



CÓMHDHÁIL CINN BLIANA 2025

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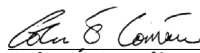
In Glenisk O'Connor Park, Tullamore
on Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 7.30pm

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COUNTY CONVENTION CLÁR 2025

1. **Minutes of Convention 2024**
2. **Adoption of Standing Orders.**
3. **Secretary's Report**
4. **Sub Committee Reports**
5. **Auditors Report and Statement of Accounts 2024**
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
 - n. Ratification of Demographics 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 2025**



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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 3.8 T.O.
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.



MIONTUAIRSCI CÓMHDHÁIL CINN BLIANA 2024

The 2024 Offaly GAA County Convention was held in person in O'Connor Park, Tullamore, on Tuesday 12th December 2023 with Michael Ó Duigeannáin (Cathaoirleach) presiding.

The following Club/Convention Delegates participated:

Ballycommon	Brian Flynn Frank O'Brien Declan Scally	Ballinamere:	Colette Water* Pat Fulton Ciarán Reynolds	Ballinagar:	Paurig Gallagher* Mick Dunne Ciara Darcy
Ballycumber:	Liam Hackett*	Ballyfore:	Mary Dunne* Brian Rice	Ballyskenagh/ Killavilla:	Eamon Phelan* Eoin Meagher
Birr:	John Irwin* Michael Loughnane	Bracknagh:	Richard Weldon* John Lawlor Aidan Dempsey	Belmont:	Jimmy Cahill* Rory Liddane John Fogarty
Clara:	Hugh Naughton* Tony Dalton Kevin Roe	Cappincur:	Catherine Graham* Rory Goggin	Clodiagh Gaels	Des Dunne* Arelene Beatty Nigel Dunne
Clonbullogue:	Leo Dempsey* Brian O'Neill	Clonmore H.:	Darren Connell*	Carrig & R.:	Paul King* Clemont King Greg Hanlon
Coolderry:	Martin Ryan* Mary Hanley	Crinkle:	Des O'Brien* James Hogan Bernard Ward	Daingean:	Padraig Keating Seán McEvoy
Doon:	Padraig Egan* Dympna Fitzgerald	Drumcullen:	Peter Lyons* Dermot Horan Toni Ryan	Durrow:	Paul Fox* Tom McDermott Tony Hensey
Edenderry:	Willie Forde* Aoife O'Neill Noelle Hynes	Erin Rovers:	Eamon Dunican* Sinead Lynam	Ferbane:	Brian Flynn* Martina Flynn Padraig Egan
Gracefield:	Colin Walsh Tommy Byrne	Kilclonfert:	Bill Kavanagh* Ger Brennan Sharon Roe	Kilcormac/K:	Paul Craven* Niamh Slevin Melissa Mul- rooney
Kinnitty:	Kevin Callaghan* Ger Coughlan Jack Delaney	Lusmagh:	Michael Troy* John Duffy	Raheen:	John Hackett* Ray Garry Pauric Pierce
Rhode:	Eoghan Hickey Peter Lenihan	St. Brigids:	Micheál Casey* Ray Scally	Seir Kieran:	Deirdre Ryan
Shamrocks:	Ollie Bryant* Lynne Hutchison Jamie Boland	Shannonbridge:	Jim Kileen* Tony Rohan	Shinrone:	Sean Ormond* Eamonn Cleary
St Rynagh's (H):	Gerry Quirke* Damien Martin Lorna Fitzgerald	St. Rynagh's (F):	Tomás Flaherty Ciaran Daly	Tubber:	James Higgins* Joe Higgins Enda Murphy
Tullamore:	Paul Dillane* Brendan McDermott	Walsh Island:	Jim Mahon* Alan Mulhall		

Participating also were | James Murphy, Vice Chairperson | Colm Cummins, Secretary | Dervill Dolan, Treasurer | Nessa Feighery, Assistant Treasurer | Padraig O'Meara, PRO | Paddy Scales, CC Delegate | Ciaran Groome, Leinster Co. Delegate | Dolores Slevin, Leinster Co. Delegate | Carina Carroll, Coaching & Games Officer | Brendan Minnock, Planning & Training Officer | Michelle Hogan, Irish language & Cultural | Keith Screeney, Coiste na nÓg Chairperson | Kevin Cooke,

Offaly Handball | Declan Ward, Cumann na mBunscol | Denis Hoctor, Referee's Administrator | Michael Casey (Byrne Casey & Associates),

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

Fritheadh leithscéal ó Christy Todd, Assistant Secretary.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 2023 County Convention were adopted on the proposal of Joe Higgins (Tubber) and seconded by Padraig Egan (Doon).

STANDING ORDERS

The Standing Orders listed on page 1 of the Convention Booklet, were adopted on the proposal of Eoghan Hickey (Rhode) and seconded by Peter Lyons (Drumcullen).

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

On the proposal of Paurig Gallagher (Balinagar) and seconded by Peter Lyons (Drumcullen), Jim Kelly and Tony Flanagan were appointed as Tellers in event that a vote count being required.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report was adopted on the proposal of Frank O'Brien (Ballycommon) and seconded by Richard Weldon (Bracknagh).

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

The Sub-Committee Reports and Handball Report were accepted on the proposal of Des O'Brien (Crinkle) and seconded by Olly Bryant (Shamrocks).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Michael Casey, Byrne Casey & Associates confirmed that the Financial Statement for the 12-month period ended 30th September 2023, gave a true and fair view of the state of the assets, liabilities and financial position of Offaly GAA as at 30th September 2023.

An Cisteoir, Dervill Dolan provided a detailed explanation of all areas of income and expenditure for the year and in particular any variance between 2022 and 2023 figures. An Cisteoir, thanked everyone involved in Offaly GAA for their contribution to a very strong set of accounts for the year past.

The Financial Statement was adopted following a proposal from Peter Lyons (Drumcullen), which was seconded by Bill Kavanagh (Kilclonfert).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers were appointed/ratified:

Chairperson	Michael Duignan	Vice Chairperson	James Murphy
Secretary	Colm Cummins	Assistant Secretary	-
Treasurer	Dervill Dolan	Assistant Treasurer	-
Central Council Delegate	Michael Duignan	P.R.O.	Padraig O' Meara
Leinster Council Delegate	Ciaran Groome	Leinster Council Delegate	Declan Ward
Planning & Training Officer	Brendan Minnock	Coaching Officer	Carina Carroll
Cultural Officer	Michelle Hogan	Childrens's Officer	Elaine Kelly-Dunne
Safety & Facilities Officer	Peter Lyons		

Ahead of Convention as per Offaly Bye Law 1.2 Christy Todd (Ballycommon), Nessa Feighery (Kilcormac/Killoughey) and Joe Cleary (Shinrone) indicated that they did not wish for their names to go forward for the positions of Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Leinster Council Representative respectively.

There was an election for the position of Central Council Delegate and Michael Duignan defeated Dolores Slevin in the contest. There was also an election for the two positions on Leinster Council. Declan Ward (Crinkill) and Ciaran Groome (Bracknagh) were successful over Alex Roe (Clara).

On a proposal from Peter Lyons (Drumcullen) and seconded by Willie Forde (Edenderry) Brendan Minnock was appointed Planning & Training Officer.

On a proposal from Bill Kavanagh (Kilclonfert) and seconded by Willie Forde (Edenderry) Elaine Kelly Dunne was appointed Children's Officer.

On proposal from John Irwin (Birr) and seconded by Martin Ryan (Coolderry) the following Officers were appointed to attend Annual Congress; Michael Duignan, Colm Cummins, Dervill Dolan & Pat Teehan.

On proposal from John Irwin (Birr) and seconded by Martin Ryan (Coolderry) the following Officers were appointed to attend Leinster Convention; Michael Duignan, Colm Cummins, Dervill Dolan & Pat Teehan.

CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

Cathaoirleach, Michaél Ó Duigeannáin addressed the Convention and commenced by extending thanks to all volunteers, the Management Committee, Sub-Committees, Club Officers, and supporters for their cooperation during the year.

An Cathaoirleach outlined that one of the main pillars of the strategic plan was sustainable club coverage and in this regard the Chairman recognised that much improvement has taken place with facilities and club grounds in recent years and this is to be welcomed.

Further expanding on the strategic plan, the Chairman highlighted the vibrant games programme being managed within the county. There are now over 1500 games per annum. In addition, the schools and CnamB games programme adds additional layers of opportunities for our young players to participate in fixtures. There was particular thanks for Christy Todd and Carina Carroll for their hard work in administering the expanded fixtures programme.

The addition of full-time staff should ensure the successful delivery of the strategic plan and sustainability of its objectives into the future. The county was delighted to appoint John Hackett as the Head of Operations along with Carina Carrol as a full time Administrator. Adrian Clancy, Nigel Dunne and Gary Flannery make up the most senior staff members in coaching and games and they are supplemented by about 10 further games promotion staff. Significant appointments have also been made in the areas of Medical and Nutritional Services to your teams.

An Cathaoirleach proceeded to comment in the performances of our teams in 2023, how close the Hurlers came to capturing the Joe McDonagh Cup and the challenging season that our Senior Footballers experienced was offset by a great win over Meath at home. Our underage teams continued to perform well, and the highlight was a magical night in Carlow when we captured the U20 Leinster Hurling Title. He thanked all Management Teams for their efforts. The involvement of Offaly players at 3rd level was also recognised, with an increase in the number of players now participating at Fitzgibbon and Sigerson level.

In relation to finance, the Chairman outlined to delegates that when he became chairman in 2019, the board had the sum total of €670 in their own income and expenditure account but now have €416,000 at hand.

Gates income in 2019 was €359,000 and it was €516,000 in 2023, Sponsorship and fundraising in 2019 was €207,000, in 2023 it was €578,000 and Royalties from O'Neill's from the sale of jerseys was €30,000 in 2019 and double that at €60,000 in 2023. It was further outlined that the increased income was invested directly in our teams with spend across all levels up significantly.

He concluded by thanking the Management Committee and praised officers stepping down under the five-year rule, Paddy Scales and Dolores Slevin whose term as Central and Leinster Council delegate ended. He also mentioned assistant treasurer Nessa Feighery and assistant secretary Christy Todd who withdrew from their positions. He singled out Christy Todd for praise as someone who has given his life to Offaly GAA.

He ended on a note of reflection, by remembering all deceased members, mentioning Liam Kearns and former board chairman and Life President, Mr. Brendan Ward.

MOTIONS

Bye-Law Motion No.1 submitted by Edenderry GAA consisting of updates to Offaly Bye Laws was passed on proposal of Willie Forde (Edenderry) and seconded by Eamon Phelan (Ballyskneagh/Killavilla).

CLUB OF THE YEAR

Kilcormac/Killoughey GAA were announced at the Club of the Year winners for 2023. Shamrocks GAA were announced at the Underage Club of the Year winners for 2023 and Ballinamere Scór Club of Year 2023.

DATE FOR FIRST COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING IN 2024

The first County Committee meeting in 2024 was confirmed for 23rd January 2024.



TUARASCÁIL AN RÚNAÍ 2024

Following another very successful year for Offaly GAA, it gives me great pleasure to present my final 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. Capturing the U20 Hurling All Ireland was a historic event, but the success in the Joe McDonagh Cup and resulting return to the Leinster Senior Championship remains very satisfying. We look ahead to the 2025 season with optimism and the added support of new full time staff and introduction of new Officers on the Management Committee. The aim will be to replicate the success of the last few years and provide some more great days for the Offaly Faithful.

The report covers three sections, firstly a brief synopsis of the year on the playing fields, secondly a commentary of the key administrative issues and finally some comments on our goals and objectives for 2025.

ON THE FIELD ACTIVITIES

It was an exceptionally condensed and busy year on the playing fields once again, but 2024 also brought much enjoyed success. Joe McDonagh Cup success for the Senior Hurlers, a big Championship win away to Laois for the Senior Footballers and the amazing All-Ireland win for U20 Hurling team were highlights that provided joy to all. In particular, a magical evening in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny winning the U20 title in glorious sunshine in front of a huge crowd of very enthusiastic Offaly Supporters, shall live long in the memory.

Senior Football

Notwithstanding a long-awaited defeat of Laois in the Provincial Championship, the Senior Footballers experienced a challenging year, which petered out with an inability to reach the knock-out stages of the Tailteann Cup.

After a win (v Laois) and a defeat (v Dublin) in the O'Byrne Cup, Offaly failed to gain a point from the first four rounds of the Allianz League, but two of those defeats, to Antrim and Clare, were both by a single point. Then, victories in Glenisk O'Connor Park over Wicklow and Limerick, either side of a draw away to Sligo, ensured we preserved our Division 3 status for another season.

The senior footballers reserved their best performance of the season for the Leinster Championship quarter-final versus Laois. After a blistering start, Offaly ran out convincing winners in Portlaoise by eight points. The reward was a semi-final meeting with Dublin at Croke Park and, true to form, the then reigning All-Ireland Champions advanced to the final once again.

Unfortunately, despite a determination to regroup, the results from the three games in the Tailteann Cup were disappointing and we failed to progress from our group.

Since then, Mickey Harte has joined the Senior Football

Allianz National Football League Results 2024 (Div. 3)					
Rd. 1	28/01/24 OCP	Offaly	0-11	Westmeath	1-12
Rd. 2	04/02/24 Belfast	Antrim	2-05	Offaly	1-07
Rd. 3	18/02/24 OCP	Offaly	1-12	Clare	2-10
Rd. 4	24/02/24 Newry	Down	4-12	Offaly	2-14
Rd. 5	03/03/24 OCP	Offaly	5-15	Wicklow	0-10
Rd. 6	16/03/24 Sligo	Sligo	0-13	Offaly	1-10
Rd. 7	24/03/24 OCP	Offaly	1-10	Limerick	0-12
Leinster GAA Senior Football Championship 2024					
Q/F	13/04/24 Portlaoise	Laois	1-08	Offaly	2-13
S/F	28/04/24 Croke Park	Dublin	3-22	Offaly	0-11
GAA Tailteann Cup 2024					
Rd. 1	11/05/24 OCP	Offaly	0-12	London	2-20
Rd. 2	18/05/24 Rathkeale	Limerick	2-10	Offaly	0-08
Rd. 3	02/06/24 Cavan	Down	2-22	Offaly	3-13

management as joint-manager with Declan Kelly and we look forward to a renewed focus in 2025.

U20 Football

Similar to 2023, Offaly were left disappointed not to progress from their group in the Leinster U20 Championship, with just one win to show from their three outings.

The first round game, away to Louth on a horrible evening for football, resulted in a narrow two point defeat. Spirits were lifted when Offaly beat Kildare in a low-scoring but exciting game in the Faithful Fields.

However, the victory we required away to Longford failed to materialise as we had to settle for second best, by a single point on this occasion.

On reflection, we were not far off progressing to the knock-out stages, which would have been the target for this panel. Subsequently, Offaly entered the new All-Ireland competition for teams beaten early in the provincial championships, but we went down to Carlow by nine points.

We thank Ken Furlong and his management for their efforts with this panel over the past couple of years and wish new manager Mark Plunkett and his assistants all the best for 2025.

