32 Players
U-17 30 Players

12 ACADEMY COACHES
05 AWARD 1 COACHES
06 AWARD 2 COACHES

HURLING

U-14 38 Players
U-15 41 Players
U-16 32 Players
U-17 30 Players

12 ACADEMY COACHES
05 AWARD 1 COACHES
03 AWARD 2 COACHES

CAMPS

24

Kelloggs Cúl Camps

3251 Participants

5

Other Club Camps

173 Participants

1

ADVANCED COUNTY CAMPS
232 Participants

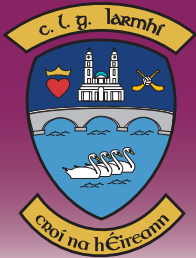


COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT



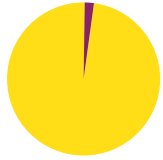
COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
9 Foundation Courses	149
22 Safeguarding Courses	384
2 Award 1 Youth/Adult	020
Award 2 Courses attended in Longford/Kildare	005

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
1 Club Coaching Workshops	009
Regional u13 club work Football	071
Regional u13 club work Hurling	088



WESTMEATH 2018

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Westmeath from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Westmeath GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.



72 / 73 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8+ WEEKS COACHING

10 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School
3 Teacher Training Workshops



12 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

6 SCHOOLS COMPLETED FUTURE LEADER COURSES

TY 10 COURSES (inc. Future Leaders)

SUPER GAME CENTRES 2 FOOTBALL • 60 PARTICIPANTS
3 HURLING • 110 PARTICIPANTS

TALENT ACADEMIES

FOOTBALL

26 CLUBS REPRESENTED

- U-13 105 Players • 3 Teams
- U-14 50 Players • 2 Teams
- U-15 50 Players • 2 Teams
- U-16 35 Players • 1 Team
- U-17 35 Players • 1 Team

16 ACADEMY COACHES

09 AWARD 1 COACHES

04 AWARD 2 COACHES

HURLING

15 CLUBS REPRESENTED

- U-13 50 Players • 2 Teams
- U-14 40 Players • 2 Teams
- U-15 35 Players • 1 Team
- U-16 25 Players • 1 Team
- U-17 30 Players • 1 Team

15 ACADEMY COACHES

10 AWARD 1 COACHES

04 AWARD 2 COACHES

CAMPS

26 Cúl Camps

3215 Participants



3 Club Summer Camps
240 Participants

5 Other Club Camps
292 Participants

2 Advanced County Camps
160 Participants

COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT

41

JUVENILE CLUBS

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
10 Foundation Courses	210	1 Club Coaching Officer Workshops	048
19 Safeguarding Courses	295	12 Turas Workshops	111
Award 2 courses in co-op with Longford	005	84 Turas Club Visits	245





WEXFORD 2018

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Wexford from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Wexford GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

65 102 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS RECEIVING 8+ WEEKS COACHING

35 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School
3 Teacher Training Workshops



21 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

2 SCHOOLS COMPLETED FUTURE LEADER COURSES

TY 7 COURSES (inc. Future Leaders)

SUPER GAME CENTRES 6 FOOTBALL • 240 PARTICIPANTS
2 HURLING • 40 PARTICIPANTS

TALENT ACADEMIES

FOOTBALL

46 CLUBS REPRESENTED

- U-13 135 Players • 3 Teams
- U-14 55 Players • 2 Teams
- U-15 45 Players • 2 Teams
- U-16 35 Players • 1 Team
- U-17 35 Players • 1 Team

25 ACADEMY COACHES
06 AWARD 1 COACHES

HURLING

45 CLUBS REPRESENTED

- U-13 180 Players • 3 Schools of Excellence
- U-14 50 Players • 2 Teams
- U-15 48 Players • 2 Teams
- U-16 35 Players • 1 Team
- U-17 35 Players • 1 Team

30 ACADEMY COACHES
06 AWARD 1 COACHES
01 AWARD 2 COACHES

CAMPS

50 Cúl Camps

5650 Participants



6 Club Summer Camps
480 Participants

6 Other Club Camps
1200 Participants

2 Advanced County Camps
60 Participants

COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT

46 JUVENILE CLUBS

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
10 Foundation Courses	185	04 Club Coaching Officer Workshops	055
52 Safeguarding Courses	787	29 Turas Workshops	486
2 Award 1 Youth/Adult	042	68 Turas Club Visits	788
1 Award 2 Courses	014		



WICKLOW 2018

Thanks to your support, we have been able to invest in the development of Gaelic Games in Wicklow from grass roots up to senior inter-county level. Be There All The Way with Wicklow GAA and help us make a difference on and off the field at club, school and county level.

100% **83** **83 TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS**
RECEIVING 8+ WEEKS COACHING

30 Clubs providing Coaching in Own School
7 Teacher Training Workshops



21 **SECONDARY SCHOOLS**
5 SCHOOLS COMPLETED FUTURE LEADER COURSES
TY **8 COURSES** (inc. Future Leaders)

SUPER GAME CENTRES 12 FOOTBALL • 335 PARTICIPANTS
06 HURLING • 130 PARTICIPANTS

TALENT ACADEMIES

FOOTBALL

36 CLUBS REPRESENTED

U-13 75 Players 3 Schools of Excellence
U-14 50 Players • 2 Teams
U-15 40 Players • 2 Teams
U-16 38 Players • 1 Team
U-17 30 Players • 1 Team

26 **ACADEMY COACHES**
21 **AWARD 1 COACHES**
10 **AWARD 2 COACHES**

HURLING

16 CLUBS REPRESENTED

U-13 34 Players 2 Schools of Excellence
U-14 40 Players • 2 Teams
U-15 22 Players • 1 Team
U-16 36 Players • 1 Team
U-17 30 Players • 1 Team

11 **ACADEMY COACHES**
04 **AWARD 1 COACHES**
03 **AWARD 2 COACHES**

CAMPS



35 Cúil Camps
3930 Participants

5 Club Summer Camps
460 Participants

3 Other Club Camps
360 Participants

2 Advanced C&G Camps
120 Participants

COACH EDUCATION & CLUB ENGAGEMENT **38** JUVENILE CLUBS
14 JUVENILE AMALGAMATIONS

COURSES	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES	PARTICIPANTS
09 Foundation Courses	102	3 Club Coaching Officer Workshops	028
13 Safeguarding Courses	210	36 Turas Workshops	174
02 Award 1 Youth/Adult	018	133 Turas Club Visits	245





Allianz Cumann na mBunscol

This report covers our activities in Leinster schools from November 2017 to December 2018.

Meetings

- a. General Meeting November 29th, 2018, Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge
– 12 excellent county reports given (available on request).
- b. A.G.M. 21st March, 2018, Keadeen Hotel.
- c. Coiste Láir met on three occasions.

Finances

- a. €35,000 from Coiste Laighean CLG – distributed to all 12 counties.
- b. €1,500 Grant from Coiste Náisiúnta Cumann na mBunscol.

Cornmarket Awards

- a. Leinster Counties among the winners on March 9th – Westmeath, Wicklow, Dublin.
- b. Pat Trainor Award went to Tadhg Kenny (Áth Cliath), a great supporter of CnmB Laighean.
- c. Hosted by Cumann na mBunscol Cill Chainnaigh . Guest speaker: Brian Cody.

Coaching Seminars

- a. Paudie Butler conducted throughout seminars with teachers in St. Pats/DCU and throughout the province.

Young Whistler Programme

- a. Wicklow – seminar/workshop.
- b. Dublin – seminar /workshop.
- c. Thanks to David Gough.
- d. Young Whistlers refereed our Leinster Mini Games.
- e. Mini Sevens in Croke Park – Westmeath & Dublin referees.

Games Days – Blitzes

- a. Laois – Camogie – May 27th – Paudie Bourke.
- b. Carlow – Hurling – June 14th – Sean Hanafin.
- c. Laois – Football – June 9th – Shane Maher.
- d. Dublin – Girls' Football – Michael Smyth.

Handball

- a. Boys – St. Brigid’s Dublin – February 5th.
- b. Girls – St. Brigid’s Dublin – February 6th.
- c. Thanks to Peter Hughes.

Mini Games – Leinster Senior Championship

- a. 20 Days in total.
- b. 10 venues.
- c. Started on May 12th – ended on July 8th.
- d. Boys and Girls in all four codes.
- e. Some with two games on the day.
- f. Thanks to the county CnMB officers.

Twinning Project

- a. Leinster Football Final Day.
- b. Warwickshire visit.
- c. Louth & Meath CnMB Twinning Blitz Day.

CLG Laighean

- a. Fiona Delaney and Declan Ward represented Cumann na mBunscol delegates.
- b. All meetings attended and CnMB reports presented.
- d. We thank CLG Laighean who have been very supportive all year.

Plans for year ahead

- a. AGM on March 28th, 2019.
- b. Games Programme 2019.
- c. Young Whistler Courses to continue.
- d. Indoor Hurling Camogie.
- e. Coaching Seminar.
- f. Rounders to be expanded.
- g. Leinster Quiz.

Buíochas

- a. CnMB secretaries in 12 counties.
- b. Coiste Náisiúnta CnMB.
- c. CLG Laighean.
- d. Fellow Officers.

Gerry O’Meara
Rúnaí



Post-Primary Schools



Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna Laighean

Des Halpenny, Chairman • Tadhg Doran, Secretary • Tom Crotty, P.R.O. • Larry Curtin, Leinster Council Rep.

County Reps

Noel O'Neill (CW) • Brendan Cahill (DB) • Con Ronan (KE) • Niall Connolly (KK) • Ollie Hally (LS)
Conan Casey (LD) • Paul Malone (LH) • Ciaran Flynn (MH) • Paddy Scales (OY)
James McGrath (WH) • Donal Howlin (WX) • Jim Murphy (WW)

Leinster Council

Larry Curtin, Leinster Council Rep
Shane Flanagan, Leinster Provincial Games Development & Structures Manager
Colm Clear, Educational Officer
Alan Mulhall, Leinster Provincial Games Development Manager (North)
James Devane, Leinster Provincial Games Development Manager (South)

Leinster Schools Officers

Tom O'Donnell, Dublin & North Leinster Schools Officer
Pat Henderson, South Leinster Schools Officer
Tadhg Doran, Provincial Leinster Schools Officer

Tuairisc an Rúnaí

That time of year again where we take a few moments to review what has been a very busy year, both on and off the field of play. The 2017/18 school year had a number of highlights, while also presenting various challenges throughout the year.

St Kieran's College quest for four in a row SH "A" titles was halted by a very strong Dublin North side winning their first title. Naas CBS captured the SF "A", a super achievement given the fact that it was their first step up to "A" football at senior level. This certainly gives encouragement for other schools to follow suite and take the step up in grade where possible. Colaiste Choilm Tullamore success in our SH "B" had a similar story as they had made the step up from "C" to "B" only last year. Lucan CBS took the SF "B" honours in what proved to be a very competitive competition throughout. To all our winners, provincial and regional, I extend congratulations.

All our provincial winners went on to represent themselves and our province with great distinction, with 5 All Ireland titles returning our way. St. Kieran's College and Colaiste Choilm Tullamore produced brilliant displays to take the SH "A" and SH "B" titles. Ardee CS won a very entertaining SF "C" final while Colaiste Mhuire Mullingar and St Kieran's completed a double success for Leinster schools at Junior level, taking the Junior Football "A" and Junior Hurling "A" titles respectively.

While we did get our fixture schedule complete, it must be noted that there was a number of challenges throughout the year – some within our control and others not so much! The weather once again had a major impact on fixtures. A number of venues were unavailable/unplayable up to and including April again this year. This once again showed the value of the various 3G/4G pitches. The availability of the likes of Abbotstown, Heywood, St Loman's and Dunganny, to name a few, has been invaluable. While some schools/mentors still have reluctance when it comes to 3G pitches, I'm glad to say the majority realise their importance to the school fixture administrators!! We are indebted to all clubs, schools and counties who make their pitches and facilities available to us. It is very much appreciated. Hopefully the excellent pitches/facilities of the various county Centre of Excellence's will continue to be of benefit to us all.

The past school year however has seen some extreme weather with schools forced to close due to storms and snow. This, understandably, led to major delays in some of our competitions and indeed the All Ireland dates had to be revised. My thanks to all the schools and teachers for their understanding and co-operation. At times it was very frustrating for all concerned and while we have no control over the weather, it is something we should be aware of when deciding on dates, formats etc. The new Junior Cert format and continued class based assessment is also something for us to be aware of when deciding on fixture/formats. While some would argue the future somewhat unclear in this regard, this is something we need to take into consideration when planning for the forthcoming years.

During the 17-18 school year our long serving colleague Tom O'Donnell took a leave of absence – the phrase 'you don't know what you have until it's gone' springs to mind!!!! Tom has since retired from his position. We all wish him the very best of health and happiness and a long retirement. To Tom and Pat Henderson my thanks for all the help and advice throughout the year. Thanks to our Cathaoirleach Des Halpenny who was also a great source of advice and help. Thanks to all the teachers and coaches who are helping to keep GAA alive and continuing to grow in our schools. Your time and work is appreciated especially in the challenging times our schools are experiencing. As mentioned above, we are indebted to the clubs and county boards who make their facilities available to us, some often at short notice. Our games would not be an event but for the venues and officials we use – because of the large programme of Gaelic Games – third level, second level, primary level, hurling, football, camogie, ladies football – it is not always as easy as anticipated to arrange venues and referees.

The 2017/2018 saw a number of changes to our competitions. Most significantly the SF "A" and "B" went to group based format from knockout and the SH "A" introduced a 'back-door' system. As always we will endeavour to review the feedback to learn and improve matters where possible. It is important to regularly review our fixtures and formats. I'm glad to say that Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna Laighean and Leinster GAA Games Development are actively and regularly reviewing our competition structures etc. The introduction of the First Year competitions seemed to prove very popular and it is great to see more kids getting the chance to represent their school.

Buíochas

- To Des Halpenny and the members of the Comhairle
- To all our Schools for their involvement
- To the Games Development Staff across the province for their help and assistance
- To Schools, Clubs and Counties for the use of their facilities
- To all our match officials
- To Comhairle Laighean
- To the All Ireland Post Primary School Council
- To the various media outlets
- To Brendan Minnock, Cian Murphy and Tom Crotty for their help and time with promoting our games
- To Pat Henderson, Tom O'Donnell, Hannah Horan and all the Áras Laighean Team

Another significant moment during the 17-18 school year was the naming of the SF "A" trophy as the Bro. Bosco Cup. Bro. Bosco was a hugely popular figure who gave a lifetime to GAA and especially Schools GAA. My thanks to Patrician Newbridge and also to the Mulhare family.

My thanks also to Top Oil for their continued support of our Post Primary Schools. Here's hoping the link will continue for many years to come.

Le meas,

Tadhg Ó Deorain

Rúnaí



Third Level Colleges

Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean

Ciaran Flynn, Chairperson • David Gordon, Vice-Chairperson • Conor O'Shea, Secretary
Michael Hyland, Treasurer • Ian Mitchell, PRO

Competitions

Intermediate Hurling League: DCU Dóchas Éireann

Junior Football Championship: DkIT

The purpose of these competitions is to allow the students who do not play in Senior competitions to get meaningful games.

The Intermediate Hurling League ran with great success this year and hopefully this meant that the students played meaningful games of hurling. The final was won by DCU Dóchas Éireann St. Patrick's Campus who defeated DCU Dóchas Éireann in the final in DCU.

The Junior Football Championship was run in a true knockout basis with seven teams entering. Three rounds were played, and a spirited final was played in Abbotstown NGDC between DkIT and DCU Dóchas Éireann St. Patrick's Campus.

Comhairle Laighean

Awards were presented to active members of Gaelic Football, Hurling, Handball, Camogie, and Ladies Football clubs this year again and I would like to congratulate all these recipients. Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean thanks Comhairle Laighean and its Coiste Traenalaí agus Forbairth. These bursaries are a great aid to our young Gaels and Comhairle Laighean must be applauded for continuing this scheme over the past fifteen years.

In Conclusion

I have enjoyed my second year as Cathaoirleach Comhairle Ardoideachais Laighean and I thank all who have worked with me this year on my committee.

I would like to thank all involved in Higher Education G.A.A. especially the players, volunteers and the Third Level Games Development Administrators.

I would like to thank our Referees who officiated the games. Without Referees, the games would simply not be played and it is important that we treat our officials with respect.

I would like to thank all those who maintain our pitches and make them available for games.

I would also like to thank our sponsors, Electric Ireland. We very much appreciate the sponsorship and the support that Electric Ireland has given Higher Education G.A.A.

I would like to thank all involved in Comhairle Laighean and congratulate Michael Reynolds and all his team in Comhairle Laighean for their continued excellence in servicing the G.A.A. in Leinster. Pat Lynagh, Colm Clear, James Devane, Alan Mulhall and Shane Flanagan have been an immense help to me and I would like to thank them.

Brendan Connolly our servicing officer has been a great help to me and has guided me in my role as Cathaoirleach in Leinster. All involved in Higher Education G.A.A. appreciate the work being done and we wish Brendan continued success.

Lastly, I would like to sympathise with all members who have suffered a bereavement in the year gone by. Ba mhaith liom mo thuarascáil seo a mholadh as an gcruinniú.

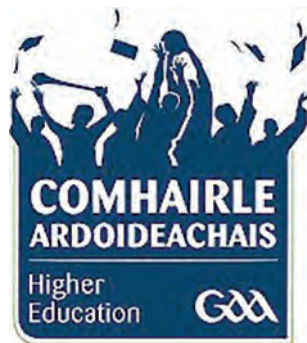
I would like to commend this report to the meeting.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Is mise le meas,

Ciarán Ó Floinn

Rúnaí / Cathaoirleach





Leinster Referees' Development Committee Report

Leinster Referees' Development Committee

Donal Smyth (Meath), Chairman • John Bannon (Longford), Secretary
Martin Barry (Carlow) • Noel O'Donoghue (Dublin) • Martin Whyte (Kildare) • Pay Hayes (Kilkenny)
Danny Gorman (Laois) • Tomas Moore (Laois) • Joe O'Brien (Longford) • Peter Bannon (Louth) • Frank Gallogly (Meath)
Pat Horan (Offaly) • Gerry Coyle (Westmeath) • Seamus Whelan (Wexford) • Donal O'Keeffe (Wicklow)

I am honoured to present this report as Chairman of the Leinster Referees' Committee and Leinster Referee Administrator. I want to thank John Bannon particularly in relation to the work he does on behalf of the Administrator's Committee but especially his role on the fixtures. This is a very difficult role and very time consuming especially in relation to fixtures which I have discussed in the report.

