



CÓMHDHAIL CINN BLIANA 2023

CUMANN LÚTHCHLEASE GAEL

Bord Chontae Uíbh Fhailí



ANNUAL CONVENTION

In O'Connor Park, Tullamore
on Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 7.30pm

Colm Ó Comáin

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COUNTY CONVENTION CLÁR 2023

1. **Minutes of Convention 2022**
2. **Adoption of Standing Orders.**
3. **Secretary's Report**
4. **Sub Committee Reports**
5. **Auditors Report and Statement of Accounts 2022**
6. **Election of Officers**
 - a. Election of Chairperson (*followed by Chairpersons Address*)
 - b. Election of Vice Chairperson
 - c. Election of Secretary
 - d. Election of Assistant Secretary
 - e. Election of Treasurer
 - f. Election of Assistant Treasurer
 - g. Election of P.R.O.
 - h. Election of Central Council Representative
 - i. Election of Leinster Council Representatives (2)
 - j. Election of Cultural Officer
 - k. Election of Coaching Officer
 - l. Ratification of Children's Officer
 - m. Ratification of Planning & Training Officer
7. **Appointment of Delegates to Annual Congress (4)** (*shall include Chairperson & Secretary*)
8. **Appointment of Delegates to Leinster Convention (4)**
9. **Handball Report**
10. **Motions**
11. **Club of the Year**
12. **Date for first County Board Meeting in 2023**


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STANDING ORDERS FOR COUNTY CONVENTION

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

1. The proposer of a motion or an amendment thereto, may speak for three minutes, but not more than three minutes
2. The number of people entitled to speak and vote shall be in accordance with Rule 3.10 T.O 2022.
3. A delegate speaking to a motion/proposal/resolution, or an amendment thereto, must not exceed two minutes.
4. The proposer of a motion/proposal/resolution, or amendment, may speak a second time, for two minutes, before a vote is taken, but no other delegate may speak a second time to the same motion or amendment.
5. The Chairperson may, at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on a proposer for a reply and when this is given, a vote must be taken.
6. A delegate may with the consent of the Chairperson move "that the motion/proposal/resolution be now put", after which, when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
7. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the agenda, except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.
8. Delegates who refuse to abide by the Standing Orders will be referred to the Competitions Control Committee.



COUNTY CONVENTION VOTING RIGHTS

Club Delegate Votes (82)		Co. Board Delegate Votes (41)		Co. Board Officers Votes (14)	
BALLINAGAR	2	Paurig Gallagher	1	Chairperson	Michael Duignan 1
BALLINAMERE	2	Colette Waters	1	Vice Chairperson	James Murphy 1
BALLYCOMMON	2	Gerry Gannon	1	Secretary	Colm Cummins 1
BALLYCUMBER	2	Liam Hackett	1	Assistant Secretary	Christy Todd 1
BALLYFORE	2	Mary Dunne	1	Treasurer	Dervill Dolan 1
BALLYSKENACH/KILLAVILLA	2	Eamon Phelan	1	Assistant Treasurer	Nessa Feighry 1
BELMONT	2	Jimmy Cahill	1	P.R.O.	Padraig O'Meara 1
BIRR	2	John Irwin	1	Central Council Delegate	Paddy Scales 1
BRACKNAGH	2	Richard Weldon	1	Leinster Council Delegate	Joe Higgins 1
CAPPINCUR	2	Rory Goggins	1	Leinster Council Delegate	Dolores Slevin 1
CARRIG & RIVERSTOWN	2	Paul King	1	Planning & Training Officer	Brendan Minnock 1
CLARA	2	Hugh Naughton	1	Children's Officer	Elaine Kelly-Dunne 1
CLODIAGH GAELS	2	Des Dunne	1	Irish & Culture Officer	Michelle Hogan 1
CLONBULLOGUE	2	Leo Dempsey	1	Coaching Officer	Carina Carroll 1
CLONMORE HARPS	2	Darren Connell	1	Coiste na nÓg Chairperson	Keith Screeney 1
COOLDERRY	2	Colman Hogan	1		
CRINKLE	2	Des O'Brien	1		
DAINGEAN	2	Paul Keating	1	Committee Reps. (4)	
DOON	2	Padraig Egan	1	County Handball Board	Kevin Cooke 1
DRUMCULLEN	2	Peter Lyons	1	County Post-Primary Schools	Niall Lynch 1
DURROW	2	Paul Fox	1	Cumann na mBunscol	Declan Ward 1
EDENDERRY	2	Angela Delaney	1	Referees Administrator	Denis Hoctor 1
ERIN ROVERS	2	Eamonn Dunican	1		
FERBANE	2	Eamon Flynn	1		
GRACEFIELD	2	David Walsh	1		
KILCLONFERT	2	Bill Kavanagh	1		
KILCORMAC/KILLOUGHEY	2	Paul Craven	1		
KINNITTY	2	Kevin Callaghan	1		
LUSMAGH	2	Michael Troy	1		
RAHEEN	2	John Hackett	1		
RHODE	2	John Kilmurray	1		
SEIR KIERAN	2	TJ Dooley	1		
SHAMROCKS	2	Jamie Boland	1		
SHANNONBRIDGE	2	Jim Kileen	1		
SHINRONE	2	Michael Cleary	1		
ST BRIGID'S	2	Michael Casey	1		
ST RYNAGH'S (Football)	2	Sean Clancy	1		
ST RYNAGH'S (Hurling)	2	Gerry Quirke	1		
TUBBER	2	James Higgins	1		
TULLAMORE	2	Paul Dillane	1		
WALSH ISLAND	2	Alan Mulhall	1		
				Club Delegates	82
				Co. Board Delegates	41
				Co. Board Officers	14
				Committee Reps.	4
				Total Votes	141
				NOTES	
				1.	E.g. of Club Voting Rights; Ballinagar has 3 votes, if Paurig Gallagher and the 2 County Convention Delegates are present.
				2.	Proxy not allowed for Co. Board Delegate who is unable to attend.



MIONTUAIRSCI CÓMHDHÁIL CINN BLIANA 2022

The 2022 Offaly GAA County Convention was held, online on MS Teams on Tuesday 07th December 2021 with Michaél Ó Duigeannáin (Cathaoirleach) presided.

The following Club/Convention Delegates participated:

Ballycommon	Frank O'Brien Gerry Gannon Declan Scally	Ballinamere:	Colette Waters Pat Fulton	Ballinagar:	Paurig Gallagher
Ballycumber:	Liam Hackett	Ballyfore:	Mary Dunne Breda Jones Fergus Kelly	Ballyskenagh/ Killavilla:	Eoin Meagher Eamon Phelan
Birr:	Keiran Horan John Irwin	Bracknagh:	John Lawlor	Belmont:	Jimmy Cahill Rory Liddane
Clara:	Padraig O'Meara Brian Gavin	Cappincur:	Rory Goggin Catherine Graham Niall Minnock	Clodiagh Gaels	
Clonbullogue:	Leo Dempsey Paula Lawlor Brian O'Neill	Clonmore H.:	Darren Connell Adrian Foy	Carrig & R.:	Denis Hctor Paul King
Coolderry:	Colman Hogan Mary Hanley	Crinkle:	Des O'Brien	Daingean:	Paul Keating Padraig Keating Claire Walsh
Doon:	Padraig Egan Michael Moran	Drumcullen:	Dermot Horan Peter Lyons Toni Ryan	Durrow:	Tony Hensey
Edenderry:	Keith McGuinness Angela Delaney Willie Forde	Erin Rovers:	Eamon Dunican Francis Kenna Sinéad Lynam	Ferbane:	John Ferris
Gracefield:	Padraig Maher Colette O'Reilly	Kilclonfert:	Bill Kavanagh	Kilcormac/K:	Paul Craven Niamh Slevin
Kinnitty:	Kevin Callaghan	Lusmagh:	Michael Troy John Duffy Patrick Kelly	Raheen:	Ray Garry Pauric Pierce John Hackett
Rhode:	John Kilmurray Eoghan Hickey Richie Glennon	St. Brigids:	Micheál Casey	Seir Kieran:	TJ Dooley Richard Dolan
Shamrocks:	Ollie Bryant	Shannonbridge:	Damien Brazil Tony Rohan	Shinrone:	Michael Cleary Joe Cleary
St Rynagh's (H):	Gerry Quirke Pat Horan Damien Martin	St. Rynagh's (F):	Ciaran Grogan Orla Clancy	Tubber:	John Moran Enda Murphy James Higgins
Tullamore:	Tom Martin Paul Dillane Paula Mulvey	Walsh Island:	Alan Mulhall Carol Murphy		

Also Participating: | James Murphy, Vice Chairperson | Colm Cummins, Secretary | Christy Todd, Assistant Secretary | Dervill Dolan, Treasurer | Sinead Daly, Assistant Treasurer | Brendan Minnock, PRO | Paddy Scales, CC Delegate | Dolores Slevin, Leinster Co. Delegate | Joe Higgins, Leinster Co. Delegate | Elaine Kelly-Dunne, Children's Officer | Michelle Hogan, Irish language & Cultural | Martin Cashen, Coaching & Games Officer | Carina Carroll, Coiste na nÓg Chairperson

Michael Casey (Byrne Casey & Associates), Damien Brazil (Referee Administrator).

Members of the Press observing, Kevin Corrigan & Randal Scally.

Fritheadh leithscéal ó Roger Molloy (Shamrocks), Sharon Roe (Kilclonfert), Brendan Spillane (Kilclonfert), Des Dunne (Clodiagh Gaels), Willie Grennan (Clodiagh Gaels).

MINUTES

The minutes of the 2021 County Convention were adopted on the proposal of Paurig Gallagher (Ballinagar), seconded by Pdraig Egan (Doon).

STANDING ORDERS

The Standing Orders listed on page 1 of the Convention Booklet, were adopted on the proposal of Gerry Gannon (Ballycommon) and seconded by Eoin Meagher (Ballyskenagh/Killavilla).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report was adopted on the proposal of Breda Jones (Ballyfore) and seconded by Angela Delaney (Edenderry).

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS, HANDBALL REPORT & CUMANN NA mBUNSCOL REPORT

The Sub-Committee Reports and Handball Report were accepted on the proposal of John Lawlor (Bracknagh) and Peter Lyons (Drumcullen).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Michael Casey, Byrne Casey & Associates confirmed that the Financial Statement for the 11-month period ended 30th September 2021, gave a true and fair view of the state of the assets, liabilities and financial position of Offaly GAA as at 30th September 2021.

An Cisteoir, Dervill Dolan provided a detailed explanation of all areas of income and expenditure for the year and in particular any major variance between 2019 and 2020 figures.

The Financial Statement was adopted following a proposal from John Ferris (Ferbane), which was seconded by Des O'Brien (Crinkle).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers were appointed/ratified:

Chairperson	Michael Duignan	Vice Chairperson	James Murphy
Secretary	Colm Cummins	Assistant Secretary	Christy Todd
Treasurer	Dervill Dolan	Assistant Treasurer	Sinead Daly*
Central Council Delegate	Paddy Scales	P.R.O.	Pdraig O' Meara
Leinster Council Delegate	Joe Higgins	Leinster Council Delegate	Dolores Slevin
Planning & Training Officer	Brendan Minnock	Coaching Officer	Carina Carroll
Cultural Officer	Michelle Hogan	Childrens's Officer	Elaine Kelly Dunne

*Sinead Daly resigned her position in March as she was relocating to Australia. Nessa Feighery was appointed as her replacement.

CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

Cathaoirleach, Michaél Ó Duigeannáin addressed Convention and commenced by extending thanks to all volunteers, the Management Committee, Sub-Committees, Club Officers and supporters for their help and cooperation during a very difficult year as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic.

He outlined that the Strategic Plan for the County continues to be implemented and a formal document will follow once the consultations with the clubs are completed. The plan, built around five key pillars, is the driver for much of the positive change being implemented. He referenced the advancements in the area of coaching and games, including the formation of a series of Club Nurseries in 2021, the progression of the GPO Coaching Model for Clubs and the advances made with

the underage games programme as key indicators of the plan being implemented. Financial stability will be required to ensure delivery of the plan and the progress made in 2021 has been welcomed.

He thanked all sponsors and supporters for their assistance in 2021 and highlighted that structured sponsorship models will be outlined early in 2022.

An Cathaoirleach completed his address by thanking all teams and management for their outstanding efforts in 2021 and singled out the remarkable U20 success for special mention. He wished all Offaly teams the very best for 2022 and also wished the Offaly Clubs participating in the Leinster Club Championships the very best success on behalf of the County.

MOTIONS

Bye-Law Motions submitted by Cappincur GAA and the Management Committee were passed.

Bye-Law No. 7 amended to read:

(7) ATTACHMENT TO FIRST CLUB

In accordance with Rule 6.4 (c) T.O 2021 A person seeking to become a member of the Association shall be restricted to joining a Club in the Catchment area of his permanent residence or where he has other relevant connection with a particular club as defined by 6.3 (b) (i) T.O 2021. If a player wishes to become a member of the Association, by joining a club, outside of the catchment area of his permanent residence, he or the club must submit to the County Secretary, his entitlement to do so.

CLUB OF THE YEAR

As the Club of the Year was not allocated for 2020, an Cathaoirleach announced that every Club in Offaly jointly received Club of the Year due to their efforts in relation to the Community Response to Covid-19.

Tullamore GAA were announced at the Club of the Year winners for 2021.

DATE FOR FIRST COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING IN 2022

The first County Committee meeting in 2022 was confirmed for 11th January.



TUARASCÁIL AN RÚNAÍ 2022

Following a very successful year for Offaly GAA, it gives me great pleasure to present my second annual report as Runaí Chontae Uíbh Fhailí to County Convention. This report is customarily an opportunity to reflect on the themes and events of the previous twelve months and highlight some likely topics for emphasis in the year ahead. Despite the challenges of dealing with the administration of Gaelic Games as we emerged from a global pandemic, we have witnessed many positives, on and off the field in 2022.

The report covers three sections, firstly a brief synopsis of a year on the playing fields, secondly a commentary of the key administrative issues and finally some comments on our goals and objectives for 2023.

ON THE FIELD ACTIVITIES

It was an exceptionally condensed and busy year on the playing fields once again. However, our adult teams that made significant progress in 2021 in achieving promotion in their respective league campaigns found operating up a division in 2022 somewhat challenging. Tough league campaigns transitioned quickly to Championship and we found it difficult to gather momentum. The inaugural Tailteann Cup provided an additional outlet for the footballers and an opportunity to play in Croke Park. However, it was the exploits of the Minor Hurling Team that provided the most joy to Offaly supporters in 2022. In particular, a Monday night in Portlaoise, a Friday night in Thurles and a Sunday in Kilkenny brought Offaly fans back on the road and made memories for thousands.

Senior Football

Under the continued stewardship of John Maughan, our Senior Footballers made the move up to Division 2 of the National Football League in 2022. Following a return of O'Byrne Cup games the preparation window for the League was constrained and games were quickly underway. A full appreciation of the development journey required was quickly established. The gulf in class with the teams operating in the top divisions for a number of years was apparent as we struggled to get points on the board, going down to strong Clare and Derry teams before getting a home draw against Meath. An encouraging performance in a defeat to Galway was a precursor to one of our best performances of the season when we picked up two points away to Down in Newry. A home defeat to Roscommon in the penultimate round left us entering the final day at home to Cork knowing a win would keep us up in Division two and also guarantee a place in the All-Ireland Championship race, whilst defeat would consign us back to Division three. In an enthralling encounter it looked like we had done enough only to let the game slip from our grasp in the final moments. Upon reflection, the league highlighted the work required on a consistent basis to get a squad of players up to the level of the top sixteen teams in the country. We are certainly close and have the talent to compete but need more work to ensure that our players can play at this level consistently and comfortably meet the physical demands required.