Leinster U20 Football Championship 2024					
Rd. 1	26/03/24 Louth	Louth	1-11	Offaly	2-06
Rd. 2	02/04/24 Faithful Fields	Offaly	0-08	Kildare	1-04
Rd. 3	09/04/24 Longford	Longford	0-10	Offaly	0-09

Minor Football

The Offaly minor footballers prepared well for the Leinster Championship, with no lack of commitment from the players and mentors.

However, the four games in a tough group produced just one victory – away to Laois in Round 2. Two of the defeats were against Longford, who won the championship, and beaten finalists Dublin.

Many of the panel are under-age again in 2025 and under the stewardship of Roger Ryan, the hope is these young players will continue to develop and represent the Faithful County with pride.

Leinster Minor Football Championship 2024					
Rd. 1	27/03/24 Faithful Fields	Offaly	1-09	Longford	2-13
Rd. 2	03/04/24 Portlaoise	Laois	1-10	Offaly	2-08
Rd. 3	13/04/24 Parnell Park	Dublin	2-15	Offaly	2-05
Rd. 4	24/04/24 Aughrim	Wicklow	3-09	Offaly	1-07
All-Ireland Minor Football T3 2024					
Rd. 1	18/05/2024 Faithful Fields	Offaly	0-13	Waterford	4-11

Senior Hurling

Even now, it is heartening to look forward to Offaly competing in the Leinster Senior Hurling Championship in 2025 and the buzz this should create in the county.

This is thanks to our pulsating victory over Laois in the Joe McDonagh Cup final at Croke Park last June, when our three point winning margin was greeted with both relief and elation.

Even though the Joe McDonagh Cup campaign began with a defeat away to Laois, the hard-earned success over Westmeath in Round 2 restored confidence in the camp and Meath, Kerry and Down were convincingly beaten in the following weeks, setting up a final where we made amends for the heartbreak of the 2023 final defeat to Carlow.

Earlier in the season, the vibes were positive during the Allianz League. Although there were no wins in Division 1A, performances against Wexford (a draw), Kilkenny and Clare, in particular, proved that Offaly were capable of competing at that level.

In their final game of 2024, the senior hurlers bowed out with their heads held high against Cork at Glenisk O'Connor Park in the All-Ireland Preliminary Quarter-Final.

Hopefully, the supporters will be out in force in 2025 to row in behind Johnny Kelly and the lads and help to ensure our steady progress in recent years will continue.

This group of hurlers deserve great credit for working their way back to the premier level of Hurling through hard work and dedication. It was not always glamorous but the players stuck to their task diligently and they got their reward. They have set a standard for our next group of players, that have experienced under-age successes, and we look forward to a bright future.

Allianz Hurling League Div. 1A 2024					
Rd. 1	04/02/24 OCP	Offaly	0-17	Waterford	3-20
Rd. 2	10/02/24 Wexford	Wexford	0-20	Offaly	1-17
Rd. 3	25/02/24 Kilkenny	Kilkenny	1-26	Offaly	1-19
Rd. 4	10/03/24 OCP	Offaly	0-16	Cork	5-28
Rd. 5	16/03/24 Birr	Offaly	1-19	Clare	0-23
Joe McDonagh Cup 2024					
Rd. 1	21/04/24 Portlaoise	Laois	2-21	Offaly	0-24
Rd. 2	27/04/24 OCP	Offaly	2-23	Westmeath	1-20
Rd. 3	04/05/24 Navan	Meath	3-16	Offaly	5-31
Rd. 4	19/05/24 OCP	Offaly	3-24	Kerry	0-15
Rd. 5	25/05/24 Ballycran	Down	3-25	Offaly	5-23
Final	08/06/24 Croke Park	Offaly	2-23	Laois	0-26
Liam MacCarthy Cup 2024					
Prelim O/F	15/06/24 OCP	Offaly	3-19	Cork	4-25

U20 Hurling

After the All-Ireland final and just before he presented the Cup to Daniel Bourke, GAA President Jarlath Burns stated: *“At Under 17 you learn lessons... at Under 20 you give lessons”*. It resonated perfectly with the delirious Offaly players, management and supporters.

For this set of players to get their just rewards with ultimate honours ensured never-to-be-forgotten scenes at Nowlan Park. A six point victory over Tipperary in the final capped off a memorable year, or indeed three years for the majority of the panel who first made their mark at Minor level.

The Leinster Championship was not without challenges – a one point victory over Dublin followed by a draw with Galway were the outcomes of the opening two rounds. Then we stepped it up a gear against Laois in the quarter-final, followed by a nerve-wracking but thrilling one point defeat of Kilkenny in front of a huge crowd at Tullamore, who roared on the lads until the final whistle. Another massive crowd attended the provincial final in Portlaoise, where Offaly enjoyed a fully deserved win over Dublin.

The players had the benefit of an All-Ireland final appearance under their belts from 2023 and were in no mood to settle for second best on this occasion. The rest is history – who will ever forget that famous evening!

Of course, Leo O'Connor and co. are hoping for more of the same in 2025 – we wish them all the best.

Leinster U20 Hurling Championship Tier 1 2024					
Rd. 1	30/03/24 Parnell Park	Dublin	2-14	Offaly	1-18
Rd. 2	06/04/24 OCP	Offaly	0-15	Galway	1-12
Leinster U20 Hurling Championship 2024					
Q/F	08/05/24 OCP	Offaly	1-28	Laois	2-09
S/F	15/05/24 OCP	Offaly	2-17	Kilkenny	2-16
Final	22/05/24 Portlaoise	Offaly	1-18	Dublin	1-15
All-Ireland U20 Hurling Championship 2024					
Final	04/06/24 Nowlan Park	Offaly	2-20	Tipperary	2-14

Minor Hurling

The Offaly minor hurlers were placed in Tier 2 of the Leinster Championship and performed admirably in all four of their group games, ending with a 100% record after playing Meath, Antrim, Wicklow and Westmeath. Next up was a home preliminary quarter-final versus Laois in The Faithful Fields and after one of the most exciting games of the year, we came out on top by three points. The Faithful Fields also hosted the quarter-final against Wexford and I felt the ten point margin at the end was a little harsh on our team, who battled gallantly to the end.

Compliments to Enda Mulhare and his management for their work with the Minors over the past two years and we wish new manager Brian Carroll all the best for 2025.

Leinster Minor Hurling Championship T2 2024					
Rd. 1	23/03/24 Ashbourne	Meath	1-08	Offaly	1-11
Rd. 2	30/03/24 Darver	Offaly	3-17	Antrim	1-17
Rd. 3	20/04/24 Aughrim	Wicklow	0-07	Offaly	3-30
Rd. 4	27/04/24 Faithful Fields	Offaly	2-15	Westmeath	1-13
Leinster Minor Hurling Championship 2024					
Prelim. Q/F	04/05/24 Faithful Fields	Offaly	4-16	Laois	4-13
Q/F	11/05/24 Faithful Fields	Offaly	0-14	Wexford	3-15

Development Squads

A player-centred approach is essential to our goal of establishing Offaly GAA as a leading county in all codes and activities, both on and off the field. Restructuring our Development Squads was identified as a necessary step

to achieve this ambition and the ongoing refinements ensure we remain on track.

Our Development Squad model, under the tutelage of Adrian Clancy (Head of Games) and his Team, along with Carina Carroll (Coaching Officer) has fostered a focused approach and garnered strong support from players and parents. This model should be viewed in conjunction with the expansion of our games program and our ongoing collaboration with schools, which are fundamental to our new structure. While our approach may differ from other counties, we believe it best serves Offaly's unique needs.

It is crucial for everyone involved in Offaly GAA that every player enjoys their hurling and football experience. Being selected for an Offaly Development Squad is a significant milestone in a player's development journey. We aim to provide the best possible environment for players to flourish, recognising the efforts of our coaches, players, and the support of parents in raising squad standards.

The Faithful Fields is a vital component of the Development Squad experience. The exchange of ideas and relationships among coaches across all grades is invaluable, and the interaction among players of all ages fosters a strong sense of community within our county.

Players and Management

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the Players, Management, Selectors and Back-room Teams 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.

Team Secretaries

It is certain that my role as County Secretary was made all the easier by the excellent support provided by our Team of Team Secretaries. As a dual county it would be impossible for the County Secretary to fulfil these duties for all teams. I have been lucky that dedicated volunteers such as Brendan Minnock (Senior Football), Dolores Slevin (Senior Hurling), Johnny Maloney (u20 Hurling), Ray Bell (U20 Football), Sean Doorley (Minor Hurling) and Niamh Slevin (Minor Football), carried out their duties so diligently and represented their county with such distinction at major games.

I wish to single out the work of Assistant Secretary, Brendan Minnock for his excellent work in the preparation of Official Team Sheets for all Offaly GAA fixtures. This is a huge task that must be completed with ac-

curacy. Brendan's work in this area was flawless and a significant help to me as County Secretary.

Club Championships

The CCC led by James Murphy and Pat Teehan met 18 times in 2024 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 and sustaining a vibrant games programme is critical to the development of both codes in Offaly. Our players at adult and under-age level need a consistent games programme that provides opportunities to grow and develop with certainty around scheduling. Much has been achieved in recent years expanding the under-age games programme but our adult competitions have contracted in the same period. The changes at national level and introduction of the split season and the demands of provincial competitions on the other end of the season has resulted in a very narrow window for a dual county like Offaly to deliver a robust games programme. It must be acknowledged that Leinster Council worked hard to tighten its Provincial Club Programme in order to provide Counties with more weeks for internal games.

Furthermore, a culture has developed within our own county over many years that once a side exits the championship their season is over. In this regard we are an outlier, as most counties run extensive league programmes that run from March to October and provide the club player with an extensive programme of games. Expanding our adult playing season along the lines of our under-age games programme will provide more games for our players to develop and also greatly improve the games to training ratio.

In the early part of the year the restructured football championships caused some disquiet but once the respective campaigns commenced and proceeded to knock-out stages it was largely forgotten. However, the 2024 review has left the door open for an expansion to our Senior Football Championship. Hopefully this opportunity is seized as Club's should be striving to play at the top level always.

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. Walk-overs are always

2024 Offaly GAA Championships/Competitions				
Level/Award	Championship/Competition	Cup/Trophy/Shield	2024 Winners	Relegated Teams
Adult Football Championships	Senior Football Championship	Dowling Cup	Tullamore	Bracknagh
	Senior B Football Championship	Bob Carr Cup	Clonbullogue	Walsh Island
	Intermediate Football Championship	Bill Kelly Cup	Ballinagar	Erin Rovers
	Junior Football Championship	Corn Tomás Ó Cuinn	Edenderry	Tullamore
	Junior B Football Championship	Andy McCormack Cup	Durrow	-
	Junior C Football Competition	(No Name)	Ballyskénagh/Killavilla	-
	U20 Football Championship	James Guinan Cup	TBC	-
Adult Football Leagues	Division 1 Football League	Casey Memorial Cup	Tullamore	-
	Division 2 Football League	Tom Bracken Memorial Cup	Clara	-
	Division 3 Football League	Pat Direen Cup	Tullamore	-
	Division 4 Football League	Kenny Malone Cup	Clara	-
	Division 5 Football League	(No name)	Clodiagh Gales	-
Adult Hurling Championships	Senior Hurling Championship	Sean Robbins Cup	Kilcormac/K.	Tullamore
	Senior B Hurling Championship	Michael Verney Cup	Kilcormac/K.	Birr
	Intermediate Hurling Championship	Michael Keary Cup	Coolderry	Edenderry
	Junior Hurling Championship	James Clarke Cup	Belmont	Coolderry
	Junior B Hurling Championship	Brendan Doyle Cup	Carrig & Riverstown	-
	U20 Hurling Championship	Corn Phadraigh S. Uí Theacháin	TBC	-
Adult Hurling Leagues	Division 1 Hurling League	Pat Carroll Cup	Belmont	-
	Division 2 Hurling League	Shane Ryan Cup	Clodiagh Gaels	-
	Division 3 Hurling League	Loughnane (Oil) Cup	Kilcormac/K.	-
	Division 4 Hurling League	Tim Egan Cup	Kinnitty	-
Under-Age Football Championships/Competitions	Minor Football Championship	Corn Naomh Mhuire	Ferbane/Belmont	-
	Minor B Football Competition	Pat Colgan Memorial Cup	St. Broughan's	-
	U15 Football Championship	Corn An Bhr. Ó Murchú	Tullamore	-
	U15 B Football Competition	Fr. Doran Memorial Cup	Shamrocks	-
	U15 C Football Competition	Shield	-	-
	U15 D Football Competition	Shield	-	-
	U13 Football Championship	Offaly Association (Birmingham) Cup	Tullamore	-
	U13 B Football Competition	Sonny Conway Memorial Cup	St. Manchan's	-
	U13 C Football Competition	Shield	-	-
	U13 D Football Competition	Shield	-	-
Under-Age Hurling Championships/Competitions	Minor Hurling Championship	Fórsa Cosanta ÁitFCA Cup	Kilcormac/K.	-
	Minor B Hurling Competition	Kenneth Buggy Cup	CRCC	-
	U15 Hurling Championship	Birr No. 1 Cup	Birr	-
	U15 B Hurling Competition	Peter Fox Cup	DSK	-
	U15 C Hurling Competition	Shield	-	-
	U13 Hurling Championship	Corn Uí Chaoimh	Birr	-
	U13 B Hurling Competition	Oran Caulfield Cup	Na Fianna	-
	U13 C Hurling Competition	Shield	-	-
	U13 D Hurling Competition	Shield	-	-
Club of the Year Awards	Adult Club of the Year	Fr. McWey Cup	TBC	-
	Under-Age Club of the Year	Gerry Carroll Cup	Birr	-



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unwelcome and this year 7% of the games at adult level and 5% at under-age resulted in walk-overs.

All Offaly Teams acquitted themselves very well in the Leinster Club Championships, with KK narrowly defeated in the Leinster Final but Ballinagar captured the Leinster Junior Title. Congratulations to all clubs that represented Offaly in these competitions this year.

ADMINISTRATION

In 2024, we returned to a pre-covid model of holding meetings in person, however we used online methods when required and going forward a hybrid model will probably work best.

This year we continued to build on the significant Governance Audit work completed in 2022 & 2023. We endeavoured to implement the recommendations of the audit putting procedures in place for the county.

Overall our systems are considered robust and some updated policies will be implemented in early 2025 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 section of this document are testament to the hard work carried out in 2024.

HR & Full Time Appointments

In 2023, Offaly was very fortunate with the full time appointments made in Head of Operations, Head of Games and the Administrator Role. The stability provided by our three full-time Leaders, John, Adrian & Carina is critical to the improved operation of Offaly GAA.

Their energy when combined with an excellent Coaching & Games Staff will lead the County on the journey it needs to travel, guided by elected officers on an annual basis.

Along with Club GPO staff in the County, We now find ourselves in a very strong position with the personnel at our disposal. There is a very clear vision for the delivery of a high performance programme for the county along with a robust support structure for our clubs. This is paramount to deliver of our core objective of providing a player centred experience in Offaly GAA.

Our team of full-time staff shall ensure on-going review and implementation of our Strategy over the coming years. This will provide the consistency in approach to

deliver on our goals in a meaningful way and establish our county as a force in both codes once again.

Coaching & Games

Our new Coaching & Games staff model combined with an energised Coaching & Games Committee ensures that the county is continually striving to improve playing standards across the county. Working closely with Coiste na Óg, an expanded and robust games programme has been delivered and this forms a critical element for the growth and improvement of standards across the county for our young players.