I would again like to thank the respective County Referee Administrators within Leinster, their contribution to the Administrator's committee and ensuring standardisation of Refereeing across the Province.

I want to thank the Leinster Chairman Jim Bolger, Chairman of Appointments Pat Lynagh and the rest of the Committee for their help and support throughout the year it is never in doubt their commitment to Referees and Refereeing standards across the Province.

To the permanent Administration staff Leinster CEO Michael Reynolds for his continuing interest in all things refereeing, Shane Flanagan for the support and advice during the year. Thanks also to Julie, who keeps the Committee on the straight and narrow, Patricia and Hannah and all the other staff at Aras Laighean who are vitally important to the Referee Administrators.

This year I want to thank Colm Clear, Emmet Egan and the staff of coaching and games, for their support and input during the year. From the continued fitness training sessions, and Referee Academy and the development of a new Umpire training course which we hope to roll out to the Province during the year.

This connection with coaching and games will influence and support the development of Referees. This I believe will lead to better understanding of the role of Referee but also an understanding of what is required for Referees to analyse, develop and improve their performances.

Leinster Referees continue to make a major contribution to the game nationally, with James Owens Refereeing the All Ireland Hurling final, Paud O Dwyer the All Ireland Club Final Replay, this shows with our strength in depth in hurling and football. The standard of Refereeing continues to rise, and with even more pressure with all the coverage at the games the level of scrutiny is probably more than the players are getting now.

It is very important at the end of the year to acknowledge that we had several retirements during the year. The retirement of two of our Ireland Hurling Referees Brian Gavin, Barry Kelly, and Alfie Devine this leaves a void to be filled. Their contribution to the Province cannot be overstated and the legacy that they leave behind will inspire the next generation of Leinster Referees. I am in no doubt they will continue to make contribution to the GAA at local level.

While dealing with this area of fixtures this is providing a major challenge to the fixtures committee and the Referees. The amount of games over a short period of time especially in the months of May and June is nearly impossible. The fact we have 12 counties creates huge logistical issues in relation to availability and the volume of games. There were on occasions we had a Referee out three times for one week. I understand the games must be played but if recruitment of new Referees does not improve, we find ourselves without enough officials for these games.

The Servicesport reply system, causes its own issues, it allows reply Y or N but if the reply is not forthcoming or there is a delay in replying it causes problems for John and looking for replacements. It is also easy to decide what game to reply to.

The issue in football is the Minor, U20 and Junior going on at the same time, and with round robins it condenses a lot of games in this very small window. The hurling provides similar challenges as these games are run at the same time as the National Hurling Competitions like Joe McDonagh, Christy Ring and the like, because of the quality of Referees in this area and we have big numbers on the National Panels and again causes Leinster issues regarding availability.

One of the new developments last year we continued to run the fitness training sessions and presentations. This has involved training sessions in Abbotstown for the Leinster Referee's, this is a very important aspect to provide the support and knowledge for the Leinster Referees. This ongoing initiative is very well supported and popular with the Referees. I want to thank John Bannon for all the arrangements and Coaching and Games and especially Emmet Egan who has been invaluable with his professionalism, support and resources. These sessions would not happen without the continuing support of the management Committee.

The Leinster Refereeing academy was run in Abbotstown in November. This is designed for Club Referees who are young and showing potential in the counties. The hope is for these to progress into the Leinster Development panels in the future.

We also recruited and trained several new advisors for the Counties and they are used at Provincial level, this provides the Referees with feedback and areas for improvement this allows the Referee to develop. This is an area that will always be a bit contentious, this provides an impartial opinion of the game which is very important because we always have an opinion on the Referee especially if our team are involved. I want to thank these new people getting involved and to acknowledge the huge commitment of our regular advisors who have provided great service to Refereeing in the Province.

Recruitment continues to be a major issue around the counties, the question needs to be asked of every County Board, have we supported Referees in the county, have we implemented policies that would attract people to Refereeing. Have we used all the resources we have available, PRO and websites, advertisement in the match programmes, we need to increase the profile of Refereeing and the importance that they make to the Association? As part of this plan, with the help of Colm Clear and the staff of the Leinster Council, we are putting Refereeing on the website this will provide information on Refereeing, courses, fitness plans, rules and the handbook. We are at a position where we hope to go live shortly. Now it is located under Coaching and Games tab. I would ask delegates to have a look, we are in the development stage any advice of suggestions greatly appreciated. Counties should look at doing something similar on their own websites or providing a hyperlink to the Leinster website.

With regret I find myself in a position of having to yet again deal with the situation of abuse of Referees. This I believe comes down to one thing - Responsibility. The Referee needs to take responsibility for his performance both good and bad and to learn from mistakes. We are all going to make mistakes, I read a quote recently from David Alred, that "a mistake is a decision made without a reason". This also applies to Managers, Players, Administrators, and supporters there are things in sport which we can control and there are things we cannot. The blame does not always lie at the door of the Referee. Managers need to see what they could have done better, is it a discipline, coaching, or making decisions the problem, rather than looking to blame someone outside the team environment. The Referee Committees also share some responsibility, there should be some mechanism to allow for explanation and review this would I believe lead to greater understanding of the role of the Referee, how he is trained and the inputs he has received.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the commentators, press and pundits that provide the GAA with excellent coverage and media exposure. But they also have a responsibility along with the Referees, Management and Players, they need to know the rules also and opinion should be informed and researched rather than just making remarks. As an aside I heard a definition of a soft free recently it is when the game was a draw and a free was given against my team. As I said earlier there needs to be some mechanism established to increase the communication between all.

The whole area of discipline needs to be completely overhauled. There are huge issues that have been highlighted over the year, it is not the fault of the relevant committees but the process. The whole issue of the Referees report, independent evidence, video evidence needs to be defined. For me wrongdoing should be punished and not looking to get people off. The relevant question is did they commit the infraction. When we are looking to get people off, we are rewarding foul play and undermining the Referee. I do not believe that it is acceptable that everybody gets the same minimum penalty. What this does it equates all wrong doing as the same. This leads to a situation where bad infractions and incidents are trivialised and indicates that the organisation is not serious about discipline. This is not a court case, but it feels to me that there are times that the referee is in the witness box rather than the persons who have done wrong. Players are responsible for the contact that they make, they have responsibility to their opponent not to injure. All people attending our games are also responsible for their behaviour. There clubs and Counties have responsibility to deal with these issues they are aware of the potential and need to be proactive.

In relation to the new playing rules in football, they are trialled in the O'Byrne Cup games, I suppose from my point of view is that when the whole conversation was had in relation to the so-called issues in Gaelic Football. There does not appear to have been an analysis of how the game is being refereed. Is the way the game is being refereed directly impacting on the way the game is played and if all the rules of the game were implemented would our game be better? There is also a need for some input from Refereeing in the process. We have asked the referees who have officiated these games to provide feedback, so we can feed back to relevant Committee. My message to all Referees when I address them, implement all the rules of the game, and reward the skilful player. It is far easier for me to defend a Referee when he has implemented the rules than one who has not.

I want again to thank all the Referees in the province for their dedication to the officiating at our games your contribution to the Association is immense, not many people are able or willing to walk in your shoes.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Donal MacGabhann
Chairman



Hearings Committee Report



Hearings Committee

Dick Butler, Chairman • John Byrne, Secretary

Dolores Slevin (Offaly) • Michael Murphy (Wicklow) • Francis Lynch (Meath) • John McMahon (Kildare)
John McNicholas (Dublin) • Willie Dempsey (Kilkenny) • Andy O'Brien (Wicklow) • Colm Crowley (Dublin)
Colm Cusack (Offaly) • Michael Reynolds (Appeals only)

Leinster Hearings Committee met on 23 occasions in 2018 (5 more than the previous highest number of meetings). We received 6 Hearing Requests and we heard 29 Appeals (18 upheld and 11 lost) up to the time of writing this report. We had one case at CAC and two at DRA. Only one county invited us to give a workshop.

The committee wishes to express the disappointment at the poor level of knowledge of the Official Guide and best practise shown by the decision making parties during some of the appeals in front of our committee during the last year.

Many Counties when changing personnel need to prepare their CCC and Hearings committees for the requirements needed to deal with cases and build up familiarity with the Official Guide as well as the Disciplinary Handbook. If we all read the sections that deal with Hearings and appeals (not confined to Chapter 7) on a regular basis we will become more equipped to carry out our business correctly. The more we examine and discuss these rules the less casual we will become. Regular visits to the DRA website (www.sportsdra.ie) can also be of huge assistance to us.

Buíochas

To Michael Reynolds who has advised our committee with expertise and attention at all times.

To Patricia Clear who continues to run our committee's administration in her usual efficient and professional style. Her 24/7 vigilance continues with excellent co-operation.

To all Committee Members of the outgoing and incoming Committees for attending in great numbers even at short notice I wish to express a big thank you. Their dedication was shown throughout the full year.

To all members of the committee who made themselves available to represent us at Central and DRA level.

To all at Central level who are always ready to help out.

To Rory Hannify for the great assistance given to us at all times. We appreciate all of the voluntary time and dedication given to the Association by the GAA and legal members of the DRA tribunals. We do not always get the results we desire at DRA but the opportunity to learn more about our workings is very valuable.

Go raibh maith agaibh.

Dick Butler
Chairman

John Byrne
Secretary



Provincial Fixtures Analysis Committee Report

Provincial Fixtures Planning Committee

Michael O'Brien, Chairman • Bridget Kenny • Shane Flanagan • Chris O'Connor, Leinster Council Rep
Gerard Lennon (Carlow) • John McNicholas (Dublin) • Damien Murphy (Dublin) • Pat Dunney (Kildare)
PJ Kenny (Kilkenny) • Liam Delaney (Laois) • Peter O'Reilly (Longford) • Declan Byrne (Louth) • Sean Carroll (Louth)
Ollie Keegan (Meath) • John Andrews (Meath) • Eamon Dunican (Offaly) • Davy Gavin (Westmeath)
Micheal Martin (Wexford) • Paul Wilson (Wicklow) • Ciaran Fleming (Wicklow)

County Fixtures Programmes

As required by the Central Fixtures Analysis Committee – our provincial committee held its workshop in Croke Park on July 7th. The workshop was well attended and focused on the following areas:

- National Fixture Template
- Review of County Fixtures
- National Competitions
- April
- Age Grades

The main issues/observations that came out of the workshop were:

- County Fixtures – despite the weather in March all counties were up to date. A big issue was number of walk-overs, changes and postponements at reserve or second team competitions. This is an issue nationwide. Members believed better policing and implementation of Managers Charter was necessary.
The installation of additional 4G pitches was identified as key requirement.
- National Competitions – members argued for better promotion and marketing of Joe McDonagh Cup etc. Proposed Under 20 football revert back to Spring. Inter-County congestion in May/June impacting clubs.
- April – Overall April worked well with inter-county players available. Majority of counties no requirement to play championship so leagues were enhanced by those players being available. There needs to be a clear policy and better communication around purpose of the April month.
- Age Grades – It was view of committee that Central Council should make a directive.

Michael O'Brien
Chairman

Bridget Kenny
Secretary



Urban-Rural Committee Report



Urban-Rural Committee

Pat Teehan, Chairman • Shane Flanagan, Secretary • Margaret Doyle (Carlow) • Tom Farrell (Westmeath) Martin Whyte (Kildare) • Eamonn O’Keeffe (Wicklow) • Declan Byrne (Louth) • Conor Tormey (Meath) • PJ Kenny (Kilkenny)

The work of our committee has focused on achieving alignment with that of the National Committee, Chaired by Com Cummins and his committees’ efforts to deliver on the GAA Strategic Plan and in particular Goal 5: Cater for Needs arising from population shift from Rural to Urban areas.

Our committee invited Colm Cummins to our meeting in July, where he outlined the national committee’s intention to focus on three pilot projects. At that same meeting we invited representatives of Co. Condae Laois to attend and discuss specific actions contained in their Strategic Plan which focused on the urban area of Portlaoise and the challenges facing rural clubs in the county due to declining populations and the move towards urbanisation.

It was agreed our committee would work on supporting two of the national pilots:

1. Community – which will focus on how GAA can identify ways to stimulate growth in rural through Gaelic Games;
2. Games – which will focus on understanding participation in urban and rural areas and seeking out opportunities to grow our games.

To deliver on these we have focused on establishing games opportunities for one team clubs or predominantly Junior clubs in the province. It is our intention in 2019 to organise a programme on a pilot basis for a small number of these clubs that will culminate in a day(s) at Abbottstown. It is also our intention to use the games to invite club officials and members to the venue where we will have a forum to discuss challenges facing these clubs.

The cross-county games currently on offer by Leinster Council are seen as the way forward in ensuring clubs get sufficient games. To support this however, our committee did identify a need for additional 4G playing fields to support both rural and urban club activities. Based on discussions with Laois the decision was taken to support their urbanisation actions in their strategic plan. To this end Leinster GAA Games Development has been working with the four Portlaoise Parish clubs and Ballyfin to develop a plan to grow participation in the area. Independently our committee has identified the need to review the Official Guide around Amalgamations and the establishment of Independent Teams. Governance around such developments needs to be updated and we would also see the need to consider current and future demographic trends as being key to any decision. In addition, the Rules Advisory Committee has agreed design a template to guide and advise clubs entering such a process.

Looking ahead to 2019 our Committee has been working with the National Committee and have entered into discussions with Officials in The Department of Rural and Community Development on the following

- An overview of Rural Action Plan and its potential to sustain rural communities
- As an organisation at the heart of communities of rural Ireland; are there initiatives that the GAA could get involved in to assist the goals of the Department.
- Potential for Rural GAA Clubs to access Rural Regeneration Funding or other streams such as Leader etc.

Pat Teehan
Cathaoirleach

Shane Flanagan
Rúnaí



Club Leadership & Planning Committee Report

Club Leadership & Planning Committee

David Denieffe (IT Carlow), Chairperson • Terry McCague (Westmeath), Secretary
Brian O'Neill (Carlow) • Ken O'Sullivan (Dublin) • Colm Farrell (Kildare) • Val Malone (Kilkenny) • P.J. Kelly (Laois)
Colm Murray (Longford) • Jason Plunkett (Meath) • James Murphy (Offaly) • Billy Boyle (Westmeath)
Cathal Byrne (Wexford) • William Byrne (Wicklow) • Brendan Harpur

The Committee has met on a number of occasions in 2018 with a focus on developing a number of new initiatives linked with the GAA's Club Leadership Development Programme (CLDP). The Committee works with the National Officer Development Committee (NODC) and in particular Ruairí Harvey and Emmet Haughian in Planning and Training in Croke Park. The stated aim of the CLDP is to provide the principal GAA Club Officers - Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO - with the basic knowledge and core leadership skills required to fulfil their roles effectively.

The Committee has been involved in identifying and supporting associates in the province with the intended aim of rolling out this programme more fully in 2019. A key initiative undertaken was the development and piloting of the Pre-AGM module in Counties Meath, Kildare and Carlow. This module supports the club officers in planning, running and following the AGM. Its presentation to over 120 club officers in late 2017 was met with a very positive response and was rolled out more extensively in 2018. Other modules delivered included the Office 365 module. It is also planned to deliver other modules in the CLDP in 2019 including the module on Volunteering and Club Governance.

The Committee has also linked with the European County Board with the intention of delivering via webinar modules from the CLDP.

The Committee actively supports Club Planning particularly in its piloting in clubs in Kilkenny, Carlow and Offaly and will be involved in facilitating this further in 2019.

The Committee strongly welcomed the Club Bua initiative rollout by Comhairle Laighean.

The Committee in planning for 2019 will alongside the Club Planning and Leadership Development training and Club Facilitation aim to support:

- sharing of challenges and solutions amongst clubs
- supporting communities of club officers with clear steps to dealing with issues
- encouraging involvement and giving ideas to clubs to identify, develop, support and retain officers
- establishing a network for knowledge sharing between Clubs and best practice review,
- providing training module on Volunteer recruitment.

Go raibh maith agaibh.

David Denieffe
Cathaoirleach

Terry McCague
Rúnaí



Infrastructure, Safety & Insurance Committee Report



Infrastructure, Safety & Insurance Committee

P.J. Kelly, Chairman • Michael Reynolds, Secretary

P.J. Murphy • David Tobin • Joe Bedford • Bill Kavanagh • Pat Henderson • Aidan O'Connor • Mick O'Toole
Joe Shaughnessy • Eamonn Molloy • Padraic O'Connor • Padraic Murtagh

As Chairperson, it gives me great pleasure to present my annual report to Leinster Convention 2018.

2018 was a busy year for this committee as they continued the trend set from previous years. The Committee's responsibilities for 2018 included; assisting and supporting Clubs & Counties with their Club Physical Development(s) including Grant Applications, Strategic Club Planning Programmes, Land Acquisitions and facilitating Safety Inspections & Insurance queries.

In excess of one hundred Clubs shared a total of €1,020,500 in Development Grants, with Ard Chomhairle contributing €850,000 and to ensure the percentage set from previous years was maintained, Comhairle Laighean also contributed. Educational entities shared a total of €86,700. At this stage, I must acknowledge Ard Chomhairle's increase and continued support in this regard.