Allianz National Football League Results 2022 (Div. 2)					
Rd. 1	30/01/22 Ennis	Clare	1-13	Offaly	0-07
Rd. 2	06/02/22 OCP	Offaly	0-07	Derry	2-13
Rd. 3	26/02/22 OCP	Offaly	1-10	Meath	1-10
Rd. 4	06/03/22 Galway	Galway	2-17	Offaly	3-10
Rd. 5	12/03/22 Newry	Down	0-14	Offaly	0-15
Rd. 6	20/03/22 OCP	Offaly	0-14	Roscommon	2-18
Rd. 7	27/03/22 OCP	Offaly	1-20	Cork	1-21
Leinster GAA Senior Football Championship 2022					
Rd. 1	24/05/22 Wexford	Wexford	1-15	Offaly	1-12
GAA Tailteann Cup 2022					
Prem	22/05/22 Enniscorthy	Wexford	2-13	Offaly	3-11
Rd. 1	29/05/22 OCP	Offaly	0-18	Wicklow	0-10
Rd. 2	04/05/22 OCP	Offaly	3-17	New York	0-11
S/F	19/06/22 Croke Park	Westmeath	3-22	Offaly	2-16

Our efforts in the National League resulted in a depleted squad when we faced Wexford in the Leinster Championship at Wexford Park. A defeat to Wexford meant a trip through the inaugural Tailteann Cup

Competition. A rematch against Wexford offered an opportunity for redemption and with a stronger squad, a result was achieved at Enniscorthy to get us started in the Tailteann Cup. Wins at home followed against Wicklow and New York before being defeated by eventual winners Westmeath at Croke Park, live on television. The manner of the defeat was disappointing in that our play lacked the required intensity to worry Westmeath at any stage of the game. Adjusting to the new condensed season has been challenging but its the same for every team in the country. In 2023, operating in division three we have an opportunity to rebuild a team and begin to feed some emerging talent into the squad.

U20 Football

Following the amazing exploits in 2021, U20 Football was always going to be a challenge, yet there was confidence that a return to a Leinster Final was achievable despite some notable injuries. A nervous start against Louth was followed up seven days later with an emphatic victory over Carlow. Both games were hosted in Faithful Fields and the Semi Final game against the Lilywhites was in O'Connor Park. A large crowd attended this mid-week fixture and were treated to an enthralling game. Offaly were in the contest up to the end but Kildare edged the result and dethroned us as Leinster and All-Ireland Champions.

The defeat brought an end to a very successful reign for the Management Team led by Declan Kelly. Whilst results meant that we played three times in as many weeks, the opportunities to develop players at this level are limited and we look forward to a round robin format in Leinster in 2023.

Leinster U20 Football Championship 2022					
Rd. 1	07/04/22 Faithful Fields	Offaly	3-07	Louth	0-13
Q/F	14/04/22 Faithful Fields	Offaly	4-13	Carlow	0-06
S/F	21/04/22 OCP	Offaly	0-15	Kildare	2-11

Minor Football

A return to a round robin format in the Leinster Minor Championship provided many games for the Minor Football Management to use the full extent of the squad. Despite an opening defeat to Kildare, Offaly recovered well to beat Meath away and ensure progression to the knock-out stages of the Championship. Two strong performances against Carlow and Laois respectively saw Offaly record some big scores however, a stronger test was awaiting against Dublin in Parnell Park in the

Semi Final. The Dubs over powered Offaly and went on to win the Leinster Final comfortably. However, playing six meaningful Championship games will stand to this group in the longer term.

Leinster Minor Football Championship 2022					
Rd. 1	19/03/22 OCP	Offaly	0-05	Kildare	3-12
Rd. 2	02/04/22 Navan	Meath	2-08	Offaly	3-06
Rd. 3	20/04/22 Longford	Longford	2-11	Offaly	0-08
Prem	27/04/22 Carlow	Carlow	2-07	Offaly	5-16
Q/F	04/05/22 OCP	Offaly	2-20	Laois	1-06
S/F	11/05/22 Dublin	Dublin	2-13	Offaly	2-04

Senior Hurling

A return to the Walsh Cup saw early games against Galway, Antrim and Dublin prepare us for the return to Division One hurling. As expected, the standard of hurling in the top flight was beyond our current stage of development, but proved useful to test ourselves against the best teams in the country.

Allianz Hurling League Div. 1A 2022					
Rd. 1	06/02/22 Galway	Galway	4-22	Offaly	0-17
Rd. 2	13/02/22 Birr	Offaly	1-15	Cork	4-25
Rd. 3	27/02/22 OCP	Clare	0-16	Clare	4-20
Rd. 4	05/03/22 Wexford	Wexford	1-22	Offaly	2-12
Rd. 5	20/03/22 Limerick	Limerick	4-29	Offaly	0-17
Rel F	26/03/22 Navan	Antrim	2-24	Offaly	2-17
Joe McDonagh Cup 2022					
Rd. 1	16/04/22 Belfast	Antrim	3-22	Offaly	2-24
Rd. 2	23/04/22 OCP	Offaly	2-22	Meath	0-19
Rd. 3	01/05/22 Ballycran	Down	2-18	Offaly	1-26
Rd. 4	14/05/22 Tralee	Kerry	2-28	Offaly	4-23
Rd. 5	21/05/22 Offaly	Offaly	0-17	Carlow	0-22

Despite losing to Antrim in the league relegation play-off confidence was high that Offaly could compete for Joe McDonagh honours, following a tough but honest campaign in the league. A huge performance away to Antrim in round one raised expectations that we could meet again in the final. However, our performances became more patchy as the competition developed.

Good wins were recorded away to Down and Kerry but we were very flat at home to Carlow when a win would have seen us reach the final.

This predominately young team has gained much experience in recent years under Michael Fennelly and his management team. However, greater consistency in our performances are required if we are progress in a sustainable manner and get our county back to the Leinster Championship.

U20 Hurling

The Leinster Hurling League offered early season games to prepare the U20 Hurlers for a difficult championship opener against Kilkenny. The league games were competitive and facilitated players gaining experience at this level. A final day win over Laois at Faithful Fields was a nice reward for the team and management team led by Gary Cahill. The trip to Nowlan Park a month later was always going to be a difficult assignment but Kilkenny were too powerful on the day and ran out winners. Gary Cahill and his management teams have looked after this grade very well in recent years and many players will now graduate to the senior grade.

Leinster U20 Hurling League 2022					
Rd. 1	19/02/22 Dunganny	Meath	0-14	Offaly	0-18
Rd. 2	02/03/22 Faithful Fields	Offaly	2-20	Westmeath	2-11
Final	17/03/22 Faithful Fields	Offaly	1-13	Laois	0-13
Leinster U20 Hurling Championship 2022					
Q/F	20/04/22 Nowlan Pk	Kilkenny	3-21	Offaly	1-16

Minor Hurling

Prior to the commencement of the Minor Championship there was much talk of a good Offaly team, however, it was difficult to envisage the journey that these young men were about to embark upon.

Regardless of the result in the All Ireland Final, this team are still Leinster Champions and the evening in Portlaoise, along with the evening in Thurles, culminating in a great day of colour in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny, provided a new generation of Offaly hurling supporter the opportunity to wear their colours with pride and roar on *'The Faithful'*.

Under the guidance of Leo O'Connor and his team that included Johnny Pilkington, Martin Cashen and Hughie Hannon the team hurled with a maturity beyond their years. They carried this maturity into their duties off the

field and by the middle of the summer Offaly GAA had a new team of fantastic ambassadors for the Association. Their style of hurling won many fans along the way.

Originally it was intended to host the Leinster Final at Nowlan Park on Saturday 14th May, which clashed with Offaly's Senior fixture away to Kerry. We requested, with such a novel pairing, that Leinster GAA facilitate a toss for home venue for the final. Laois agreed and it allowed us to promote the game heavily among our clubs and ensured thousands of children attended the match, bused to Portlaoise from all of our clubs. Live TV coverage captured the electric atmosphere and the win on the night capped off a great evening.

Leinster Minor Hurling Championship 2022					
Rd. 1	26/03/22 Newbridge	Kildare	0-08	Offaly	3-23
Rd. 2	16/04/22 OCP	Offaly	1-20	Laois	1-17
Q/F	30/04/22 Dundalk	Offaly	3-18	Antrim	0-11
S/F	07/05/22 OCP	Offaly	3-18	Dublin	1-15
Final	16/05/22 Portlaoise	Laois	0-13	Offaly	0-21
All Ireland Minor Hurling Championship 2022					
S/F	17/06/22 Thurles	Offaly	2-16	Clare	0-18
Final	03/07/22 Nowlan Pk	Offaly	1-16	Tipperary	1-17

As Leinster Champions we got a direct route into to the All Ireland Semi-Final. As the qualifiers played out, we watched Clare emerge from the Qualifiers and took them on in Thurles. Another strong performance, live on TG4 again, raised the profile of this exciting team as Offaly returned to an All Ireland Minor Hurling Final since 1989.

As the team got on with its preparations for the final, a huge effort was again instigated to ensure as many young people as possible were brought to the game. Kilkenny GAA were extremely helpful in assisting with parking for buses as Offaly brought a huge crowd to a packed Nowlan Park. Again our lads hurled exceptionally well and were within seconds of being crowned Champions. Alas, it was not to be and a fortune we often visited upon others befell ourselves as a late goal clinched it for Tipperary.

Despite the overwhelming disappointment huge crowds came to Tullamore and Birr on the Monday evening after the final to show their appreciation for a group of young men with a bright future.

Development Squads

A Player Centred Approach forms a critical element of our ambition to re-establish Offaly GAA as a renowned county in all codes and in all activities on and off the field. A restructure of our Development Squads was identified as necessary to achieve this goal.

The first uninterrupted season following covid related restrictions provided an opportunity to introduce a revised model for the operation of our Development Squads. These changes should not be considered in isolation. The growth of our games programme and ongoing working relationship with our schools is a fundamental element of our new structure. Our approach may differ from other counties but we are confident that our tailored approach best serves the needs of our county.

It is critically important to everyone involved in Offaly GAA that every player enjoys their hurling and football but to be selected for an Offaly Development Squad is a significant milestone for any player on his journey of development. We in Offaly GAA want to provide the best journey possible to ensure that the correct environment is in place to ensure that the player can flourish. It is important to acknowledge the effort of our coaches and players in raising the standards in our squads, along with the support of the parents.

Players and Management

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the Players, Management, Selectors, Back-room Teams and Team Secretaries for their outstanding dedication to the Faithful County. We are immensely proud of the manner in which you represented your County over the last twelve months and look forward to the season ahead.

Club Championships

An easing of covid restrictions and a return to normal GAA activities provided certainty around our games programme for the first time in many years. The CCC led by James Murphy and Christy Todd met over 30 times in 2022 to ensure the smooth running of both adult and under-age games programmes. With the support of a committed team of referees and clubs they delivered an ever expanding programme of games.

Growing the games programme is critical to the development of Gaelic Games in Offaly. Our players at adult and under-age level need a consistent games programme that provides certainty around scheduling. Improving the games programme is not without

its challenges. However we must work together to find the correct balance of games for all. We need our clubs to understand the benefits of an expanded games programme. We accept at times the scheduling might be busy for some players but the programme is designed for the benefit of the greatest number of players. Hopefully in 2023, with adequate advanced notice of the commencement of the Leinster Club Championships we can improve on the scheduling of the games programme even further.

Congratulations to all the teams that participated in all Championships and Competitions and particularly to the winners at all levels. Collecting the silverware can make all the efforts worthwhile but there are always runners-up and clubs should be very proud of the levels of participation being achieved in very difficult circumstances. There was a worrying growth in the number of walk-overs in Championship games. Once a rare occurrence, it is something we would like to see reducing in 2023.

Compared to 2021 when some of our clubs enjoyed very successful runs in the Leinster Club Championships, 2022 did not bring any success. Congratulations to all clubs that represented Offaly in these competitions this year.

ADMINISTRATION

As the country emerged from covid restrictions, we endeavoured to continue the administration of the County as close to normal as possible holding County Committee and Management Meetings in person again, when circumstances allowed. In addition, hybrid meetings were facilitated where possible.

A significant Governance Audit was completed in 2022 and it assessed the processes and procedures in place in the county. In October, our Policies and Procedures were reaffirmed. Overall our systems are considered robust and some updated policies will be implemented in early 2023 once further guidance is received from Croke Park. As we move forward, we will continue to improve the administration function and capacity of the County. Our aim is to ease the burden for Club Officers, who give so much to the Association and assist new Officers moving into roles with their clubs.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the efforts on the Offaly GAA Management Committee and their work for the County throughout the year. The detailed reports set out in the Sub-Committee Reports

2022 Offaly GAA Championships/Competitions				
Level/Award	Championship/Competition	Cup/Trophy/Shield	2022 Winners	Relegated Teams
Adult Football Championships	Senior Football Championship	Dowling Cup	Rhode	Cappincur
	Senior B Football Championship	Bob Carr Cup	Bracknagh	Erin Rovers
	Intermediate Football Championship	Bill Kelly Cup	Ballycommon	Clodiagh Gaels
	Junior Football Championship	Corn Tomás Ó Cuinn	Ballinagar	Durrow
	Junior B Football Championship	Andy McCormack Cup	Ferbane	-
	Junior C Football Competition	(No Name)	Ballinagar	-
	U20 Football Championship	James Guinan Cup	Tullamore	-
Adult Football Leagues	Division 1 Football League	Casey Memorial Cup	Tullamore	-
	Division 2 Football League	Tom Bracken Memorial Cup	Clonbullogue	-
	Division 3 Football League	Pat Direen Cup	Ballycommon	-
	Division 4 Football League	Kenny Malone Cup	Ballinagar	-
	Division 5 Football League	(No name)	Ballinagar	-
Adult Hurling Championships	Senior Hurling Championship	Sean Robbins Cup	Shinrone	Clodiagh Gaels
	Senior B Hurling Championship	Michael Verney Cup	Tullamore	Drumcullen
	Intermediate Hurling Championship	Michael Keary Cup	Shamrocks	Brosna Gaels
	Junior Hurling Championship	James Clarke Cup	Edenderry	Gracefield-
	Junior B Hurling Championship	Brendan Doyle Cup	Crinkle	-
	U20 Hurling Championship	Corn Phadraig S. Úí Theacháin	Kilcormac/K.	-
Adult Hurling Leagues	Division 1 Hurling League	Pat Carroll Cup	Birr	-
	Division 2 Hurling League	Shane Ryan Cup	-	-
	Division 3 Hurling League	Loughnane (Oil) Cup	Carrig & Riverstown	-
	Division 4 Hurling League	Tim Egan Cup	Carrig & Riverstown	-
Under-Age Football Championships/Competitions	Minor Football Championship	Corn Naomh Mhuire	Tullamore	-
	Minor B Football Competition	Pat Colgan Memorial Cup	Clara	-
	U15 Football Championship	Corn An Bhr. Ó Murchú	Tullamore	-
	U15 B Football Competition	Fr. Doran Memorial Cup	Shamrocks	-
	U15 C Football Competition	Shield	Birr	-
	U15 D Football Competition	Shield	Cloghan	-
	U13 Football Championship	Offaly Association (Birmingham) Cup	St. Vincent's	-
	U13 B Football Competition	Sonny Conway Memorial Cup	Birr	-
	U13 C Football Competition	Shield	Gracefield	-
Under-Age Hurling Championships/Competitions	Minor Hurling Championship	Fórsa Cosanta ÁitFCA Cup	Kilcormac/K.	-
	Minor B Hurling Competition	Kenneth Buggy Cup	Clara/Brosna Gaels	-
	U15 Hurling Championship	Birr No. 1 Cup	Kilcormac/K	-
	U15 B Hurling Competition	Peter Fox Cup	Shamrocks	-
	U15 C Hurling Competition	Shield	Ferbane/Belmont	-
	U13 Hurling Championship	Corn Uí Chaoimh	DSK.	-
	U13 B Hurling Competition	Oran Caulfield Cup	Kinnitty/Lusmagh	-
	U13 C Hurling Competition	Shield	CRC Gaels	-
	U13 D Hurling Competition	Shield	Coolderry	-
Club of the Year Awards	Adult Club of the Year	Fr. McWey Cup	TBC	-
	Under-Age Club of the Year	Gerry Carroll Cup	TBC	-