Our reorganised Development Squad model has proven very successful in providing an outlet to nurture elite performance. There is a strong desire among our young players to be involved and this is a credit to the work of Coaching and Games and the coaches involved.

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 2024. Work will continue in 2025 to encourage the best standards in club coaching. We are encouraging clubs to embrace the opportunities offered by the small sided Go Games Programme to enter teams as individual clubs as opposed to Independent Teams.

Go Games Programme 2024 & Beyond

The Club is the basic unit of the Association, and its objective shall be the promotion at local level of the Association's aims, as stated in the Official Guide. In a predominately rural county, where some clubs do and will continue to play as Independent Teams at competitive age grades in order to field teams, the Go Games Model offers the opportunity to foster the sense of club from an early age. In 2024, we tried to encourage clubs to field U8 & U10 teams representing their own club, especially as games at U8 can be 5-a-side. Unfortunately, this initiative was not embraced by some clubs.

We feel this is a missed opportunity. It may be the case that the message around this initiative was misunderstood by some clubs that didn't recognise the potential benefits. Offaly Coaching & Games and the Management Committee of Offaly GAA firmly believe the vast majority of Clubs should field under their own colours at U8 & U10 level. The benefits and positivity such an initiative can bring to clubs would be immeasurable. It is imperative for Offaly GAA that our clubs remain vibrant and central to their community. Providing children and families local to your own club with the opportunity to have their first GAA experience in your very own club

colours is the essence of the GAA. One of the main pillars of the Offaly GAA Strategic Plan is 'Sustainable Club Coverage' - our Go Games ambitions are central to delivering on the aforementioned objective and providing clubs with the opportunity to deliver a positive first impression.

A further benefit of clubs embracing this initiative would be a more varied games programme within smaller geographic areas. The cornerstone of this strategy is to grow the games, be more inclusive, make the games more accessible whilst optimising fun, friendship, fair-play and enjoyment.

Our Demographics Officer, Paul Rouse, continues to conduct research in this area and the ambition to have every club field on their own at Go Games level will be revisited again. However, we acknowledge that 'buy-in' from each club is key. This should be seen as an opportunity for each club and not a threat.

I would call on Club Chairpersons and Club Secretaries to have greater involvement with under-age teams - as a Senior GAA Leader in your community you must be directly involved in under-age activities and you should ensure that your club is participating on their own in Go Games.

Football Review Committee

In my report last year I called out the poor state of Gaelic Football. As custodians of Gaelic Games I believe we have a collective responsibility to protect our games and ensure that they are passed to the next generation in better condition than we received them. Whilst the argument will be made that the game evolves with each generation, I contend we should be very careful not to allow the game to evolve too far from its original principles.

The origins of the GAA are based in the fact that we wished to protect our indigenous games from the influences of foreign or alien games. At the foundation of the GAA, Archbishop Croke described Hurling and Football as games '*racy of the soil*' and forming '*manly exercises*' in comparison to imported field sports of the time. I pose the question, are we now importing coaching methods, statistical measures and game plans designed for other games to the overall detriment of our own games.

In this regard, I welcome the proposals of the Football Review Committee, under the Chairmanship of Jim Gavin. They have been thorough in their work and have

presented proposals that are radical enough to ensure that coaches and players must return to the true values of the games.

Special Congress has provided the opportunity to implement the rules for one year. This is welcomed as failing to do so would result in patrons voting with their feet, falling attendances and falling revenues. The current levels of investment in our games could not be sustained in that scenario. Already there are trends toward lower attendances at National, Provincial and Club level.

Underpinning falling attendances with additional games and competitions shall not solve the problem. We should embrace the rule changes and not be afraid to call out coaching and negative play that deviates from the original principles of the game. We need to monitor the situation very closely.

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 and Katie McLoughlin 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 was acknowledged in 2024 and a Season Pass solution for OAP's was developed that helped alleviate those concerns.

However, it is important that we do not get complacent and Clubs are encouraged to ensure that the standards in relation to online ticketing are upheld even for games lower down the grades.

Glenisk O'Connor Park & Faithful Fields

Throughout 2024, both Glenisk O'Connor Park and Faithful Fields witnessed huge levels of activity. For the first time in a few years we hosted some big Inter-County fixtures including the Double Header between Tyrone v Cork (F) and Offaly v Cork (H). The Grounds staff at both locations should be suitably proud of how the grounds were presented at all times.

Sponsorship & Fundraising

In 2024, we were delighted to continue our Sponsorship Partnership with Glenisk. Their overall contribution to Offaly, represents a major opportunity to progress Gaelic Games in the County. It offers financial stability

and the resources to implement our ambitious plans for the future. The sales for the Offaly Jersey carrying the Glenisk logo have been very high to date, with a new design for the alternative jersey being released ahead of the 2025 season.

We were also delighted to continue with Galvin's Tullamore on the sleeve of the Offaly Jersey in 2024. This well known and popular brand is an excellent fit with Offaly GAA.

Again, in 2024, Molloy Environmental & the Tullamore Court Hotel provided sponsorship for our Senior Hurling & Football Championships along with EJ Access Solutions as sponsor of our under-age championships. These are very important partnerships for the County.

We are delighted that our partnership with Shane Lowry continues. Shane is a wonderful ambassador for the County and role model for our players.

Given the growth and success of the games in the county Offaly GAA were extremely pleased to announce the significant sponsorship of Condrón Concrete of Offaly Coaching and Games for 2024/2025. In recognition of the aforementioned expansion of staff and activities, the substantial funding from Condrón Concrete allows Offaly GAA to continue our ambitious coaching & games programme.

We continue to grow our pitch side sponsors at Glenisk O'Connor Park, with many new partners coming on board in 2024.

Offaly GAA has worked hard over the past five years cultivating successful partnerships with all of the above companies. The mutual respect and understanding of the goals and objectives of the county has allowed the partnerships to flourish. In this regard, it was with great pleasure that, we were able to announce five year extensions to the above partnerships at our recent County Committee Meeting. We look forward to many years of continued partnership.

I would also like to acknowledge the work and commitment of Club Faithful over many years. Thanks to the Offaly Association in Dublin for their contribution in 2024 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.

It is important that Offaly GAA continues to work in partnership with our Clubs and Volunteers in the year ahead to continue the drive towards 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 in 2024 and over the past five years. Michelle has fulfilled her duties very diligently and was a great ambassador for Offaly GAA. Offaly Clubs were well represented in Leinster and National competitions.

In Memoriam

Over the past 12 months Offaly GAA suffered the loss of former County Board Officers, Players and Club Officers. In April, the death of former County Board Chairman, Mr Ollie Daly was announced. Although Ollie had lived a long and fruitful life, there was huge sadness at his passing for he had been such a great Gael and ambassador for his county.

Just weeks ago Offaly GAA was very sad to mourn the passing of Bill Kavanagh. Bill was a very committed and hard-working Gael for both Club and County.

Last December there was a huge outpouring of grief for the very popular Johnny Flaherty. Kinnitty came to a standstill just before Christmas as it laid one of its most famous sons to rest.

Former Players, County Board and Club Officials passed away during the course of the year John Flanagan (Tullamore), Brendan Martin (Tullamore), James Dooley (Drumcullen), Ger Connolly (Bracknagh), Thomas Kelly (Banagher), Peter Masterson (Rhode), Willie Dooley (Seir

Kieran), Michael Delaney (Mullingar & Kinnitty), Dermot Sullivan (Carrig), Martin Heavey (Rhode), Mick Hogan (Birr), Pat Keenan (Gracefield).

LOOKING AHEAD - 2025 & BEYOND

This is my final report as Rúnaí Coiste Chontae Uíbh Fhailí. I have completed four years as Secretary and one year before my appointment as Planning & Training Officer. Although it has been a very busy five years, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with Offaly GAA.

I was central to the development of the strategy developed for the County in 2020 'The Offaly Way Forward'. The strategy served our administration well over the last number of years. The principles of the plan have guided the work of the Management Committee and all of the Sub-Committees operating under the auspices of Offaly GAA. Striving towards the delivery of the key goals and objectives of the plan has established a solid platform to allow the county to excel. The central theme of the plan is our player centred approach - as we move forward it will be important not to deviate from this or get distracted by side issues. We are here to improve the games and grow the GAA in the county.

An important element of the consistent implementation relies on the appointment of a dedicated team of full time staff. The experienced and energised group we now have in place will continue the incremental improvement of the county through aligned annual operation plans. This structure is essential to ensure Offaly GAA remains on the pathway to returning to the highest levels of competition. The recent successes of our under-age teams proves that Offaly can dine at the top table once again. We must ensure we are prepared and organised to capitalise on our ambition.

As new Officers take up their positions following Convention it would be a worthwhile exercise to complete a review of the plan and develop a new strategy for the next period. This would facilitate the further development of the five pillars of the existing plan, that will ensure the continued delivery of the goal of an 'Unrivaled GAA Experience' in County Offaly. The five pillars can be further refined in 2025, as specific projects are identified for implementation.

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, 2024 was a very positive year on the field of play, particularly on the hurling fields. The U20 All-Ireland win in Nowlan Park and obvious highlight, with the Joe McDonagh win an important step too. The intensity of the split season is very challenging for a dual county and the sheer number of games in a condensed period amplifies the efforts required to maintain a true dual county. We feel those substantial efforts should be very clearly reflected in the funding model allocated nationally to each county and this is an area that we shall be perusing in the coming year.

Following recent under-age success in both codes, there can be an expectation that our adult teams should automatically improve. However, patience will be required in order to develop and nurture our emerging talent. There is a body of work to be completed to bring our developing players through and be ready to make an impact at Senior level. Our ambition is to bring ourselves back to the top level in both codes and importantly sustain our position at that level.

The U20 Hurlers were certainly the stand out team of the year and brought All-Ireland glory once again. Many of these players are under-age again this year and this brings an expectation that we will compete for honours again this year.

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.

In particular, I would like to thank my fellow Officers Michael Duignan & Dervill Dolan for their hard work dedication and commitment to Offaly GAA.

Five years ago, the three of us set out on a journey with the simple ambition of improving the fortunes of Offaly GAA. As we step way from our current roles, we are satisfied that the structures now in place, provide a solid foundation and a new belief has been instilled to ensure Offaly teams can compete at the highest levels in the years ahead.

Le gach dea-mhéin

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Offaly Way Forward





Sub-Committee Reports

Coiste Airgeadais

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The Finance Committee for 2024 comprised Mark Gorman (Chair), Dervill Dolan (Treasurer), Paul Craven, Padraig Egan, Tony Flanagan, Aiden O'Neill, Paddy Scales and Katie McLoughlin (Assistant Treasurer). The committee was supported by our Operations Manager, John Hackett, and we thank John for all his work and support throughout the year.

Offaly GAA recorded a surplus of €16,908 for the year ended 30th September, 2024. While Income has increased during the year, we have also seen an increase in our spend which will have to be monitored carefully as we go forward.

The detailed audited financial statements for 2024 are attached with this report.

Income and Expenditure Account Summary

Results by Area	2024	2023
County Committee - Surplus	€86,005	€161,493
O'Connor Park - (Deficit)	€22,024	(€25,126)
Faithful Fields - (Deficit)	(€91,121)	(€47,384)
TOTAL - Surplus for Year	€16,908	€88,983

Some of the key movements in the financial accounts for 2023 include the following;

- Gross gate income for our 2024 Leagues and Championships was €543,957 compared to

€516,870 in 2023. This represents an increase for 2024 of €27,087 or 5.24% year on year. Our Hurling gate income increased by 1.2% while our Football gate income increased by 10.2% primarily due to extra football matches in 2024.

- A new financial structure was introduced in 2023 to support our Games Development and Coaching. The total income receivable in 2024 from Central Council, Leinster GAA and Club contributions was €441,850 (2023 - €347,451), while the total Coaching and Games Development costs were €504,918 (2023 - €399,649). This new grant support structure has allowed Offaly GAA and our clubs to increase the number of coaching staff in 2024 to 13 coaches at present.
- The Cúl Camp surplus of €46,333 (2023 - €49,085) represents a significant contribution towards our Coaching and Games Development costs again this year.
- As a result of our Senior Hurlers winning the Joe McDonagh Cup final in 2024, Offaly GAA received a County/Holiday Grant of €100,000. The Senior Hurling panel travelled to Tenerife for the team holiday in December, 2024, at a cost of €91,600.
- The County Team Administration costs of €1,373,730 represent a significant expense for Offaly GAA and an increase of €212,876 on the 2023 spend. While €91,600 of this increase represents a team holiday expense, our catering/food and medical/physiotherapy costs have also increased. We must continue to focus on managing these costs while ensuring we continue to provide quality facilities and good supports for all our teams and development players.
- The O'Connor Park Income and Expenditure Account reflects a surplus of €22,024 in 2024 (2023 - Deficit of €25,125) and a surplus of €68,007 after adjusting for non-cash items (2023 - €24,743 surplus). The surplus in 2024 arises primarily due to an increase in signage income and a reduction in maintenance/upkeep costs.

The Balance Sheet at 30th September 2024 shows an improved position on last year as a result of the surplus for the year with an Accumulated Fund Surplus of €559,914 compared to €543,006 in 2023. The OCP redevelopment loan balance has reduced by €110,079 from €1,249,062 in September 2023 to

€1,138,983 in September 2024.

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

We are very grateful to all our sponsors and to all the people who supported our fundraising initiatives and contributed to Offaly GAA during the year. The Universe ticketing system is now fully operational for our games and provides greater control and security managing our gate income.

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

On the field of play, both our U20 Hurlers and Senior Hurlers brought great joy and excitement to our County in 2024 with the fantastic success of our U20 Hurlers winning the Leinster and All-Ireland finals and our Senior Hurlers winning the Joe McDonagh Cup Final and taking our Senior Team back into the Leinster Championship for 2025.

Thanks to everyone involved with our teams, our clubs, our sponsors, all our volunteers and supporters and to everyone who has contributed to our success both on and off the field in 2024. A word of thanks also to the members of our Finance Committee for all their help and assistance.



Sub-Committee Reports

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Eamon Dunican (Cumann Erin Rovers)

Paddy Scales (Cumann Iom Naomh Raghnaich)

Denis Hoctor (Cumann An Charraig & Baile Uí Lachnáin)

Padraig Keating (Cumann An Daingean)

The Committee held 18 meetings during the year 7 of which were on-line.

League & Championship

The 2024 adult championships proceeded in accordance with the approved Fixture Calendar, with the exception of the Junior B football championship, which concluded slightly later than scheduled, due to a successful objection at quarter-final stage. The U20 Hurling and Football Championships, which did not commence until October, are now at concluding stages. The Adult Hurling and Football Leagues were completed prior to the commencement of the 2024 Club Championship Programme.

Review

During 2024 a committee was established to review the Championship structures for 2024. This committee comprised of James Murphy (Rhode), Pat Teehan (Coolderry), Eoghan Maher (Ballyskenagh/Killavilla), Colin Hanlon (Gracefield), Leo Dempsey (Clonbullogue), Tony Dalton (Clara), Eamonn Dunican (Erin Rovers), Paul Craven (Kilcormac/Killoughey), Brendan Minnock (Shamrocks), Brian Flynn (Ferbane), Paul Rouse (Tullamore). Final recommendations in relation to all Championship structures for 2025, will be made when club gradings are complete.