As in previous years the trend continued with Clubs seeking to purchase land to provide additional playing facilities for all members. A number of Clubs completed transactions during 2018, with a large number of developments still in progress. In the main, the Association fortunately is acquiring such land at agricultural values however, it may be the perception that a small number of clubs have paid over the odds. For a variety of reasons including identity and economy of scale, it must be emphasised that purchasing additional land adjacent to a Club's present facilities is preferable to having to purchase elsewhere. Not only should land purchase(s) be fit for purpose, but transactions must also be financial sustainable on a long term basis.

Notwithstanding Ard Chomhairle's increase of funding for 2018, with the number and scale of developments increasing in recent years and likewise anticipated for the coming year(s) within our clubs and Counties throughout the Province, our allocation of funding is more important than ever and is still possibly falling short of expectation. We hope that an additional allocation of capital provided to the Province will continue. We will certainly be putting forward a strong business case again in 2019 for extra funding to allow us continue assisting clubs with their development of facilities which are deemed necessary, fit for purpose and value for money.

Some major projects were completed during the year and many others commenced and great credit to all involved.

Laois are in the final stages of completing their Centre of Excellence (3 pitches) including dressing rooms, gym, administration and catering facilities. Laois GAA anticipate that the final phase of their project to be completed and ready for full use by the end of January 2019. Kildare GAA is also progressing with their redevelopment plan for St Conleth's Park in Newbridge. Pearse Park in Longford is completing the final phase of safety works on their stand and credit must be given to all involved in assuring their Leinster ¼ final fixture against Meath in May 2018 went ahead as scheduled. Although this required significant financial resources to rebuild to the required standards, on reflection the professionalism and prudence demonstrated by Coiste Longfoirt in dealing with a potentially very dangerous situation is to be commended and tribute must be paid to all involved.

Louth GAA are also making progress following their plans for the purchase of a 10 acre site to accommodate the building of a 12,000 capacity stadium close to Dundalk IT.

Meath GAA received full planning permission in 2018 for a 21,000 seater redevelopment of Pairc Tailteann in Navan.

Westmeath GAA are in the early stages of exploring options available to them in terms of what development would serve them best to facilitate the needs of all their County teams.

We also visited other Counties that have plans in place for their forthcoming projects in 2019 and we endeavour to continue providing support and advice in relation to same.

Overall it has been a busy year with development throughout the Province and from reviewing the allocation of the recent Sports Capital Funding; hopefully 2019 will also be a productive and rewarding year for all involved.

Our safety personnel had another busy year, as they continued carrying out general safety inspections in many Counties including club grant inspections. Great credit to all involved and it was evident in most clubs that safety is to the fore. However, we highlighted some serious faults in a small number of grounds where immediate action was required and a follow up visits are planned for this coming year. Furthermore, our safety personnel will be visiting all Counties in the coming months with the view of delivering safety workshops and information sessions.

We have set the trend for the rest of the Country addressing safety issues at venues and our safety checklist is now the template for other Counties across the provinces. Our vision now is to further enhance this initiative and help clubs and Counties promote a safety culture within their respective grounds and try getting all relevant personnel to value safety. It is in our own interest as an organisation to ensure that all units operate to the highest standards and while we tend to focus on the 'bigger games' it is important that we are Safety conscious at all levels.

From an Insurance perspective our Association faces ongoing challenges; from the Legal System in Ireland i.e. Notification period of 2 years, Award levels, the GAA's broad spread of locations, facilities & activities and the increasing engagement in Non-Core activity & facilities that support Non GAA Activity - We do a lot more than just Play Gaelic Games.

Although we commend and promote the development of our facilities that support our own activities, it must be acknowledged that our facilities also support Non GAA activity which is sometimes seen as a potential revenue stream. However, risk exposure is increased when Non GAA users are permitted access to our facilities and our Grounds.

Claims experience highlight we are failing to adequately manage facilities and activities adequately e.g.

- H&S statements insufficient or non-existent
- Record-keeping limited or non-existent
- Not requesting 'Proof of Insurance' from users
- Limited, if any, paper trail
- No provision for Maintenance / Upkeep or Replacement

In court – If it's not written, it didn't happen.

The Association's Liability claims experience sees cost & numbers of incidents rising annually. It is believed that weakness in management of facilities & activities is a contributing factor. This worrying trend is threatening the future of our Association's ability to attain adequate insurance cover.

Going forward our Insurance personnel from our committee will be largely teaming up with our safety team as part of delivering workshops and information sessions to all Counties. It is hoped that by communicating with and supporting clubs to this end will gradually reverse this alarming trend. I would strongly encourage all personnel to take ownership.

Special thanks to P.J., Mick, Aidan and Eamonn on the safety side of this committee. Also thanks to Dave, Joe, PJ, Bill, Pat and Joe on the infrastructure side and to the two Padraic's from an insurance perspective. As volunteers they all carried out their tasks in a professional manner and each and every one of them are a major asset to our Association.

Many thanks also to Michael Reynolds and staff at Aras Laighean who always provided our committee with excellent support, efficiency and were always available to help out.

A special thanks to our Cathaoirleach Jim Bolger and his Management team for their support and wise advice throughout the year and I look forward to working with everyone again for the coming year.

Best wishes and good health for 2019.

P.J. Kelly
Cathaoirleach



'Games for All' Committee Report



'Games for All' Committee

Pat Lynagh, Chairman • Brian Carberry, Secretary
Kate Feeney • Gerry Harrington • Dermot Howlin • Tim Maher • Val Malone

Wheelchair Hurling

Hurling and Camogie have been granted special cultural status by the United Nations. At a meeting in Mauritius on Thursday 29th November 2018 the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) agreed to inscribe the Irish game on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Hurling is considered an intrinsic part of Irish culture and plays a central role in promoting health and wellbeing, inclusiveness and team spirit. However in order for the game to be enjoyed by everyone regardless of their physical ability, wheelchair hurling was set up by Tim Maher, in 1994. It was created to better enable those with disabilities to fully participate in the game.

Round One - Connacht GAA

The Martin Donnelly GAA Wheelchair Hurling season began with the All Star Awards and Round 1 of the League on Saturday 21st April in Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew, Co. Galway. Connacht executive members were very welcoming on the day. Members of the winning Galway All Ireland Hurling team were present and gave of their time chatting with and posing for photographs with the provincial teams. The awards were presented by Uachtarán Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Mr John Horan and he confirmed his continued support for the sport. This was an excellent start to the Inter-Provincial League with Leinster unbeaten at the end of an excellent round of games

Round Two - Leinster GAA

Round two was held in Gormanston Park, Co Meath on the 7th July, with juveniles from St Patricks GFC and Ratoath GFC forming a guard of honour. Members of Meath GAA Executive were present to welcome everyone. Cathaoirleach Comhairle Laighean Jim Bolger expressed his gratitude and the support of the council for the Interprovincial concept. He wished all players well in their games. This again was a very competitive round of games with Leinster maintaining an unbeaten run. It proved to be an excellent venue with excellent options and facilities.

Round Three - Munster GAA

Round Three of games was staged in St. Joseph's Doora Barefield, Co. Clare on Saturday, August 25th. This was a hugely successful leg of the Wheelchair Hurling league, with very tightly contested games. Leinster was beaten for the first time since 2016 by Munster. But still maintain a commanding lead overall. Everyone was extremely impressed with the Clubhouse facilities.

Round Four – Ulster GAA

Toughest Round for Leinster in Dungiven

Leinster had a fight on their hands in round four of the M. Donnelly GAA Wheelchair Hurling Inter-provincials held in the Dungiven Sports Centre, Co. Derry on Saturday September 22nd. Outside of the extraordinary thrashing Connacht gave Munster (6-0), games were fairly even. Leinster had to work hard to beat Munster in their first match winning 7-5. They were pushed in their

second match by Connacht winning 3-1. In a topsy-turvy tournament, Leinster lost their final game 3-1. However, they knew by that stage that they, technically, had already won the League. So another successful league campaign ends with the spoils.

Leinster take All-Ireland Crown once again

Leinster, once again proved too strong in the M.Donnolly GAA Wheelchair Hurling All-Ireland Finals held in the National Indoor Arena, on the National Sports Campus in Abbotstown, on Saturday October 27th. Even after a controversial draw in their first match against Ulster (1-1), results fell Leinster's way and, along with Munster, went straight through to the major Final, beating Connacht 3-1 in their second match. The Final versus Munster was a cagey affair, with key man Lorcan Madden, scoring the winning goals in a 2-1 win.

All-Ireland Results

Match 1 • Connacht 3 Munster 3

Match 2 • Ulster 1 Leinster 1

Match 3 • Connacht 1 Leinster 3

Match 4 • Munster 3 Ulster 1

Match 5 • Connacht 3 Ulster 2

Match 6 • Munster 1 Leinster 2

Goal Scorers (Total)

M. Noonan (Munster) • 17

A. Hynes (Connacht) • 16

A. Hennebry (Leinster) • 15

S. Melvin (Connacht) • 13

L. Madden (Leinster) • 12

P. Lewis (Ulster) • 11

Inclusibility Camp

This was our second year coaching at the Inclusibility camp in Dundalk Sports Centre, Muirhevanamore, Co Louth. This is a partnership with Louth Sports partnership, GAA and Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA). The camp catered for children from 6 years to 16 year olds. It was a fun filled day with plenty of individual one to one skills coaching and mini games to familiarise themselves with the hurley and sliotar. In the afternoon staff took to the wheelchairs and joined the children for a "Have a Go Game" this was a brilliant exercise, as it gave staff an insight into a wheelchair user's world. It certainly gave the game an added dimension with the children competing in a more determined fashion, and staff responding to this, playfully.

The GAA has shone a light on so many of those children and brought joy and fun into their world, with some children adding that they had found their favourite sport.

Let's grow this and develop new green shoots throughout the Province.

'Games for All' Football

Pupils from Irish Special Schools Sports Council (ISSSC) schools throughout Leinster had an excellent opportunity again this September 18th to play in Croke Park. Boys and Girls teams from Connacht, Dublin, Munster, North & South Leinster and Ulster represented their schools. In preparation for this, Coaching staff with the respective teachers in the various regions, scheduled training sessions with a view to team selections. This was the third year of this annual fixture. The Feedback from all concerned makes it all the more worthwhile.

Respect Initiative – 'Give Respect Get Respect'

This initiative has been rolled out very successfully in many Counties and Schools. However, there are a number of targets to be achieved with the initiative yet.

A Charter for Change (Developed by SPORT IRELAND and CARA)

The "Sports Inclusion Disability Charter" was launched in Leinster House On 27th November 2018. Then on 29th November a seminar on the Charter was presented to the Sport and Physical activity sector. This highlighted the need for a unified approach to increasing awareness, opportunities and ultimately increasing the participation of people with disabilities in Sport and Physical activity across Ireland.

Here is what people with disabilities are asking of organisations.

The Five key areas:

- Openness, Be open to and understanding of people with disabilities.
- People, Access training for staff/volunteers to facilitate the inclusion of people with a disability.
- Activities, Develop and deliver inclusive activities.
- Facilities, Review our facilities/venues/equipment to make our organisation more accessible.
- Promotion, Promoting the inclusive nature of our activities, in a variety of formats .

What next?

We will have to consider the implications of the Charter on the GAA.

Formally sign up to the Charter (www.caracentre.ie).

Promote and announce our support for the Charter through our communications Department.

Continue on our journey to making active and healthy lifestyles possible "For All".

Conclusion

We are very grateful to Martin Donnelly for his ongoing support and sponsorship of our games.

We thank our Team Manager Jerry Pierce, Coach Jeff Phelan and selector Tom Sheehy.

Also our National Committee for their encouragement and guidance.

To Comhairle Laighean for the continued support both financially and administratively.

Finally thanks to our chairman Pat Lynagh who is always so available.

Brian Ó Chairbre**Rúnaí**



Health & Wellbeing Committee Report



Health & Wellbeing Committee

Brian Carberry, Chairman • John McCarthy, Secretary
Tommy Murphy (Carlow) • Michael O'Toole (Dublin) • JJ Walsh (Kildare) • Joan Murphy (Kilkenny)
Tom Jones (Laois) • Brid McGoldrick (Longford) • Áine Ó hEochaidh (Louth) • Andy Fahy (Meath)
Liam Hackett (Offaly) • Frank Mescall (Westmeath) • Frances Stephenson (Wicklow) • Mary Doyle (Wexford)

Health and well-being can be described as “the achievement and maintenance of physical fitness and mental stability”. Remember that wellbeing is our natural inclination.

“The best way to stay healthy - physically and mentally - is by learning how to take care of ourselves, and about the support we can get to help with any health problem we might already have.”

Main Responsibilities

- Arranged three Provincial meetings where the Chairperson and one member of all County H & W Committees are invited to attend.
- Action plans and reports submitted from Counties.
- Assisted County Health & Wellbeing Committees.
- Attended National Health & Wellbeing Forums.
- Liaising with National Committee.

Health & Wellbeing Activities undertaken by County Committees

- Launched Critical Incident Plans.
- Social Initiatives.
- Safe talks.
- Regular Co Committee meetings.
- H & W Information and Awareness Boards.
- Tutor Training.
- Providing Training for Healthy Club Officers.
- Healthy Club Projects.
- Developed close links with Local Sports Partnerships and the HSE.
- Healthy Activities - schools and community participation.
- Delivered reports at Co Board meetings.
- Submit Annual Report to Co. Convention.

Action Plans for County Health & Wellbeing Committees

Priority Actions

- Continued development of County Committees.
- Host regular meetings and ensure representation at Provincial Health & Wellbeing meetings.
- Run Healthy Club Officer Training.
- Deliver at least two training sessions per year.
- Support Phase 3 of Healthy Club Project.
- Engage Healthy Clubs at Committee meetings.
- Support clubs in delivery of their action plans.
- Support Critical Incident Response Plan(CIRP).
- Ensure County CIRP is in place.
- Assist clubs in adopting their plans.
- Data base of all Incidents in the Province.

As Committee Capacity Allows

- Promote the Social Initiative.
- Use grant to support this event targeting Senior, Social and Lapsed members.
- Grow number of people trained in Safe Talk. Regionalise to maximise efficacy.
- Link in with a HSE representative to deliver Safe Talk training.
- Promote new Gambling Awareness campaign. Tutor training to commence 2nd February 2019.
- Work with County PRO to promote Gambling Awareness resources, ie issue available posters to all clubs in your county.

County Health & Wellbeing Committee

County Committees continue to develop and have undertaken many and varied healthy activities.

Working Well

1. Project delivery. By using medium to long-term planning, this enables work on the more relevant Club projects
2. Strengthening relations with our respective local and regional communities by creating a sense of belonging through sharing.
3. Signposting, Healthy Club Officers are getting more confident in this area.
4. Partnerships, collaborating with Local Sports Partnerships and HSE

Challenging

- Communication Knowing and reaching out to key audiences/stakeholders.
 - Recognising communications opportunities.
 - Developing and conveying key messages.
 - Providing useful, relevant information to Clubs or individuals.
- Buy in from all Co Committees. We would encourage all County Committees to ensure the Health and Wellbeing committee is fully populated and on the Agenda of County Committee meetings.
- Prioritising. Delivering the key objectives of the Action Plan and updating at each meeting over a period of time. Giving way to a "To Do List". Abraham Lincoln once said, "If I had 60 minutes to cut down a tree, I would spend 40 minutes sharpening the axe and 20 minutes cutting it down."

All Ireland "We are Community" Award

Sincere Congratulations to Meath Health & Wellbeing Committee on winning the first County Health and Wellbeing Committee of the year award. This was a true recognition of the endeavors and motivation of the Team in delivering training/workshops and support to the Clubs. The Committee identified an area of concern that required action. Following Healthy Club Officer training there were requests for more information and direction to support the Clubs in emergencies. Thus came the development and design of the first 'Meath GAA Health and Wellbeing Awareness and Information Board'. The project was established through a cross disciplinary partnership approach which included, Meath GAA Health & Wellbeing Committee, Meath Local Sports Partnership and the HSE. Already there have been positive outcomes directly as a result of the boards, with requests from other County H&W Committees and community organisations who wish to replicate the board in their areas. The Board provides the necessary information to assist people in seeking support and guidance and promoting positive health and wellbeing.

National Health & Wellbeing Committee

All Leinster counties attended the National Healthy Club Conference on 20th October 2018. In addition many clubs from the province were represented. Chairpersons of County H & W Committees attended the National Forum on the previous evening with the following included on the agenda.

- Review of Community & Health Operational Procedures.
- Review of work carried out by CHWC's.
- Report on Provincial Feedback Meetings.
- Action Plan 2019 format and completion process.

Ireland Lights Up

The GAA in partnership with RTE's Operation Transformation is seeking to bring communities across the 32 counties together to enjoy healthy walks in the safe bright environs of GAA Clubs. Clubs are being encouraged to turn on their lights "As Ireland Lights Up" to make exercise more accessible on dark winter nights.

Buíochas

Sincere thanks to Oifigeach Comhairle Laighean and to all County Committees for their support. Thanks to the National Committee for their help and direction during the year. Special word of thanks and appreciation to Collette Coady, Health & Wellbeing Coordinator for her help, encouragement and for her attendance at our meetings in Áras Laighean.

Brian Ó Chairbre
Cathaoireach

Seán Mac Cárthaigh
Rúnaí



Marketing & Public Relations Committee Report



Marketing & PR Committee

Martin O'Halloran, Chairman • John Haughney, Secretary
Jim Fennelly, Leinster Council Rep • Wayne Byrne • Paddy Darcy • Bob Doheny • Mary Foley • Liam Holton
Brendan Minnock • Tom McLoughlin • Tom McKittrick

Social Media

This year saw Leinster GAA begin to establish itself at the fore front of sporting output on Social Media. This was done through unique content creation giving followers a greater insight into behind the scenes on Match Days etc. Videos produced on the historic Leinster Club Football Final day garnered in excess of 30,000 views. It is hoped to build significantly on this type of coverage for the year ahead.

Another change this year was the revamp and increased output on our Instagram page. This gives us another avenue with which to engage with supporters and provide them with more unique content. For example this year for the first time ever the Draw for the Top Oil Post Primary Senior Competitions was live streamed on our Instagram page. The page itself has seen a 44% increase in followers since the beginning of September.