2022 Offaly GAA Championships/Competitions cont.

Level/Award	Championship/Competition	Cup/Trophy/Shield	2022 Winners	Relegated Teams
Under-Age Football League Competitions	Minor Football Only League	Shield	Rhode	-
	Minor Dual Club League	Shield	Tullamore	-
	Minor Dual B Club League	Shield	Clara	-
	U15 Football Only League	Shield	Rhode	-
	U15 Dual Club League	Shield	Ferbane/Belmont	-
	U15 Dual B Club League	Shield	Edenderry	-
	U13 Football Only League	Shield	St. Vincent's	-
	U13 Dual Club League	Shield	Tullamore	-
	U13 Dual B League	Shield	Cloghan	-
Under-Age Hurling League Competitions	U13 2nds Football League	Shield	Ferbane/Belmont	-
	Minor Hurling Only League	Shield	SBK	-
	Minor Dual Club Hurling League	Shield	St. Rynagh's	-
	Minor Dual B Club Hurling League	Shield	Clara	-
	U15 Hurling Only League	Shield	SBK	-
	U15 Dual Club Hurling League	Shield	Kilcormac/K	-
	U15 Dual B Club Hurling League	Shield	Ballinamere/D	-
	U13 Hurling Only League	Shield	DSK	-
	U13 Dual Club Hurling League	Shield	Kilcormac/K	-
U13 Dual B Club Hurling League	Shield	Clara	-	
U13 2nds Hurling League	Shield	Birr	-	

section of this document are testament to the hard work carried out in 2022. In particular, I would like to recognise the work of Joe Higgins, who after many years service, completes his 5-year term as Leinster Council Representative. Joe has been a huge servant to Offaly and Tubber GAA.

Operations Manager

Throughout 2022 we worked with HR in Croke Park to fill the role of Operations Manager for the County. The position was advertised and a number of candidates applied. Successful candidates were offered the position and it was expected that the vacancy would be filled this year. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control the position remains unfilled. Currently alternative options are being explored and we are hopeful we will have an Operations Manager in place in early 2023 .

In the interim, Christy Todd is fulfilling the duties of the Operations Manager in a voluntary capacity and we thank Christy for stepping in during this period.

Coaching & Games

Our full time Coaching and Games staff continue their work across the County. Following many years in the role

Liam O'Reilly left the GAA to explore other opportunities. Liam was exceptionally dedicated and is a loss to Offaly and the GAA generally. He can be proud of the work that he carried out while working in Offaly and he will be fondly remembered by the clubs of the County.

Michael Cleary was promoted to the position of Games Manager in October. We continue to expand our staff across the County based on the GPO model. Clubs have experienced the first full season with a GPO and the associated benefits. Enormous preparation work has been completed by interested clubs with the support of our full time staff. 2023 promises to be an exciting year as we get more staff on the ground to deliver our coaching and games initiatives.

It is worth noting that many Clubs continue to strive towards best practice in relation to Coaching and Games and it was positive to see clubs initiate Nursery Programmes in 2022. Work will continue in 2023 to encourage the best standards in club coaching.

Match Ticketing

Over the past couple of seasons we have moved to online ticketing for the vast majority of our fixtures. This has proved extremely successful and I wish to recognise

the work of our Finance Committee and our Treasurer's Dervill Dolan, Sineád Daly and Nessa Feighery for their commitment to the success of the project. In addition, I would like to thank all the volunteers that operate gates for the County on a regular basis and to the Clubs for their support with the transition to cashless games. Issues in relation to access to ticketing systems, particularly for older generations is acknowledged and the Finance Committee are currently exploring options for a Season Pass that should alleviate concerns.

O'Connor Park & Faithful Fields

Throughout 2022, both O'Connor Park and Faithful Fields witnessed huge levels of activity. Grounds staff at both locations should be suitably proud of how the grounds were presented at all times.

Extensive works were carried out on the Lyons Pitch at Faithful Fields this summer with the aim of making it more resilient for winter training.

In relation to the OCP Lease, much work was advanced in relation to addressing the issues associated with this matter throughout 2022. Significant time was invested in seeking solutions and addressing legal matters as they arose. Bringing the matter to a conclusion this year was welcomed by everyone. The settlement reached puts the lease on a more sustainable financial footing into the future for Offaly GAA.

Sponsorship & Fundraising

2022 was a significant year in terms of Sponsorship as our long standing Sponsorship Agreement with Carroll's Cuisine came to an end. Offaly experienced much success over a 30 year period when working in partnership with Carroll's and we are very grateful for their support over this time.

In January 2022 the new Sponsorship Partnership with Glenisk was announced. The deal represents a major opportunity to progress Gaelic Games in Offaly. It offers financial stability and the resources to implement our ambitious plans for the future. The new Offaly Jersey carrying the Glenisk logo was launched in April and was very well received.

We are delighted that our partnership with Shane Lowry continues to flourish. Shane is a wonderful ambassador for the County and role model for our players. I would like to congratulate Shane on his win in the BWM PGA Championship in 2022.

In addition to our existing generous sponsors we raised monies through the Grand Canal Walk, in conjunction with the Clubs of Offaly.

We are very grateful to all our sponsors and to all those people who supported our fundraising initiatives during the year. Pitch side sponsors at O'Connor Park signed up to a new deal in 2022 and new sponsors came on board as part of this project to support Offaly GAA.

I would also like to acknowledge the work and commitment of Club Faithful over many years. The Offaly Association in Dublin must also be thanked for their contribution in 2021 & 2022 through their very successful Golf Classic held to support Offaly GAA.

Club Support

Offaly GAA can only ever be the sum of its parts and in this regard the 41 Clubs of Offaly are important cogs in the machine. Without the army of volunteers in each and every club, the GAA would not exist and would not operate successfully. Every volunteer can be very proud of their contributions.

I am acutely aware of the mammoth efforts of Club Officers across the County and their on-going commitment to the promotion of the games. It has been a testing time of late for Club Officers, but each time they respond to the challenges before them. We look forward to working in partnership with our Clubs and Volunteers in the year ahead to continue the drive toward on-going success for our County. Sustaining high performance for our County teams can only be achieved through the development of our players at Club level. Therefore it is imperative that each Club strives to raise their own standards and the Officers of the County Board are here to assist in this regard.

I would like to express thanks to the Clubs of Offaly for aligning their respective Financial Year and AGM timetable to meet the requirements of the latest rule changes. Consistency on timing of administration issues like the above will allow us to further streamline administrative processes and improve preparations for the year ahead.

Scór Sinsir

I would like to acknowledge the work of Michelle Hogan and the Cultural Committee and their promotion of Scór. 2022 competitions were held this year and Offaly was well represented in the All Ireland Finals. Birr, Ferbane and Edenderry represented the County with distinction. Comhghairdeas libh go léir!

In Memoriam

In January Offaly GAA and the wider community was plunged into a deep sense of shock and despair following the tragic and senseless killing of Aisling Murphy. Our sympathies were extended to her family, relatives and friends at that time of sorrow. Her teaching colleagues and pupils at Scoil Naomh Colmcille, Durrow, and her team mates at Kilcormac-Killoughey Camogie Club provided a guard of honour at the funeral. The wider GAA family showed their solidarity with all those grieving for Aisling by observing a minutes silence at all fixtures across the country that sad weekend.

Over the past 12 months Offaly GAA suffered the loss of former County Board Officers, Players and Club Officers. In February, the death of Michael Sheridan, Clara, was announced. Michael had served as County Treasurer for many years in the 1980's and into the 1990's. He was also heavily involved in Scór and was the driving force behind his club for many years.

Former County Players Pat Spain (Kinnitty), Sean Grenan (Rahan) passed away during the course of the year. The death of Kevin Kilmurray was announced in December and the former player and manager was one of the best footballers of his generation. The Carrig and Riverstown Club suffered a huge loss with the untimely death of Aidan King in May.

Also during 2022, a number of administrative stalwarts, who showed great commitment to Offaly GAA in their roles on various committees, passed away. Most notably Paddy Kerrigan (Rhode), Paddy Grogan (Seir Keiran), Pat Nolan (Edenderry) and Billy Healy (Doon).

Everyone above and many others, have made valuable contributions to Offaly GAA during the course of their lives, directly and indirectly through work in their Club. It is therefore, important that we remember them and all club administrators who died in the past year, on the occasion of County Convention.

OUR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

It remains a goal of the Management Committee to publish the 'Offaly Way Forward' Strategic Plan for the County. Over the past 3 years, the principles of the plan has guided the work of the Management Committee. Publishing a document in 2023 shall facilitate the sustainable and consistent implementation of the plan by the current and future Officers of Offaly GAA.

An important element of the consistent implementation relies on the appointment of a dedicated full time Operations Manager. A full time resource in this role will ensure that their annual operations plan aligns with the goals of the Strategic Vision. This structure is essential to ensure Offaly GAA remains on the pathway to returning to the highest levels of competition. The recent successes of the U20 Footballers and Minor Hurlers proves that Offaly can dine at the top table once again. We must ensure we are prepared and organised to capitalise on our ambition.

Our ambition in the coming years is to stay on course to realise the five pillars of the plan, that will deliver the goal of an 'Unrivalled GAA Experience' in County Offaly. The five pillars will be further refined in 2023.

1. Sustainable Club Coverage

A sustainable network of Clubs providing positive entry points to the Gaelic Games family by maximising participation & provision of excellent facilities

2. Vibrant Games Programme

A defined calendar of games via Club & Schools providing meaningful participation for all levels

3. High Performance Pathway

Provide clear pathway for high performers to excel at County level

4. Financial Stability

Our Clubs and County Board are financially stable with robust governance procedures in place

5. Respected Brand

The Offaly brand is synonymous with success and excellence

On reflection, 2022 was a very positive year on the field of play with all teams back participating with full schedules. The return of schools activities was very welcome and Offaly Cumann na mBunscol deserve huge credit for an extensive games programme. Our Adult Teams were challenged by the move up a grade in the leagues and patience will be required in order to develop and nurture our emerging talent. The Minor Hurlers were the stand out team of the year and brought us so close to All-Ireland glory once again. Hopefully we will see these exciting players coming through in the coming years.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who helped me in my role as County Secretary. I have received wonderful support from volunteers across the County, my colleagues on the Management Committee, Leinster Council and from Croke Park full time staff.

Le gach dea-mhéin



Colm Ó Comáin - Rúnaí an Coiste Chontae



Sub-Committee Reports

Coiste Airgeadais

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Padriag Egan (Cumann An Dún)

Tony Flanagan (Cumann An Tulach Mhór)

Aiden O'Neill (Cumann Seir Keiran)

Eamon Phelan (Cumann Baile Sceannach/Cill an Bhile)

Nessa Feighery (Cumann Cill Chormaic/Cill Aictí)

The Finance Committee for 2022 comprised Mark Gorman (Chair), Dervill Dolan (Treasurer), Paul Craven, Padraig Egan, Tony Flanagan, Eamon Phelan, Aiden O'Neill and Nessa Feighery, (Assistant Treasurer).

The committee was supported by Christy Todd who is presently managing the operational duties on an interim voluntary basis and we thank Christy for all his work and support.

Offaly GAA recorded a surplus of €410,321 for the year ended 30th September, 2022. While this is a significant improvement on the 2021 surplus of €197,969, it should be noted that €241,337 of this surplus relates to gate income for the 2021 championship which concluded in December 2021. The 2022 accounts also include all gate income for the 2022 championship.

The detailed audited financial statements for 2022 are attached with this report.

Income and Expenditure Account Summary

Results by Area	2022	2021 (11 months)
County Committee - Surplus	€514,452	€387,431
O'Connor Park - (Deficit)	(€38,263)	(€118,751)
Faithful Fields - (Deficit)	(€65,868)	(€70,711)
TOTAL - Surplus	€410,321	€197,969

Some of the key movements in the financial accounts for 2022 include;

- Increase in gross Gate Income of €578,059. Please note, €288,179 of this gross gate income relates to the 2021 championship (€241,337 nett income after costs).
- Increase in Sponsorship Income of €188,243.
- Significant increase in County Team Administration costs of €526,016. Due to Covid-19, our teams trained in 2021 primarily from mid-April to July (approx. 3.5 months) whereas in 2022 our teams trained from December 2021 to June 2022 (approx. 7 months). There was also a focus on improving the structures around our teams in relation to catering/nutrition, gear, medical, backroom and other supports.
- The Cúl Camp surplus of €41,719 reflects a significant reduction of €73,329 compared to 2021. The reduced surplus is due to savings on wages to Cúl Camp coaches in 2021 as Central Council were in receipt of Covid-19 wage supports in 2021.
- In terms of percentage growth, the increase in costs is broadly similar to the increase in income from 2021 to 2022 and the growth in surplus is also consistent on a year to year basis from 2021 to 2022.

The Balance Sheet at 30th September 2022 shows an improved position on 2021 as a result of the surplus for the year. Offaly GAA have a positive Net Current Asset position of €391,620 compared to a Net Current Asset position in September 2021 of €47,505.

The OCP redevelopment loan balance has reduced by €99,414 from €1,456,485 in September 2021 to €1,357,071 in September 2022.

While the financial position of Offaly GAA has improved significantly in recent years, it is very important that we continue our focus on all our income streams while ensuring that all expenditure is managed efficiently. A continuing strategic approach to investing in our structures and infrastructure with governance and oversight will help put our Clubs and County in the best position to achieve success into the future.

We are very grateful to all our sponsors and to all those people who supported our fundraising initiatives during the year. A word of thanks to all our clubs who continue to support the county. The Grand Canal Walk

fundraiser saw the Clubs and County come together again in 2022 to raise over €146,000 to support the Clubs and County.

The Universe ticketing system is now fully operational for our games and the significance of the system is reflected in the level of Gate Income (€815,243) managed in 2022. The ticketing system provides greater control and security managing our gate income. Thanks to all our clubs, supporters and volunteers for your support operating the ticketing system.