Concern continues to be expressed at the lack of competitiveness in the League Competitions due, in the main, to the non-involvement of Inter-County panellists.

Clubs are currently being asked to express their opinions in relation to the structure of the Leagues for 2025 and a decision will be made in the New Year, by the County Committee, following a recommendation from the above Committee.

Adult & Underage League & Championship Summary		
Hurling Champ	Games Played	Walk Overs
Senior	26	-
Senior B	19	-
Intermediate	18	-
Junior A	30	2
Junior B	23	2
Junior C	9	-
U20	16	-
Football Champ	Games Played	Walk Overs
Senior	22	-
Senior B	22	-
Intermediate	22	-
Junior A	22	-
Junior B	31	1
Junior C	31	4
U 20	15	1
Hurling League	Games Played	Walk Overs
Division 1	28	-
Division 2	23	3
Division 3	31	1
Division 4	45	11
Football League	Games Played	Walk Overs
Division 1	31	-
Division 2	31	-
Division 3	31	3
Division 4	31	6
Division 5	52	11
Total Adult	609	47
Football Champ	Games Played	Walk Overs
Minor (U17)	45	4
U15	56	-
U13	42	4
Jerry Conway	21	-
Hurling Champ	Games Played	Walk Overs
Minor (U17)	48	1
U15	44	5
U13	44	2
Jack Wyer	41	2
Football League	Games Played	Walk Overs
Minor (U17)	34	2
U15	40	2
U13	33	1
U12	64	4
Hurling League	Games Played	Walk Overs
Minor (U17)	33	2
U15	33	1
U13	38	4
U12	56	-
Total Underage	672	34

Walk-Overs

While walk overs still remain an issue in the lower grades of League and Championship, 2024 has seen an improvement, particularly in the Championship. There

were 35 walk-overs (15 in hurling and 20 in football) conceded in the Hurling and Football Leagues, 28 of these were in Division 4 & 5 of the Hurling and Football leagues. Clubs should give serious consideration, before entering second and third teams in the league.

On a more positive note the number of walk-overs conceded in the Championship reduced from 29 in 2023 to just 10 in 2024. The main reasons, for this, were two-fold, Clubs not being asked to confirm entries for Junior B & C Championships until the end of April and the decision to play the Junior B & C, Championship group stages on a regional basis.

U20

For 2024 it was decided to play the U20 Hurling and Football Championships, commencing in late October and while we are now at the concluding stages of both Championships, it is not an ideal time, with a crossover of School and College games, Provincial Club Championships, and players away in College. The timing and format of the Championship, for 2025, will be reviewed by the Fixtures Review Committee.

Under-Age

The Offaly Under-age Games Hurling & Football Programme had a very active and comprehensive season with various leagues, competitions & games from March to November, and in excess of 1,000 games being played. In all 34 games were conceded (an increase of 4 on 2023), but it's still an achievement to ensure that all boys from U8 to Minor had the opportunity to play at least 9 matches in one code or 18 dual matches in 2023. Sincere thanks to host clubs for their contribution to this successful season.

Discipline

Of the almost 1,300 adult and under-age games played (not including games played at U11 and below) infractions (Players & Team Officials) were reported in 117, that is down from 168 in 2023. Of the 83 Disciplinary Notices issued (not including 34 for 2 yellow cards), 10 sought hearings, of which 3 had their penalty reduced or rescinded.

The main source of concern is that, while the number of incidents of players reported for abuse of referees is down to just six, it is still six too many. Unfortunately, we still have team officials and supporters abusing and threatening match officials and this is totally unacceptable. The fact that we had 12 such cases at under-age level is all the more concerning. Clubs need to face up to their responsibility in this regard and remove such

individuals from being part of any team management.

Parish Rule

In the last number of years the CCC has had a number of cases to deal with, in relation to transfers and first club membership, conflicting with the Parish Rule. These are issues, particularly in the case of young boys, that can prove very sensitive and difficult, but the CCC have a responsibility to make their decision within the parameters of Rules and Bye-laws, and must act accordingly.

The Parish Rule (including Catchment areas within Parishes) has served this County well and while it remains in force it is incumbent on everyone to ensure it is adhered to. In this regard all clubs have an obligation to abide by County Bye-laws and Codes and Rules in the Official Guide.

Thanks

A sincere thank you to all referees who officiated at games during 2024. Thanks also to the members of the Referee's Administration Committee, for their work in recruiting and training referees. The co-operation and support of clubs, players, referees, Sub-Committees

and County Committee during 2024 was very much appreciated by the Competitions Control Committee.

Club venues throughout Offaly are of a very high standard and clubs deserve credit for the ongoing developments and improvements.

Thankfully the weather was kind to us in 2024 and only a hand full of games had to be postponed due to the weather.

Sincere thanks to all members of the Competitions Control Committee for their commitment in 2024.

Pádraig Ó Teacháin

Rúnaí, Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí.

2024 Disciplinary Summary Report					
Infraction	Adult Champ	Adult League	Underage Champ	Underage League	Total
Striking with Minimal Force (1 Match Ban)	25	7	5	2	39
Striking with Force (2 Match Ban)	2	0	1	3	6
Pulling on Face-guard	2	0	1	0	3
Behaving in a manner dangerous to opponent	2	3	2	0	7
Contributing to a melee	0	4	0	0	4
Yellow Card X 2	13	11	6	4	34
Abusive Language towards a match official	4	1	6	4	15
Threatening Conduct	5	1	3	0	9
Total	53	27	24	13	117



Sub-Committee Reports

Coiste Éisteachta

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Éamonn Mac Mathúna (Cumann an Rachra)
Clár Brádaigh (Cumann Fear Bán)
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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 difficult decisions to make and must strive at all times to be fair and objective in arriving at their decision, while complying with the Treoraí Oifigiúil.

During the course of 2024, an Coiste Éisteachta dealt with three appeals and eighteen requests for Hearings. All three appeals were deemed to be lost and were subsequently appealed to Leinster Hearings, where they were also deemed lost. While initial moves were made to take these cases to the DRA, the clubs involved reached agreement and didn't proceed to DRA.

Regarding Hearings requested, one was withdrawn and two were deemed out of order as they didn't comply with required procedures. Two red cards were rescinded based on video evidence and a further red card was rescinded based on a procedural matter which had compromised the player's right to a fair hearing.

Twelve suspensions were imposed, eleven based on evidence presented and one based on the defending party not turning up on time for the hearing. Seven of the twelve suspensions were appealed to Leinster, but did not succeed there, with three of those subsequently being lost at Central Hearings also.

Two hearings are pending at time of writing.

Where any member or unit is not satisfied with a decision by the Hearings Committee, they have the right of appeal to the Leinster Hearings Committee. It is important to note that a successful appeal hinges on demonstrating that the decision maker infringed or misapplied a rule – it is **not** a re-hearing.

The Official Guides and Codes are available on the GAA website and once again, the committee urges members to familiarise themselves with the contents of all relevant publications and ensure documentation is in order.

Thank to our referees for clearly stating infractions on reports, club secretaries for their timely and responsive communications, and to all who attended Hearings throughout the year for their courtesy and conduct. Thanks 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.

Finally, to end on a very sad note the Hearings Committee lost one of its most respected members recently, the late Bill Kavanagh from the Kilclonfert Club. Bill was a member of the Hearings Committee for a number years and his relaxed and practical approach to cases that came before the committee will be sadly missed. Bill always had a smile on his face and was more than happy to play devil's advocate when cases were being discussed at the end of the Hearing.

The Hearings Committee would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Bill's family and the Kilclonfert Club.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Máire Ní Dhubhlaoích
Runaí, Coiste Éisteachta



Sub-Committee Reports

Coiste na nÓg/Coaching & Games

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Michael Lyons (Cumann Iom Naomh Raghnaigh)

John Ferris (Cumann Fear Bán)

Conor Mooney (Cumann Biorra)

Brian Stephens (Cumann Biorra)

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Objectives for 2024

- Continue to provide an extended season to Juvenile Players with meaningful Competition from February–October
- Provide supports and training to Club Officers and Club Coaches
- Encourage all clubs to start their own nursery group with a view to entering Go Games U8/U10 teams

A lot of work was undertaken behind the scenes in January as final preparations were made by Club Reps and Coaching & Games staff to finalise the 2024 pack, which covered all games and plans from Nursery to Minor. This is an important document for all Clubs and families as it allows early planning for the year ahead. All guidelines and rules are also included in the pack and it is an excellent guide for Coaches and parents. The pack was issued on the 1st February.

The first meeting of the year took place in Glenisk O'Connor Park on the 15th February with Coiste na nÓg Club representatives in attendance. County Chairman Michael Duignan opened the meeting and welcomed the large crowd. He addressed the issue of Independent Teams and asked Clubs at the very least to make a concerted effort to develop a Nursery in their Clubs and start to build from there with a view to entering U8/U10 Go Games teams. He also highlighted the importance of children being able to identify with their own Club colours. The Chairperson referenced the fantastic facilities we have in Faithful Fields and the positive plans afoot with our Player Pathway and again encouraged each and everyone to continue to get behind our County Teams on match days. Coaching and Games Chairperson Carina Carroll then gave an overview of the plans for 2024 for Nursery to Minor and the Games Development officers gave an overview of plans for Development Squads and coaching officers roles within the County.

Fixtures Calendar

By the end of March all Clubs were up and running with fixtures and games programmes and so a busy season commenced. On 20th May Coiste na nÓg /Coaching and Games held a mid-season review to get some feedback from Clubs on how the plan for the year was progressing and any issues which were arising. A good meeting took place with issues teased out and positives noted.

Feile Competitions

Feile football competitions were held over the weekend of 9th March with Tullamore running out Division 1 winners and Gracefield winning the Division 2. Feile hurling took place on the weekend of 23rd March with Birr crowned Division 1 winners and St Rynaghs running out Divisions 2 winners.

In June our Feile Hurling winners headed off to represent Offaly, with Birr travelling to Wexford and winning out their Division and St Rynagh;s travelling to Rosnalis in Laois and unfortunately losing out to St Lachtains of Kilkenny in their final. Our Feile football winners Tullam-

ore headed to Roscommon and Gracefield travelled to Louth, but unfortunately neither Club came away with any silverware. Many thanks to the four Clubs who represented their Clubs and County with such pride and passion and thanks to the committed coaches and parents for their continued support and encouragement.

Shane Lowry Leagues

August/ September saw the completion of the Shane Lowry Leagues for our U12 Hurlers and Footballers, with all teams getting the opportunity to play in Faithful Fields. The Jerry Conway and Jack Wyer tournaments then got underway with these finals being held in Glenisk O'Connor Park for Jerry Conway and Ballinamere for the Jack Wyer. Many thanks to all involved for organising successful competitions in memory of their departed club members.

Championships & Competitions

2024 Championships/Competitions	
Champ/Comp Name	Complete
U13 Hurling	✓
U15 Hurling	✓
U17 Hurling	✓
U13 Football	✓
U15 Football	✓
U17 Football	✓

Development Squads

Development Squads have continued to train over the year under the guidance of our Games Promotion Manager Adrian Clancy and his team. Saturday mornings are a hive of activity in Faithful Fields as all ages participate in their training programmes. Our new group of Development Squad players born 2011 have now started their programme. Many thanks to the coaches of each team who give up their time to coach on Saturdays and attend matches when required often travelling to different counties to compete. Your dedication and commitment is much appreciated.

Structures

Coiste na nÓg and Coaching & Games are again working behind the scenes to prepare structures and plans for 2025 to allow for clubs and parents to plan for the 2025 Season. Our representatives are working with their Clubs to ensure a satisfactory plan which will provide meaningful competition and maximum participation for Juveniles across the County. The year ahead will see the Age Grades change to U14, U16 and U18.

Conclusion

Finally, on reflection of the year that has been, we were extremely lucky with no major issues or changes due to weather or unplayable pitches there were a total of 1002 matches played across the Juvenile age grade which is a phenomenal feat. Our clubs and children again came out in force to cheer on our county teams and what an unbelievable sight it was in Kilkenny as we filled Nowlan Park with the green, white and gold as our U20 Hurlers played out a spectacle as the sun shone down on a beautiful evening. The road home that evening was shortened by the joy, which surely set right the wrong of our Minor defeat to Tipperary in the same stadium in 2022. After a short turn around for supporters we again set on the road this time headed for Croke Park and again we basked in glorious sunshine and beat our neighbours Laois in a battle to claim the Joe McDonagh Cup.

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 with over 1000 games a year it is no mean feat to prepare and plan these fixtures, thankfully the weather only played havoc in the minimum number of instances and so everything ran smoothly!

Debbie Ui Scolai - Runai Coiste na nÓg Uibh Fhaili





Sub-Committee Reports

PR Communications / Marketing

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Alex Roe (Cumann An Clarach)

Social/Digital Media

Social media platforms like X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, and Instagram have become vital tools for Offaly GAA in promoting games and engaging with the community. These platforms provide a fast, effective way to share updates on inter-county and club scores, results, and fixtures in both hurling and football. Real-time updates keep fans informed and create a buzz around upcoming matches, building excitement and encouraging attendance. The promotion of under-age games is another significant benefit. Social media allows Offaly GAA to highlight the progress and achievements of young players, celebrating their successes and encouraging participation. By showcasing under-age competitions and events, the platforms help to develop a stronger connection between players, families, and supporters, fostering a sense of pride and belonging within the community. Additionally, social media enhances engagement by offering a space for fans to interact with content through likes, shares, and comments, amplifying the reach of posts and creating a vibrant online GAA community. It serves as an excellent platform for sponsors, increasing their visibility and, in turn, supporting the financial health of the club. Overall, the use of X, Facebook, and Instagram helps Offaly GAA reach a broader audience, promote its games, and build a strong, interconnected GAA community.



42,000 Followers
twitter.com/Offaly_GAA



4M Views in 2024
facebook.com/OfficialOffalyGAA



3.3M Views in 2024
instagram.com/offialloffalygaa

Social Media Insights

Offaly GAA has enjoyed a remarkable year in digital engagement throughout 2024, reaching impressive new heights across our social media platforms. On Facebook alone, we accumulated just under 4 million views, with most posts averaging around 15,000 views. The stand-out post of the year reached an incredible 110,000 people, highlighting the growing interest in our content. This surge in visibility is largely thanks to the exceptional work of Mark Forde, whose innovative approach has significantly boosted our online presence. Video views on Facebook saw a remarkable 93% increase compared to 2023, reflecting our expanding audience and enhanced content strategy. Our live lotto draw, hosted every Thursday, has become a popular feature, consistently attracting viewers as we invite special guests to participate in the draws. Meanwhile, our Instagram page has also seen substantial growth, recording 3.3 million views over the past year, with a top post reaching 99.9k views. On X (formerly Twitter), Offaly GAA has cemented its reputation as a reliable source for real-time updates, scores, and results. With over 42,000 followers, our page remains highly active, especially during weekends, keeping fans engaged and informed. This growth across all platforms reflects Offaly GAA's commitment to connecting with our community and enhancing fan engagement.