Training

In conjunction with the GAA Social Media Co-Ordinator Niamh Boyle, the Committee also over saw the implementation of a pilot Social Media training day for Games Development staff in Meath. During this day staff members were guided into best practice on all areas of Social Media in order to maximise their impact and protect themselves and their Counties under all new GDPR Guidelines. It is hoped that this training can be provided to the remaining 11 Counties in the year ahead. The Committee would like to thank Niamh and the GAA Communications Department for the help in this area as Social Media continues to play a big role in all our lives.

Championship Promotion

Once again the Council was represented by C Murphy at Championship Marketing and Promotion Meetings in Croke Park. Two successful launches were held for both Championships with the Footballers visiting Trim Castle while the Hurlers were at McKee Barracks in Dublin. The football Championship saw the early stages through up some thrilling contests with two games going to Extra-Time in the First Round alone. History was made when Dublin secured their 8th title in a row seeing off a resurgent Laois outfit. This season saw big changes in the Hurling Championship with the introduction of the Round Robin format. This had a massive impact on work load of counties and the Committee would like to extend a special thanks for all the co-operation and assistance throughout the Championship.

Pearse Medal and Media Awards

In its third year of existence the Pearse Medal Awards took place in December. The hurling recipient of the Award was Kilkenny's TJ Reid while the Football winner was Dublin's Ciarán Kilkenny. The other winners were Pat O'Sullivan receiving PRO of the Year on behalf of Laois County Board. The County Final Programme of the Year went to Meath and in particular PRO Ciarán Flynn who published two excellent programmes for both Hurling and Football County Finals. The Club Website of the Year winners were Edenderry of Offaly who's website is informative up to date and highly accessible to all. Congratulations to all recipients.

Sponsorships

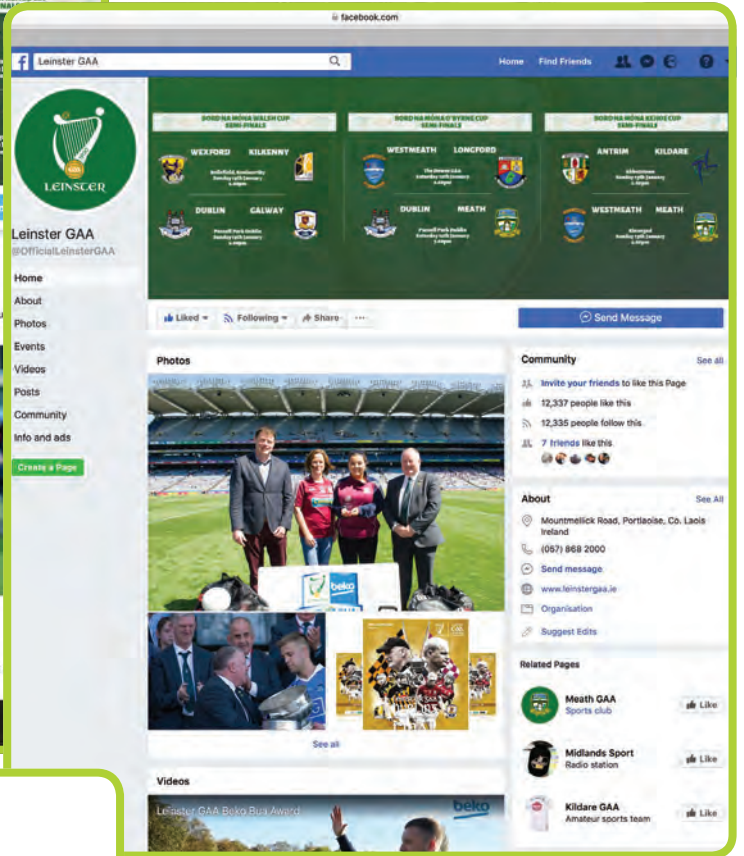
Once again Bord na Móna are the sponsors of our Leinster GAA Series for the O'Byrne Cup, Walsh Cup, Kehoe Cup and Shield tournaments. These are the real kick starter of the new season and as such have seen good crowds so far as supporters begin looking ahead to bigger challenges later in the year. As always all proceeds from these Tournaments go directly to the Hardship Fund which was established by Comhairle Laighean to provide assistance to GAA members in special need of same. The ongoing support of Bord na Móna is greatly appreciated in this endeavour.

Top Oil are embarking on the third year of backing the Post Primary Competition and is looking to really establish themselves as fuelers of the future of Leinster GAA. As such there are a number of initiatives in the pipeline to ensure that players and all involved in Schools GAA are backed both on and off the pitch. There will also be more coverage of all stages of the Senior competitions as we seek to give these games the platform that platform they deserve.

Beko Bua Award

The Beko Bua Award returned for a second year following its successful debut in 2017. The scheme seeks to rubber stamp the great work being carried out by clubs all around the Province. This requires clubs carrying out an internal club audit and having an introspective look at how they are operating. The support given to these Awards by Beko cannot be understated as 24 clubs from across the Province each received €1,500 worth of equipment. This year will see the Award move even further with regards to promotional activity and further tangible support for Clubs who partake in it. Many thanks to all at Beko Ireland for their ongoing support with this initiative.





Branding

The Committee has become acutely aware of the need for the Province to work on the branding of all things run by Comhairle Laighean it is with that in mind that this year it Commissioned the printing and distribution of a flag for each of the 12 Counties. It is hoped that in flying this flag during Competitions Run by Comhairle Laighean we can reaffirm our position in the public's eye. As the Committee meets regularly it will look for ways to improve upon this branding as it moves forward.



End of an Era

A special word must be reserved for Carlow PRO Tommy Murphy who finished up in his role this year after an unprecedented 33 years of service. All of us on the Committee would like to wish Tommy all the best and thank him for his constant support throughout the years.

Employee Change

This year saw changes within the Leinster Communications Department as Cian Murphy moved on from his role of Communications Officer. Cian was an excellent servant to the Province as a whole and this Committee in particular. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his contribution and wish him well in his new role. The Committee would also like to wish his successor, John Haughney, all the best as he takes over from Cian.

Conclusion

This has been an exceptionally busy year for our Communications and Marketing team. It is hoped to move the work we are doing to have an even greater impact on all levels of our Games in 2019. A big thank you to all Counties without whose support our roles would be next to impossible.

Martin O'Halloran
Chairman

John Haughney
Secretary



Scór Committee Report

An Coiste Scór Laighean

Caitríona Uí Dhálaigh (Co. na hIarmhí), Cathaoirleach • Áine Ní Chinnéide (Co. Loch Garman), Rúnaí
Caitríona Ní Nuáin (Co. Cill Mhantáin), PRO.

D'éirigh go breá le Scór Laighean i 2017/2018. This year we were delighted to host the finals of Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsir Laighean in state of the art theatres – The National Opera House in Wexford and The Helix in Dublin.

Once again successful Leinster Scór na nÓg semi-finals and final took place this year. Congratulations to Laois club Borris Kilcotton on winning the Ceol Uirlise title at the All Ireland in Sligo. Well done to St. Mary's, Rosslare, Co. Wexford who took second place in the question time.

Due to the heavy snow, the Scór Sinsir semi-finals were cancelled but a very successful final was held in The Helix, Dublin. Well done to Breandán Mac Gabhann from Clann na nGael, Co. Meath who won the recitation competition at Scór Sinsir in Sligo. Also congratulations to the quiz team from Ferbane, Co. Offaly who finished in third place at the All Ireland.

Ba mhaith le Coiste Scór Laighean buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine agus club a thug cabhair dúinn i rith na bliana. Thanks to all clubs and counties who made their premises available for Scór events during the year. Míle Buíochas do gach duine a bhíonn ag obair ar son Scór sa chúige.

We held a successful launch of Scór Laighean 2019 in September in Áras Laighean, Portlaoise. We welcomed Cathaoirleach Scór Náisiúnta Aodán Ó Braonáin and Cathaoirleach Coiste Laighean, Jim Bolger. The support that Jim Bolger has given to Scór Laighean over the past number of years has been fantastic. It was heartening to see a good attendance at the launch. Music was provided on the night by musicians from Bannow/Ballymitty and Adamstown Co. Wexford while the Scór na nÓg ballad group from Ballycomoye, Co. Westmeath and Leinster Champion, Kayleigh Moran, Bannow Ballymitty entertained the audience with their singing. Recitations were performed by All Ireland Champion Brendan MacGabhann and Westmeath's Shane King. Thanks to Comhairle Laighean and the staff of Áras Laighean for helping to make the night a great success.

Áine Ní Chinnéide
Rúnaí Scór Laighean

Leinster Scór na nÓg Winners 2018

Rince Fóirne	Bírr (Uíbh Fháilí)
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Kayleigh Moran Bannow Ballymitty (Loch Garman)
Aithriseóireacht	Katie Lynch St. Patrick's Ardagh (Longphort)
Bailéad Ghrupa	Killoe Young Emmets (Longphort)
Leiriú Staitse	The Downs (An Íarmhí)
Ceol Uirlise	Borris Kilcotton (Laois)
Rince Seit	The Downs (An Íarmhí)

Leinster Scór Sinsear Winners 2018

Rince Fóirne	The Downs (An Íarmhí)
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Claire Walsh Tullaroan (Cill Chainnigh)
Aithriseóireacht	Breandán Mac Gabhann Clann na nGael (An Mhí)
Bailead Ghrupa	St. Patrick's Ardagh (Longphort)
Leiriú Staitse	Abbeylara (Longphort)
Ceol Uirlise	Bannow Ballymitty (Loch Garman)
Rince Seit	The Downs (An Íarmhí)

2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of Scór and celebrations will be organised in our province and nationally. Go n-éirí go geal le Scór arís i mbliana!

Leinster Scór Sinsear Winners 2018





Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe Laighean

Leinster had a very successful year in most competitions. Leinster dominated 60x30 All-Ireland competition with Kilkenny, Wexford, Kildare and Offaly to the fore. In the Men's Open 60x30 championship Leinster won the Open Singles and doubles Titles. Leinster players also contested the semi-final of both singles and doubles championship. In ladies Open, the same cannot be said for 40x20 All-Ireland competitions capturing just 2 marquee titles and Junior and Intermediate singles Titles.

Leinster GAA Handball had a very good year in Handball Club Team Championship with Kells (Meath) taking Open Club team 60x30 and Coolboy (Wicklow) capturing Open team 40x20 Championship. In the Junior B 60x30 Club Team Tinryland (Carlow) were successful and in Junior B Club team 40x20 Windgap (Kilkenny) were successful. Kilfane (Kilkenny) were runners-up in Junior Club team in both Codes.

In Boys Team 40x20 Kilkenny captured the U14/15 Title with Wexford runners-up to Waterford U16/17 Team Title and Kilkenny U12/13 were runners -up to Cork.

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In inter Provincial girl's competition Leinster won the Girls Team of ten 40x20 for the second year in a row beating Munster and Leinster in a round robin series. Leinster were runners-up to Munster in the Inter-Provincial of team of six 60x30 competition.

Gael Linn

Gael Linn is an U13 competition for boys and girls. There Were teams from Wexford, Laois and Kilkenny. Well done to Clogh and Galmoy of Kilkenny emerged winners of the Leinster competition.

In the All-Ireland final series, held in Kingscourt, Clogh reached the semi-finals losing Abbey-knockmoy (Galway) in some very close games. Galmoy were beaten in the quarter-final by Lahorna (Tipperary) but Galmoy went on to win the Plate Competition beating Castleconor, Knockroe (Mayo) in The Final. Loughmacrory (Tyrone) defeated Lahorna (Tipperary) to win the Cup competition.

Second Level Colleges 4 Wall (40x20 Championship)

There were 132 Second Level College 4 wall (40x20) entries with Kilkenny and Wexford schools having by far the lions share with 56 entries between them.

WINNERS - BOYS

Junior Singles (u15): Kilkenny CBS – Billy Drennan

Junior Doubles (u15): Col Mhuire Johnstown – Jim O'Connor & John Doheny

Intermediate Singles (u17): Grennan Thomastown – Jack Holden

Intermediate Doubles (u17): Castlecomer CS – Kyle Dunne & Billy O'Neill

Senior Singles (u19): St. Kieran's College – Eoin Brennan

Senior Doubles (u19): Castlecomer CS – Ciaran Cooney & Aidan Barry

WINNERS - GIRLS

Junior Singles (u16): Castlecomer CS – Amy Brennan

Junior Doubles (u16): St. Brigid's Callan – Roisin Foley & Sontae Jackson

Senior Singles (u19): Confey College – Leah Doyle

Senior Doubles (u19): Grennan Thomastown – Dearbhail O'Keefe & Roisin O'Keefe

Second Level Colleges All-Ireland Finals

All the above competed in the All-Ireland in Kingscourt. Leinster captured one title with Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS) winning boys Junior Singles title beating Rory Grace (Nenagh) Leinster reached 4 other finals without success. Again, well done all involved and keep up the good. Thanks to Tadhg Doran Leinster for all his organising the competitions and keeping second level schools involved.

GAA Handball All Ireland 40x20 2nd Level Colleges Championships

Junior Boys Singles Semi-Final Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS) defeated Mikey Kelly (Clarín College, Athenry) 15-1, 15-0

Junior Boys Singles Final: Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS) defeated Rory Grace (Nenagh College) 15-9, 15-3

She Ace 40x20 Finals

All Lady handball players headed to Mayo for She Ace weekend and Leinster handball were well represented winning 3 Titles. The Top Leinster lady players are still a bit away from the standard set by Catriona Casey (Cork) and Martina McMahon (Limerick). By competing against the best their game will improve.

13&U: Amy Brennan (Kilkenny)	defeated	Clodagh Munroe (Tyrone) 25-18
15&U: Noelle Dowling (Kilkenny)	defeated	Roisin O'Keeffe (Kilkenny) 25-23
Ladies Challenger: Eilish Owens (Tyrone)	defeated	Mary Burke (Mayo) 31-15
Ladies B: Clionda O'Connell (Wexford)	defeated	Cuilleán Bourke (Mayo) 15-2, 15-13
Ladies Open: Catriona Casey (Cork)	defeated	Martina McMahon (Limerick) 15-11, 15-6
Dunning (Cork)		15-13

2018 Leinster GAA handball Juvenile 40x20 Championship

59 boys and 37 girls entered the 2018 Leinster Juvenile 40x20 Championship. Entries are on par with 2017. 10 Counties represented with Kilkenny and Wexford leading the way with 24 and 18 entries each. It is unfortunate that neither Wicklow or Longford have no juvenile entries. Leinster GAA Handball will have to assist with coaching to develop a juvenile handball base in both counties.

Kilkenny leading way capturing 16 Titles followed by Wexford winning 5 Titles, Laois taking 2 Titles and Carlow 1 Title. A marvellous achievement by any standards.

The Juvenile All-Ireland semi-finals will take place in Connacht with games in Claremorris, Annaghdown, and Clare-Galway on Sunday 4th March.

In the Leinster Juvenile 40x20 Championship entries were on par with previous year with Kilkenny winning 16 Titles, Wexford winning and Laois winning three titles. The competition ranges from U12 – U17 boys and Girl.

2018 Leinster GAA Handball Juvenile 40x20 Final Results

BOYS

BU12S Niall Drennan (Kk)	Defeated	Jamie Barnes (Wx)
BU12D John Hayes /Cathal Buckley (Kk)	Defeated	Rory Gilbery/Joshua Roche (Wd)
BU13S Shane Keogh (Wx)	Defeated	David Holden (Kk)
BU13D James Purcell/Joe Prendergast (Kk)	Defeated	John Connors/Conor Creane (Wx)
BU14S Kyle Jordan (Kk)	Defeated	Johnny Goggins (Wx)
BU14D Daniel Hanrahan/Thomas Sharkey (Kk)	Defeated	Cian Doyle/Michael Connors (Wx)
BU15S John Doheny (Kk)	Defeated	Conor Dobbs (Wx)
BU15D Sean Barron/Ciarain Phelan (Kk)	Defeated	Tommy Connors/Ben Keeling (Wx)
BU16S Josh Kavanagh (Wx)	Defeated	Billy Drennan (Kk)
BU16D Kyle Dunne/Jack Doyle (Kk)	Defeated	Dean O'Neill/Mark Doyle (Wx)
BU17S Jack Holden (Kk)	Defeated	Brian Brennan (Laois) 2-0

GIRLS

GU12S Una Duggan (Kk)	Defeated	Orla Brophy (Laois)
GU12 D Katie Brennan/Holly Byrne (Kk)	Defeated	Eadaoin Whyte/Aoife Kirby (Ls)
GU13s Sarah Nolan (Carlow)	Defeated	Aoibhe Ryan (Kilfane)
GU13D Aisling Cooney/Orlath O'Shea (Kk)	Defeated	Caoimhe Doheny/Lisa Kirby (Ls)
GU14S Amy Brennan (Clogh)	Defeated	Emma Delaney (Laois)
GU14D Jodie Keeling/Ellie Murphy O'Gorman (Wx)	Defeated	Lauren Power/Nathania Jackson (Kk)
GU15S April Moran (Wexford)	Defeated	Aoife Woods (Mullinavat)
GU15D Danielle Kinsella/Emily Moran (Wx)	Defeated	Rachel Doherty /Cliodhna O'Shea (Kk)
GU16S Roisin O'Keeffe (Kilfane)	Defeated	Katie Barrett (Carlow)
GU16D Aoife Brophy/Lauren McGuggan (Ls)	Defeated	Sonta Jackson/Aine Duggan (Kk)
GU17s Noelle Dowling (Mothel)	Defeated	Emily Sheridan (Meath) 2-0
GU17D Nicole Dowling/Kelly Ann Ryan (Kk)	No opposition	

In the All -Ireland 40x20 competition ranges from U14 – U17 boys and girls. Leinster won 3 Titles all from Kilkenny and were runners up in five grades. Competition in all age group has improved.