On the governance side, the Committee recommended approval for a new Audit and Risk Committee and Andy Walshe has agreed to act as Chairman. The Management Committee will recommend additional members to the Audit and Risk Committee in the New Year.

Thanks to Leinster Council and Central Council for their support throughout the year.

A word of thanks also to the Offaly GAA Management Committee for all their support. Again, members of Management did not claim honoraria and other expenses this year.

On the field of play, our Minor Hurlers captured the imagination in 2022 following the fantastic success of our U20 Footballers in 2021.

Thanks to everyone involved with our teams, clubs, sponsors, volunteers and supporters who have contributed to our success both on and off the field.



Sub-Committee Reports

Coiste Cheannais na gComortaisí

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Committee:

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Dave Coffey (Cumann Biorra)

Carina Carroll (Cumann Baile an Maor)

Eamon Dunican (Cumann Erin Rovers)

Eamon Phelan (Cumann Baile Sceannach/Cill an Bhile)

Denis Hoctor (Cumann An Charraig & Baile Uí Lachnáin)

Padraig Keating (Cumann An Daingean)

The easing of Covid restrictions and a return to normal GAA activities resulted in certainty around our 2022 fixture schedules. The introduction of the “split-season”, where there is a clear divide between Club and County windows in the GAA Calendar, has eliminated the difficulty of balancing Club and County GAA activity and fixtures. However, there were some issues such as uncertainty around dates for the commencement of the club championships - which are dependent on the progress of County teams - and the commencement of the Provincial Club Championships. If, as expected, the 2023 Provincial Club Championship fixtures and dates are confirmed towards the end of 2022, an informed decision can be made in respect of arrangements for our 2023 Club Championships.

There were 5 Football League and 3 Hurling League competitions completed in 2022 with 83 teams participating. The Division 1 Hurling League consisted of 2 Divisions with 15 teams in total. The timing of the league competitions, the split-season and the non-availability of county players in most instances, resulted in a decision to exclude relegation and semi-finals from the 2022 League Competition Structures. All League Competitions were completed before the championships commenced. Some concerns have been expressed with regard to the absence of relegation. This concern can be considered in advance of recommendations for the 2023 League Competition Structures.

The 2022 adult championships commenced on June 24th 2022 and concluded on October 22nd 2022. In a change from the previous year, quarter-finals were included in the senior hurling championship and relegation was included in the junior hurling championship. All 13 adult championships, with a total of 131 teams participating, were completed in advance of the Provincial Club Championship deadlines. Unfortunately, 17 teams conceded championship fixtures which is unsatisfactory as other teams were left with extended periods without a competitive fixture and, in some cases, play-offs were necessary to decide on qualification for the knock-out stages. Club compliance with the 2022 Adult Fixtures Plan was a major factor in delivering the approved 2023 Fixtures Programme.

The 2022 Underage Season commenced in February with Super-7s and League Competitions. March to September – club teams participated in Feile competitions and championships at U13, U15 and minor level. The Underage Season finished in November with the Jack Wyer and Jerry Conway Finals. Very positive feedback emanated from playing these fixtures as per the Master Fixtures Plan allowing clubs, players and families play their year accordingly

The Competitions Control Committee had to adjudicate on a number of alleged Rule and Bye-Law breaches during 2022. Membership, Player Registration and Playing Eligibility Rules are included in the GAA Official Guide and Offaly GAA Bye-Laws. Club Officers and Committees should ensure the relevant Rules and Bye-Laws are enforced within their club/membership. The Chairperson and Secretary of Independent Teams must also ensure compliance with Playing Eligibility Rules in respect of their team/s. It should not be necessary for the Competitions Control Committee to have to adjudicate on these issues, except in exceptional circumstances, as the Rules and Eligibility are clearly defined in the relevant document. Rule 3.1 (b) of the 2022 Official Guide states *“A club shall be obliged to obtain a current copy of the Official Guide, and its members shall be deemed to have full knowledge of the Rules and Regulations in it and shall be bound by them.”* The number of Disciplinary Reports prepared during 2022 increased to 153 for adult and underage Rule breaches. The number of infractions by members of team management also increased, particularly at underage level and remains a serious concern. Match suspensions were prescribed for 9 team mentors during 2022 and 8 of those were in respect of under-age team mentors. Consideration should be given to restricting the number of team/club officials on the sideline for adult and underage fixtures.

If restrictions are not put in place, we may have to deal with a serious incident at a game.

A sincere thank you to all referees who officiated at games during 2022. Thank you also to the members of the Referee’s Administration Committee for their work in recruiting and training referees. It was great to see some new faces on the referee’s panel and I ask clubs to continue to support the Referee’s Administration Committee in their efforts.

The cooperation and support of clubs, players, referees and County Committee during 2022 was of great help to the Competitions Control Committee.

Club venues throughout Offaly are of a very high standard and clubs deserve credit for the ongoing developments and improvements. As usual, floodlit venues were in high demand during 2022 and in the majority of cases the venues were made available, even during difficult weather conditions. A small number of Referee’s Reports included reference to issues (Grass not cut, pitch not marked, nets not secured) at venues. We appreciate the efforts of clubs in preparing venues and request that they strive to maintain a consistent high standard.

The Fixtures Forum Feedback and Club Submissions, received before and during the preparation of the 2023 Adult Championship Structures, highlighted a number of areas of concern around adult championship fixtures:

- The low number of guaranteed championship fixtures at U20 level.
- Fixture overload for U20 players from dual clubs.
- “Winner-on-the-Day” Guideline for knock-out adult championship fixtures.
- The non-participation of Divisional/Group teams in adult championships.

All these issues received serious consideration at a number of Competitions Control Committee meetings, in advance of finalising the Draft 2023 Adult Championship Structures for consideration by the County Committee. While it was not possible to satisfy all requests and concerns, the recommended Structures were the best possible compromise. The 2023 Championship Guidelines have to be agreed at the January County Committee meeting and they will also require compromise in order to provide a 2023 Fixtures Plan that is achievable, can be delivered in advance of Provincial Club Championship deadlines and allows clubs, teams and players make plans for the year ahead.

Sincere thanks to all members of the Competitions

Control Committee: Joe Higgins, Dave Coffey, Carina Carroll, Eamon Dunican, Eamon Phelan, Denis Hoctor Padraig Keating and Christy Todd.

Finally, on behalf of the Competitions Control Committee, I wish to extend sincere congratulations to the Offaly minor hurlers on their Provincial success and all our adult and underage championship, league and competition winners.

Seamus Ó Murchú

Cathaoirleach, Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí.



Sub-Committee Reports

Coiste Éisteachta

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Committee:

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Eamonn Mahon (Cumann An Rachra)

Claire Brady (Cumann Fear Bán)

Paul Sheeran (Cumann An Daingean)

As per the Treoraí Oifigiúil, the function of the Hearings Committee is to *“adjudicate on all disciplinary matters where a hearing is prescribed and requested, relating to the enforcement of rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the county committee or the executive committee of a club within the county.”* The County Hearings Committee does not seek to be seen as a defender of referees, committees or players and assesses the evidence put before it in a fair and impartial manner. Depending on the specific circumstances of each case and the evidence presented, the members of the committee are sometimes left with very difficult decisions to make and must strive at all times to be fair and honest in arriving at their decision, while complying with the Treoraí Oifigiúil.

An Coiste Éisteachta presided over 18 cases in 2022, comprised of two transfer hearings, three appeals and

thirteen disciplinary hearings. This was a significant reduction from 2021, when 28 cases were heard. Four of the disciplinary hearings related to verbal abuse of the referee, three of these from the sideline. While this is a reduction on last year, it is still a sizeable portion of the total cases heard and everyone concerned must endeavour to eliminate this unsavoury element from our games.

It is important that clubs take due consideration of relevant rules and procedures before submitting a hearing request. In considering whether or not to request a hearing, particular attention should be paid to Rule 7.3 AA (vi), which states that *“A Referee’s Report, including any Clarification thereto, shall be presumed to be correct in all factual matters and may only be rebutted where unedited video or other compelling evidence contradicts it.”*

Where any member or unit feels a disciplinary decision by the Hearings Committee is incorrect, they have the right of appeal to the Leinster Hearings Committee. Efforts were made to appeal a small number of cases this year, but none progressed as the submissions to Leinster did not comply with the rules set down in the Official Guide. Club officials should familiarise themselves with the rules for submission of an appeal and must fully comply with these, or the appeal will not be heard.

I would like to thank referees for clearly stating infractions on reports. I would also like to thank all who attended Hearings throughout the year for their courtesy and conduct, sometimes under difficult circumstances. Thanks to Christy Todd for the opening of the meeting rooms, often at short notice, and also to the members of the CCC who represented that Committee at meetings. Finally, thanks to all members of An Coiste Éisteachta for the time and commitment in their efforts to ensure that all Appellants received a fair hearing.



Sub-Committee Reports

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Keith Screeney (Cumann Cill Chormaic/Cill Aictí)

Cathaoirleach Coaching & Games

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Runaí

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Committee:

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 Paul Dillane (Cumann Tulach Mhór)
 Philip Kelly (Cumann Clodiagh Gaels)
 Ollie Bryant (Cumann Na Shamróga)
 Tomás Flaherty (Cumann Peile Naomh Raghnach)
 Richard Dolan (Cumann Seir Keiran)
 Elaine Kelly Dunne (Cumann Cill Cluain Feart)
 Garech Doorley (Cumann Biorra)
 Enda Mulhare (Cumann Iom Naomh Raghnach)
 Joe Kilmurray (Cumann An Ród)
 John Ferris (Cumann Fear Bán)
 Michael Cleary (Cumann Suí an Róin)
 Conor Mooney (Cumann na Seamróga)
 Declan Kelly (Cumann Cill Cluain Feart)
 Toni Ryan (Cumann Druim-Cuilean)
 Clement King (Cumann An Charraig & Baile Uí Lachnáin)
 Seamus Hoyne (Cumann Cúl Doire)
 William Flynn (Cumann An Clarach)
 Eoin Meagher (Cumann Baile Sceannach/Cill an Bhile)
 Tom Robinson (Cumann Ceann Eitigh)
 Dean Bracken (Cumann An Tobar)
 Simon Whelehan (Cumann Biorra)
 Aisling Romano (Cumann Éadan Doire)

Objectives for 2022

- Provide an extended season to Juvenile Players with meaningful Competition
- Provide additional support and training to Club Officers on Foireann/Club Structures
- Run further Information Nights for Clubs
- Promote new initiatives for the development of players
- Overhaul Development Squad set up

The first meeting of the Coiste na nÓg Committee was held via MS Teams on 08.01.2022 and saw the joining of Coiste na nOg and Coaching and Games with the aim to be a more beneficial venture to aid information sharing and gathering from clubs across the county. Keith Screeney will Chair Coiste na nOg and Carina Carroll will Chair Coaching and Games.

Club Information Webinar

An information night for Clubs was held via MS Teams on 25th January, Clubs were advised of the structures for 2022 and the proposed new plan for Development Squad selection. The appointment of Declan Kelly to the role of Director of Football and Toni Ryan to the role of Director of Hurling were welcomed, both were clear in their conviction of the importance of the link between Club and County and that players were committed to training and games.

Fixtures Calendar

Club calendars were sent out early to allow clubs plan for the year from Go Games up to Minor. Clubs were reminded that games could only be brought forward as the calendar did not allow for games to be pushed out. Thankfully there was no disruption to games this year and clubs were very cooperative with structures.

Feile Competitions

Feile competitions were held within the County on April 18th -Football and May 2nd -Hurling. These were well received by clubs and were structured on a seeded draw. All games played on the day so great commitment from the clubs and players involved and thank you to the Clubs that hosted these games.

Goal Keeper Course

This year Coiste na nOg and Coaching and Games devised a new initiative for Goal keepers with a 12 week programme running from 14th May culminating in a final day in Faithful fields with a presentation of an Offaly Goalkeepers jersey to all who completed the course. This course was hugely successful and was assisted by guest coaches along with our Development Officers. Many thanks to Glenisk for the sponsorship of Jerseys and to County Chairman Michael Duignan And County Secretary Colm Cummins for attending the final day and presenting the jerseys. Due to its success it is planned to do a further programme in 2023.

Minor Hurlers

2022 saw the amazing fete by our Minor Hurlers as the reached the All Ireland Final unfortunately losing out to Tipperary after a late goal. But the success of the

campaign up to the Final in Nowlan Park was immense as clubs from all across the County rowed in behind our FILL THE STADIUM campaign. From the Leinster Final in O'Moore park to the Final in Nowlan Park children from across Offaly got the opportunity to follow the team and fill stadiums. It was an amazing sight to see the Offaly colours and flags flying in every stadium we went to and the support for the team was greatly received. The homecoming nights for our Minor Heroes in O'Connor Park, Tullamore and St Brendans Park, Birr were equally well attended.

Go Games Days

In August Coiste na nÓg and Coaching and Games drafted the plan for All County Under-Age activity days in Faithful Fields in an effort to bring every child in the county involved in football and hurling to our Centre of Excellence in Kilkormac. This ran for 4 successful weeks of games for our underage players with up to 1500 children playing on some days. Finally, a Nursery day ran on October 1st with children getting their first taste of being a part of a club wearing their club colours and playing as a team, some even managed to arrive by bus to get the real match day experience. Throughout these days Glenisk sponsored jerseys for those who found the golden ticket under their yogurt which were also kindly sponsored by Glenisk.

Championships & Competitions

2022 Championships/Competitions	
Champ/Comp Name	Complete
U13 Hurling	✓
U15 Hurling	✓
U17 Hurling	✓
U13 Football	✓
U15 Football	✓
U17 Football	✓

Winter Leagues

For 2022 plans were put in place for 3 Winter Leagues which would extend the playing season for Juveniles across the County. Coiste na nÓg together with Ballinamere GAA and Tullamore GAA provided the Jerry Conway Memorial Tournament, The Jack Wyer Memorial Tournament and the Super 7's. All Tournaments were well received by Clubs and the uptake was excellent. The Super 7's Has been completed and the Jerry Conway and Jack Wyer are in the Final stages of the tournaments.

Give Respect, Get Respect

Respect the Referees campaign saw Offaly put together

a fantastic video showing all our referees from across the County and to encourage respect of all officials and players a shaking hands of players ,coaches and referees was integrated into our Winter Tournaments at the start and end of games.

Coach Education

With on field activities slowing down November has been ear marked for Coach Education Month to allow coaches to upskill and participate in coaching courses provided by Offaly Development Officers. Safeguarding Courses and Foundation Courses for new coaches will also be provided.

Development Squads

Development Squads are now participating in their winter programme every Saturday for U13,U14,U15 and U16 Hurling and Football. Development Squads are still open and the next round of Super 7's will take place in March 2023.

Plans for 2023

Coiste na nÓg and Coaching & Games have worked tirelessly to prepare structures and plans for 2023 to allow for clubs and parents to plan the 2023 Season. Our Members worked with their Clubs to ensure a satisfactory plan which will provide meaningful competition and maximum participation for Juveniles across the County. It is anticipated that this plan will be sent out to all Clubs before the end of 2022.

Club of the Year

Club of The Year criteria for 2022 will look at Clubs who participated fully and engaged all their juveniles in games, competitions, tournaments and will also include how Clubs conducted themselves on and off the pitch. Clubs who are actively engaging their juveniles in Winter Programmes and assisting with the recruitment of Young whistlers is also part of the criteria for selection.