Programmes / Team Sheets

This year, we provided programmes for over 300 adult championship and league games in both hurling and football, including all adult and under-age finals. This was a monumental task that required careful planning and coordination. The success of this initiative would not have been possible without the tremendous support from club secretaries across the County, whose collaboration ensured smooth operations. I extend my deepest gratitude to John Hackett and Carina Carroll in the office, whose dedication was instrumental in managing the workload. Additionally, a big thanks to

the Coaching and Games staff and the broader network of volunteers who played a crucial role in the delivery of these programmes to venues throughout the County. Their commitment and hard work were vital in ensuring that every match day was complemented with a programme, enhancing the experience for players, supporters, and everyone involved.

Coaching & Games - Coiste na nÓg

Offaly GAA's Coaching and Games and Coiste na nÓg play a crucial role in developing young athletes and promoting hurling and football throughout the county. We try to promote this and ensure that all these activities are made visible to our clubs, players and supporters through our social media platforms. Through various initiatives like school coaching programs, club visits, and the organization of blitzes and tournaments, these efforts have significantly increased participation rates in both sports. The Faithful Óg Academy is a flagship initiative, providing structured coaching pathways for young players, focusing on skill development and fostering a love for the game. This academy not only improves individual skills but also builds a strong pipeline of talent for future Offaly teams. The value of the dedicated coaching and games staff cannot be overstated. Their commitment ensures that children across Offaly have access to high-quality training, nurturing their abilities in a positive and encouraging environment. Their work has seen a significant rise in the volume of children engaging in hurling and football, reinforcing the county's passion for these national games. A special word of thanks is passed on to Carina Carroll and Keith Screeney, whose tireless efforts and dedication have been instrumental in driving these initiatives forward. Their contributions have helped create a vibrant culture of Gaelic games for the youth of Offaly.

Adult Championships & League Sponsors

On behalf of Offaly GAA, we extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible sponsors for their unwavering support across both adult and under-age hurling and football leagues and championships. We sincerely thank K Buggy Coaches and the Buggy family for their continued backing of our adult hurling leagues, as well as Brosna Press for their sponsorship of our adult football leagues. Your commitment helps ensure the smooth running and success of these competitions. To Philip O'Brien and the Court Hotel, and Donal Molloy and all at Molloy Environmental, your generous support of our adult football and hurling championships respectively has been instrumental in creating a strong and competitive environment for our teams. We also want to acknowledge Daithi Regan and EJ Access Solutions for

their exceptional sponsorship of all under-age championships in both hurling and football. Your investment in the future of Offaly GAA plays a vital role in nurturing young talent and supporting the next generation of players. We are immensely grateful to each of you for your contributions. Your support not only drives our teams but also strengthens the entire Offaly GAA community. Thank you for being vital partners in our sporting journey.

Glenisk

Offaly GAA's partnership with Glenisk has been a significant boost for both parties, fostering a strong bond between a local, family-owned business and the sporting heart of the county. Glenisk, a renowned organic dairy company based in Offaly, has become synonymous with the Offaly GAA brand. The partnership highlights shared values of community, tradition, and excellence. Known for its commitment to quality, Glenisk's involvement has been instrumental in supporting the development of young talent, particularly in hurling, a sport that is central to the county's identity. The renewal of this sponsorship for another five years is a testament to the success of the collaboration. It signals Glenisk's continued dedication to investing in local sports and nurturing future stars of Offaly football and hurling. This relationship has gone beyond mere financial backing; it has created a shared identity that resonates with the community, as Glenisk products are seen as a symbol of local pride with a lot of them carrying the Offaly crest. The partnership has been pivotal in bolstering the county's sports programs, particularly in youth development, and aligns with Glenisk's ethos of promoting healthy living. Together, we form a powerful team, striving for success both on and off the field.

Glenisk O'Connor Park

Match days at Glenisk O'Connor Park are a hive of activity, with a dedicated team ensuring everything runs smoothly. The Public Address (PA) announcer sets the tone, providing updates and engaging commentary to keep fans informed and excited throughout the game. Simultaneously, social media platforms are kept buzzing with live updates, photos, and key moments from the match, reaching fans near and far. Selling match programmes is another essential task, offering spectators insights and information about the teams, players, and upcoming fixtures. Behind the scenes, tea and coffee are prepared for visiting local and national media, ensuring they have everything they need to cover the event. Special thanks go to Eamonn Cusack, Oisín Cusack, Pat Teehan, Johnno Kinahan, Alex Roe, Jack Ryan, and Brendan Minnock, who are particularly instrumental in

these efforts. Their commitment and teamwork make every match day an enjoyable experience for players, officials, and fans alike. Their contributions help create a lively, well-organised atmosphere, making Glenisk O'Connor Park a fantastic venue for Gaelic games.

Media Coverage

The local print and radio media play a vital role in promoting both adult and under-age hurling and football across our county. Their consistent coverage ensures that players, teams, and clubs receive the recognition they deserve, while also keeping the community informed and engaged. Through match reports, interviews, and live commentary, the media help to build excitement and foster a strong sense of pride in our local teams. They also highlight the achievements of young athletes, encouraging participation and development at all levels. This ongoing support not only celebrates our sporting successes but also helps to preserve and promote the rich tradition of Gaelic games. I want to thank the local media for their invaluable contribution, for their help and support as their dedication keeps our passion for hurling and football. Clubber TV trial of broadcasting four championship games every weekend in both hurling and football has been a significant boost for the sport in our county. It provides fans with greater access to live action, allowing them to follow their favourite teams from anywhere in the world. This initiative not only increases the visibility of local talent but also strengthens community engagement, offering supporters a new way to experience the excitement and passion of our hurling and football championships.

Conclusion

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the incredibly hard-working Public Relations Committee. Their dedication and tireless efforts have been instrumental in ensuring that our social media platforms showcase the best of what we do. Without their consistent work behind the scenes, the level of visibility and engagement we enjoy would simply not be possible. A special thank you goes to Mark Forde for his initiative in videography, capturing memorable moments that resonate with our audience. We have also established a strong network of people to help deliver our programmes to various venues, with invaluable support from John Hackett, Carina Carroll, and Adrian Clancy, along with his dedicated team. Their collaboration and commitment have been essential to our outreach success. I am excited to continue working with the PR Committee as we strive to enhance our social media presence further. Together, we will continue to innovate and build on the solid foundation we have laid, reaching new audiences and

achieving even greater visibility for our initiatives. I also look forward to working with John Condron and his team at Condron Concrete who have come on board as our Coaching and Games partners for the next few years.

***Is Mise,
Pádraig O'Meara
Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí***





Sub-Committee Reports

Cultural Committee

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Scór 2024

Scor season 2024 commenced in March with Scor Sinsir. The County Final was held on 16th March in Marian Hall Birr. Participation was very small but the quality on display was of the highest standard. The winners on the night were:

Rince Foirne	Birr
Amhranaocht Aonair	Ciaran Reynolds - Ballinamere
Aithriseoiracht/Scealaoicht	Joanna Troy - Ballinamere
Traith na gCeist	Edenderry
Ceol Uirlise	Ballinamere
Bailead Ghrupa	Ballinamere
Rince Seit	Ballinamere

The winners went on to represent Offaly in the Leinster Semi-final on 7th April in the Marian Hall, Birr, with the Traith Na gCeist team qualifying automatically for the Leinster Final. After a great day's competition all Offaly acts qualified for the Final on 21st of April in the Downs GAA Centre, in Mullingar. The standard of competition at the Leinster Final was very high and there was jubilation when Offaly were announced winners in the following categories

Rince Foirne	Birr
Aithriseoiracht/Scealaoicht	Joanna Troy – Ballinamere
Traith na gCeist	Edenderry
Bailead Ghrupa	Ballinamere

Hard luck to our two other representative on the day from Ballinamere, in Ceol Uirlise and Rince Seit. They did themselves their club and county proud on the day and the future looks bright for Scor Sinsir.

The All-Ireland Final took place on 11th May in Killarney. The standard of competitions was extremely high and while Offaly did not win any titles, we can be very proud to have represented our clubs and county at the highest stage.

Scór na nÓg

The next competition to take place was Scór Na nÓg which was held on 3rd November in Tullamore GAA Centre. Participation had increased from previous years, and it was great to see some clubs back again in Scór. After a great day's entertainment, the following were the winners:

Amhranaocht Aonair	Blaithin Clarke - Tullamore
Aithriseoiracht/Scealaoicht	Eoin Phelan – Clara
Traith na gCeist	Raheen GAA
Bailead Ghrupa	Ballinamere/Durrow GAA
Ceol Uirlise	Drumcullen Camogie

The winners went forward to the Leinster Semi-final in Tullamore GAA Centre on 16th November, except for the Traith Na gCeist team from Raheen who automatically qualified for the Leinster final on 30th November in Summerhill, Co Meath.

The standard of competition on the day was very high and the adjudicators had some difficult decisions to make. The final results on the day saw many counties having representatives progressing to the Leinster Final including Offaly's Eoin Phelan from Clara who qualified for the final in the Aithriseoireacht/Scealaoicht and joins the quiz team from Raheen in representing Offaly on Leinster Final day. We must also compliment our other competitors who competed on the day. They all performed to the highest standard.

Best of luck to all Offaly's competitors in the final and hopefully we will have some of our representatives go forward to the All-Ireland Final on the 25th of January in Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan.

CLG – Fonduireach Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonnacha

This is a foundation set up in memory of former GAA President, Joe McDonagh R.I.P. for the promotion of the Irish Language within clubs. This year five Offaly GAA Clubs registered to take part in the promotion of

the Irish Language: Tullamore GAA and Camogie, St. Rynagh's, Clonbullogue and Edenderry. A special word of thanks to Niamh Clarke who was there to assist the clubs in the steps that were required.

Trath Na gCeist (as Gaelige)

This is an annual adult quiz competition. Offaly's representative was Edenderry GAA. The quiz took place on 12th November in Ballyboden GAA Club in Dublin. After a very close competition Edenderry finished 2nd and qualified for the All-Ireland Final, narrowly losing out to St Mary's of Wexford in the Leinster Final by 1 point. The All-Ireland Final will be held in January and best of luck to Edenderry.

Thanks

As this is my last year as Cultural Officer, I would like to thank all the clubs who took part in both Scor Sinsir and Scor Na nOg, without your time and effort to take part, we would not be achieving Leinster and All-Ireland titles. To Tullamore GAA and the Marian Hall Birr for hosting our County Competitions and Tullamore GAA who hosted the Leinster Semi-final go raibh maith agaibh. To my fellow committee members and Offaly management thank you for all your support during my term as Cultural Officer. A special word of thank you must go to our P.R.O. Pádraig O'Meara who was always there to assist in the promotion of Scór on all our social media platforms as social media is very important in promoting Scór.

Scór Club of the Year 2024

Ballinamere

Le meas

Michelle Ni Ogain

Culturtha Cathaoirleach



Sub-Committee Reports

Children's Officer

Author: Elaine Kelly-Dunne

2024 has been another year of many positives and challenges within Offaly GAA from the 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 this year. Club officers are to be commended for their continued efforts in ensuring that the guidelines from Croke Park and Offaly GAA are being adhered to and are taking their Child Protection responsibilities seriously, insisting that all who work with our underage players have been vetted, safeguarded, and have received the appropriate level of coaching qualifications.

Again, this year an audit was carried out by Croke Park to assess the risks associated with our underage structures across the country. While these audits can be a little time consuming it served well in highlighting the core areas within our association that need more focus and enables us to provide the best and safest environments for our children, to grow and development their GAA skillset at both National & local level. With all the above taken into consideration Offaly GAA are committed to providing our clubs with all the resources necessary to maintain best practices and standards within our county. It is hoped that in 2025 we will provide even more safeguarding and coaching qualification courses, to meet the needs of clubs. Each year, there are some issues that arise, and all clubs need to be continuously mindful of.

One such issue is that of respect - 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 has been a real challenge this year with numerous reports of club mentors/coaches acting inappropriately in terms of abusive language within their club roles as team coaches, this is an extreme breach of our code of conduct and clubs needs to address these issues internally. In the current climate where Child Protection is paramount and we hang on hat on providing a safe

environment for children to grow and develop, 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 and lead in this regard, setting good example.

Sport is intended to be primarily fun and as the adults involved, we need to promote a positive side-line culture. Sport when working with underage players” and the “Guide to Maintaining appropriate levels of behaviour in our work with children and young people”. These are available at the Safeguarding course and online at:

<http://gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-welfare-and-protection/>

Another issue of concern in our current climate is the use and misuse of social media in our clubs & games. While there are many great benefits to the use of these platforms in the day to day running of our clubs, it is important to reinforce that - all GAA members, coaches, mentors and players are subject to a code of conduct when online, even when they are not acting on behalf of the GAA. All members are responsible for their own actions and must be aware that those actions may have consequences for the GAA. We all have a responsibility when using social media platforms not to do anything that might tarnish the GAA's image and reputation or bring the GAA into disrepute. It is paramount that all clubs continue to exercise a duty of care, advise and police the guidelines around the use of social media to protect our most vulnerable.

Finally, as I conclude my five-year tenure with Offaly GAA, I would like to commend the Coiste Na nÓg committee for their extensive games planning over the last year, offering huge opportunities to under-age football & Hurling across the county. I would like to compliment the clubs in continuing to raise their standards in Child Protection and compliance and trust that this will continue into 2025. I would like to thank the executive committee of Offaly GAA for their continued support to me in my role and I wish all club officers all the best as we approach another new year filled with lots of new challenges and opportunities, while we work hard and continue to serve the young players of Offaly GAA..

Elaine Kelly-Dunne
Children's Officer



Sub-Committee Reports

Planning & Training

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Club Officer Training

Similar to 2023, club officer training in 2024 consisted of online webinars organised by the GAA at central level, and promoted within Offaly by the Runai and Planning and Training Officer. A number of club officers engaged with Club Officer training provided by Croke Park.

Club officers were notified of other webinars held during the year and provided with links to the GAA Learning Portal.

Planning & Training Forum

In June a webinar, hosted by Jack McCarney Planning and Training Officer Croke Park, was attended by the Offaly Planning and Training Officer.

On 14th October, a webinar relating to the regulations pertaining to the organisation and timing of Annual General Meetings was facilitated by Jack McCarney and Pat Teehan.

Club Compás

Eleven Offaly clubs have engaged with Club Compás, a self-assessment tool which is accessed through Foireann.

Joe Cleary
Planning & Training Officer



Sub-Committee Reports

Safety & Facilities

Author: Peter Lyons

Committee Members

Peter Lyons Chair, Christy Todd, Brian O'Neill (Clonbullogue) & Adrian Foy (Clonmore Harps).

Meetings/Safety Inspections

The Committee did not meet in 2024 but instead collaborated on reviews of loan and land acquisition applications submitted during the year. An annual safety inspection of Glenisk O'Connor Park was completed in advance of the inter-county championship season.

Projects

All clubs should be aware of the need to notify the Safety and Facilities officer of any projects being undertaken in a club and the committee can then advise and assist on contractual, safety and insurance obligations of their project in addition to funding options. The table below shows the list of new projects notified during 2024 only.