All-Ireland Winners

- BU14D Kilkenny (Daniel Hanrahan/Thomas Sharkey) defeated Tyrone (Conor Owens/Patrick McCann)
- BU16D Kilkenny (Kyle Dunne/Jack Doyle) defeated Tipperary (Jack McGrath/Conor O'Dwyer)
- BU17S Kilkenny (Jack Holden) defeated Donegal (Odhran McGlynn)

All-Ireland Runners Up

- GU14S Tyrone (Clodagh Munroe) defeated Kilkenny (Amy Brennan)
- GU15S Monaghan (Louise McGinnity) defeated Wexford (April Moran)
- GU16D Clare (Chloe Philpott/Amber Nolan) defeated Laois (Aoife Brophy/Lauren McGuigan)
- BU15S Tipperary (Rory Grace) defeated Kilkenny (John Doheny)
- BU16S Monaghan (Eoghan McGinnity) defeated Wexford (Josh Kavanagh)

2018 Juvenile Buys 40x20 Teams

Under 12/ 13 – Kilkenny; Niall Drennan, Conor Doyle, John Hayes, Cathal Buckley,

Michael Brennan, David Holden, James Purcell and Joseph Prendergast defeated Wexford by 5 aces in a very close encounter. Travelling to Cork they accounted for Galway in their semi-final. In the final the local Cork team proved a step too far for the Kilkenny with the Munster boys winning by 10 aces on the day.

Under 14/15 –Kilkenny; Conor Holden, Luke Flannigan, Harry Delaney, David Sherman, Sub for David Sherman was Dominic Bolster, Sean Purcell, Adam O'Shea, Mickey Kerwin and Gearoid Phelan.

The Kilkenny lads had a great win over Laois in the Leinster semi-final and in the Leinster final they defeated Wexford 90-41. In Mallow they defeated a strong Galway team and in the final, they had a tough battle with a good Cork team. The Kilkenny lads held their nerve and ran out deserving winners Well done to all the players.

U16/17 – Laois defeated Kilkenny in semi-final.

In the Leinster final Wexford; Dean O'Neill, Joe Devereux, David Doyle, Jack Murphy, Callum Smithies and Quentin Kehoe defeated Laois.

All Ireland SF Wexford: defeated Galway: 54-52 in a very close game.

2018 Leinster GAA Handball Adult 40x20 Championship

In the adult there 344 entries Kilkenny leading the way with 82 followed by Wexford with 63, Kildare and Dublin with 43 and 42 respectively. There were 49 Finals played with Wexford leading the way with 12 followed by Kilkenny with 9. Only Louth from all counties entered failed win a title. 4 grades had only 1 entrant.

County	Entries
Kilkenny	82
Wexford	64
Kildare	43
Dublin	42
Carlow	23
Laois	20
Westmeath	20
Meath	16
Offaly	16
Wicklow	11
Louth	7
Total	344

County	No. of Winners
Wexford	12
Kilkenny	10
Kildare	8
Westmeath	7
Carlow	3
Offaly	3
Dublin	2
Laois	2
Wexford	2
Westmeath	1
Dublin	1
Meath	1
Wicklow	1
Grand Total	53

40x20 Girls Finals

Div 1: Clogh (Kilkenny) - a great win for the Kilkenny girls, they dft Micheál Breathnach 1 (Galway) 32-23

Div 1 (Plate): Two Leinster teams gave it their best in a close encounter, Cullohill (Laois) dft St. Josephs (Wexford) 32-24

Div 2: Kilkishen (Clare) were a little strong for Windgap (Kilkenny) losing out 37-22

Div 3: A great win for Garryhill (Carlow) A as they defeated Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty (Waterford) 42-19. A brilliant result for the Carlow girls



60x30 Boys Finals

Div 1: Kilfane (Kilkenny) retained their 2017 title with a comfortable win over Ballina (Tipperary) 42-10.

Div 1 (Plate): Hard luck to Castlebridge (Wexford) losing to Castleconnor (Sligo) dft) 42-16



One Wall Boys Finals

Div 1: Well done to Clough Ballacolla (Laois) on a great win over Mountbellew/Moylough (Galway) 48-24

Div 1 (Plate): Oughterard (Galway) dft a game Millmount (Louth) 45-18



Féile Skills Results

40x20 Boys Div 1

Leinster and Kilkenny boys came in 2nd and 3rd. Harry Delaney (Kells) took the 2nd spot and 3rd went to Daniel Hanrahan (Galmoy)

40x20 Girls Div 1

1st – Amy Brennan (Clogh, Kilkenny)

3rd – Jodie Keeling (St. Josephs, Wexford))

60x30 Boys Div 1

1st – Sean O'Keeffe (Kilfane, Kilkenny)



2018 Leinster GAA Handball Inter Club 60x30 Championship

In all 10 clubs entered the 2018 Leinster GAA Handball Inter Club 60x30 Championship, one team less than last year. There were 2 Open Teams, 5 Junior Teams and 3 Junior B.

Kells HBC (Meath) overcame Castlebridge (Wexford) in an entertaining game to retain the Open Title.

In the Junior Championship (Kilfane (Kilkenny) beat Ballymore Eustace in a close final. The remaining 3 Teams were Coolboy (Wicklow), Crinkle (Offaly) and Kilmyshall (Wexford)

In the Junior Championship Tinryland (Carlow) captured their first title beating Ballmitty (Wexford) in the final having accounted for Castlebridge (Wexford) in the semi-final.

2018 GAA Handball Inter Club 60x30 All-Ireland Finals

In the All-Ireland series Leinster Captured 2 of the 3 Titles on offer. Kells HBC (Meath) and Tinryland (Carlow) winning Open and Junior B Titles respectively. Kilfane (Kilkenny) came up short losing to Broadford (Limerick in final.

Kells HC, Meath have captured the GAA Handball All Ireland 60x30 Senior Club title for an incredible seventh time in as many seasons when they defeated Hospital, Limerick in a very close contest. The scores were level 74 aces each after the first three matches before the 2017 Softball Doubles winners Brian Carroll and Tom Sheridan team up to convincingly win the tiebreak 15-1 to secure the title for the 12th time in total for the Meath club 89-75 at Crinkle today.

The Junior title was won by the Broadford club Limerick for a second year in a row as they overcame Kilfane (Kilkenny) 88-65 in a tight match.

Finally, in the Junior B competition, Tinryland (Carlow) defeated Kingscourt (Cavan) in the semi-final while Williamstown (Galway) received a bye. In the final the Carlow team overcame the Galway outfit on a score-line 62-20.

2018 Leinster GAA Handball Wall Ball Championship

47 players entered the Wall Championship with the finals played in Mullinavat HBC (Kilkenny) and Clough Ballacolla (Laois). The entries were the largest indicating growing interest in Wall Ball championship.

GRADE	WINNER	COUNTY	RUNNER-UP	COUNTY
Men's Open	Ben Devlin	Louth	Ciaran Neary	Kilkenny
Men's B	Kevin Barrett	Carlow	John Boyle	Louth
Men's C	Chris Doyle	Wicklow	Billy Caddell	Louth
Masters	Paddy Donovan	Laois	Kevin Brennan	Laois
Ladies Open	Niamh Dunne	Laois	Ciara Mahon	Kilkenny
Ladies B	Ellen O'Connor	Kildare	Molly Dogg	Kildare
Ladies C	Cian Cooke	Offaly	Christine Donoghue	Offaly
Boys U15	Mark Doyle	Wexford	Harry Delaney	Kilkenny
Boys U17	Josh Kavanagh	Wexford	Kyle Dunne	Kilkenny
Girls U15	Una Brophy	Laois	April Moran	Wexford
Girls U17	Leah Doyle	Kildare	Aoife Brophy	Laois

2018 GAA Handball Wall Ball Championship

Leinster captured one title with Leah Doyle (Kildare) winning Girls U17 Title. Leinster players were runners up in Ladies Open, Niamh Dunne (Laois), Men's B Kevin Barrett (Carlow), Masters Paddy Donovan (Laois) and in Boys U15 Mark Doyle (Wexford).

At the end of the day Tyrone topped the medal table with four titles while Galway finished with three while the remaining titles were spread throughout the country with Down, Kerry, Kildare and Limerick all sharing one a piece.

2018 Leinster GAA Handball 60x30 Tournament

To fill the void for players not travelling to the World Championship Leinster GAA Handball have organised A 60x30 Handball Tournament to take place on Saturday 28th July in Clogh, Talbots Inch and Kilfane handball courts in Kilkenny.

There are 39 Entrants in grades A (Junior B) B (Junior / Intermediate), Masters, and Boys and Girls U15 and U17.

Results

Garde A (Junior/Intermediate): - Dublin (Ian Griffin /Michael Carrie)

Grade B Final (Junior B/ Ladies Intermediate): - Kildare (Myles Carroll / Ivan Carroll)

Masters Grade: - Kilkenny (Noel Holden / Tom Dooley)

Girls U15 Singles: - Wexford (Jodie Keeling)

Boys U15 Singles: - (Kilkenny) (Sean Barron)

Boys U17 Singles: - Kilkenny (Diarmuid Moore)

Girls U17 singles: - Kildare (Abbey Tarrant)

2018 MyClubShop.ie Men's Softball Singles Championship

2018 MyClubShop.ie Men's Softball Singles Championship Leinster had eight of the 16 players starting out.

Reigning 6-time champion Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath) is on target to capture his seventh Leinster had 3 players in GAA Handball Men's Open singles on Saturday 15th September 2018, Croke Park HC, Dublin. One semi-final (Dublin (Eoin Kennedy v Meath (Gary McConnell) was all Leinster affair with Eoin Kennedy (Dublin) coming out on top.

In the second semi-final (Limerick (Paudi Quish) played Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) with Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath coming out on top. McCarthy – Kennedy open final is a repeat of Last years which Robbie McCarthy won.

The Men's Open Final with two of the finest exponents of the 60x30 Game taking to the court to do battle for a 10th consecutive year on Saturday 29th September in Croke Park. Kennedy is a 9-time winner appearing in an incredible 15th final in a row and 16th in total, McCarthy is appearing in a 10th straight final and has already amassed six titles.

2018 MyClubShop.ie Ladies Softball Singles Championship leinster had 2 players with Ciara Mahon reaching the semi-final against 2017 Champion Martina McMahon (Limerick. The Limerick player came out on top to setup a repeat of Last Year's final with Caitriona Casey (Cork) on Saturday 29th September in Croke Park

2018 Leinster GAA Handball Adult 60x30 Championship

There are 245 Entries 2018 Leinster GAA Handball Adult Championship down from 301 in 2017, but entries have held up well considering it is a World Handball Championship year.

All counties are well represented Again Kilkenny lead the way with 63 entries follow closely by Wexford on 60 entries.

All grades were played up to semi-final level. Playing is suspended until after the world championship, which finish on 19th August.

2018 GAA Handball 60x30 All-Ireland Singles Finals

Leinster players captured 15 of 24 GAA Handball All-Ireland 60x30 (Soft Ball) doubles Titles and runners up in 9 grades

Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy retained his MyClubShop.ie All-Ireland 60x30 Senior Singles title at Croke Park this evening when he overcame Dublin's Eoin Kennedy on a 21-19, 21- scoreline.

Early on, the Mullingar maestro looked stronger, despite some notably aggressive play from Kennedy, nine years his senior. With a succession of trademark dump shots, McCarthy built up a useful lead six-point lead which he managed to maintain, eventually stretching it out to 20-12.

And then came an extraordinary Kennedy comeback. The Dubliner held off four game-balls and edged his way back to 19 with some shots straight out of a highlight reel, including a couple of flat roll-outs.

Kilkenny's Jack Holden is the new MyClupShop.ie All-Ireland 60x30 Minor Singles champion following an impressive victory over Kerry's Daire Keane in this afternoon's final.

Holden, who is still underage for this grade next year, delivered an assured performance to run out a 21-12, 21-8 winner over the Kingdom starlet.

The Kilfane man, who was a straight games winner over Cavan's Conor Owens in the semi-final, had the edge in power and he utilised it at key times.

Early on, the scores were level on several occasions but Holden eventually put some daylight between them as he eased to a 21-12 win in the opener.

In game two, Keane started well and opened an early 2-0 lead but Holden soon rediscovered his groove and raced into a 14-2 advantage.

Keane rallied well and began to go for broke and a succession of eye-catching kills brought him closer but Holden steadied the ship with some smart passing shots and closed out the game on a 21-12 scoreline.

Winners

1. SS Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy jnr.) defeated Dublin (Eoin Kennedy)>
2. MS Kilkenny (Jack Holden) defeated Kerry (Daire Keane).
3. JS Wicklow (Christopher Doyle) defeated Tipperary (Kevin Dempsey).
4. O35AS Offaly (David Hope) defeated Kerry (Dominic Lynch).
5. O35BS Wexford (Paddy Haughton) defeated Limerick (Keith Heelan).
6. MAS Wexford (Gavin Buggy) defeated Tipperary (Paul Mullins).
7. SMBS Offaly (Sean Ryan) defeated Limerick (Mike O'Connor).
8. GMAS Meath (Tom Sheridan) defeated Sligo (Martin Cooney).
9. DMBS Wexford (Brendan Murphy) defeated Sligo (Peter Davey).
10. EMAS Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) defeated Sligo (Francis McCann).
11. EMBS Wexford (Stephen Murphy) defeated Galway (Willie Corcoran).
12. RMS Carlow (John Rossiter) defeated Mayo (Martin Cronin).
13. O70S Wexford (Ned Buggy) defeated Mayo (Matt Coady).
14. LMS Kildare (Leah Doyle) defeated Galway (Niamh Heffernan).
15. ID Wexford (Galen Riordan/Keith Armstrong) defeated Cork (Daniel Relihan/Michael Hedigan).

Runners-up

1. U21S Galway (Diarmuid Mulkerrins) defeated Kilkenny (Dylan Caulfield) 21-6, 21-5
2. JBS Cork (David Walsh) defeated Kildare (Myles Carroll) 20-21, 21-18, 21-7
3. MBS Roscommon (Sean Jennings) defeated Kildare (Gavin Grace) 12-21, 21-6, 21-7
4. SMAS Tipperary (David Moloney) defeated Dublin (Conor Maxwell) 21-9, 21-9
5. GMBS Limerick (Denis McCarthy) defeated Kildare (Jamie Travis) 21-10, 15-21, 21-1
6. DMAS Tipperary (Billy Mullins) defeated Kilkenny (Johnny Brennan) 21-5, 21-12
7. LJBS Sligo (Laura Finn) defeated Kilkenny (Margaret Purcell) 21-6, 21-4
8. LJS Tipperary (Sinead Meagher) defeated Kilkenny (Dearbhail O'Keeffe) 21-10, 21-3
9. LIS Roscommon (Fiona Tully) defeated Westmeath (Aoife McCarthy) 7-21, 21-20, 21-9

2018 GAA Handball 60x30 All-Ireland Doubles Finals

Leinster players captured 14 of 24 GAA Handball All-Ireland 60x30 (Soft Ball) doubles Titles, runners-up in seven and did not make the All-Ireland Finals in 2 others grades.

Meath win Senior Doubles in three-game epic.

Meath's Brian Carroll and Gary McConnell are the MyClubShop.ie All-Ireland 60x30 Senior Doubles champions for 2018 after they saw off Dublin's Eoin Kennedy and Carl Browne in a pulsating final at Croke Park on Saturday evening.

The Kells clubmen fell 9-1 down in the first game, with first-time finalist McConnell displaying signs of nerves.

However, they quickly settled and even though they lost the first set 21-19, they rallied to win the second 21-14 and out-last-ed the Dubs 21-17 in a thrilling third game, with McConnell immense in the closing exchanges.

Carroll now has eight medals in this grade in the traditional 'big alley', having won the cup seven times before in partnership with the retired Tom Sheridan.

Earlier, Kilkenny's Ciaran Cooney and Billy O'Neill won the Minor Doubles against Cork, with the Cats also claiming the Intermediate Singles when Brian Mahon defeated Waterford's Philip Butler in a third game (21-9, 13-21, 21-8).

Winners

1. Senior Doubles Final: Meath (Brian Carroll/Gary McConnell) defeated Dublin (Eoin Kennedy/Carl Browne)
2. Intermediate Singles Final: Kilkenny (Brian Mahon) defeated Waterford (Philip Butler).
3. Minor Doubles Final: Kilkenny (Billy O'Neill/Ciaran Cooney) defeated Cork (Conor Walsh/Cian O'Driscoll).
4. JBD Kildare (Myles Carroll/Jamie Balfe) defeated Cork (David Walsh/John Hurley).
6. O35AD Offaly (David Hope/Noel Murphy) defeated Mayo (Joe McCann/Joe Dowling).
7. O35BD Wexford (Paddy Haughton/Matthew Hynes) defeated Cork (Donnacha O'Dea/Philip O'Carroll).
8. SMAD Tipperary (David Moloney/John O'Donoghue) defeated Dublin (Connor Maxwell/Mick O'Donnell)
9. GMAD Meath (Tom Sheridan/John Leahy) defeated Tipperary (Kevin Mullins/Adrian Johnson)
10. GMBD Wexford (Tommy Armstrong/Padraig Devereux) defeated Tipperary (Brendan Ryan/Willie Burke).
11. EMAD Kilkenny (Philly Parsons/Eamonn Purcell) defeated Cork (John Herlihy/John Hedigan).
12. DMAD Kilkenny (Johnny Brennan/Joe Hennessy) defeated Tipperary (Billy Mullins/Pakie Mullins).
13. DMBD Wexford (Miley Byrne/Aidan Sinnott) defeated Mayo (Pat Hayes/Tom Prendergast).
14. O70D Kildare (Anthony Campbell/Dermot Howard) defeated Mayo (Matt Coady/Sean Ryder).