Conclusion

Finally, the Coiste na nÓg/Coaching and Games Committee would like to thank Clubs for their continued support throughout the year and for facilitating games and training sessions for teams. It is important also to thank all the Referees and Match Officials who officiated at all Juvenile games across the County during the year and those who gave up their time for the Winter Leagues also. Many thanks to the CCC for their tireless and efficient management of fixtures.

Debbie Ui Scolai - Runai Coiste na nÓg Uibh Fhaili



Sub-Committee Reports

PR Communications / Marketing

Author: *Padraig O'Meara*

Cathaoirleach: Padraig O'Meara

(Cumann An Clarach)

Runaí: Brendan Minnock

(Cumann na Seamróga)

Committee:

Ciara Spainn (Cumann Cill Chormaic/Cill Aictí)

Eamonn Cusack (Cumann An Daru)

Jack Ryan (Cumann Rachra)

Adam Harte (Cumann An Biorra)

Sinead Toolan (Cumann Clodiagh Gaels)

Barry McLoughlin (Cumann An Tobar)

Social/ Digital Media

Social media has brought the GAA to an even greater prominence in society. It's a very useful promotional tool and a platform for communication. The product we are trying to sell is our national games and this was one of our main focuses throughout 2022. It was important for us to make the public aware of what the GAA has to offer and what activities are held weekly across all grades and all codes. We tried to get scores and results out as quickly and efficiently as possible, our aim was for our social media platforms to be the first port of call for anyone that could not attend matches.



36,700 Followers

twitter.com/Offaly_GAA



15,300 Followers

facebook.com/OfficialOffalyGAA



11,600 Followers

instagram.com/offalygaa

Programmes / Team Sheets

Team sheets were provided for as many adult championship games as was possible in both codes throughout 2022. This was also done for all knockout underage games in both codes. A lot of work went into

preparing national football and hurling league games earlier in the year as we welcomed some big crowds to both O'Connor Park and St. Brendan's Park in Birr. I would like to thank all club secretaries and all county team secretaries for their support and efficiency in getting teams in promptly and on time as some weekends we had up to 8 games in different venues.

I would also like to thank Brendan Minnock, Patrick Donegan and Pat Teehan for statistical information for the more in-depth programmes and of course the dedicated programme sellers who turned up every weekend to help.

Adult Championships & League Sponsors

I want to sincerely thank all our sponsors in both adult hurling and football, league and championship. The Buggy family (Adult hurling leagues), Brosna Press (Adult football leagues), Philip O'Brien and the Court Hotel (Adult football championships) and Donal Molloy and all at Molloy Environmental (Adult hurling championships) They have all committed to long term sponsorship deals, so I hope and am sure that we are giving them as much exposure as is possible on our social media platforms. Mile Buíochas.

Glenisk

After a 30-year sponsorship deal, Offaly GAA welcomed new partners on board early this year. Glenisk and the Cleary family, I want to send out a special word of thanks for their support from day one.

To the girls in the office in particular Emma and Kirsten who provided graphics for our social media platforms and were of great assistance in both the launch of the new jersey, which in my opinion is one of the nicest in the country and the massive national launch of the new partnership deal between Offaly GAA and Glenisk.

"How can we help"... "is there anything we can do" and "We'd like to support this" was forefront to most phone calls that took place between us. They provided free yogurts and jerseys at all our all-county blitzes and all county nursery. They provide yogurts for all our development squads and have committed to attend any event in 2023. I wish them every success and look forward to working with Glenisk in 2023.

O'Connor Park

As is the case with stewards and gate personnel, the PR committee have a group of very dependable people that assist on match days, whether it be P.A. announcers,

manning the scoreboard, taking photos and providing updates on our social media platforms. Many thanks to Eamonn Cusack, Oisín Cusack, Brendan Minnock, Bill Kavanagh and Ciara Spain who were the main contributors and anyone else that stepped in to help out.

Media Coverage

I want to thank all the local print and radio media for continuing to provide excellent and extensive coverage of Gaelic Games within the County. They are another way to sell our product and in fairness they have been very helpful in doing so throughout 2022. I also want to thank the National media for their coverage of our county teams as we welcomed some of the bigger county football and hurling teams to O'Connor Park and St. Brendan's Park earlier this year.

Conclusion

As my first year ends as Public Relations Officer, I want to thank a hard-working committee in particular my predecessor Brendan Minnock who has helped me throughout the year and Ciara Spain who has great expertise in social media and was also a massive help.

I also thank my fellow county board officers for their continued support. My aim is to sharpen up the website and getting it looking more modern and user friendly, to continue growing our following on all social media platforms, to continue to make the public aware of the trojan work going on around the county, and to continue to promote Gaelic Games as ultimately this is our chosen sport, and this is what we are elected for.

Is Mise,

Pádraig O'Meara

Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí



Sub-Committee Reports

Cultural Committee

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Runaí: Damien Martin

(Cumann Peile Naomh Raghnaigh)

Committee:

Frances Teehan (Cumann An Biorra)

John Scanlon (Cumann An Clarach)

Niamh Clarke (Cumann An Tulach Mhór)

Eamon Flynn (Cumann Fear Bán)

Scór 2022

Scór season 2022 commenced in March with Scór na nÓg. The County Final was held on the 12th March in Tullamore GAA Centre. 8 Clubs were represented across various categories and while the numbers may be small the talent on display was of the highest standard. The winners on the night were:

Rince Foirne	Kilcormac-Killoughey
Amhranaoicht Aonair	Tullamore
Aithriseoiracht/Scealaoicht	Tullamore
Traith na gCeist	Tullamore
Ceol Uirlise	Tullamore
Bailead Ghrupa	Tullamore

The winners went on to represent Offaly in the Leinster Semi-final on the 27th March in the Marian Hall, Birr. The Traith na gCeist team automatically qualified for the Leinster Final. Offaly only had one winner Kilcormac-Killoughey in the Rince Foirne our other representatives on the day performed to the highest standard and were very unlucky not to qualify for the Leinster Final.

The Leinster Final took place on the 3rd of April in Lordship, Dundalk Co. Louth. Kilcormac-Killoughey were defending the title they won in 2020 and were hoping to make it 3 in a row. The girls as usual performed to their usual high standard and were dually rewarded when the results were announced as Leinster Champions for 2022

and had achieved 3 in a row. They went on to represent Offaly and Leinster in the All-Ireland Final in Killarney on the 1st of May.

Offaly's other representative in the Traith na gCeist was Tullamore and were representing their club for the 1st time in this competition. While they did not win, they gave a good account of themselves. They are a very young team and no doubt we will see them back in Scór again.

The All-Ireland Final took place on the 1st of May in Killarney and while Kilcormac-Killoughey did not win they can be very proud to have reached 3 All-Ireland Finals in a row.

Scór Sinsir

Next up was Scór Sinsir which held on the 17th September in the Marian Hall Birr. Twelve Clubs were represented across various categories. The standard of competition was of the highest calibre and the adjudicators had some very difficult decisions to make. Following the evening competitions the winners on the night were:

Rince Foirne	Birr
Amhranaocht Aonair	Ber Spain (Birr)
Aithriseoiracht/Scealaoicht	Eamon Franks (Birr)
Traith na gCeist	Edenderry
Ceol Uirlise	Drumcullen
Bailead Ghrupa	Clara

The winners went forward to the Leinster competitions with some having to compete in a semi-final and other qualifying automatically for the Leinster Final. The Leinster Semi-final took place on the 14th October in Portlaoise for the Amhranaocht Aonair and Aithriseoiracht/Scealaoicht.

Birr representative Ber Spain emerged victorious in the Amhranaocht Aonair and qualified for the Leinster Final. Eamon Franks was very unlucky in the Aithriseoiracht/Scealaoicht.

The Leinster Final took place on the 22nd October in Kells Co. Meath. Offaly were represented in 4 competitions with both Birr and Edenderry defending the titles they won in 2021 and Birr's Rince Foirne were hoping to make it 3 in a row like Kilcormac-Killoughey did in Scór na nÓg. The standard of competition on the day was of the highest standard and the adjudicators had some very hard decisions to make. When the winners

were announced Offaly were victorious in the following competitions:

Rince Foirne	Birr
Traith na gCeist	Edenderry
Bailead Ghrupa	Clara

This proved to be an excellent day for the county and our other representative on the day Ber Spain from Birr performed to the highest standard and was most unlucky not to the gain the Leinster title in a very highly competitive Amhranaocht Aonair competition.

The All-Ireland Final was held on the 12th November in Castlebar Co. Mayo. The standard of competition was one of the highest seen in Scór Sinsir for many years and while we did not win any titles our representatives on the day can be very proud what they have achieved.

As this is the final competition of the Scór Season for 2022 I would like to thank all the clubs of Offaly who took part in both Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsir, without your time and effort we would not be achieving Leinster and All-Ireland titles.

To Tullamore GAA club and the Marian Hall Birr who hosted our competitions go raibh maith agaibh. To my fellow committee members and all who helped out at either venue go raibh maith agaibh go leir.

Scór Club of the Year

Tullamore

Le meas

Michelle Ni Ogain

Culturtha Cathaoirleach



Sub-Committee Reports

Children's Officer

Author: *Colm Ó Comáin*

2022 has been both a very positive and challenging year in Offaly GAA from a Children's Officers perspective and I would like to start by extending a huge thank you to all those in their clubs who have taken on the role.

Elaine Kelly Dunne has fulfilled the role of County Children's Officer over the last number of years to a very high standard. Due to work commitments over the past few months, Elaine was unable to complete the role for the final few weeks ahead of Convention. Elaine has achieved a huge amount in relation to the position in recent years and ensured that this important item remained high on the Agenda.

Statistics speak for themselves, and it is evident from the figures recently received from Croke Park that Offaly GAA clubs have taken their Child Protection responsibilities seriously and are ensuring that all who work with our underage players have been vetted, safeguarded and have received coaching qualifications.

Throughout the year, several issues that clubs need to be continuously mindful of. One of these was the issue of **disrespectful & abusive language both on the field and towards match officials** in our games.

All clubs should have a **zero-tolerance approach** in this area and all team mentors and club committees should be aware of the procedures in place to deal with the issue if it arises. We, the adults, need to lead by example so that our young people see that there is no place for this type of behaviour in our National Games.

The issue of **negative side-line behaviour** by coaches and onlookers was also raised. In the current climate where Child Protection is paramount and anxiety in young people is becoming all too prevalent this is completely unacceptable. The responsibility lies with clubs to ensure that the highest standards of behaviour during games are set and maintained, and that players, coaches and supporters are aware of these.

Sport is intended to be primarily fun and as the adults involved, we need to promote a **positive side-line culture**.

To conclude, on behalf of Elaine, I would like to commend the clubs for their continuous hard work with our underage setups and for maintaining a high level of compliance with our ever-evolving structures. The last couple of years in particular have challenged us all greatly but the will to succeed, persevere and adapt has served our youth extremely well

A special word of thanks to all who have supported Elaine in her role especially our tutors and Games Coordinators for their help in up-skilling our coaches and mentors under some serious constraints. Finally, to all the Children's Officers across Offaly, thank you for your continued efforts



Sub-Committee Reports

Health & Wellbeing Committee

Author: *Liam Hackett*

In 2021 the County Health and Wellbeing Committee work was severely curtailed and planned initiatives both nationally and at county level were put on hold. In 2022 we have done our best to re-engage with Clubs and their Healthy Club Officers, but the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic continued to have an impact and while we are aware that clubs engaged in the Healthy club projects were active during the year, response remains very disappointing as reporting appears to be going directly to the National HWC Committee via the Online Portal. In 2023 the Committee hope to address this by engaging with the clubs directly with in person visits.

The committee would like compliment Gracefield on a very successful launch of their Healthy Club Project with keynote speaker Frank Diamond and to Bracknagh who also launched their Healthy Club Project this year.

Accessible Counselling Tullamore (ACT) is a community counselling centre based in Tullamore. The purpose of ACT is to pioneer a sustainable model of community-based counseling and psychotherapy services that will be accessible to all, Offaly GAA and the County Health & Wellbeing Committee were happy to be able to promote and support this great service this year by getting clubs to mark World Mental Health Day on the 15th October by donating to or taking part in the UNITE THROUGH THE NIGHT sponsored walk

During 2022, the County Committee had representation on one virtual and one in person Provisional Meeting and will have representation at the National forum which takes place on Saturday November 26th in Croke Park. The day will incorporate a new iteration of the Critical Incident Response Training.

The GAA Healthy Club Annual Conference took place on Saturday 12th November 2022, and it was good to see a number of the Offaly Healthy Club Project participants in attendance. Keynote speaker was Oisín McConville, and the focus of the conference was Living our Values and DEYLI.

The Dermot Earley Youth Leadership (DEYL) Initiative is a partnership between Foróige, GAA and NUI Galway. The programme empowers young people with leadership capabilities to reach their full potential and have a positive impact on the world around them. The programme provides young people with the skills and attitudes that equip them to be the next generation of leaders and change makers.

This programme is available to young GAA players aged 15-18 years in all Counties on the island of Ireland. In order to offer the programme to as many young people as possible, we require facilitators to run the programme at club level. Facilitators will receive full training and ongoing support throughout the programme. This is an opportunity for you to gain new skills as a facilitator and get involved in a programme that is proven to make a real difference to young people's lives.

Finally thank you to all who participated in the Health & Wellbeing structures and supports during the year and we look forward to working directly and engaging with all clubs during a healthier and safer 2023.

Liam Hackett
Chairperson Offaly Health & Wellbeing Committee.



Sub-Committee Reports

Planning & Training

Author: Brendan Minnock

Club Officer Training

Club officer training in 2022 consisted of online webinars organised by the GAA at central and provincial level, and promoted within Offaly by the Planning & Training Officer.

The first webinars in January for Club Chairpersons, Secretaries, Treasurers and P.R.O.'s received a positive response in Offaly and the 112 officers from the county who attended remotely was the highest in the province. Club officers were also notified of other webinars held during the year and provided with relevant links to the GAA Learning Portal.

There has been a positive response from Clubs to regulations pertaining to the organisation and timing of Annual General Meetings.

Club Forum

A successful Club Forum was held in the Tullamore Court Hotel on Wednesday, 22nd June. There were several interesting talks on subjects such as Club Nurseries, Games Promotion Officers, One Club Model, and P.R. & Social Media.

It is intended to hold a similar Forum in early 2023.

Club Planning

Clodiagh Gaels are currently preparing a Club Plan, in conjunction with a trained Facilitator from Leinster GAA.

There will be an opportunity for other Clubs who wish to formulate a Club Plan to apply in early 2023, depending on the availability of volunteer facilitators who are currently being trained by the GAA at Croke Park and Leinster Council.



Sub-Committee Reports

Referee Administration

Author: Denis Hoctor

As Referee's administrator I am pleased to present my report for 2022. With a total of 43 referee's available to cover over 552 adult Games and 680 Juvenile games from League commencement mid-March to Championship completion in October, we do owe a huge thank you to this group. Particularly proud that all our games happened over the year without any major incident and a big thank you especially to our umpires for assisting with them.