Club	Est. Costs	Project
Ballycommon	€35,000	Land Disposal
Ballyfore	-	Land Acquisition
Ballyskneagh	-	Land Swap
Clara GAA	-	New Gym
Clodiagh Gaels	-	Clubhouse Extension
Coolderry GAA	26,400	Automatic Mower
Daingean GAA	€120,000	Purchase 4 Acres
KK GAA	€33,000	Lease to NBI
KK GAA	-	Indoor Astro
Raheen GAA	-	Review site purchase
St. Brigids	€90,000	Purchase 2.5 Acres
St. Rynagh's	€40,000	Dressing Rooms
Tullamore	€100,000	Floodlights

Comhairle Laighin Grants 2024

A total of 19 clubs made applications for club development grants from Leinster Council in 2024. These are currently under review with decisions expected before year end. One of the questions on the application required clubs to have notified the S&F officer of the project for which funding was being sought. This again is a reminder of the importance of notification of projects.

Peter Lyons
Safety & Facilities Officer



Sub-Committee Reports

Referee Administration

Author: Denis Hctor

Committee Members

Brian Gavin (Chair). Declan Ward, Chris Dwyer, Denis Hctor, Bill Kavanagh (RIP) and Brendan Troy.

Referee's Courses

All Offaly referees undertook the in-service training course this year, which was completed online. In addition, a number of training seminars took place in the Faithful Fields with a focus on performance enhancement including safeguarding, physical fitness, and video analysis of games played in the previous year's championship, to ensure that referees had a good knowledge of the rules. Thanks to the LOETB for the use of their centres in Tullamore and Birr and use of their instructors.

Juvenile and Adult Games

Youth leagues began in March and concluded with a total of 1541 games which have taken place to date, with 40 referees officiating. With the advancement of the average age profile of referees within the county, it should be a cause for concern for all clubs that our referees are being asked to take part in a games schedule that no player would be expected to perform in. It has been a good season for appointments to games and we wish to offer our sincere thanks to all our officials who have offered their time and often at short notice. The introduction of development leagues have been a great success for our clubs to offer more children the chance to take part in our games and I'm sure we all wish for this to go from strength to strength. With this in mind, it is important that we consider, when planning fixtures, the strain that is placed on the small pool of referees to ensure these games were a success.

All championships have concluded and we wish to thank all match officials for endeavouring to officiate all our championship games to the highest standard. Offaly GAA have become accustomed to all match officials conducting themselves in a professional manner and these standards do not happen by accident. The preparation for championship games is at a high level not just for referees but for sideline officials. Prior to first round of the championship, open meetings were held with club officials and club managers, which was

a twofold scenario where the committee outlined the rules and explained what they expected from the players and management with video clips and new guidelines now in place. Club managers also had the opportunity to outline their views. This was part of a concerted effort to improve standards.

This season also saw progression at all rounds in the senior championship to have official linesmen.

I would like to acknowledge the clubs who assisted us with linesmen through the year and also to thank the clubs for the facilities at club grounds which have definitely improved throughout 2024 for our referees and his officials.

Recruitment and Advisors

This season also saw three new referees complete their first season. Over the season there was a new mentoring system put in place with the aim of enhancing referee performance. Three former officials agreed to take on roles of mentoring referees and carried out assessments of serving referees. We would like to thank the officials for their efforts. Overall, the advisory scheme for serving referees seeking feedback and areas to improve on has been a positive activity for referees wishing to engage and develop their ability.

Seventeen clubs in the county are not supplying referees, and this has to improve for 2025.

Inter-County Referees

Over the course of the past season Offaly GAA have up to five referees between Provincial and Leinster panels and we wish them the best of luck with this throughout 2025.

Thanks

The Competitions Control Committee and Management Committee were also very supportive during the year. Sincere thanks to all members of the Referees' Committee with Brian Gavin as Chairman, Chris Dwyer, Bill Kavanagh (RIP), Brendan Troy, and Declan Ward. Our year ended in a sad note when we learned of Bill's sad passing.

Finally, on behalf of the Referees' committee, I wish to extend sincere congratulations to the winners of all our competitions throughout 2024.

Denis Hctor
Referee Administrator



Sub-Committee Reports

Health & Wellbeing Committee

Author: Liam Hackett

Chairperson: Liam Hackett

Secretary: Mary Hanley

The Irish Life GAA Healthy Club Programme operates off a two-year cycle. Clubs have 18 months to complete the criteria and subsequently achieve Foundation, Silver and Gold Healthy Club status.

Phase 6 is now active and will run until August 2025. Applications to join the programme are now closed and will reopen in Autumn 2025.

Healthy Club Officers involved in the Irish Life GAA Healthy Club programme since Phase 1 (2013) - Phase 6 (2024) can use their unique login details to access the portal and update their club account and reports accordingly. The Healthy Clubs portal is only available to clubs registered with the GAA Community & Health Department.

The following clubs are now accredited as Healthy Clubs: Ballinamere, Ballycommon, Coolderry, Gracefield, Kilcormac/Killoughey, Kilclonfert, Raheen - Foundation Status; Bracknagh, Daingean, Seir Kieran and St Rynaghs Hurling - Silver Status. Other clubs who are participating are Doon, Ballycumber, Ballingar, Shannonbridge and clubs who had participated in the programme were Tubber, Shamrocks, St Rynagh's Football. We are aware that there are a few clubs who are meeting the Healthy club criteria but not registered in the programme we would encourage them to do so. Updating Healthy Club activities has become easier now with the Healthy Club portal, which eliminates reporting through the County Committee.

In 2024 our focus was ensuring that clubs remained informed on how they can become hubs for health information and programmes, thereby helping and enabling their members and communities to enjoy healthier and more inclusive lifestyles, ensuring a healthier future for everyone. One of the key areas we aimed to highlight is how clubs can leverage on and work with partnerships from outside organisations for example Offaly Local Development Company and the HSE which several clubs have already established successfully.

This year there was no GAA Healthy Club Annual Conference. Instead, four regional events took place with the Leinster event held in Clane on 15th October, along with County Health and Wellbeing Committee Forum on Saturday 16th November in Croke Park.

The County HWC committee were represented at two Leinster Provisional Meetings during 2024 (one online) with the final one on September 26th at which the national updates were presented. Updates covered the roll out of the SMOKE FREE and VAPE FREE venues, 147 venues in total - Connacht 23 - Munster 39 - Leinster 54 - Ulster 3. We are in the process of making Glenisk O Connor Park one of the venues for 2025. The Ireland Lights Up Project is due to run as usual in January 2025 but there may be slight change due to removal of Operation Transformation from the RTE schedule.

Finally thank you to all who participated in the Health & Wellbeing structures and supports and to the Offaly County Board for their support during the year.

We would strongly advise any clubs who are not participating in the Healthy Club project to date to consider making an application for inclusion in the next phase which will reopen in August 2025.



Associated Bodies Report

Offaly Handball

Author: Caoimhín Mac Cúaigh

Milestone Year

2024 marks a significant milestone in the history of Handball, as it celebrates 100 years of affiliation with the Gaelic Athletic Association. Offaly has always had a strong tradition of handball, producing many great players during this time with the county's commitment to nurturing young talent being a driving force behind its continued growth.

This year, several juvenile players have demonstrated their skills and passion for the sport, competing at county, provincial, and national levels. Also, this year saw a development plan being rolled out across the county with both Crinkle and Fahy Handball Clubs being the driving force behind the initiative in introducing handball to six primary schools. All of this wouldn't have been possible without the help of Offaly Sports Partnership

in providing funding to help us grow the sport. We will start to see the benefits of this scheme next year with the intention of expanding in the years ahead subject to the availability of funds.

We had over 20 children competing in the 40x20 Championships this year with many of the participants contesting both Quarter and Semi-Finals. The players continued to develop and are getting stronger year on year and hopefully before long the county will be contesting provincial and All-Ireland Finals at underage level.

In the 60x30 four Offaly players represented the county in the Under 12 and Under 13 B Doubles. Antoni Soswoski and Ryan McNamee put up a strong fight in their semi-final but were narrowly defeated by Kilkenny's Cian Dowling and Jack Mulcahy. In the U12 Doubles, Keelan Grogan and Kajus Martinkevicius showed determination, securing a place in the final, though they ultimately fell short against Kilkenny in a hard-fought match losing 15-10, 15-13.

Feile na nGael

A team consisting of Jack Curley, Fionn Kilmurray, Ryan and Tadgh McNamee competed in the Feile na nGael One Wall competition. After coming through their group, they booked a place in the final of the boys' division 2. It wasn't to be their day as they were defeated 21-18, 21-14 by Kilglass, Co. Roscommon.

Cumann na mBunscol and Secondary Schools Competitions

Offaly had strong representation at provincial level, with twelve players from Crinkill and Ballybryan National Schools representing the county in the Leinster Cumann na mBunscol. Among them, Francis Soswoski, Ryan McNamee, Patrick Guing, Donnacha Connolly, Sennan Kerrigan, Michael Hosey, Emilie DeForge, Emily Enright, Bebhinn Hoctor, Lauren Masterson, Anna Hosey and Aimee Curley competed in the Leinster finals, which were held in Croke Park. The event provided an exciting experience for the children who got to play in Handball HQ and faced off against strong competition from across Leinster in their respective divisions. We reached several semifinals with Ryan McNamee and Michael Hosey losing out in the boy's doubles U13 Leinster final to Dublin, 15-12, 13-15, 11-8.

In the secondary schools competition Michael Hosey and Ryan McNamee represented St. Mary's Edenderry in the First Year Leinster 60 x 30 Championships. They

reached the final and were pitted against St Peter's of Wexford. After a very good run in the competition, they were defeated in two straight games.

60 x 30 Adult Achievements

John Murphy and Kevin Cooke continued their good form in the 60 x 30 format with the duo reaching the Leinster Final of the Over 35's Doubles. A Wexford pairing of Jimmy Goggins and Paddy Berry defeated Offaly in two straight games. Cooke also advanced to the Silver Master B Leinster final. His semi-final victories over Wexford and Dublin set up a showdown with Kilkenny's Brendan Hosey, which he narrowly lost in a tiebreaker after winning the second game, 21-17, 15-21, 11-9.

David Hope and Conor O'Brien were unsuccessful in the Master's A Doubles All-Ireland Final when they were defeated by Mayo's Joe McCann and Ollie Cassidy. However, it wasn't all bad news with Hope winning the All-Ireland singles title defeating Galway's Ollie Conway.

Cathal McNamee and Declan Kilmurray played in the Junior doubles. After a first-round win over Westmeath, they were defeated in the Quarter Final by Dublin's Michael Carrie and Rob Farrelly.

Sian Cooke reached the All-Ireland Junior C 60 x 30 final, where she faced Wexford's April Moran. Despite a valiant effort, Cooke lost in two games 21-11, 21-5, with Moran playing exceptional handball throughout match.

40 x 20 Adult Achievements

The county's adult players also saw success and strong performances across various championships, both provincially and nationally. David Hope and Conor O'Brien reached the All-Ireland Semi-final of the Masters A 40x20. They were defeated by Cavan brothers Paul and James Brady. In the singles of the same competition, David Hope was runner up in the Leinster Final to Wexford's Gavin Buggy.

John Murphy, representing Offaly in the Men's Junior C singles, had a solid run in the Leinster Championship. After victories over Laois and Wexford, he advanced to the Leinster final, where he faced Ciaran Gallogly of Kildare. Despite playing some excellent handball, John lost in two straight games, 21-17, 21-14.

John partnered with Jack Jones in the Men's Junior C Doubles competition, where the pair showed great resilience, defeating teams from Wexford, Kilkenny, Kildare, and Westmeath to reach the Leinster final. In

a gripping final against Laois, the Offaly duo battled hard, winning the second game but ultimately losing out in a tiebreaker, 21-9, 16-21, 11-2, to Brian and Eamon Brennan.

Jack Kirwan and Kevin Cooke had a good run in the men's Junior B doubles where they advanced to the Leinster Semi-Final. After defeating Carlow, Dublin and Wexford in the opening rounds, they lost out on a place in the final to Kilkenny's Roy Cullen and Conor Condrón 21-18, 14-21, 11-9.

Historic All-Ireland Victory

A landmark achievement for Offaly Handball came in 2024 with the first-ever All-Ireland title won by a female player. Sian Cooke made history by capturing the All-Ireland Junior C 40x20 title in dramatic fashion. After a tough start in the final against Deirbhile O'Neill from Antrim, Sian fought back from a 14-1 deficit to win 21-19. In the second game, she held on to secure a 21-17 win, marking a historic victory for both Crinkle Handball Club and Offaly.

2024 World Handball Championships

For the first time in the history of handball the One-Wall and Four-Wall World Championships were held separately. In early August the One-Wall Championship was held in the University of Limerick with over 900 competitors. Offaly players Fionn Kilmurray, Jack Curley, Noel Murphy, Ryan and Tadhg McNamee competed at the Limerick venue. We had a good run with all juveniles winning their first round and Jack Curley reaching the plate Semi-Final. Our best performer was Noel Murphy who partnered with Niall Kerr of Tyrone in the Men's Over 50's Doubles. After some very tough matches, Noel and Niall reached the World Final but had to settle for second place after the favourites Jared Vale and Marc Ciprut defeated them 21-6, 21-6.

In the Four-Wall World Championships, a total of eight players represented their club and county at various venues across Leinster. Our juvenile player Ryan McNamee was defeated in his opening round 15-13, 15-5 by Karl Boland. Cathal McNamee took to the court against Colm Parnell from Ballyhogue but was also defeated in his opening round 15-7, 15-11. David Hope partnered with Pat Conway from Galway in the Men's Over 40's grade. After their Quarter-Final win, they faced Dominic Lynch and Gavin Buggy in their Semi-Final. After a hard-fought contest, they lost out in the tiebreaker 11-5 with Lynch and Buggy progressing to win out this grade.

In the Over 50's, Conor O' Brien and Declan Cooke formed separate partnerships with Kirk Rhys and Michael Carrie. In the opening round of the doubles O' Brien and Rhys played tremendous handball. After losing the first game 15-8, they went on to win the second game 15-8. It would come down to the tiebreaker but unfortunately the Meath brothers Michael and Tom Sheridan won the game on a scoreline of 11-3. After qualifying for the plate competition, Conor and Kirk went on to win the Plate Final 21-15 defeating Graham Casburn and Morgan Duggan. Declan Cooke, in partnership with Michael Carrie gave a great account of themselves but it wasn't to be their day as the pairing of Jared Vale and Joseph Kaplan proved too strong and defeated them 15-10, 15-8.

Jack Jones and John Murphy played in the Men's C singles and partnered together for the doubles. John was defeated in his opening round of the singles, 15-8, 12-15, 11-4 by Kevin O'Callahan of Kilkishen, Clare. Jack won his first round defeating Jason Lieng, New York, USA, 15-5, 15-3 but was later beaten in the next round 15-10, 15-7 by Clare's Darragh Burke. In the doubles John and Jack defeated Carter and Jason Gilmore of Canada 15-8, 15-9. In the second round they were defeated by Adam Kenny and Michael Mullins of Tinryland, Carlow, 15-7, 9-15, 11-6.

Sian Cooke played in the Ladies' C singles and teamed up with Yoshida Kenco of Japan. Sian was defeated in her opening round of the singles by Sarah Walsh, Mallow, Cork, 15-9, 15-11. In the doubles Sian and Yoshida played against Monaghan's Emily and Louise McGinnity. After a great start winning the first game 15-13, they found themselves chasing the second game with the Monaghan team taking that game 15-3. It was all to play for with the Monaghan duo being the favourites to win out this grade. Sian and Yoshida fought hard in the tie breaker and held the lead for most of the game but eventually they lost 11-9 after a great performance.