Runners-up

1. MAD Tipperary (Paul Mullins/Eddie Farrell) defeated Wexford (Gavin Buggy/John Roche).
2. LJD Tipperary (Sinead Meagher/Laura Shinnors) defeated Dublin (Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh/Lisa McKenna).
3. LJBD Sligo (Laura Finn/Sara Coleman) W/O Kilkenny (Margaret Purcell/Caoimhe O'Shea) inj.
4. RMD Tipperary (Paddy Collins/Jim Ryan) defeated Dublin (Eugene Kennedy/Vinnie Farrelly).
5. EMBD Galway (Willie Corcoran/Mike Shaughnessy) defeated Wexford (Nicky Casey/Jimmy Mythen).
6. U21D Galway (Diarmuid Mulherrins/Cian Ó Conghaille) defeated Kilkenny (Dylan Caulfield/Pdraig Cooney).
7. MBD Limerick (Patrick Frawley/Burt Henley) defeated Kilkenny (John Morrissey/William Murphy).

GAA Handball Colleges 60x30 All-Ireland Finals

Kilkenny's Jack Holden representing Greenan College, Thomastown capped a terrific year in the 60x30 court when he captured the Second level colleges Boys Senior Singles title while Kildare's Mollie Dagg, Colaiste Chiarain, Leixlip took home the Girls Senior Singles title also in Williamstown.

Connacht clubs Collooney, Ballymote and Williamstown hosted the semi-finals and finals of this year's 60x30 All Ireland Colleges. Titles went to the four corners of the country as the cream of the crop came to the top. Greenan College and Castlecomer CS both from Kilkenny took home 3 titles each while four other schools took home one titles a piece. It was a very good day for Kilkenny handball as they took home 6 titles while Clare, Galway, Kildare and Monaghan follow with one each.

In the Girls Junior Singles Final Kilkenny's Amy Brennan of Castlecomer CS won this title when she overcame Sadhbh Ni Fhlaithearta Colaiste na Coirbe 15-4, 15-3. The Girls Junior Doubles title went to St Joseph's Tulla for the second year in a row as Chloe Philpott and Eimear Murphy defeated Shonagh Mitchell/Siofra Cooley of Salerno, Galway. In the Girls Blue Riband event the Senior Singles, Mollie Dagg of Colaiste Chiarain, Leixlip overcame Clare Conway (Southwest College, Omagh on a score-line of 15-6, 15-0. While the Girls Senior Doubles title went to Kilkenny with sisters Dearbhail and Roisin O'Keeffe (Greenan College) defeating last year's winners Mayo's Cuilleann Bourke/Claire Reynolds who were representing Balla Secondary School 15-10, 15-5.

In the Boys competitions, the Junior Singles final was won by Galway's Mikey Kelly of Clarin College when he accounted for Luke Flanagan of Castlecomer CS. The Junior Doubles title went to Kyle Jordan/Billy O'Neill Greenan College when they overcame Cormac Finn/Shane Rafferty of Coláiste Muire, Sligo. The Boys Intermediate Singles final was won by Eoghan McGinnity of St. Macartan's College Monaghan after a tight two game victory over Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS). While the Boys Intermediate Doubles was won for the second year in a row by Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill representing Castlecomer CS as they overcame Brian McAleer/Jack Darcy of Omagh CBS 15-0, 15-2.

The Boys Senior Doubles title went to the strong Kilkenny pairing of Ciaran Cooney/Jamie Maher of Castlecomer CS when they overcame Konrad Kowal/Justas Dumbinskas of St. Macartan's 15-11, 15-2. Finally, the Boys Blue Riband event namely the Boys Senior Singles turned out to have the game of the day in the semi-final which was a repeat of the Minor Singles Final from a few weeks ago. Game one was a brilliant game with little between both players but Kerry's Daire Keane representing Tralee CBS took the first 15-10 against Jack Holden (Greenan College). Game two was equally as good with great Softball shots by both players but Holden led 14-7 but Keane then fought back to level the game at 14 all and was a whisker away from taking the title only for a long range kill attempt to miss by an inch. Holden made no mistake with his second chance and closed out the game 15-14 to setup a tie-break to the delight of everyone in attendance. In the end the tie-break was won quite conformably by Holden to win the match 10-15, 15-14, 15-5. In the final Jack Holden received a walkover from his opponent.

Leinster Results

1. BJS Final: Mikey Kelly (Clarin College, Galway) defeated Luke Flanagan (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny).
2. BIS Final: Eoghan McGinnity (St. Macartan's, Monaghan) defeated Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS).
3. BSD Final: Ciaran Cooney/Jamie Maher (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) defeated Konrad Kowal/Justas Dumbinskas (St. Macartan's, Monaghan).
4. BJD Final: Kyle Jordan/Conor Holden (Greenan College, Kilkenny) defeated Cormac Finn/Shane Rafferty (Coláiste Muire, Sligo).
5. BID Final: Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) defeated Brian McAleer/Jack Darcy (Omagh CBS).
6. GJS Final: Amy Brennan (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) defeated Sadhbh Ni Fhlaithearta (C na Coirbe, Galway)
7. GSS Final: Mollie Dagg (Col Chiarain, Leixlip) defeated Clare Conway (Southwest College, Omagh).
8. GSD Final: Dearbhail & Roisin O'Keeffe (Greenan College, Kilkenny) defeated Cuilleann Bourke/Claire Reynolds (Balla SS, Mayo).
9. BSS Final: Jack Holden (Greenan College, Kilkenny) W/O Nathan Corbett (Balla SS, Mayo) No Show

2018 GAA Handball Juvenile 60x30 All-Ireland

The cream of Ireland's 60x30 Juvenile players converged on Ballina and Lahorna to battle it out for the 2018 Myclubshop.ie All Ireland Finals in the Softball code. Twelve counties in all competed with Kilkenny topping the medals table with FOUR titles. Tipperary took home 3, Cork, Galway and Tyrone took 2 each while Limerick, Mayo and Waterford all taking one title back to their respective counties to complete a very successful weekend of Handball.

The game of the day was the Boys U16 Singles Final with Kilkenny's Kyle Dunne just edging Monaghan's Eoghan McGinnity in a high-quality match. Dunne took the first 21-17 and led 20-16 in the second before McGinnity produced a brilliant comeback to take the second 21-20 to the large crowd's delight. The tie-break was also very tight with them level on no fewer than four times but Dunne won the important last couple of points to take the match 11-9. The Girls equivalent, was also won by Kilkenny when Roisin O'Keeffe had a two-game victory over Clare's Chloe Philpott.

Kilkenny also claimed gold in the Girls U14 Singles as Amy Brennan defeating Tyrone Clodagh Munroe in two games, whilst Galway's Mikey Kelly was an impressive winner of the Boys U14 Singles when he overcame Monaghan's Sean Callan.

Congratulations to all the players, parents, coaches, referees and sincere thanks to the host clubs of Lahorna and Ballina for their hospitable and to all that travelled for these 60x30 Juvenile Softball Finals 2018.

Leinster Winners

1. GU14S Kilkenny (Amy Brennan) defeated Tyrone (Clodagh Munroe) 15-5, 15-6
2. GU16S Kilkenny (Roisin O'Keeffe) defeated Clare (Chloe Philpott) 21-14, 21-0
3. BU14D Kilkenny (Kyle Jordan/Sean O'Keeffe) defeated Waterford (Charlie Treen/Sean Callaghan) 15-5, 14-15, 15-13
4. BU16S Kilkenny (Kyle Dunne) defeated Monaghan (Eoghan McGinnity) 21-17, 20-21, 11-9

Leinster Runners-up

1. GU14D Tyrone (Cloda McNamee/Meabh McCrystall) defeated Wexford (Ellie Murphy O'Gorman/Rachel Goff) 15-2, 15-4
2. GU15D Tipperary (Anna Mulcahy/Aine Spain) defeated Kilkenny (Lauren Power/Nathania Jackson) 15-2, 12-15, 15-6
3. GU16D Tipperary (Isabel Farnan/Siobhán Prentice) defeated Kilkenny (Aine Duggan/Doireann Knox) 21-4, 21-5
4. GU17S Limerick (Aisling Shanahan) defeated Meath (Emily Sheridan Fox) 21-17, 21-20
5. BU15S Tyrone (Jack Darcy) defeated Wexford (Tommy Connors) 10-15, 15-5, 15-12
6. BU15D Cork (Cathal Ducey/Evan Enright) defeated Wexford (Conor Murphy/Ross Arnold) 15-3, 15-0
7. BU17S Waterford (Michael Kiely) defeated Kilkenny (Eoin O'Brien) 21-11, 21-12
8. BU17D Cork (Colin Healy/Luke Barrett) defeated Kilkenny (James Love/Tom Carroll) 21-14, 21-9

2018 60x30 Boys Team of 6/4 Championship

The 2018 60x30 Juvenile Team of 6/4 competitions was hosted by the famous Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty club in Dungarvan. In total four different counties reached the finals with Cork, Kilkenny and Wexford taking home the Gold medals.

In the U12/13 competition Cork had a good win over a strong Kilkenny team in the final 72-58.

In the U14/15 competition this was also a straight final with Cork also playing Kilkenny. In the end Kilkenny were just too strong for the Cork lads on this occasion and they won 80-61 to claim the title.

Finally, in the U16/17 final, the Wexford players had a good victory against the Waterford team on a score line of 60x30.

Congratulations to all the players, coaches and a special word of thanks to the Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty club for their hospitality and referring on the day. And so, the 60x30 season draws to a close with the final titles decided and the 60x30 Roll of Honour for 2018 complete.

Results

Boys U12/13 60x30 Team of 6

Cork (Cameron O'Sullivan, Cian Dunning, Tomas O'Connor, Hayden Supple, Ben Sullivan, Cian Cronin O'Neill, Wesley Delany, Donal Murphy) defeated Kilkenny (Conor Doyle, Niall Drennan, John Hayes, Cathal Buckley, Michael Brennan, David Holden, Joseph Prendergast, Ronan O'Brien) 72-58.

Boys U14/15 60x30 Team of 6

Kilkenny (Noah Bourke, Conor Holden, Joe Healy, Michael Carroll, Emmett Nolan, Luke Flannigan, Sean Barron, Ciaran Phelan) defeated Cork (Darragh Murphy, Eoghan Daly, John Cronin, Michael Mullane, Dan Sheahan, Eric Delany) 80-61.

Boys U16/17 60x30 Team of 4

Wexford (Michael Shiels, David Doyle, Joe Devereux, Calum Smithies, Jake Doyle) defeated Waterford (Daniel Treen, Rian Hayes, Seanie Lenihan, Gerry Riordan) 60-3.

Girls 60x30 Interprovincial Team of 6

Munster claimed the 2018 Girls 60x30 Interprovincial Team of Six in Clogh on Saturday. In the final Munster overcame Leinster after a very tight contest that went down to the very last game before they won on the scoreline 77-66.

Pride, passion, skill and intense competition were all in abundance in Clogh on Saturday 3rd November as the girls from Munster and Leinster proudly represented their Provinces at the Girls 60x30 Interprovincial Team of 6 events.

This event hugely entertaining and competitive saw three doubles pairings, aged between 13 and 17 compete on aggregate scoring, with some of the young girls competing at national level for the first time.

First to play in U13 were Kilkenny's Aisling Cooney and Carlow's Farrah Ryan against Tipperary's Hannah Grace and Leanne Gould. In two tightly fought games Tipperary won 15-6, 15-12.

Next in were the U15 doubles of Kilkenny's Amy Brennan and Wexford's April Moran against Clare's Chloe Philpott and Leah Minogue. In a high tempo game Munster took the first game 15-14 and Leinster the second 15-7.

The U17's were last to play. With 5 points between the teams Kilkenny's Roisin O'Keeffe and Meath's Emily Sheridan Fox won the first game 15-10 against the Broadford Limerick duo of Aisling Shanahan and Ciara McCarthy to level the scores. With all to play for the Munster girls lifted their game and went on to win 15-4, leaving a final scoreline Munster 77, Leinster 66.

U13 Aisling Cooney (Kilkenny), Farrah Ryan (Carlow) and Orla Brophy (Laois)

U15 Amy Brennan, (Kilkenny) April Moran (Wexford) and Una Brophy (Laois)

U17 Emily Sheridan Fox (Meath) and Dearbhail O'Keeffe (Kilkenny)

Mentors: Gavin Buggy (Wexford), Joanne Brennan (Kilkenny) and Seamus Brophy (Laois)

2018 GAA Handball Girls Team of 10 40x20 Competition

Leinster have won the She's Ace Girls Interprovincial Team of Ten for the second year in a row at yesterday's final's in Moycullen with a series of well-deserved wins over Connacht and Munster over the course of the day.

The format sees 5 doubles pairings (U13, U14, U15, U16, U17) compete in 1 x 21 ace game, with points scored on an aggregate basis. With Ulster not fielding a team this year, the remaining three provinces played in a round robin format.

The standard of girl's handball has improved dramatically in the last 5-10 year, and this was evident on the day with some excellent performances and contests.

Having got the better of Connacht on a 105-28 score-line, Leinster were then put firmly in the driving seat when Munster had a narrow victory over Connacht 81-73. In the final round of fixtures, Leinster won all the games apart from the U16 Doubles and in the end had a conformable victory over Munster 104-66.



2018 Leinster GAA Handball Inter Club 40x20 Championship

2018 Leinster GAA handball Inter-Club 40x20 championship saw the largest team entry of the last five years with 17 teams taking part. There were 9 teams in Junior B, 5 teams in Junior and 3 Teams in the open.

The Open Final was between Coolboy, Wicklow and Kells, Meath with Coolboy emerging victorious in Ballymore Eustace.

In the Junior Final Templeudigan (Wexford) Beat Ballymore (Kildare).

In the Junior B Final Windgap (Kilkenny) overcame Castlebridge (Wexford)

2018 Leinster GAA Handball Interclub 40x20 Teams.

No.	Grade	Club	County
1	Junior	Loughlin's	Kilkenny
2	Junior	Templeudigan	Wexford
3	Junior	Coolboy	Wicklow
4	Junior	Kilfane	Kilkenny
5	Junior	Ballymore	Kildare
6	Junior B	St. Martins	Wexford
7	Junior B	Multyfarnham	Westmeath
8	Junior B	Castlebridge	Wexford
9	Junior B	Coolboy	Wicklow
10	Junior B	Leixlip	Kildare
11	Junior B	Windgap	Kilkenny
12	Junior B	Ballymore	Kildare
13	Junior B	Tinryland	Carlow
14	Junior B	Cullohill	Laois
15	Open	Coolboy	Wicklow
16	Open	Kells	Meath
17	Open	Tinryland	Carlow

2018 Leinster GAA Handball Inter Club 40x20 Winners

Open: Coolboy (Wicklow): Michael Gregan, Jerome Willoughby, Johnny Willoughby, Michael Lennon and Keith Kavanagh.

Junior: Templeudigan (Wexford): Tony Breen, Noel Holohan, David Redmond, Kevin Cowman and Micheál O'Neill.

Junior B: Windgap (Kilkenny): Eamonn Hawe, Sean Foley, Cian Ryan, Emmet Landy and Darragh O'Shea .

2018 GAA Handball All-Ireland Inter Club 40x20 Championship

The 2018 GAA Handball season came to a close on Saturday 24th November with the 40x20 Inter-club All Ireland Championships. In the Open grade Coolboy (Wicklow) took the premier title for the first time when they defeated Glenbeigh (Kerry) in the final on a 74-42 scoreline.

The Open competition was played in Cullohill and in the first semi-final Coolboy received a walkover from Breacach (Tyrone) while Glenbeigh received a bye in the other semi-final. In the final, Coolboy was always in control and in the end they comfortably won the final and the Open club title for the first time on a 74-42 score-line.

The Junior competition was played in Leixlip, Kildare & St. Brigid's, Dublin with Moycullen (Galway) defeating Kilworth (Cork) in the first semi-final while St. Gall's (Antrim) overcame Templeudigan (Wexford) in the other semi-final. The final was very exciting with the minimum of margins between both teams but at the end Moycullen just edged it over St. Gall's on a score-line 81-58.

Finally, in the Junior B competition which was played in Curraghboy, Roscommon. In the first semi-final Windgap (Kilkenny) defeated Kingscourt (Cavan) while in the second semi-final Hospital (Limerick) overcame Newport (Mayo). In the final the Leinster champions were just too strong for their Munster opponents with Windgap defeating Hospital 62-46.

Leinster GAA Handball November Wall ball.

Total of 40 players converged on Ballacolla Co Laois and a total of 64 games played in both boys and girls from Under 12 to u17 with 23 Boys and 17 Girls entered. Wall ball is becoming popular and the standard is high in Leinster with some brilliant

games played. Laois, Kilkenny, Wexford, Louth, Dublin, Offaly and Carlow were represented, with Laois, Louth and Kilkenny taking the honours. This was a very successful event, with all the players who entered the competition turning up to play their games.

A big thank you to the Ballacolla club for hosting this event and to all the mentors for all the help they provided on the day. There was plenty of Referees, time keepers and lines people available to help out and also to the hospitality team for providing refreshments.

2018 GAA Handball Clar Work Group

GAA Handball are proposing to complete a major revamp of handball competition. Liam O'Neill (Former GAA President) chaired the work group which produced a hard hitting and for reaching review and proposals for GAA Handball Future. At the point of writing the proposals are to implemented in 2019 60x30 (Softball). The proposals generated much needed debate and highlighted a reluctance to change. Watch this space.

What a year for Leinster GAA Handball. I wish all handball people in Leinster a relaxing month of December, enjoy the Christmas and return to Handball refreshed early 2019.