This year our objective was to have official linesmen at all rounds from quarterfinal stages to conclusion which happened and for as many senior championship matches as was possible. I would like to acknowledge the clubs who assisted us with linesmen through the year. The Competitions Control Committee and Management Committee were also very supportive during the year.

Recruitment drive was another objective which led to 6 new additions to the team, and they will be guided carefully through 2023. I would ask that each club looks internally and assist us with the extra recruitment of same.

With restrictions lifted, the committee organised 4 training sessions in the Faithful Fields throughout 2022 which consisted of physical training, question and answer sessions on knowledge of the rules and detailed video analysis clips on analysis of games in the Offaly championship which led to great debate between the groups.

We are very proud that Offaly now have approx. up to 10 referees between Provincial and Leinster panels. Sincere thanks to all members of the Referee's Committee with Brian Gavin as Chairman, Damian Brazil, Bill Kavanagh, Brendan Troy, Tony Carroll and Declan Ward.

Finally on behalf of the Referee's committee, I wish to extend sincere congratulations to the winners of all our competitions

Le meas - Donnacha NI Heachtair



Associated Bodies Report

Offaly Handball

Author: Caoimhín Mac Cúaigh

As we look back on 2022 from a handball perspective we had another quiet year in terms of people playing in competitions. With everyone being away from the game for the last two years as a result of covid it took a while for players to return.

There was some success however for our adult players in the 40x20 with Conor O'Brien reaching the Leinster final of the Silver Masters. Despite all Conor's efforts and hard training he was defeated by Conor Maxwell of Dublin after a tie breaker. David Hope however did progress in his Leinster Masters final and made it to the All-Ireland semi final where he was defeated by the eventual winner Dominick Lynch of Kerry.

One of our ladies Christina Donoghue also reached her Leinster final of the O35AS but had to withdraw due to injury.

The softball season got off to a start in May with the Irish Softball Nationals which were held in Wexford. The pairing of Conor O'Brien and Sean Ryan saw off some tough competition in the SMAD grade. They reached the final against Paul Headerman and Dominick Lynch of Kerry but had to withdraw during the match due to Sean picking up a leg injury. Sean and Conor partnered again in the provincial championship and they reached the Leinster final but had to settle yet again for silver.

Sean Ryan did eventually get a gold medal when he defeated Damien Kelly of Wexford in the Golden Masters Leinster final. Sean was pitted against the Munster winner Martin McInerney of Tipperary. Sean played some outstanding handball on the day but it wasn't to be as Martin got all the lucky breaks and won in out in two straight games.

David Hope had a mix of results in his softball campaign with him winning his opening rounds of the Senior Open. David put on a fantastic display of handball in his quarter final when he played Wexford's Gavin Buggy but it wasn't to be his day. Gavin won it out in two straight games. David did however have better success in the Masters Singles with comfortable wins enroute to the

All-Ireland final where again he had another convincing win over Roscommon's Denis Creaton.

The Wallball championship finished off the year with Offaly winning two Leinster titles and losing one. Cathal McNamee was defeated by Kevin Brennan of Laois, in his Junior B final. David Hope and Noel Murphy had great wins in their provincial campaign defeating some top players along the way. Both men went on to reach their respective finals in the Masters and Golden Masters grades. David received a walkover due to injury in his All-Ireland semi final from Kerry and went on to play Armagh's, James Doyle. Doyle who is no stranger to the Wallball scene having won national, European and American titles during his career had all the shots and finishing touches when playing Hope. Despite David's best efforts he lost out to Doyle on a 15-10, 15-7 score line.

Noel Murphy was the outsider in this All Ireland series with the plenty of talent coming from Tyrone, Galway and Limerick in the other sides of the draws. Noelle dispatched Limerick's Mike O'Connor in two straight games. The other semi final saw Graham Casburn of Galway take on Tyrone's Niall Kerr. This was a tough contest with Kerr getting the upper hand after coming from one game down and trailing in the second game to defeat Casburn in the tie breaker on a score line of 11-3. Murphy had it all to do if he was to defeat the current Irish National champion. Kerr got off to a flying start and continued to keep the pressure on and won the first game 15-10. Murphy dug deep in the second game and got a good serve going with precision kill shots to follow the return serve and he won the second game 15-13. Both players gave it their all in the tie breaker with great picks and rallies and some skillful overhand play. In the closing stages the lucky breaks went in favour of Tyrone with Kerr taking the title on a 11-8 score line.

County wide juvenile recruitment started in February this year with coaches going into primary schools in the Birr, Edenderry and Tullamore areas where they delivered a six-week introduction to handball programme. Also the Fahy club held an open day in conjunction with GAA Handball to further develop handball nationwide. We had a great follow on from these initiatives where currently over eighty children attend weekly coaching sessions in Crinkle and Fahy. We aim to expand our recruitment to new primary schools in the new year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our followers and supports for your continued support during the year. To Offaly GAA for their financial assistance over

the years and we are hopeful that with covid now not impacting on our games that our annual grant could be reinstated.

Caoimhín Mac Cúaigh - Cathaoirleach



Associated Bodies Report

Offaly Cumann na mBunscol

Author: Declan Ward

March 2022 marked the resumption of Cumann na mBunscol competitions and after two years of Covid 19 restrictions, primary schools across Offaly returned to gaelic games activities with a renewed enthusiasm.

New Website Launched

In April, Offaly Cumann na mBunscol launched and developed a brand new website and app called www.offalycumannambunscol.ie

This website helped to generate the fixtures for each division and competition. Each teacher also has their own login, and using the website or app, can record their own results or change their fixtures. All the results are live and up to date, and a table of standing is automatically generated.

Subsidised Equipment Scheme for Schools

In April, Offaly Cumann na mBunscol organised a subsidised equipment scheme for schools. In total 241 helmets, 220 hurls, 31 dozen sliotars and 104 footballs were sold. Equipment was bought at a bulk cost from suppliers and an additional subsidy was passed on to schools to reduce the cost even further.

Spring 2022 Competitions

April 2022 also marked the resumption of our Spring 2022 competitions.

192 games were played in boys and girls football, camogie and hurling. 56 schools took part in Offaly Cumann na mBunscol competitions and some schools like St. Patrick's N.S. in Edenderry, decided to enter two teams to encourage participation.

Twenty-five finals were played at the end of May in O' Connor Park Tullamore and in St. Brendan's park in Birr. As always, our finals proved to be a very special occasion for all our players. A local piper Pat Middleton led out the

Offaly Cumann na mBunscol Spring Competitions 2022

Competition	Winners	Runner up
Spring 2022 Boys Football Group A	Scoil Eoin Tullamore	Scoil Bhríde Edenderry
Spring 2022 Boys Football Group B	Mucklagh N.S.	Durrow N.S.
Spring 2022 Boys Football Group C	St. Cynoc's Ferbane	Daingean N.S.
Spring 2022 Boys Football Group D	Cappagh N.S.	Ballybryan N.S.
Spring 2022 Boys Football Group E	Gaelscoil Eadan Doire	Walsh Island N.S.
Spring 2022 Boys Football Group F	Cloghan N.S.	Pullough N.S.
Spring 2022 Boys Football Group G	Gortnamona N.S.	Rashina N.S.
Spring 2022 Boys Football Group H	Scoil Bhríde Tullamore	St. Patrick's Edenderry (2nd Team)
Spring 2022 Hurling Group A	St. Brendan's P.S. Birr & Gaelscoil Biorra	Rath N.S.
Spring 2022 Hurling Group B	Kinnitty / Roscomroe Combined	Killeen N.S.
Spring 2022 Hurling Group C	Ballyboy N.S.	Rahan N.S.
Spring 2022 Hurling Group D	Coolanarney N.S.	Carrig N.S.
Spring 2022 Hurling Group D Shield Final	High Street N.S.	Clareen N.S.
Spring 2022 Hurling Group E Colin Dunne Cup	Ballinamere N.S.	Killeigh N.S.
Spring 2022 Hurling Group F	St. Mary's N.S. Cloghan	Rahan N.S.
Spring 2022 Camogie Group A	Dromakeenan N.S.	St. Rynagh's N.S.
Spring 2022 Camogie Group B	Killeen N.S.	Kinnitty/ Roscomroe Combined
Spring 2022 Camogie Group C	Coolderry N.S.	Carrig N.S.
Spring 2022 Camogie Group D	Crinkill N.S.	High Street N.S.
Spring 2022 Girls Football Group A	Mucklagh N.S.	Scoil Bhríde Edenderry
Spring 2022 Girls Football Group B	Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada	Daingean N.S.
Spring 2022 Girls Football Group C	Gaelscoil Eadan Doire	Ballybryan N.S.
Spring 2022 Girls Football Group D	St. Colman's N.S. Cappagh	Scoil Bhríde Croghan
Spring 2022 Girls Football Group E	Rahan N.S.	High Street & Clonmacnoise Combined
Spring 2022 Girls Football Group F	Rashina N.S.	Scoil Mhuire Tullamore

teams in a pre-match parade each day, and together with the big crowds in attendance, it served to create a great atmosphere for all the children involved.

Colin Dunne Hurling Blitz

On the 14th of June 2022, Offaly Cumann na mBunscol organised the Colin Dunne hurling blitz in the faithful fields. This additional blitz was set up to accommodate schools who traditionally played hurling in spring, and to ensure that children would be able to play both hurling and football before they left sixth class. Participating schools included Durrow, Clara, Rahan, Scoil Eoin

Tullamore, Ballinamere, St. Mary's N. S. Cloghan, Killeen N.S. and Scoil Bhríde Edenderry. The Colin Dunne hurling cup Section A was won by Ballinamere N.S, while St. Mary's N.S. Cloghan celebrated winning their first ever Cumann na mBunscol hurling competition when they won Section B of the competition.

Skills Competition/Croke Park HT Games

Offaly Cumann na mBunscol organised a skills competition last May to select players to play in the Cumann na mBunscol half time games which take place during the All Ireland Hurling and Football Semi Finals and Finals.

These skills competitions are a great way to see the stars of the future and a good indication of the standard of players that are coming through. For example, in 2017 Dan Ravenhill won the Offaly Cumann na mBunscol skills competition with full marks and then played at the Cumann na mBunscol half time game in Croke Park between Waterford and Galway later that year. Five years later in 2022, he captained Offaly to win the Leinster minor hurling championship.

The result of 2022 Offaly Cumann na mBunscol skills competition were as follows:

Girls Football		
Place	Name	School
1st	Clodagh Scally*	Cappagh N.S.
2nd	Hedi Murray*	Tubber N.S.
Joint 3rd	Maddison Keegan	Cloghan N.S.
Joint 3rd	Kate Kavanagh	Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Rhode
Joint 3rd	Andrea Ní Éimhín	Gaelscoil Éadan Doire
Joint 3rd	Grace Moore	Cloneygowan N.S.

*Played at half time game in All Ireland Football Semi Final

Boys Football		
Place	Name	School
1st	Oran Kenny*	High Street N.S.
2nd	Dara Waldron*	St. Cynoc's N.S., Ferbane
3rd	Dara Carthy	Killeen N.S.
4th	Donnocha Ó Saoraí	Gaelscoil Éadan Doire

*Played at half time game in All Ireland Football Semi Final

Camogie		
Place	Name	School
1st	Laura Foley*	Rath N.S.
2nd	Ruby Oakley	Killeen N.S.
3rd	Emer Bracken	Ballyboy N.S.
4th	Ailbhe Martin	St. Rynagh's N.S.

*Played at half time game in All Ireland Hurling Final

Hurling		
Place	Name	School
1st	Liam Mulhare*	Cloghan N.S.
2nd	Philip Larkin*	Coolderry N.S.
3rd	Kieran Coughlan	Rath N.S.
Joint 4th	Adam Daly	St. Rynagh's N.S.
Joint 4th	Donogh Joyce	Kinnitty N.S.
Joint 4th	James Kirwan	St. Cynoc's N.S., Ferbane

*Played at half time game in All Ireland Hurling Semi Final

Young Whistlers

Two children were also selected to referee the Cumann na mBunscol half time game at the All Ireland hurling

semi-finals. Ruby Oakley from Killeen N.S. refereed the Cumann na mBunscol camogie half time game and Joseph Breslin from Clareen N.S. refereed the Cumann na mBunscol hurling half time game. Both children were complimented by the national Cumann na mBunscol committee and GAA president Larry McCarthy on the way they refereed their games. Well Done to both Ruby and Joseph.

All Ireland GAA Primary School of the Year 2022

In 2020, Scoil Phroinsiais Naofa, Clara (Clara Boys School) were the runners up in the national Cumann na mBunscol All Ireland School of the year competition. The school received prize money of €500 in recognition of all their good work in the promotion of GAA in their school. This competition will be taking place again this year and we would like to encourage as many schools around Offaly to enter. The closing date for entries is Wednesday 11th January 2023. Further details can be found on our twitter account @offalyschoolsgaa or by emailing offalyschools@gmail.com

Leinster Blitz Days

Leinster Cumann na mBunscol in conjunction with Leinster GAA organise a number of the intercounty Cumann na mBuscol blitzes every year. This year, St Colman's N.S. Mucklagh took part in the Leinster girls football blitz which was organised by Dublin Cumann na mBunscol and held in DCU.

Autumn Competitions

In September 2022, Cumann na mBunscol Autumn football competitions were played, with 172 games being played in 6 weeks.

Before the October mid-term break, sixteen finals were played in three days in O' Connor Tullamore and St. Brendan's Park in Birr. Each team was led out by a piper each day and a programme and team sheet were made up for each fixture.

Leinster Council Chairman Pat Teehan and County Board Chairman Michael Duignan were in attendance to make the presentations, which added immensely to the sense of occasion for the children involved.

These presentations gave our finals great profile on twitter and in the local media. A picture of Pat Teehan making a presentation was retweeted by Leinster GAA and received 9,000 impressions while a picture of Michael Duignan received 6,500 impressions. This helped promote our finals across social media and increase the number of people following us on Twitter.

Offaly Cumann na mBunscol Autumn Competitions 2022

Competition	Winners	Runner up
Autumn 2022 Boys A Cup Final	Scoil Bhride Edenderry	Scoil Eoin Phoil Tullamore
Autumn 2022 Boys A Shield Final	St Patrick's Edenderry	Scoil Phroinsiais Naofa Clara
Autumn 2022 Boys Football Group B	Durrow N.S.	Mucklagh N.S.
Autumn 2022 Boys Football Group C	Rahan N.S.	Ballybryan N.S.
Autumn 2022 Boys Football Group D	Cappagh N.S.	Boher N.S.
Autumn 2022 Boys Football Group E	Gaelscoil Eadan Doire	Clonmacnoise N.S.
Autumn 2022 Boys Football Group F	St. Rynagh's N.S.	St Brendan's P.S. / Gaelscoil na Laochra
Autumn 2022 Boys Football Group G	Ballyboy N.S.	Cloghan N.S.
Autumn 2022 Boys Football Group H	Lusmagh N.S.	Carrig N.S.
Autumn 2022 Boys Football Group I	High Street N.S.	Coolanarney N.S.
Autumn 2022 Girls Football Group A	Scoil Bhride Clara	St Rynagh's N.S.
Autumn 2022 Girls Football Group B	Killeigh N.S.	Mucklagh N.S.
Autumn 2022 Girls Football Group C	Gaelscoil Eadan Doire	Pullough N.S.
Autumn 2022 Girls Football Group D	Crinkill N.S.	Coolderry N.S.
Autumn 2022 Girls Football Group E	High Street N.S. / Clonmacnoise Combined	Cloghan N.S.
Autumn 2022 Girls Football Group F	Daingean N.S.	Scoil Mhuire Tullamore

Best wishes to our Retired Teachers

In the past number of years, four stalwarts of Cumann na mBunscol have retired from teaching. John Downey from Lusmagh N.S., Vincent Henry from Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada, Maria Davis from Rath N.S and Joe Cleary from Shinrone N.S. have given over 30 years of dedication to the training of primary school teams and the development of the GAA in their schools.