Sian qualified for both the singles and doubles plate competition and after convincing wins over Eilish Owens of Galway, Frances Byrne, Coolboy, Wicklow, she faced Sinead Forde, Kells, Meath in the final. Both ladies fought hard for every ball, and it was a tough contest but in the end the Meath, lady won it on a score line of 21-14. The doubles saw Sian and Yoshida take on Nuala Dunning and Agnes Hurley of Conna, Cork and after a strong performance and convincing win they faced Anne Marie Ryan and Karen Monaghan, Ballina, Tipperary. The Tipperary duo proved too strong and won the match 21-4.

The event kicked off on Saturday October 26th and ran until November 3rd with a record entry of nearly 1,700 participants competing. Initially, the event was to be hosted by Carlow, Laois, Kilkenny and Croke Park but with such large numbers, extra venues in Kildare, Wexford, Wicklow and Offaly were required. Crinkle was one of the venues selected with the club along with their 22 volunteers being more than willing to help with hosting matches.

Each day of the event the club hosted between 8 and 14 matches with a 9am start. During the day the participants and spectators were treated to the hospitality of volunteers with food and refreshments, with numbers over the course of the day exceeding one hundred people.

Not only did the tournament bring a lot of activity to the club, but it also brought competitors and spectators from across Ireland, England, Canada, Mexico, America and as far away as Japan. This was a boost to the greater area with people staying over for a few days, dining out and visiting some of the local attractions.

2024 has been a remarkable year for Offaly Handball, marked by significant achievements and continued growth. From the inspiring success of young talents like Ryan McNamee to the historic wins of Sian Cooke, the county has shown an unwavering commitment to the sport. As we celebrate 100 years of GAA Handball, Offaly Handball is excited about the future and the potential to build on this momentum.

We are hopeful that Offaly GAA will continue to support the sport financially, enabling us to expand and introduce handball to new areas. The continued dedication of our players, coaches, and supporters ensures that Offaly Handball will remain a vibrant and thriving part of our community for years to come. Here's to the continued growth and success of the sport in Offaly, as we look forward to what lies ahead.

Mise le meas

Caoimhín Mac Cúaigh
Cathaoirleach Liathróid Laimhe Úibh Fhailí



Associated Bodies Report

Offaly Cumann na mBunscol

Author: Declan Ward

Cumann na mBunscol. In the highlight of the year, we celebrated winning another All-Ireland title, when Crinkill N.S., won the All-Ireland Cumann na mBunscol GAA school of the year competition.

Over the course of the year, over 230 individual group games and 36 finals were played. We also returned to Croke Park on two occasions this year to take part in the Cumann na mBunscol half time game. Finally, we also showed our support for the Under 20 hurlers when every primary school in Offaly took part in an Offaly jersey day in the lead up to the All-Ireland under 20 hurling final.



Kevin Cooke, Eibhleen Kennedy, Clara Lynch receive their award from cumann na mBunscol chairman Joe Lyons.

Crinkill NS - All Ireland GAA Cumann na mBunscol school of the year winners 2024

In the highlight of the year, Crinkill N.S. celebrated winning the prestigious All Ireland Cumann na mBunscol large school of the year award at the national Cumann na mBunscol awards held in Mullingar in March 2024.

Their win follows in the footsteps of Scoil Mhuire Naofa Rhode, who won the award in 2023 and highlights the good work being completed at Cumann na mBunscol level by Offaly schools.

Winning this award is due recognition to the incredible amount of work completed by over the past number of years by Crinkill N.S. Great credit is due to school principal Sandra Nolan, teachers Ciara Lynch and Lisa Kennedy, and Games Promotion Officer (GPO) Ryan Kinahan for all their work.

Great credit is also due to Crinkill GAA for all their

support and in particular to Declan Cooke and Kevin Cooke from Crinkill handball club for the promotion of handball.

As part of their prize, Crinkill N.S. were awarded an all-expenses paid trip to Croke Park, where they attended an exclusive reception with the GAA president and enjoyed a guided tour of both Croke Park and the GAA museum.

Scoil Phroinsiais Naofa Clara - All Ireland GAA Cumann na mBunscol school of the year 2024 - Third Place

Congratulations are also due to Scoil Phroinsiais Naofa, Clara (Clara Boys School) who were awarded third place in the large school of the year competition.

Well done to their school principal Mrs. Madge Bourke, teachers Ronan Lally, Clodagh Elliffée, Dermot Colbert, Declan Ward and GPO David Gillespie for all their hard work. Thanks also to Clara GAA for all their support in promoting Cumann na mBunscol at Scoil Phroinsiais Naofa.

This competition will be taking place again this year and we would like to encourage as many schools as possible in Offaly to enter. The closing date for entries is Wednesday 10th January 2025. Further details can be found on our twitter account @offalyschoolsgaa or by emailing offalyschools@gmail.com



to congratulate them on winning 3rd place in the All Ireland Cumann na mBunscol Primary School of the year competition.

Allianz Rewards Pitch Day 2024 in Croke Park

Well done to Gortnamona N.S. and Crinkill N.S. who took part in the 2024 Allianz Pitch Rewards day in Croke Park. It was a memorable occasion for the schools who took part. A special word of thanks to Cumann na mBunscol sponsors Allianz for organising this event for primary schools.



Gortnamona N.S. who took part in the Allianz Rewards Pitch Day in Croke Park on the 22nd October 2024



Crinkill N.S. who took part in the Allianz Rewards Pitch Day in Croke Park on the 22nd October 2024

Leinster Cumann na mBunscol Handball Blitz

In February, two Offaly schools - Crinkill N.S. and Ballybryan N.S. represented Offaly at the Leinster Cumann na mBunscol handball blitz in Carlow.

A big thank you to Sandra Nolan, principal Crinkill N.S., teachers Lisa Kennedy and Ciara Lynch from Crinkill N.S., Declan Cooke handball coach from Crinkill handball club and Brian Darby, principal Ballybryan N.S. and David Hope from Fahy Handball Club who organised the handball teams in their respective schools. Thanks also to the parents of the children involved for all their help and cooperation.

The following children represented Offaly Cumann na mBunscol at the Leinster Cumann na mBunscol handball blitz.

Girls Handball	Name	School
U11 Singles	Emilie De Forge	Crinkill N.S.
U11 Doubles	Anna Hosey & Lauren Masterson	Ballybryan N.S.
U13 Singles	Aimee Curley	Ballybryan N.S.
U13 Doubles	Emily Enright & Beibhinn Hoctor	Crinkill N.S.

Boys Handball	Name	School
U11 Singles	Francis Sosowski	Crinkill N.S.
U11 Doubles	Patrick Guing & D. Connolly	Ballybryan N.S.
U13 Singles	Senan Kerrigan	Ballybryan N.S.
U13 Doubles	Michael Hosey & Ryan McNamee	Ballybryan N.S.

Skills Competition/Croke Park Half Time Games 2024

In May 2024, over 120 of the best hurlers, camogie players and footballers from the 59 primary schools in Offaly took part in the annual Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Uíbh Fháilí Skills Competition.

This skills competition is used to assess and select children to represent Offaly at the INTO Allianz Cumann na mBunscol half time exhibition games which take place during half time interval at the All-Ireland Semi Finals and All Ireland Final in Croke Park.

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.

Girls Football Skills Winners 2024		
Place	Name	School
1st Place	Ella Kenny	High Street N.S.
Runner Up	Jayne Donnelly	St. Mary's, Edenderry
Runner Up	Alice Weir	Scoil Bhríde, Clara
Runner Up	Chloe Maloney	Dromakeenan N.S.
Runner Up	Kelsie McCormack	Daingean N.S.

Boys Football Skills Winners 2024		
Place	Name	School
1st	Dylan England	Scoil Phroinsiais Naofa Clara
2nd	Noah Dolan	Dromakeenan N.S.

Hurling Skills Winners 2024		
Place	Name	School
1st Place	Gavin Devery	St. Rynagh's N.S. Banagher
Joint 2nd Place	Daniel Maher	Clonlisk N.S.
Joint 2nd Place	Cian Delaney	Scoil Naomh Eoin Rath
3rd Place	Conor Maher	Dromakeenan N.S.
4th Place	Aaron Maher	Coolanarney N.S.

Camogie Skills Winners 2024		
Place	Name	School
1st	Annie Rose Hogan	Coolderry N.S.
Runner Up	Aoibheann Dooley	Kinnitty N.S.
Runner Up	Sorcha Phelan	Dromakeenan N.S.
Runner Up	Aoife Hennessy	Scoil Naomh Eoin, Rath

The remaining players who were runners up in our hurling skills competition and football skills were invited to play in Croke Park at half time during the Joe McDonagh Cup Final or Leinster football semi final. These occasion proved to very special occasions for the players involved.

A big thank you to Colm Cummins and Carina Carroll in Offaly GAA, Michelle Harte in Croke Park, and Michael Smyth and Gerry O' Meara from Dublin Cumann na mBunscol their help in organising the Joe McDonagh Cup Final half time game. Míle Buíochas!

Spring 2024 Competitions

During our 2024 Spring competitions which ran from March 2023 to May 2023, 145 games were played in boys' and girls' football, camogie and hurling. Fifty-six schools in total took part.

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

Looking forward to our spring 2025 competitions, we will be encouraging as many schools as possible to enter a hurling or camogie team. If your school is interested in entering a hurling or camogie team for the first time, please make contact with the Cumann na mBunscol committee at offalyschools@gmail.com and we will provide you with every possible assistance.

Girls Football Skills Winners 2024



Boys Football Skills Winners 2024



Hurling Skills Winners 2024



Camogie Skills Winners 2024





Offaly Cumann na mBunscol Spring Competitions 2024

Competition	Winners	Runner up
Spring 2024 Boys Football Group A	Daingean N.S.	Ballybryan N.S.
Spring 2024 Boys Football Group B	Cappagh N.S.	Clonmacnoise N.S.
Spring 2024 Boys Football Group C	St. Mary's N.S. Edenderry	Scoil Bhríde Croghan
Spring 2024 Boys Football Group D	Clonbullogue N.S.	St Broughan's N.S. Bracknagh
Spring 2024 Hurling Group A	St. Brendan's N.S. & Gaelscoil Birr	Dromakeenan N.S.
Spring 2024 Hurling Group B	Coolderry Central N.S.	Scoil Naomh Eoin Rath
Spring 2024 Hurling Group C	Clonisk N.S.	Coolanarney N.S.
Spring 2024 Hurling Group D	Clonmacnoise N.S.	Seir Kieran N.S., Clareen
Spring 2024 Hurling Group E Colin Dunne Cup	Scoil Sincill, Killeigh	St. Colman's N.S, Mucklagh
Spring 2024 Hurling Group F	Daingean N.S.	Ballinagar N.S.
Spring 2024 Hurling Group G	St. Patricks N.S., Edenderry	St. Cynoc's, Ferbane
Spring 2024 Camogie Group A	St. Rynagh's N.S.	Ballinamere N.S.
Spring 2024 Camogie Group B	Coolderry N.S.	Shinrone N.S.
Spring 2024 Camogie Group C	High Street N.S.	Clonisk N.S.
Spring 2024 Camogie Group D	Crinkill N.S.	Gaelscoil an Eiscir Riada
Spring 2024 Camogie Group E	Scoil Bhríde Edenderry	Scoil Mhuire agus Chormaic Kilcormac
Spring 2024 Girls Football Group A	Scoil Bhríde N.S.	Durrow N.S.
Spring 2024 Girls Football Group B	Gaelscoil Eadan Doire	Ballybryan N.S.
Spring 2024 Girls Football Group C	St Broughan's N.S. Bracknagh	St. Colman's N.S. Cappagh
Spring 2024 Girls Football Group D	Scoil Mhuire Naofa Rhode	Pullogh N.S.

Richie O'Mahoney Memorial Cup

2024 is a year overshadowed by a feeling of sadness for Offaly Cumann na mBunscol as we remember the passing of our dear colleague Richie O Mahoney. In his dedicated work as a teacher and coach in Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada, Richie gave up countless hours of his time in the promotion of boys football, hurling, ladies football and camogie, giving many children a chance to play and more importantly, to have an enjoyable experience of Gaelic Games.

Richie also served on the Offaly Cumann na mBunscol committee and helped out at our schools finals in O' Connor Park Tullamore, giving up freely of his time to umpire and steward at these games.

An absolute gentleman, Richie was held in the highest esteem in Offaly Cumann na mBunscol, not only for his sporting achievements as a coach and teacher, but also for the lovely, kind and courteous manner with which he greeted everyone. In honour of his dedication and in memory of Richie, our girls' football skills competition cup is presented in his memory.

Offaly Under 20 Jersey Day 2024

Offaly Cumann na mBunscol also organised an Offaly jersey day in the lead up to the All-Ireland Under 20 hurling final and it proved to be a major success!

Every school in Offaly took part sharing their songs, poems, photos and videos on their social media platforms to help promote the All-Ireland Under 20 hurling final.

Autumn 2024 Competitions

Our Autumn Cumann na mBunscol season for 2024 concluded with 17 finals being played in Glenisk O' Connor Park, Tullamore and St. Brendan's Park, Birr. During the months of September and October, 168 group games of boys and girl's football were played with 59 schools taking part.

We wish to thank GAA president Jarlath Burns, accompanied by Michael Duignan and Dervill Dolan who visited our finals in O' Connor Park, Tullamore.

Jarlath took the time to go down onto the pitch to greet all the players in a pre-match parade before the Boys' A Football final and spent time presenting runners up and winners' medals to all our schools, adding to the sense of occasion for all involved.

A special word of thanks to John Hackett, Carina Carroll, Micky Mills and Shane Colsch for their help with our finals in O Connor Park Tullamore. Thanks to Birr GAA, Neil Tierney, Pat Thompson and Joe Kinsella for all their help with our finals in St. Brendan's Park. Thanks also to the students from St. Brendan's Community School and Ard Scoil Chiaráin Naofa in Clara who helped out with stewarding and umpiring.

We also wish to thank to all the clubs around the county for their continued support.



Scoil Eoin Phoil II Tullamore who were one of the 59 schools across Offaly who took part the Offaly Cumann na mBunscol Jersey Day to show their support for the Offaly under 20 hurlers.