Kilkenny - All-Ireland 40x20 Team winners



Coolboy-All-Ireland Open Club - Winners 40x20



Kells (Meath) Open Club 60x30 Champions



Kilfane (Kilkenny) Leinster Junior Club 60x30 Champions



Kilkenny Team U14-15 All-Ireland 60-30 Champions

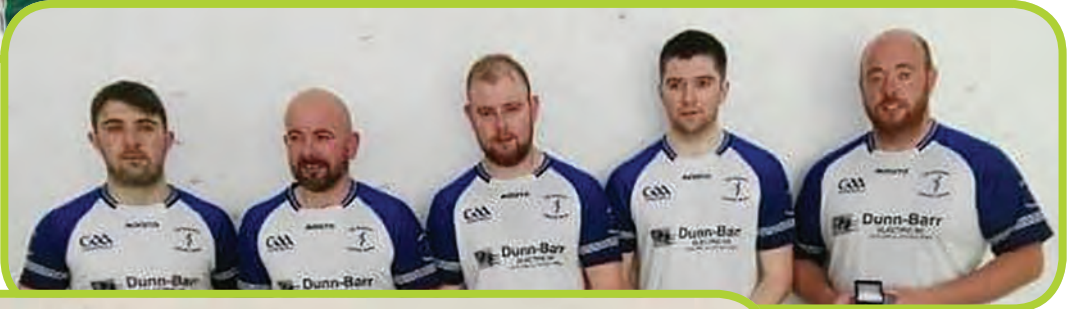
**Munster-Leinster 2018 Girls
Team of six 60x30**



**Templeudigan (Wexford)-
2018 Leinster Junior 40x20
Club Team Champions**



**Tinryland (Carlow)
Junior B 40x20
Club Champions**



**Wexford Boys 60x30
U16-17 Champions**



**Windgap (Kilkenny) -
Junior B Club team 40x20
Champions**



President's Award Leinster Recipients

2004

Paddy Kelly (MH)
Paddy Flanagan (WM)
Kevin O'Brien (WW)
John Doyle (WX)
Con Ryan (D)
Miriam Malone (KE)
Michael Walsh (KK)

2005

William Price (D)
John Cullen (WX)
Bro. Denis Minihane (OY)
Paddy Collins (WM)
Patsy Kiernan (D)
John Nevin (CW)

2006

Martin Quigley (WX)
Kevin Heffernan (D)
Tadhg de Brun (D)
George Delaney (WW)
Margaret Delaney (LS)
Donal Hickey (D)
Marcus de Burca (D)
Jimmy Bergin (KK)

2007

Tommy O'Brien (KK)
Podge Butler (KK)
Gerry Buckley (WM)
Pat Holland (LH)
Bro. Bosco Mulhare (LS/CW)
Lulu Carroll (LS)

2008

John Ryan (LD)
Fr. Moling Lennon (CW/KE)
Michael Noel Byrne (OY)

2009

Fr. Michael Cremin (WM)
L.V. Conway (CW)
Peter Keogh (WW)
Ned Quinn (KK)

2010

Tommy McLoughlin (LD)
Charlie McAllister (LH)
Mary Donohue, (LS)
Cathal Friel (WW)
Christopher Hughes (D)

2011

Fintan Ginnity (MH)
John Curtis (WX)

2012

Brian Finnegan (WW)
Tommy Nally (KE)
Fitzhenry Family, Duffry Rovers WX)
Martin Meagher, Carlow IT (3rd Level)
Rosemount GAA Club (WM) Social Initiative

2013

Michael Mulhaire (LS)
Noel Murphy (D)
Michael Dowling (LS)
Peter Rice (WX)
Seán Gavin (CW)

2014

Máire Ní Cheallaigh (DB)
Maureen Kincaid (OY)

2015

Har Ramsbottom (LS)
Kevin Loughlin (MH)

2016

Ned Flynn (WH)
Paddy McMahon (LH)

2017

Ann Gannon, Summerhill (MH)
Matt Purcell, Baltimore Eustace GAA Handball Club (KE)
John Sheridan, Kilmacud Cokes GAA Club (DB)
Ger Proctor, Cuchulainn Rounders Club (CW)

2018

Jack Napier, Bray Emmets (WW)
Margaret O'Leary-Lacey, Buffers Alley, (WX) Camogie
Ger Murphy, St. Olaf's (DB) Education

GAA Volunteers' Awards Leinster Roll of Honour

Leinster Hall of Fame

2003	Michael "Ducksie" Walsh (Kilkenny)	Seán Óg Ó Ceallachán (Dublin)
2004	Leinster Camogie Team of the Century	Paddy Flanagan (Westmeath)
2005	Brian Smith (Meath)	Kevin Heffernan (Dublin)
2006	Tony Doran (Wexford)	Sean Boylan (Meath)
2007	Pat Henderson (Kilkenny)	Eugene McGee (Longford)
2008	Damien Martin (Offaly)	Seamus Aldridge (Kildare)
2009	Pat Critchley (Laois)	Frank Lynch (Louth)
2010	Jimmy Gray (Dublin)	Kevin O'Brien (Wicklow)
2011	Eddie Keher (Kilkenny)	Cyril Hughes (Carlow)
2012	David Kilcoyne (Westmeath)	Matt Connor (Offaly)
2013	Pat Dunney (Kildare)	Mick Carty (Wexford)
2014	Paddy Quirke (Carlow)	Jack Kenna (Laois)
2015	Don Hyland (Wicklow)	Des Barry (Longford)
2016	Mick Jacob (Wexford)	Trevor Giles (Meath)
2017	Brian Whelehan (Offaly)	Des Dolan (Westmeath)
2018	D.J. Carey (Kilkenny)	Jimmy Keaveney (Dublin)

Comhairle Laighean Website Award

2007	Tara Rowan, Jeff Sheridan & Brendan Cummins (Meath GAA)
2008	Chris Lynam (St. Brigid's GAA Club, Dublin)
2009	Brian Ramsbottom and David Kelly (Park-Ratheniska GAA Club, Laois)
2010	Paddy Bates and Gerry O'Sullivan (Ballyboden St. Enda's GAA Club, Dublin)
2011	Fearghal Gogan and Aidan McHugh (Dunshaughlin GAA Club, Meath)
2012	Fergus McNally and Noel Manning (St. Jude's GAA Club, Dublin)
2013	Marc Cunningham and Anthony Rowan (The Downs Club, Westmeath)
2014	Colm Devaney, Jimmy Halpin, John Dowd (Emmet Og GAA Club, Longford)
2015	Brian Ramsbottom (Park-Ratheniska GAA Club, Laois)
2016	St. Colmcille's GAA Club (Meath)
2017	Mary Foley (Buffers Alley GAA Club, Wexford)
2018	Colm Cummins (Edenderry GAA Club, Offaly)

Comhairle Laighean Match Programme Award

2004	Alan Aherne (Wexford)	2012	Ronan Lynch (Louth)
2005	Brendan Cummins (Meath)	2013	Tomás Moore (Laois)
2006	John Duffy (Longford)	2014	Martin O'Halloran (Meath)
2007	Mary Foley (Wexford)	2015	Martin O'Halloran (Meath)
2008	Mary Foley (Wexford)	2016	Martin O'Halloran (Meath)
2009	Brendan Cummins (Meath)	2017	Bob Doheny (Louth)
2010	Mary Foley (Wexford)	2018	Ciarán Flynn (Meath)
2011	Ronan Lynch (Louth)		

Comhairle Laighean County P.R.O. of the Year

2016	Seamus Reade (Kilkenny)	2018	Pat O'Sullivan (Laois)
2017	Christine Murray (Kildare)		

Comhairle Laighean Pearse Medal (Player of the Year)

2016	Jonjo Farrell (Kilkenny)	Diarmuid Connolly (Dublin)
2017	Conor Cooney (Galway)	James McCarthy (Dublin)
2018	T.J. Reid (Kilkenny)	Ciarán Kilkenny (Dublin)

Comhairle Laighean Clár na gCluichí 2019

			VENUE	DATE		
PEIL SINSIR						
1	Louth	v	Wexford	Innovate Wexford Park	12.05.2019	
2	Wicklow	v	Kildare	Netwatch Cullen Park	11.05.2019	
3	Meath	v	Offaly	Pairc Tailteann Navan	12.05.2019	
Quarter-finals						
4	Louth/Wexford	v	Dublin	O'Moore Pk/Innovate Wexford Pk	25.05.2019	
5	Kildare/Wicklow	v	Longford	Bord na Móna O'Connor Pk/Glennon Bros Pearse Pk	26.05.2019	
6	Meath/Offaly	v	Carlow	Bord na Móna O'Connor Park/O'Moore Park	25.05.2019	
7	Westmeath	v	Laois	Bord na Mona O'Connor Park	26.05.2019	
Semi-finals						
8		4	v	5	Croke Park	09.06.2019
9		6	v	7	Croke Park	09.06.2019
Final		8	v	9	Croke Park	23.06.2019

IOMÁINT SINSIR

ROUND ROBIN (5 Rounds) - KILKENNY, DUBLIN, WEXFORD, CARLOW, GALWAY

Round 1 (Round Robin)

1	Kilkenny	v	Dublin	Nowlan Park	11.05.2019
2	Galway	v	Carlow	Pearse Stadium	12.05.2019

Round 2 (Round Robin)

1	Carlow	v	Kilkenny	Netwatch Cullen Park	19.05.2019
2	Dublin	v	Wexford	Parnell Park	19.05.2019

Round 3 (Round Robin)

1	Galway	v	Wexford	Pearse Stadium	26.05.2019
2	Carlow	v	Dublin	Netwatch Cullen Park	02.06.2019

Round 4 (Round Robin)

1	Wexford	v	Carlow	Innovate Wexford Park	08/09.06.2019
2	Kilkenny	v	Galway	Nowlan Park	09.06.2019

Round 5 (Round Robin)

1	Wexford	v	Kilkenny	Innovate Wexford Park	15.06.2019
2	Dublin	v	Galway	Parnell Park	15.06.2019

Final				Croke Park	30.06.2019
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FÉ 20 BLIAIN IOMÁINT BORD GAIS

Section A: Carlow, Laois, Offaly, Westmeath & Ulster

Tier 1

1	Ulster	v	Carlow	Abbotstown	25.05.2019
2	Westmeath	v	Offaly	Westmeath	27.05.2019

Tier 2

3	Winners 1	v	Winners 2		15.06.2019
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Quarter-Finals

4	Winners 3	v	Dublin		26.06.2019
5	Kilkenny	v	Laois		26.06.2019

Semi-Finals:

6	Galway	v	Winners 5		03.07.2019
7	Wexford	v	Winners 4		03.07.2019
Final	6	v	7		17.07.2019

FÉ 20 BLIAIN PEIL

1	Kildare	v	Laois		22.06.2019
2	Kildare/Laois	v	Westmeath		02.07.2019

3	Carlow	v	Offaly		22.06.2019
4	Carlow/Offaly	v	Meath		02.07.2019

5	Wexford	v	Wicklow		22.06.2019
6	Wexford/Wicklow	v	Louth		02.07.2019

7	Longford	v	Dublin		02.07.2019
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Semi-Finals

8	2	v	4		09.07.2019
9	6	v	7		09.07.2019

Final

10	8	v	9	Neutral Venue	19.07.2019
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PEIL SOISIR

1	Longford	v	Carlow		22.05.2019
2	Kildare	v	Longford/Carlow		05.06.2019
3	Wicklow	v	Louth		22.05.2019
4	Meath	v	Louth/Wicklow		05.06.2019
Final	2	v	4	Croke Park	23.06.2019

IOMÁINT MÍONÚIR ELECTRIC IRELAND

Tier 1

Kilkenny
Dublin
Offaly
Wexford

Tier 2

Laois
Westmeath
Antrim
Kildare

Tier 3

Carlow
Meath
Down

Tier 1 Fixtures		
Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Kilkenny v Dublin Offaly v Wexford	Wexford v Kilkenny Dublin v Offaly	Kilkenny v Offaly Wexford v Dublin

Tier 2 Fixtures		
Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Laois v Westmeath Antrim v Kildare (Neutral)	Kildare v Laois Antrim v Westmeath (Neutral)	Antrim v Laois (Neutral) Westmeath v Kildare

Tier 2 Fixtures		
Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Carlow v Meath Antrim v Kildare (Neutral)	Down v Meath (Neutral) Antrim v Westmeath (Neutral)	Down v Carlow (Neutral) Westmeath v Kildare

Knockout Stages - Home and Away arrangements as heretofore - except Final

Peadar Ó Liatháin Cup

Counties eligible subject to not qualifying for Electric Ireland Leinster MHC Semi Finals are:

Antrim, Carlow, Down, Kildare, Meath, Westmeath.

Dates - Final same date as Electric Ireland Leinster MHC Final

PEIL MÍONÚIR ELECTRIC IRELAND

Group 1
 Carlow
 Laois
 Longford
 Westmeath

Group 2
 Offaly
 Wexford
 Meath
 Dublin

Group 3
 Kilkenny
 Kildare
 Wicklow
 Louth

Group 1 Fixtures		
Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Carlow v Laois Longford v Westmeath	Westmeath v Laois Carlow v Longford	Westmeath v Carlow Longford v Laois

Group 2 Fixtures		
Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Wexford v Offaly Dublin v Meath	Meath v Offaly Wexford v Dublin	Offaly v Dublin Meath v Wexford

Group 3 Fixtures		
Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Kilkenny v Kildare Kilkenny v Wicklow	Wicklow v Louth Kilkenny v Louth	Louth v Kildare Kildare v Wicklow

CALENDAR FOR MINOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Minor Football	Round 1	23.04.2019 (Easter Tuesday)
Minor Hurling	Round 1	27.04.2019 (Saturday)
Minor Hurling	Round 2	04.05.2019 (Saturday)
Minor Football	Round 2	08.05.2019 (Wednesday)
Minor Hurling	Round 3	11.05.2018 (Saturday)
Minor Football	Round 3	15.05.2019 (Wednesday)
Minor Hurling	Knockout Stages (Rd 1)	18.05.2019 (Saturday)
Minor Hurling	Preliminary Qt Finals (Rd 2)	25.05.2019 (Saturday)
Minor Football	Quarter Finals	01.06.2019 (Saturday)
Minor Hurling	Quarter Finals	08.06.2019 (Saturday)
Minor Hurling	Semi Finals	15.06.2019 (Saturday)
Minor Football	Semi Finals	22.06.2019 (Saturday)
Minor Hurling	Final	29.06.2019 (Saturday)
Minor Football	Final	03/06.7.2019 (Wed/Sat)



Cluichí Laighean 2018

BORD NA MÓNA O'BYRNE CUP SENIOR FOOTBALL

30/12	Offaly..... (3-16)	Wexford..... (0-09)	Tullamore
30/12	Longford..... (2-13)	Louth..... (1-10)	Darver
30/12	Carlow..... (3-08)	Wicklow..... (0-06)	Bray Emmets
30/12	Westmeath..... (1-13)	Laois..... (1-12)	Mullingar
3/1	Dublin..... (1-13)	Offaly..... (0-16)	Parnell Park
3/1	Louth..... (2-11)	Kildare..... (0-09)	Hawkfield
3/1	Meath..... (0-09)	Carlow..... (0-07)	Carlow
7/1	Westmeath..... (3-16)	Laois..... (1-13)	Stradbally
7/1	Wexford..... (1-12)	Dublin..... (0-14)	St Patricks Enniscorthy
7/1	Longford..... (1-14)	Kildare..... (0-13)	Longford
7/1	Meath..... (4-19)	Wicklow..... (0-13)	Navan
14/1	Westmeath..... (1-09)	Offaly..... (1-07)	Mullingar
14/1	Meath..... (1-19) (Meath win on Free Taking 2-1)	Longford..... (2-16) AET	Navan
13/5	Meath..... (4-13)	Westmeath..... (1-13)	Mullingar

BORD NA MÓNA WALSH CUP SENIOR HURLING

30/12	Carlow..... (4-18)	Wicklow..... (2-11)	Carlow
30/12	Laois..... (1-16)	Kildare..... (0-09)	Hawkfield
30/12	Meath..... (1-17)	Antrim..... (0-19)	Trim
30/12	Offaly..... (2-15)	Westmeath..... (1-16)	Banagher
3/1	Wexford..... (1-20)	Carlow..... (0-18)	Hollymount
3/1	Dublin..... (4-18)	Meath..... (0-14)	Abbotstown
3/1	Kilkenny..... (6-24)	Laois..... (1-11)	Portlaoise
7/1	Offaly..... (1-18)	Westmeath..... (0-18)	Mullingar
7/1	Wexford..... (6-35)	Wicklow..... (1-12)	Ashford
7/1	Dublin..... (4-16)	Antrim..... (0-17)	Parnell Park
7/1	Kilkenny..... (3-18)	Kildare..... (0-08)	Freshford
13/1	Kilkenny..... (1-20)	Offaly..... (3-11)	Tullamore
14/1	Wexford..... (1-20)	Dublin..... (0-16)	Parnell Park
20/1	Wexford..... (1-24) (Wexford win on Free Taking 3-2)	Kilkenny..... (1-24) AET	Kilkenny

BORD NA MÓNA KEHOE CUP SENIOR HURLING

30/12	Longford..... (4-11)	Louth..... (2-10)	Longford
31/12	DCU St Patricks..... (2-15)	Wicklow..... (1-18)	Kilcoole
7/1	Wicklow..... (3-14)	Louth..... (3-11)	Darver
14/1	Wicklow..... (4-19)	Longford..... (1-06)	Kilcoole
14/1	Louth..... (3-13)	DCU St Patricks..... (1-12)	Darver
19/1	Longford..... (4-12)	DCU St Patricks..... (2-13)	UCD, Belfield
11/2	Longford..... (0-11)	Wicklow..... (0-10)	Longford4

ELECTRIC IRELAND LEINSTER GAA MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