Offaly Cumann na mBunscol wishes to thank John, Vincent, Maria and Joe sincerely for all their tremendous work down through the years and for helping GAA to flourish at primary school level. We wish them the very best of health and happiness in their retirement.

Thank You

We wish to thank all the teachers and trainers for keeping the games flourishing in our primary schools. A special work of thanks to the hard working Cumann na mBunscol committee of Declan Ward (Chairperson), Sarah Boylan (Secretary) , Michelle Maher (Treasurer), Martha Boylan (PRO) ,Patrick McCarthy, Sean McCann, Niall Larkin, Tomas Flaherty , Vincent Henry, Ger Ryan, John Healy , Marion Crean, Mary Guest, Mike Forde, Sarah Cleary, Ann Marie Gaughan, Declan Hogan, Tom Naughton and Jonathon Dunne.

Thanks to clubs for their use of their facilities for Cumann na mBunscol games. A special word of thanks to Birr GAA for their use of St. Brendan's Park and in particular Pat Thompson, Joe Kinsella and Pdraig Grainger for their all their help with our finals.

Thanks to the county board, Jim Kelly and Christy Todd for hosting our finals in 'O Connor Park and for the use of the faithful fields, particularly considering all the wet weather we had during the year. Thanks to Clara GAA club and St. Rynagh's GAA club for the use of their grounds for our skills competition. We would also like to thank the county board executive and in particular Micheal Duignan, Colm Cummins, Dervill Dolan & Carina Carroll for all their help throughout the year. It was great to see Micheal, Colm and Dervill taking the time out of their busy schedule to visit our finals in October and present the cups to the winning schools.

Finally , we are always trying to increase the number of schools who are entering into Cumann na mbunscol competitions. If any school wishes to enter Cumann na mBunscol for the first time or wishes to enter a camogie or hurling team for the first time, please make contact with us and we will provide you with whatever support is necessary.

Declan Ward
Chairperson Offaly Cumann na mBunscol.



COUNTY CONVENTION NOMINATIONS 2023

POSITION	OUTGOING	NOMINATIONS	NOMINEE'S CLUB
Chairperson	Michael Duignan	Michael Duignan	Durrow
Vice Chairperson	James Murphy	James Murphy	Rhode
Secretary	Colm Cummins	Colm Cummins	Edenderry
Assistant Secretary	Christy Todd	Christy Todd	Ballycommon
Treasurer	Dervill Dolan	Dervill Dolan	Clara
Assistant Treasurer	Nessa Feighery†	Nessa Feighery	Kilcormac/Killoughey
P.R.O.	Padraig O'Meara	Padraig O'Meara	Clara
Central Council Representative	Paddy Scales	Paddy Scales	St. Rynagh's (H)
Leinster Council Representatives (2)	Dolores Slevin	Dolores Slevin	Kilcormac/Killoughey
	Joe Higgins*	Ciaran Groome	Bracknagh
		Pat Horan	St. Rynagh's (H)
Cultural Officer	Michelle Hogan	Michelle Hogan	Birr
Coaching Officer	Carina Carroll	Carina Carroll	Ballinamere

Note:

† Sinead Daly resigned her position in March as she was relocating to Australia. Nessa Feighery was appointed as her replacement.

* Denotes that the Officer has served five years either consecutively or cumulatively as per Rial 3.11 (b) T.O 2022

The Planning and Training Officer, the County Safety and Facilities Officer and the Children's Officer shall be appointed by County Convention following a recommendation by the outgoing County Committee.



COUNTY CONVENTION MOTIONS 2023

BYE -LAW MOTIONS

Amend/include the following Bye-Laws (Amendments/Additions highlighted in red)

MOTION No. 1

BALLINAMERE GAA CLUB

Amend Bye-Law No. 9 2022 to read:

Grading of clubs and players shall be dealt with in accordance with Riail 6.20 T.O. 2022

- (i) The closing date for club applications for Grading shall be the county committee meeting prior to the start of the championships.
- (ii) The status of a player will be determined in the first or subsequent rounds by playing in a championship grade in either the league or knockout stages of a championship.

In cases where a club fields 3 or more teams at championship level in a code, a player may only participate and play at one grade below the level in which he participated the previous year in that code.

e.g. A player who plays Senior hurling championship in 2022 and his club field teams at Senior, Senior B, Intermediate, Junior, Junior B and Junior C in 2023 the player is only eligible to play for the Senior or Senior 'B' teams in 2023 and is ineligible to play for the Intermediate, Junior, Junior B and Junior C teams in 2023.

Exception

A player for his first two years out of minor Grade will have free grading in the adult championship until the quarter finals.

This exception permits the player to play only one championship game per week-end only. Coming on as a substitute constitutes as a game, so if the player comes on for any short time in a game, that is his only game time for that 7-day period. However, he may only partake in one grade of championship in each code in a seven-day period (Friday morning to the following Thursday night.) If the player plays up a grade one weekend, they will be permitted to return to a lower grade the following weekend.

A player availing of this rule who play's for a club's first team may not play, at any stage, with a club's third team for the remainder of the championship year pursuant to Riail 6.20 T.O. 2022.

A player availing of this rule who play's for a club's second team may not play, at any stage, with a club's fourth team for the remainder of the championship year pursuant to Riail 6.20 T.O. 2022.

Team sheets will be checked, and any breach of rule will result in disciplinary action.

Penalty:

On a proven Objection, Award of Game to Opposing team. On an inquiry by the Committee-In-Charge – Forfeiture of Game without Award of Game to Opposing Team, or Fine, depending on the circumstances.

The second team which the 18-year-old fields on is the one to be penalised in the case of the exception.

MOTION No. 2**TULLAMORE GAA CLUB**

Amendment to Bye Law (6) Other Relevant Connection to read –

Rule 6.3 T.O 2021 sets out the criteria considered to constitute “Other Relevant Connection” with a particular club.

Tullamore propose that this be defined as follows-

A person seeking to become a member of the Association shall be restricted to joining a club in the catchment area of his residence or a club to which he has “Other Relevant Connection” as defined below

Other relevant connection – a member shall be regarded to having “Other Relevant Connection” with a catchment area if:

It has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the CCCC that a strong family connection i.e. parents/guardians exists between the player and the club with which the players wishes to become a member.

Application from a Member to become a member of a club outside his catchment area shall be submitted in writing to An Runai Chontae on or before January 28th of each year.

This may affect Bye Laws 7 and 8 if approved.

MOTION No. 3**EDENDERRY GAA CLUB****(1) COUNTY CONVENTION (Rules 3.10 to 3.17 T.O. 2022)**

1.1 County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.10, shall elect/appoint Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.11 and Delegates in accordance with Rule 3.12 following nomination in accordance with Rule 3.13:

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant-Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer and shall appoint a Planning & Training Officer and a Children’s Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee.

It shall further elect two representatives on Provincial Council and one representative on Central Council.

1.2 A person nominated for any of the above elected positions shall, 10 days before Convention following a request from the County Secretary, confirm in writing their willingness or otherwise to seek or not seek election.

1.3 Rule 3.11 (b) (2) shall not apply to the office of Treasurer.

1.4 Before publication of Convention Motions submitted in accordance with Rule 3.14 these shall be examined by the Management Committee. Motions considered out of order should be returned to the submitting Unit indicating reasons and affording an opportunity to re-submit.

(2) COUNTY COMMITTEE (Rules 3.18 to 3.19 T.O. 2022)

The County Committee shall consist of the Officers elected/appointed pursuant to Bye-Law No. 1, the Two Provincial Council representatives, and the One Central Council representative, (elected pursuant to Bye Law No. 1 above who shall be ex-officio members), one named delegate from each affiliated club, the County Referees’ Administrator, County Safety and Facilities Officer, the Coiste na nÓg

Chairperson, one named representative each from the County Primary Schools Committee, the County Post Primary Schools Committee and the County Handball Committee.

In accordance with Rule 3.20 and subject to Rules 3.21 and 4.2 T.O. 2022 the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose powers and functions shall be as detailed therein and in these Bye-Laws where appropriate. The membership of each shall be determined as follows: All members of sub-committees shall be named.

- (a) **Management Committee:** It shall consist of the Officers, the Coiste na nÓg Chairperson and representatives to Central and Provincial Council.
- (b) **Competitions Control Committee:** It shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary and three other members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, a named representative of Coiste na nOg, a named representative of the Finance Committee, one Fixtures Analyst together with the County Referees' Administrator (who shall vote only on the appointment of Referees).
- (c) **Fixtures Analysts:** As per Treorai Oifigiúil
- (d) **Hearings Committee:** It shall consist of a Chairperson and six other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (e) **Safety and Facilities Committee:** shall have six members including County Safety and Facilities Officer who shall be Chairperson, a Qualified Event Controller. The remaining members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in R. 3.20 (v) T.O. 2022.
- (f) **Referees' Administration Committee:** It shall consist of the County Referees' Administrator and five other named members (one of whom shall act as Chairperson and one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (g) **Coaching and Games Development Committee:** It shall consist of the County Coaching Officer, as Chairperson, Games Development Manager (who shall act as Secretary), and eight other named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (h) **Cultural Committee:** It shall consist of the Officer for Irish Language & Culture, as Chairperson and four other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (i) **Public Relations/Marketing Committee:** It shall consist of the County Public Relations Officer, as Chairperson and four other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (j) **Youth Committee:** It shall consist of five named members (one of whom shall act as Chairperson and one of whom shall act as Secretary) nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (k) **Finance Committee:** It shall consist of eight named members (one of whom shall act as Chairperson and one of whom shall act as Secretary) nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (l) **Information Technology Committee:** It shall consist of the County Public Relations Officer

and three other named members (one of whom shall act as Chairperson and one of whom shall act as Secretary) nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

- (m) **County Teams' Management & Panels' Committee:** The membership of the County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee/Player Relationships and as approved by Árd Chomhairle from time to time and shall be nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
 - (n) **Health and Wellbeing Committee:** It shall consist of the Children's Officer and four other named members (one of whom shall act as Chairperson and one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
 - (o) **Planning and Training Committee:** shall consist of five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by The National Officer Development Committee and Club and County Planning Committee.
 - (p) **Audit and Risk Committee:** shall consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member
- (4) In accordance with R. 3.19 (l) T.O. 2022 the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees whose powers and functions shall be as set out in these Bye-Laws:
- (i) **County Post-Primary Schools Committee:** It shall be responsible for the promotion of the aims of Cumann Luthchleas Gael in all Post-Primary Schools in Offaly through the preservation and promotion of Gaelic Games and pastimes. It shall encourage as wide a participation in Gaelic Games, as is possible. This Committee shall be appointed annually, by the County Committee and shall include a representative of each affiliated Post-Primary School, a representative of the County Coaching and Games Development Committee and an Officer of the County Committee. The County Chairperson shall nominate the Chairperson, for appointment by the County Committee.
 - (ii) **Coiste Na nÓg:** The promotion of underage club activities, for minor grades and below, shall be controlled by a Sub Committee of the County Committee to be known as Coiste na nOg.
 - (a) **Coiste na nOg** shall promote underage club activities, for minor grades and below, except where the County Bye Laws provide otherwise. It shall make recommendations to the Competitions Control Committee for arrangements for all Competitions and/or Championships underage football and hurling up to and including the Minor grade
 - (b) **Coiste na nOg** shall consist of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary, who shall be appointed at the first meeting of the County Committee each year following a nomination from the Management Committee. One representative from each of Cumann na mBunscol, County Handball Committee, County Camogie Committee (non-voting), County Ladies Football Committee (Non-Voting) and one representative from each club's underage sub-committee or where clubs combine to form an Independent Underage team one representative from that team (one representative to represent all underage teams up to and including the Minor grade). The Coaching Officer and Children's Officer elected and appointed respectively at County Convention shall act ex officio on Coiste na nOg.

- (c) Coiste na nOg Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Coaching Officer and Children's Officer shall be responsible for the day to day running of the affairs of Coiste na nOg.
- (d) Coiste na nOg shall hold a minimum of four meetings each year.

(5) PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Permanent Residence is defined in Rule 6.3 T.O 2022 with the following exception:

To meet the requirement of permanent residence, a player must be residing at his current address for at least 16 weeks, on the date of application to transfer. In such cases the onus of proof of new permanent residence shall be on the applicant for transfer.

(6) OTHER RELEVANT CONNECTION

Rule 6.3 T.O. 2022 sets out criteria considered to constitute "Other Relevant Connection" with a particular Club.

(7) ATTACHMENT TO FIRST CLUB

In accordance with Rule 6.4 (c) T.O 2022 A person seeking to become a member of the Association shall be restricted to joining a Club in the Catchment area of his permanent residence or where he has other relevant connection with a particular club as defined by 6.3 (b) (i) T.O 2022. If a player wishes to become a member of the Association, by joining a club, outside of the catchment area of his permanent residence, he or the club must submit to the County Secretary, his entitlement to do so.

(8) TRANSFERS

Transfers within the County shall be dealt with in accordance with R. 6.5 (a) T.O. 2022

Applications for transfers, within the county, shall be submitted on a duly completed official transfer application form. All Such applications must be submitted to the County Secretary prior to the first meeting of the County Committee each year, which shall be held in January, and no further applications will be considered after that date.

Such application shall not be granted unless the player is in permanent residence in the Parish in which his new club is located (Regulation No. 43 - Catchment Area - permitting), is opting for his First Club or has "Other Relevant Connection with a particular Club as defined in sub-section (b) (i) of Rule 6.3. T.O 2022

The Competitions Control Committee shall process and make initial decisions on all applications for Transfer and Permission to Play within the county. Such decisions shall reflect the ethos of the Association as outlined in Riall 6.1.T.O. 2022 and give due consideration to the negative effect, if any, it may have on the player's First club.

(9) GRADING OF CLUBS AND PLAYERS

Requests for regrading of teams shall be accepted by the County Secretary, not later than the January County Committee meeting.

In accordance with Rule 6.20 (a) T.O 2022 The County Committee shall retain the right to make the final decision on an application for Regrading by a Club.

By the final County Committee meeting prior to the championships commencing each year, clubs with two or more adult championship teams, must submit a list of players to the Secretary of the Competitions Control Committee.

The list shall contain the Championship status, of each player, at the end of the previous Championship

year and their proposed status for the current year.

The list shall name a minimum of 18 players for the highest grade of Championship and a minimum of 15 for each subsequent grade, excluding the Club's lowest grade. The names for each grade of championship must comply with Riail 6.19 T.O. 2022

In order for players to be officially regraded to a lower level, they must be named at that level. Each Clubs list is subject to examination by the Competitions Control Committee, who may at their discretion make additions or amendments to the names listed.

In Accordance with Rule 6.20 (b) T.O. 2022 a Player aggrieved by a decision on his application for Regrading shall have the right of appeal to the County Hearings Committee whose decision shall be final.

(10) AFFILIATION

In accordance with Rule 3.2 (C) T.O. 2022 Entry fee for Championship shall be €80 for each adult team and €8 for each under-age team.

(11) INTER COUNTY PLAYERS AVAILABILITY TO CLUBS

In accordance with Rule 6.22 (A) T.O. 2022. The period of time during which Senior Inter-County Players shall not be expected to fulfil Inter-Club Championship Fixtures prior to Inter-County Championship Games, in the same Code, shall be as follows 6 days (144 hours) for County Senior, U-20 and Minor Championship knockout games.

(12) PLAYING RESTRICTIONS (Rule 6.8 T.O. 2022)

Subject to the Exceptions hereunder, the Parish Rule shall be in force for all grades.

Exceptions

- (a)** (In accordance with R. 3.19 (n) T.O. 2022 and Rule 6.8, Exception (1) (a) or (b): Where there is no under-age team in a Parish (including Minor & U20), a player in that Parish, may play with an Independent Team within the County which shall not bear the name of an adult Club within the County.
- (b)** In accordance with Rule 6.8 (c) T.O. 2022 Where there is no adult football team in a Parish, a player from a hurling Club, in that Parish, may play with a football team, and vice versa, within the County.

Note:

All applications (Adult & Underage) for Exceptions shall be processed by the County Competitions Control Committee and approved by the County Committee each year. All applications for Exceptions shall be submitted, on duly completed applications forms to the Committee, by the relevant Club Secretary seven clear days (168 Hours) in advance of the 1st meeting of the County Committee each year.

Applications for Exceptions shall be processed by the County Competitions Control Committee and approved by the County Committee each year. All applications for Exceptions shall, be submitted, on duly completed application forms, to the Committee, by the relevant Club Secretary seven clear days (168 Hours) in advance of the 1st meeting (*March meeting in 2022) of the County Committee each year for all adult (incl. U=20 grades), and seven clear days (168 Hours) in advance of the February meeting (*March meeting in 2022) of the County Committee for all grades up to an including Minor.

*At a meeting of the Management Committee on 11/1/21, it was agreed that under the

Special Emergency Circumstances that the deadline set out in Offaly Bye Law No. No.12 for the acceptance of Permissions (Adult & Underage) and Team Regrading's would be extended to the March County Board Meeting:

Financial Statements

for the year ended 30th September, 2022

Offaly County Committee

Gaelic Athletic Association

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Offaly County Committee, Gaelic Athletic Association for the period ended 30 September 2022 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Association as at 30 September 2022 and of its income and expenditure for the period then ended;
- have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA) Ethical Standard, and the provisions available to small entities, in the circumstances set out in Note 8 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the Committee Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Committee Members' have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Association's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The Committee Members' are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Other Matters

In our opinion, based on the audit work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we considered were necessary for the purposes of our audit;

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE, GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

- In our opinion proper accounting records have been kept by the Association: and
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Respective Responsibilities

Respective responsibilities of Committee Members and Auditors

As explained more fully in the Treasurers' Report, the Committee Members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Responsibilities of Auditors for the financial statements

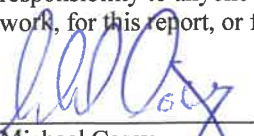
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the Association's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Association's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Association and the Association's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


Michael Casey
For and on behalf of
BCA Tax & Business Consultants Limited
Chartered Accountants &
Statutory Auditors
Tullamore
Co. Offaly

Date: 01 December 2022

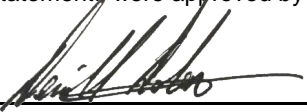
OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Offaly County Committee, O'Connor Park & Faithful Fields Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2022

	€ 2022 (12 months)	€ 2021 (11 months)
INCOME		
Offaly County Committee	2,057,407	1,221,560
O'Connor Park	334,900	247,497
Faithful Fields	145,597	96,480
Total Income	2,537,904	1,565,537
EXPENDITURE		
Offaly County Committee	1,542,955	834,129
O'Connor Park	373,163	366,248
Faithful Fields	211,465	167,191
Total Expenditure	2,127,583	1,367,568
<i>Surplus for year</i>	<i>410,321</i>	<i>197,969</i>

The financial statements were approved by the board on 1 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by

Treasurer:



Secretary:




OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2022

	Schedule	€ 2022 (12 months)	€ 2021 (11 months)
INCOME			
Gate Receipts	1	815,243	237,184
Commercial Income	2	438,763	207,653
Income from Associates Bodies	3	469,821	373,915
Other Income	4	333,580	291,931
Coaching and Games Development	9	-	110,877
Total Income		2,057,407	1,221,560
EXPENDITURE			
Match Expenses	5	247,592	97,214
County Teams' Administration Expenses	6	1,209,334	683,318
Interest and Bank Charges		1,103	606
Administration Expenses	7	65,057	52,991
Grants and Subscriptions	8	12,469	-
Coaching and Games Development	9	7,400	-
Total Expenditure		1,542,955	834,129
Surplus for year		514,452	387,431

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Treasurer:**Secretary:**

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

O'Connor Park Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2022

	Note	€ 2022 (12 months)	€ 2021 (11 months)
INCOME			
Rents for Matches		91,219	12,785
O'Connor Park Development Fund	5	148,202	148,202
O'Connor Park Shop and Misc		21,885	1,510
O'Connor Park Signage		56,969	36,000
Long Term Finance Credit		16,625	-
Central Council/Sports Ireland COVID-19 Grants		-	49,000
Total Income		334,900	247,497
EXPENDITURE			
Rent and Rates		43,996	73,634
General Repairs and Upkeep of Grounds and Equipment		59,632	51,265
Other Expenses		34,900	15,466
Insurances		10,056	1,667
Depreciation	2	197,549	197,549
Loan Interest		27,030	26,667
Total Expenditure		373,163	366,248
Operating Deficit		(38,263)	(118,751)
Deficit for year		(38,263)	(118,751)

Statement of Non-cash Movement

(Deficit) for year		(38,263)	(118,751)
Addback:			
Depreciation		197,549	197,549
Deduct:			
O'Connor Park Development Fund		(148,202)	(148,202)
Long Term Finance Credit		(16,625)	-
Adjusted (Deficit) for year		(5,541)	(69,404)

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Treasurer: 

Secretary: 

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Faithful Fields Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2022

	Note	€ 2022 (12 months)	€ 2021 (11 months)
INCOME			
Rents for Matches		4,367	-
Faithful Fields Development Fund	6	55,480	55,480
Faithful Fields Sponsorship		25,750	20,000
Faithful Fields Fundraising		-	21,000
Grant Received For Upkeep of Grounds		60,000	-
Total Income		145,597	96,480
EXPENDITURE			
General Repairs and Upkeep of Grounds and Equipment		150,156	109,404
Other Expenses		468	1,112
Insurances		5,000	834
Depreciation	2	55,841	55,841
Total Expenditure		211,465	167,191
Operating Deficit		(65,868)	(70,711)
(Deficit) for year		(65,868)	(70,711)
Statement of Non-cash Movement			
(Deficit) for year		(65,868)	(70,711)
Addback:			
Depreciation		55,841	55,841
Deduct:			
Faithful Fields Development Fund		<u>(55,480)</u>	<u>(55,480)</u>
Adjusted (Deficit) for year		<u>(65,507)</u>	<u>(70,350)</u>

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Treasurer:**Secretary:**

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association
 Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2022

	Notes	€ 2022 30/09/2022	€ 2021 30/09/2021
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	9,220,233	9,473,749
		9,220,233	9,473,749
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and Prepayments		577,307	285,094
Prize Bonds		381	381
Bank Balances		102,573	12,607
		-	
Total		680,261	298,082
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and Accruals		288,641	250,577
Total		288,641	250,577
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		391,620	47,505
Capital Employed		9,611,853	9,521,254
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED FUND			
Accumulated Fund	4	454,023	43,702
Long Term Loans - O'Connor Park Redevelopment		1,357,071	1,456,485
Long Term Loans - Refinancing		149,621	166,247
O'Connor Park Redevelopment Fund	5	5,202,979	5,351,181
Faithful Fields Development Fund	6	2,448,159	2,503,639
		9,611,853	9,521,254

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Treasurer: 

Secretary: 

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**HISTORICAL COST CONVENTION**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention

The format of presentation is in accordance with the standard format recommended by Cumman Luthchleas Gael

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated to write off fixed assets over their expected useful lives. The rates applied are:

Office Buildings	20% straight line
Equipment	20% reducing balance
New Stand/Faithful Fields	2% straight line

AMORTISATION

The O'Connor Park Redevelopment Fund and the Faithful Fields Development Fund are being released to the Income and Expenditure account, in line with the related assets. The funds are therefore amortised at 2% straight line.

2. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Office Furniture & Equipment	Office Building	Faithful Fields	Grounds Equipment	New Stand & Terrace	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€
COST						
At 1 October 2021	12,310	24,329	2,792,027	201,595	9,763,297	12,793,558
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2022	12,310	24,329	2,792,027	201,595	9,763,297	12,793,558
DEPRECIATION						
At 1 October 2021	11,806	24,329	268,795	192,733	2,822,146	3,319,809
Charge for the year	126	-	55,841	2,283	195,266	253,516
At 30 September 2022	11,932	24,329	324,636	195,016	3,017,412	3,573,325
NET BOOK VALUES						
At 30 September 2022	378	-	2,467,391	6,579	6,745,885	9,220,233
At 30 September 2021	504	-	2,523,232	8,862	6,941,151	9,473,749

3. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

€ 2022 € 2021

Offaly GAA has guaranteed the following amounts

Birr GAA Club	12,361	17,837
Clonbullogue GAA Club	4,951	11,559
Edenderry GAA Club	65,862	74,667
Killeigh GAA Club	5,481	12,080
St. Rynaghs GAA Club	99,339	-
Balance at end of year	187,994	116,143

4. ACCUMULATED FUND	€ 2022	€ 2021
Balance at beginning of period	43,702	(270,640)
Surplus/(Deficit) for year :		
Long Term - Refinancing Credit (incl. prior years)	-	116,373
County Committee	514,452	387,431
O'Connor Park	(38,263)	(118,751)
Faithful Fields	(65,868)	(70,711)
Balance at end of period	454,023	43,702

5. O'CONNOR PARK REDEVELOPMENT FUND	€ 2022	€ 2021
Balance at beginning of period	5,351,181	5,499,383
Transfer to income and expenditure	(148,202)	(148,202)
Balance at end of period	5,202,979	5,351,181

6. FAITHFUL FIELDS DEVELOPMENT FUND	€ 2022	€ 2021
Balance at beginning of period	2,503,639	2,559,119
Transfer to income and expenditure	(55,480)	(55,480)
Balance at end of period	2,448,159	2,503,639

7. CONTRA ITEMS

The following amounts collected from clubs were remitted to the appropriate authorities	€
Registration Fees	11,026
Public Liability and Property Insurance	42,436
The following amounts received from associated bodies were distributed	€
Leinster Council Club Championship	7,500

8. APB Ethical Standards - Provisions Available for Small Entities

As a small entity under the provisions of the APB in relation to Ethical Standards, we engage our auditor to provide assistance with the financial statements preparation and tax compliance services.

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Schedules to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2022

SCHEDULE 1

	€ 2022	€ 2021
	(12 months)	(11 months)
GATE RECEIPTS		
2021 Senior Football Final	48,710	-
2021 Senior Football Final - Replay	24,540	-
2021 Senior Hurling Final	29,060	8,500
2021 Senior Football Semi Finals	26,962	-
2021 Senior Hurling Semi Finals	13,875	-
2022 Senior Football Final	50,847	-
2022 Senior Hurling Final	59,327	-
2022 Senior Football Semi-Finals	23,850	-
2022 Senior Hurling Semi-Finals	49,592	-
Season Ticket	17,275	17,088
Other Matches	471,205	211,596

* See schedule 5 for 'Matches' related expenses	815,243	237,184
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SCHEDULE 2

	€ 2022	€ 2021
	(12 months)	(11 months)
COMMERCIAL INCOME		
Sponsorship	359,664	171,421
Royalties	76,019	36,300
Programme Income (Net of expenses)	3,080	(68)
	438,763	207,653

SCHEDULE 3

	€ 2022	€ 2021
	(12 months)	(11 months)
INCOME FROM ASSOCIATED BODIES		
Central Council		
National League Shares/Grant	93,732	35,000
Commercial Income (Croke Park)	185,000	60,000
Administration Grant	30,000	27,500
Senior Panel Travel Grant	85,589	65,391
Central Council/Sports Ireland COVID-19 Grants	22,000	173,624
Provincial Council		
Team Expenses	14,000	-
Games Development Grant	23,000	-
Administration Grant	10,000	10,000
Other	6,500	2,400
	469,821	373,915

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Schedules to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2022

SCHEDULE 4

€ 2022	€ 2021
(12 months)	(11 months)

OTHER INCOME AND FUNDRAISING

League income	16,800	14,200
Club Affiliation fees	12,436	9,058
Club levy	100,500	100,500
Lotto (Net of expenses)	18,480	14,098
Fundraising	150,522	150,182
Video / Streaming / TV (Net of Expenses)	31,987	2,048
Miscellaneous	2,855	1,845
	333,580	291,931

SCHEDULE 5

€ 2022	€ 2021
(12 months)	(11 months)

MATCH EXPENSES

League Expenses	10,300	10,350
Medals and Trophies	19,269	20,257
Match day expenses		
Venue Rental	109,782	30,932
Ticketing Costs	55,311	15,380
Referee Expenses	28,984	11,360
Field Marking	19,190	6,335
Floodlights	4,756	2,600
	247,592	97,214

SCHEDULE 6

€ 2022	€ 2021
(12 months)	(11 months)

COUNTY TEAMS ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

Catering	191,246	98,327
Players Travelling Expenses	213,194	94,801
Team Administration Expenses	365,913	246,950
Buses and Accommodation	53,096	10,603
Sportsgear, Equipment, Gym and Laundry	250,127	145,732
Medical Expenses including Physiotherapy	133,518	76,014
Players Injury Insurance for County Teams	3,240	9,965
Fines Payable / (Refundable)	(1,000)	926
	1,209,334	683,318

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Schedules to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2022

SCHEDULE 7

	€ 2022 (12 months)	€ 2021 (11 months)
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Printing, Stationery and General	6,216	9,124
Postage and Telephone	5,170	3,814
Wages and PRSI costs	11,800	24,437
Audit Fees	4,920	4,920
Accountancy Fees	8,696	2,568
Legal Fees	11,895	-
County Convention and other meetings	62	960
Depreciation	126	126
Advertising and IT Support	592	2,874
Complimentary/Sponsors Tickets	15,580	4,168
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	65,057	52,991

SCHEDULE 8

	€ 2022 (12 months)	€ 2021 (11 months)
GRANTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PROMOTIONAL		
Presentation Dinners	2,489	-
Third Level Scholarships	7,000	-
Scor	2,980	-
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	12,469	-

SCHEDULE 9

	€ 2022 (12 months)	€ 2021 (11 months)
COACHING AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT		
Hurley Helmet Scheme	(910)	(969)
Coaching Expenses	6,309	2,512
Coaching Staff Wages	38,808	2,986
Summer Camp	(41,719)	(115,048)
School Coaching Expense	4,912	(358)
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	7,400	(110,877)



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