7/5	Offaly	(1-13)	Wicklow	(0-14)	Aughrim
7/5	Meath	(2-20)	Westmeath	(2-07)	Mullingar
7/5	Dublin	(3-15)	Louth	(1-07)	Parnell Park
7/5	Laois	(1-12)	Longford	(0-11)	Portlaoise
7/5	Kildare	(1-17)	Wexford	(0-07)	Newbridge
23/5	Wicklow	(5-12)	Louth	(6-09)	Ardee
23/5	Meath	(1-13)	Dublin	(2-08)	Navan
23/5	Offaly	(1-12)	Westmeath	(1-09)	Tullamore
23/5	Kildare	(1-13)	Carlow	(0-02)	Carlow
23/5	Laois	(0-11)	Wexford	(2-03)	Wexford
30/5	Meath	(4-14)	Louth	(0-12)	Drogheda
30/5	Dublin	(2-11)	Offaly	(0-10)	Tullamore
30/5	Wicklow	(2-20)	Westmeath	(2-04)	Aughrim
30/5	Laois	(0-10)	Carlow	(0-10)	Portlaoise
30/5	Longford	(2-17)	Wexford	(0-07)	Longford
27/6	Wicklow	(2-06)	Dublin	(0-08)	Parnell Park
27/6	Meath	(1-13)	Offaly	(1-12)	Navan
27/6	Louth	(3-11)	Westmeath	(2-11)	Mullingar
27/6	Longford	(1-09)	Carlow	(0-08)	Carlow
27/6	Kildare	(5-10)	Laois	(1-06)	Newbridge
3/7	Dublin	(5-19)	Westmeath	(0-09)	Mullingar
3/7	Wicklow	(1-10)	Meath	(1-08)	Aughrim
3/7	Louth	(2-12)	Offaly	(1-11)	Tullamore
3/7	Kildare	(1-18)	Longford	(0-12)	Longford
3/7	Wexford	(1-11)	Carlow	(1-10)	Wexford
7/7	Meath	(5-18)	Laois	(0-08)	Portlaoise
8/7	Kildare	(3-13)	Wicklow	(3-13) AET	Newbridge
13/7	Kildare	(2-12)	Wicklow	(1-13)	Aughrim
21/7	Meath	(1-15)	Kildare	(1-07)	Tullamore

LEINSTER GAA MINOR FOOTBALL SHIELD

7/7	Dublin	(3-20)	Wexford	(0-12)	Wexford
7/7	Longford	(1-17)	Louth	(4-07)	Ardee
14/7	Longford	(1-13)	Dublin	(0-11)	Longford

EIRGRID LEINSTER GAA U-20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

28/5	Westmeath	(2-12)	Wexford	(1-12)	Mullingar
28/5	Dublin	(2-21)	Longford	(0-11)	Longford
28/5	Meath	(6-16)	Wicklow	(1-09)	Aughrim
28/5	Kildare	(1-17)	Laois	(4-06)	Newbridge
28/5	Offaly	(2-19)	Carlow	(1-10)	Carlow
4/6	Dublin	(2-16)	Westmeath	(1-13)	Parnell Park
4/6	Wexford	(3-13)	Longford	(2-09)	Wexford
4/6	Meath	(2-11)	Kildare	(1-13)	Navan
4/6	Laois	(1-14)	Wicklow	(1-13)	Portlaoise
4/6	Carlow	(5-11)	Louth	(3-15)	Drogheda
16/6	Dublin	(1-15)	Wexford	(0-11)	Wexford
16/6	Westmeath	(1-16)	Longford	(1-10)	Longford
16/6	Meath	(2-13)	Laois	(0-13)	Navan
16/6	Kildare	(3-15)	Wicklow	(0-04)	Newbridge
17/6	Offaly	(2-16)	Louth	(1-07)	Tullamore
22/6	Kildare	(4-18)	Carlow	(0-08)	Carlow
23/6	Offaly	(1-16)	Westmeath	(1-10)	Tullamore
29/6	Kildare	(3-14)	Offaly	(2-05)	Tullamore
30/6	Dublin	(4-16)	Meath	(2-10)	Navan
6/7	Kildare	(1-15)	Dublin	(0-10)	Tullamore

ELECTRIC IRELAND LEINSTER GAA MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

12/5	Offaly	(4-23)	Meath	(0-13)	Trim
12/5	Westmeath	(2-15)	Carlow	(0-09)	Mullingar
12/5	Kildare	(2-17)	Antrim	(4-07)	Newbridge
12/5	Wexford	(1-21)	Laois	(0-18)	Wexford
13/5	Kilkenny	(3-21)	Dublin	(4-12)	Parnell Park
19/5	Dublin	(2-21)	Laois	(0-07)	Portlaoise
19/5	Kilkenny	(3-21)	Wexford	(1-12)	Kilkenny
19/5	Antrim	(0-16)	Meath	(0-11)	Dowdallshill
19/5	Offaly	(3-19)	Kildare	(0-14)	Tullamore
19/5	Westmeath	(8-18)	Down	(1-04)	Drogheda
25/5	Kildare	(1-21)	Meath	(0-13)	Newbridge
25/5	Carlow	(3-22)	Down	(2-07)	Longwood
25/5	Kilkenny	(1-26)	Laois	(1-12)	Portlaoise
27/5	Dublin	(0-16)	Wexford	(1-10)	Parnell Park
27/5	Offaly	(2-17)	Antrim	(1-11)	Dowdallshill
2/6	Kildare	(2-15)	Down	(0-01)	Abbotstown
2/6	Westmeath	(1-18)	Meath	(1-11)	Mullingar
2/6	Antrim	(3-08)	Carlow	(1-12)	Abbotstown
16/6	Offaly	(2-19)	Laois	(1-13)	Tullamore
16/6	Wexford	(2-21)	Kildare	(0-12)	Newbridge
16/6	Dublin	(3-16)	Antrim	(0-04)	Dowdallshill
16/6	Kilkenny	(5-28)	Westmeath	(1-05)	Mullingar
23/6	Kilkenny	(0-24)	Offaly	(2-13)	Tullamore
23/6	Dublin	(1-22)	Wexford	(3-13)	Wexford
30/6	Dublin	(6-19)	Kilkenny	(7-12)	Portlaoise

LEINSTER GAA MINOR HURLING SHIELD

20/6	Carlow	(0-10)	Kildare	(1-18)	Carlow
20/6	Meath	(W/O)	Down	(SCR)	
23/6	Westmeath	(2-14)	Antrim	(1-14)	Dowdallshill
23/6	Kildare	(3-11)	Meath	(0-11)	Navan
30/6	Kildare	(2-16)	Westmeath	(2-10)	Portlaoise

LEINSTER GAA SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

12/5	Laois	(2-21)	Wexford	(1-18) AET	Wexford
13/5	Carlow	(2-17)	Louth	(0-12)	Portlaoise
13/5	Wicklow	(1-20)	Offaly	(1-15) AET	Portlaoise
26/5	Laois	(4-13)	Westmeath	(1-12)	Tullamore
27/5	Dublin	(4-25)	Wicklow	(1-11)	Portlaoise
27/5	Longford	(0-16)	Meath	(0-14)	Longford
27/5	Carlow	(2-14)	Kildare	(1-10)	Portlaoise
10/6	Laois	(0-12)	Carlow	(0-08)	Croke Park
10/6	Dublin	(2-25)	Longford	(0-12)	Croke Park
24/6	Dublin	(1-25)	Laois	(0-10)	Croke Park

LEINSTER GAA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

22/5	Kildare	(2-11)	Wicklow	(2-09)	Aughrim
31/5	Longford	(W/O)	Cavan	(SCR)	
12/6	Meath	(2-23)	Longford	(2-18)	Navan
12/6	Kildare	(2-19)	Louth	(0-08)	Drogheda
24/6	Kildare	(2-17)	Meath	(2-15)	Croke Park

LEINSTER GAA SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

12/5	Galway	(5-18)	Offaly	(2-15)	Tullamore
13/5	Kilkenny	(1-25)	Dublin	(3-16)	Parnell Park
20/5	Kilkenny	(2-19)	Offaly	(1-13)	Kilkenny
20/5	Wexford	(0-22)	Dublin	(2-14)	Wexford
26/5	Wexford	(5-24)	Offaly	(2-09)	Tullamore
27/5	Galway	(1-22)	Kilkenny	(2-11)	Pearse Stadium Galway
2/6	Galway	(1-23)	Wexford	(0-17)	Wexford
3/6	Dublin	(2-24)	Offaly	(0-13)	Parnell Park
9/6	Kilkenny	(0-22)	Wexford	(1-18)	Kilkenny
9/6	Galway	(0-26)	Dublin	(2-19)	Pearse Stadium Galway
1/7	Kilkenny	(0-18)	Galway	(0-18)	Croke Park
8/7	Galway	(1-28)	Kilkenny	(3-15)	Semple Stadium Thurles

BORD GAIS ENERGY LEINSTER GAA U-21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

26/5	Carlow	(3-22)	Antrim	(1-19)	Parnell Park
26/5	Dublin	(4-16)	Laois	(1-10)	Portlaoise
6/6	Dublin	(4-18)	Carlow	(0-12)	Carlow
13/6	Galway	(1-20)	Offaly	(0-08)	Tullamore
13/6	Dublin	(2-13)	Westmeath	(1-13)	Mullingar
20/6	Wexford	(3-15)	Dublin	(3-12)	Parnell Park
20/6	Galway	(3-13)	Kilkenny	(1-17)	Tullamore
4/7	Galway	(4-21)	Wexford	(2-26) AET	Portlaoise

AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

4/11	Naomh Eanna (WX)	(3-18)	Camross (LS)	(2-16)	Portlaoise
4/11	Coolderry (OY)	(1-22)	Mt Leinster Rangers (CW)	(1-16)	Tullamore
6/11	Ballyboden St Endas (DB)	(2-15)	Clonkill (WH)	(2-19)	Parnell Park
18/11	Ballyboden St Endas (DB)	(5-28)	Coolderry (OY)	(5-25)	Parnell Park
18/11	Ballyhale Shamrocks (KK)	(6-21)	Naomh Eanna (WX)	(4-11)	Wexford Pk
2/12	Ballyhale Shamrocks (KK)	(2-21)	Ballyboden St Endas (DB)	(0-11)	Carlow

AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

3/11	St Mogue's, Fethard (WX)	(2-09)	Kiltale (MH)	(2-05)	Wexford Pk
3/11	Graigue Ballycallan (KK)	(0-16)	Celbridge (KE)	(0-13)	Callan
3/11	Portlaoise (LS)	(0-16)	Glenealy (WW)	(1-10)	Aughrim
3/11	Ballinamere (OY)	(3-16)	Faughs (DB)	(2-11)	Parnell Park
17/11	Graigue Ballycallan (KK)	(2-22)	St Mogue's, Fethard (WX)	(1-11)	New Ross
17/11	Portlaoise (LS)	(3-13)	Ballinamere OY)	(2-14)	Portlaoise
1/12	Graigue Ballycallan (KK)	(2-17)	Portlaoise (LS)	(0-15)	Kilkenny

AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

20/10	Knockbridge (LH)	(2-16)	Maynooth (KE)	(1-14)	Dowdallshill
20/10	St Maurs (DB)	(3-14)	Slieve Bloom (LS)	(0-13)	Round Towers Lusk
20/10	Na Fianna (MH)	(3-19)	Clara (OY)	(3-12)	Tullamore
26/10	Wolfe Tones (LD)	(0-19)	Avondale (WW)	(1-11)	Newtownforbes
3/11	Dunnamaggin (KK)	(2-21)	Knockbrige (LH)	(0-07)	Dowdallshill
3/11	Na Fianna (MH)	(6-14)	Crookedwood (WH)	(1-10)	Trim
4/11	Taghmon Camross (WX)	(2-19)	Wolfe Tones (LD)	(2-07)	Carlow
10/11	St Maurs (DB)	(1-22)	Erins Own (cw)	(1-09)	Round Towers Lusk
17/11	Na Fianna (MH)	(3-12)	Taghmon Camross (WX)	(2-13)	Trim
17/11	Dunnamaggin (KK)	(1-25)	St Maurs (DB)	(0-08)	Callan
1/12	Dunnamaggin (KK)	(3-17)	Na Fianna (MH)	(1-11)	Kilkenny

AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

28/10	St Peters,Dunboyne (MH)	(1-12)	Shelmaliers (WX)	(1-02)	Wexford
28/10	Moorefield (KE)	(2-09)	Mullingar Shamrocks (WH) . .	(1-06)	Mullingar
28/10	Rhode (OY)	(2-16)	St Patricks (WW)	(1-09)	Aughrim
11/11	Eire Og (CW)	(2-09)	Newtown Blues (LH)	(0-08)	Drogheda
11/11	Kilmacud Crokes (DB)	(2-17)	St Peters,Dunboyne (MH) . . .	(0-07)	Navan
11/11	St Columbas, Mullnalaghta (LD) (1-06)		Rhode (OY)	(0-07)	Tullamore
11/11	Portlaoise (LS)	(1-14)	Moorefield (KE)	(1-11)	Newbridge
25/11	St Columbas, Mullnalaghta (LD) (2-15)		Eire Og (CW)	(0-03)	Longford
25/11	Kilmacud Crokes (DB)	(1-17)	Portlaoise (LS)	(3-08)	Parnell Park
9/12	Mullinalaghta (LD)	(1-08)	Kilmacud Crokes (D)	(1-06)	Tullamore

AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

27/10	Shamrocks (OY)	(1-15)	Tinahley (WW)	(2-07)	Tullamore
27/10	Horeswood (WX)	(3-14)	Mullinvat (KK)	(1-05)	New Ross
27/10	Two Mill House (KE)	(2-07)	Shandonagh (OY)	(1-09)	Hawkfield
27/10	St Mochtas (LH)	(1-10)	Longwood (MH)	(0-11)	Ardee
10/11	Horeswood (WX)	(1-11)	Rathcline (LD)	(0-13)	New Ross
10/11	Shamrocks (OY)	(1-15)	Ballinabranna (CW)	(1-10)	Kilcormac
10/11	Two Mile House (KE)	(4-15)	Round Towers (DB)	(1-16)	Newbridge
10/11	Courtwood (LS)	(2-09)	St Mochtas (LH)	(1-10)	Ardee
24/11	Shamrocks (OY)	(2-17)	Horeswood (WX)	(0-08)	Tullamore
24/11	Two Mile House (KE)	(3-18)	Courtwood (LS)	(2-10)	Newbridge
8/12	Shamrocks (OY)	(0-10)	Two Mile House (KE)	(1-08)	Tullamore

AIB LEINSTER GAA CLUB JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

27/10	St Finians (DB)	(0-08)	Amsterdam (Europe)	(0-06)	Abbotstown
27/10	Dundalk Young Irls (LH)	(1-09)	Kilbeggan Shamrocks (WH) . .	(0-09)	Mullingar
27/10	Tullagher Rosbercon (KK)	(1-10)	Naomh Eanna (WX)	(0-11)	New Ross
27/10	Miltown (KE)	(1-12)	Kilcoole (WW)	(0-11)	Aughrim
27/10	St Brigids (OY)	(2-07)	St Vincents (MH)	(0-09)	Tullamore
10/11	Miltown (KE)	(1-08)	Naomh Eoin (CW)	(1-07)	Hawkfield
10/11	Dundalk Young Irelands (LH) . . .	(2-14)	Annanough (LS)	(0-05)	Dowdallshill
10/11	St Brigids (OY)	(3-13)	St Finians (DB)	(4-08)	Geashill
24/11	Dundalk Young Irls (LH)	(0-13)	Tullagher Rosbercon (KK) . . .	(0-06)	New Ross
24/11	St Brigids (OY)	(1-11)	Miltown (KE)	(1-07)	Hawkfield
8/12	Dundalk Young Irelands (LH) . . .	(2-10)	St Brigids (OY)	(2-07)	Drogheda

LEINSTER GAA ADULT CLUB HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Shinrone (OY)	(2-14)	St. Rynaghs (OY)	(0-17)
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LEINSTER GAA ADULT CLUB HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Belmont (OY)	(5-16)	Lisdowney (KK)	(0-19)
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LEINSTER GAA ADULT CLUB HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 3

Eire Óg Corra Choill (KE)	(1-19)	Blackwater (WX)	(0-18)
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LEINSTER GAA ADULT CLUB HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 4

St. Kevins (DB)	(3-17)	Avondale (WW)	(1-08)
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Jun. F "D2"	Duiske College	Meanscoil Gharman

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Juv. H "C"	Knockbeg College	Pres DLS Bagenalstown
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HANDBALL – BOYS

Colleges 60 x 30

U-19 Singles	O'Carolan Col., Nobber
U-19 Doubles	St. Kieran's, Kilkenny
U-17 Singles	Grennan Col., Thomastown
U-17 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-15 Singles	Kilkenny C.B.S.
U-15 Doubles	Col. Eamann Ris, Callan
First Yr. Doubles	Grennan Col., Thomastown

Colleges 40 x 20

U-19 Singles	St. Kieran's, Kilkenny
U-19 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-17 Singles	Grennan Col., Thomastown
U-17 Doubles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-15 Singles	Kilkenny C.B.S.
U-15 Doubles	Col. Mhuire, Johnstown

HANDBALL – GIRLS

Colleges 60 x 30

U-19 Singles	Confey College
U-19 Doubles	Grennan Col., Thomastown
U-16 Singles	Col. Chiarain, Leixlip
U-16 Doubles	St. Brigid's Callan

Colleges 40 x 20

U-19 Singles	Confey College
U-19 Doubles	Grennan Col., Thomastown
U-16 Singles	Castlecomer C.S.
U-16 Doubles	St. Brigid's, Callan

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Kildare - Leinster GAA U-20 Football Champions 2018



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Wexford - Bord na Móna Walsh Cup Winners 2018



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Graigue Ballycallan - Leinster GAA Intermediate Club Hurling Champions 2018



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Mullinalaghta - Leinster GAA Senior Club Football Champions 2018



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Éire Óg - Leinster Adult Club Hurling League Div.3 Winners 2018




St. Kevin's - Leinster Adult Club Hurling League Div.4 Winners 2018



A photograph of a football match celebration. In the center, a man in a blue jersey with 'AIG' and 'ONEILL' logos is raising a large silver cup with both hands. He is surrounded by a crowd of people, some in suits and some in blue jerseys. The background shows a stadium setting.

**CAPTAIN JOHNNY COOPER
RAISES THE DELANEY CUP
ON BEHALF OF DUBLIN
- LEINSTER SENIOR
FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 2018**

A photograph of a hurling match celebration. In the foreground, a man in a maroon jersey with 'Supernova' and 'Gillies' logos is raising a large silver cup with both hands. He is surrounded by a crowd of people, some in suits and some in maroon jerseys. The background shows a stadium setting.

**CAPTAIN DAVID BURKE
RAISES THE BOB O'KEEFE CUP
AT SEMPLE STADIUM
FOR GALWAY AS LEINSTER SENIOR
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