Offaly Cumann na mBunscol Autumn Competitions 2024

Competition	Winners	Runner up
Autumn 2024 Boys A Cup Final	Scoil Phroinsiais Naofa Clara	Scoil Eoin Phoil Naofa II Tullamore
Autumn 2024 Boys Football Group B	St. Colman's, Mucklagh	St. Brendan's Birr & Gaelscoil Birr
Autumn 2024 Boys Football Group C	Cloneygowan N.S.	Ballybyran N.S.
Autumn 2024 Boys Football Group D	St Ciaran's N.S. Boher	Clonbullogue N.S.
Autumn 2024 Boys Football Group E	Geashill N.S.	St. Mary's N.S. Edenderry
Autumn 2024 Boys Football Group F	Dromakeenan N.S.	Crinkill N.S.
Autumn 2024 Boys Football Group G	Coolanarney N.S.	Kinnitty N.S. & Roscomroe N.S>
Autumn 2024 Boys Football Group H	Coolderry N.S.	High Street N.S.
Autumn 2024 Boys Football Group I	Rashina N.S.	Tullamore E.T.N.S
Autumn 2024 Girls Football Group A	Mucklagh N.S.	Scoil Bhríde, Edenderry
Autumn 2024 Girls Football Group B	Durrow N.S.	Ballinamere N.S.
Autumn 2024 Girls Football Group C	Scoil Mhuire Naofa Rhode	Boher N.S.
Autumn 2024 Girls Football Group D	Dromakeenan N.S.	Coolderry N.S.
Autumn 2024 Girls Football Group E	Scoil Eoin Rath	St. Mary's N.S Cloghan
Autumn 2024 Girls Football Group F	Rahan N.S.	Cappagh N.S.
Autumn 2024 Girls Football Group G	Scoil Mhuire Tullamore	Tullamore E.T.N.S
Autumn 2024 Two Teacher School Final	Broughall N.S.	Roscomroe N.S.



Uachtarán C.L.G. Jarlath Burns meets Players and Muinteoiri ahead of the Cummann na mBunscol Finals in Glenisk O'Connor Park

Skills Competition/Croke Park Half Time Games 2025

In October 2024, we organised our skills competition to pick our representatives for the Cumann na mBunscol half time games which will take place next July during the 2025 All Ireland Semi Finals and Finals in Croke Park. A special thank you to everyone who took part and a special thank you to all the teachers who came in to help out.

Girls Football Skills Winners 2025		
Place	Name	School
1st Place	Emily Kavanagh*	Mucklagh N.S.
Runner Up	Kate Matthews	Killeigh N.S.
Runner Up	Lucy Kavanagh	Scoil Mhuire Rhode
Runner Up	Ciara Moore	Durrow N.S.

*Will play in Croke Park at the 2025 All Ireland Football Semi Final or All Ireland Football Final.

Boys Football Skills Winners 2025		
Place	Name	School
1st	Jamie Hoey*	Scoil Eoin Paul Phoill II, Tullamore
2nd	Adam Kelly*	Clonmacnoise N.S.
3rd Place	Tommy Fanning	Scoil Bhríde, Edenderry
3rd Place	Seamus Taylor	St. Cynoc's, Ferbane

*Will play in Croke Park at the 2025 All Ireland Football Semi Final or All Ireland Football Final.



Hurling Skills Winners 2025		
Place	Name	School
1st Place	Oisín Coughlan*	Scoil Naomh Eoin, Rath
2nd Place	Kieran Butler	St. Rynagh's N.S., Banagher
3rd Place	Cian McLaughlin	Dromakeenan N.S.
4th Place	Sean Condrón	Killeigh N.S.

*Will play in Croke Park at the 2025 All Ireland Football Semi Final or All Ireland Hurling Final.

Camogie Skills Winners 2025		
Place	Name	School
1st	Amy Gillespie*	Ballinamere N.S.
Runner Up	Kirsty Hynes*	Coolderry N.S.
Runner Up	Amy Delaney	Kinnitty N.S.
Runner Up	Aoibheann O'Rourke	Killeigh N.S.

*Will play in Croke Park at the 2025 All Ireland Football Semi Final or All Ireland Hurling Final.

Girls Football Skills Winners 2025



Hurling Skills Winners 2025



Boys Football Skills Winners 2025



Camogie Skills Winners 2025



Twitter and Offaly Cumann na mBunscol Website

We now have 1406 followers on our Twitter account at @offalyschools and we would encourage people to follow us on twitter to keep up to date on all that is happening in Offaly Cumann na mBunscol.

All our fixtures, results and news can be found on our website at www.offalycumannambunscol.ie. This website helps to generate the fixtures for each division and competitions. 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.

Cumann na mBunscol Primary Schools Sports Quiz

Our final activity for 2024 involved Offaly Cumann na mBunscol hosting their first ever sports quiz, which took place in the County Arms Hotel in Birr on Monday 25th November. Twenty-nine schools took part, with teacher and radio three presenter M.J. Cleary acting as quiz master.

A high standard on show with the top three teams scoring 59 points out of a possible 60. After four tie breaker rounds, St Joseph's N.S. Ballinagar emerged victorious, closely followed by Dromakeenan N.S. in second place and Scoil Eoin Phóil II Tullamore in third place. The deciding questions that decided the tie-breakers were "Who refereed the 2024 All Ireland Senior Football Final?" and "What cup is awarded to the winners of the Offaly GAA Senior Football Championship?"

Ballinagar N.S. and Dromakeenan N.S. will now go forward to represent Offaly at the All Ireland Cumann na mBunscol quiz final in the Tullamore Court Hotel on Sunday 23rd March 2025.

Thank You

We wish to thank all the teachers, trainers and for helping to keep Gaelic games flourishing in our primary schools. A big thank you to all the parents around the county who have shown such support for our games. A particular word of thanks to those parents who brought children to play at the half time game in Croke Park.

Thanks to the Cumann na mBunscol committee of Jonathan Dunne (Chairperson), Declan Ward (Secretary), Michelle Maher (Treasurer), Martha Boylan (PRO), Patrick McCarthy, Sean McCann, Niall Larkin, Tomas Flaherty, Vincent Henry, Ger Ryan, John Healy, Marion Crean, Mike Forde, Tom Naughton, Catriona Howell, Conor Dooley, Jack McNamara, Carol Breslin, Keith O Connor and Owen Breslin.

Thanks to all the referees around the county who make themselves available to referee our games.

Thanks to the Offaly GAA County board, Jim Kelly, John Hackett, Shane Colsh and all the stewards for all their help hosting our finals in O' Connor Park.

Thanks to Clara GAA club, Clara GAA club secretary Miriam Clerkin, Kilcormac GAA club and Crinkill GAA club for the use of their club grounds for our skills competition.

Thanks to students of Ard Scoil Chiarain Naofa Clara and their transition year students who helped with the running of our finals in O'Connor Park Tullamore. Likewise, thanks to the transition year students at St. Brendan's Community School who helped with the running of our finals in Birr.

I would also like to thank the county board executive and in particular Michael Duignan, Colm Cummins, Dervill Dolan, Pdraig O' Meara, Dean Bracken, Nigel Dunne, Adrian Clancy and Carina Carroll for all their help throughout the year.

Thanks to Pdraig O' Meara, Offaly GAA P.R.O. who has helped to promote our finals and events on the Offaly GAA Facebook and social media platforms. Any time we contacted Pdraig, our social media posts were immediately shared and publicised on Offaly GAA social media platforms. Our social media reach grew immensely as a result.

A special personal word of thanks to Carina Carroll, Offaly GAA Coaching Officer who was very helpful and supportive to me as secretary and to everyone in Cumann na mBunscol during the year. I have contacted Carina on numerous occasions throughout the year and have always received great assistance. Thank you, Carina, for your help.

Finally, we are always trying to increase the number of schools who have entered 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 time, please contact us and we will provide you with whatever support is necessary.

Declan Ward
Rúnaí Offaly Cumann na mBunscol.



COUNTY CONVENTION NOMINATIONS 2025

POSITION	OUTGOING	NOMINATIONS	NOMINEE'S CLUB
Chairperson	Michael Duignan*	Tom Parlon	Coolderry
Vice Chairperson	James Murphy*	Denis Hocter	Carrig & Riverstown
Secretary	Colm Cummins	Brendan Minnock	Shamrocks
Assistant Secretary	Brendan Minncok	Pat Teehan	Coolderry
Treasurer	Dervill Dolan*	Frank Fitzpatrick	Doon
Assistant Treasurer	Katie McLoughlin	-	-
P.R.O.	Padraig O'Meara	Padraig O'Meara	Clara
Central Council Representative	Michael Duignan	Michael Duignan	Durrow
Leinster Council Representatives (2)	Declan Ward	Declan Ward	Crinkill
	Ciaran Groome	Ciaran Groome	Bracknagh
Cultural Officer	Michelle Hogan*	-	-
Coaching Officer	Carina Carroll	Carina Carroll	Ballinamere

Note:

* Denotes that the Officer has served five years either consecutively or cumulatively as per Rial 3.9 (b) T.O.

† Denotes that the Officer as per Offaly Bye Law 1.2 has indicated they will not be seeking election at Convention.

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



COUNTY CONVENTION MOTIONS 2025

BYE -LAW MOTIONS

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

MOTION No. 1

COUNTY COMMITTEE

1. COUNTY CONVENTION (Rules 3.8 to 3.15 T.O.)

- 1.1.** County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.8, shall elect/appoint Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.9 and Delegates in accordance with Rule 3.10 following nomination in accordance with Rule 3.11.

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, Demographics 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 3.9 (b) (2) shall not apply to the office of Treasurer i.e., five-year limit applies.
- 1.4.** Before publication of Convention Motions submitted in accordance with Rule 3.12 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 by a date specified in advance of County Convention.

2. COUNTY COMMITTEE (Rules 3.16 to 3.19 T.O.)

- 2.1.** 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 Safety and Facilities Officer, Demographics Officer, County Referees' Administrator, 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 and the Head of Operations (without voting rights).

- 2.2.** Where a vacancy arises for the position of Honorary President, The County Committee, at the first County Committee meeting of the year, shall elect its Honorary President, following nominations from Clubs. The nominees shall be people who have given service in a voluntary administrative capacity to Offaly GAA. They shall hold office for a term of five years. On completion of their term, they shall become Honorary life Vice Presidents of Offaly GAA.

Their duties shall include representing the County at functions or events if requested by the County Chairperson. The Honorary President may attend at meetings of the County Committee and at County Convention but shall not be entitled to vote. They may, provided they are invited by the Chairperson,

speak at County Committee meetings and/or at County Convention. The Honorary President shall present the Club of The Year Awards at County Convention.

2.3. In accordance with Rule 3.18 and subject to Rules 3.19 and 4.1 T.O. the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose powers and functions shall be as detailed therein and, in these Bye Laws where appropriate. The County Secretary shall retain a current list of members of each sub-committee and circulate to the County Committee. The membership of each shall be determined as follows:

(i) **Management Committee**

It shall consist of the Officers elected/appointed at Annual County Convention, the Coiste na nÓg Chairperson, representatives to Central and Provincial Council and the Head of Operations Manager (without voting rights).

In accordance with Rule 3.18(i) a recommendation of the County Management Committee on a matter of Finance may not be upset save by a three-fifths majority of members of the County Committee present, entitled to vote and voting.

(ii) **Competitions Control Committee**

It shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary and two other members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, two named nominees 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).

(iii) **Fixtures Analysts**

As per Rule 3.18 (iii) T.O.

(iv) **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.

(v) **Safety and Facilities Committee**

It 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 Rule 3.18 (v) T.O.

(vi) **Planning and Training Committee**

It 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.

(vii) **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.

(viii) **Coaching and Games Development Committee**

It shall consist of the County Coaching Officer, as Chairperson, Head of Games Development (who shall act as Secretary), all full-time employed Games Development Coordinators, and four other named members, one of whom shall be the Hurling Coordinator and one of whom shall be the Football Coordinator, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County

Committee.

(ix) **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.

(x) **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.

(xi) **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.

(xii) **Finance Sub-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.

(xiii) **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.

(xiv) **County Teams Management and Panels Sub-Committee**

The membership of the County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee/Player Relationships and as approved by Árd Chomhairle from time to time and shall be nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

(xv) **Audit & Risk Committee**

It 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.

(xvi) **Demographics Committee**

It shall consist of the County Demographics Officer, who shall act 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.

(xvii) **Health and Well-Being 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.

2.4. In accordance with Rule 3.17 (m) T.O. 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 Lúthchleas 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 Committee**

It shall be responsible for 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 nÓg.

- (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 of 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 meet as required.

3. ATTACHMENT TO FIRST CLUB

3.1. In accordance with Rule 6.3 (c) T.O. 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 6.2 (b) (i) T.O. A Club Catchment Area shall be defined as within the Parish and within the County boundary, based on the boundary of the Roman Catholic Parish. 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.

Exception.

- (a) The above definition of Club Catchment applies except where an existing agreement approved by the County Committee is in place.

4. PERMANENT RESIDENCE

4.1. Permanent Residence is defined in Rule 6.2 T.O. with the following exception.

Exception.

- (a) To meet the requirement of permanent residence, a player must be residing at his current address for at least 16 weeks. In such cases the onus of proof of new permanent residence shall be on the applicant. Acceptance of proof of residence shall be at the discretion of the Competitions Control Committee.

A utility bill is not acceptable as proof of residence. A Rental Agreement registered with the Residential Tenancies Board is deemed acceptable as proof of residence. In cases that include a move from the principal private residence, proof of disposal of, or rental of, that property shall be required.

5. OTHER RELEVANT CONNECTION

5.1. Rule 6.2 T.O. sets out criteria considered to constitute 'Other Relevant Connection' with a particular Club.

6. TRANSFERS

6.1. Transfers within the County shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 6.4 (a) T.O.

6.2. 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.

6.3. Such application shall not be granted unless the player is in permanent residence in the Parish in which his new club is located is opting for his First Club or has "Other Relevant Connection" with a particular Club as defined in sub-section (b) (i) of Rule 6.2. T.O.

6.4. 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 Rule 6.1. T.O. and give due consideration to the negative effect, if any, it may have on the player's First club.

7. CLUB TEAM GRADINGS

7.1. No club may have more than one team at each grade.

7.2. A club that wins any grade of championship shall have that team graded at the next highest level for the following year. A club that loses a relegation final (as outlined in Championship regulations) shall have that team graded at the next lowest level for the following year.

Exceptions.

(a) If a club that wins a Championship, already has a team in the next highest grade, that team cannot be graded at the next highest level for the following year. In this instance, the team that loses a relegation final, at the next highest grade will not be regraded for that year only.

(b) If a club loses the relegation final of a particular grade and has a team at the next lower level, no relegation will take place from the higher grade for that year only.

(c) Clubs entering teams in the Junior A, B or C, Championships may apply to the CCC for for a change of grade, within Junior level.

7.3. Requests for grading of teams in (c) above shall be accepted by the CCC, not less than 10 days prior to the first County Committee Meeting of the year. No other request for grading shall be accepted. The CCC shall make a recommendation in relation to any such applications to the County Committee. The County Committee retains the right to make the final decision on an application for grading by a Club.

8. PLAYER GRADINGS

8.1. On a date specified by the CCC, a Club may apply to have players regraded by one level, subject to the Club retaining a minimum of fifteen players, approved by the Competitions Control Committee, in each of the required grades, at the Championship status level of the previous year, other than where a Club has been relegated from a Championship.

8.2. A player may not be regraded by more than one level.

Exception.

- (a)** Players who played on the winning team in Senior B, Intermediate or Junior championship finals shall be considered to be of Senior, Senior B or Intermediate status respectively for the following year's championships, unless they have been regraded.
- (b)** Clubs impacted by Offaly Bye Law 7.2 (a) & (b) may submit an exceptional player regrading application to the Competitions Control Committee as per Code (10.8).

8.3. In Accordance with Code 10.8 (b) 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.

9. AFFILIATION

9.1. In accordance with Code 4.3 (C) entry fee for Championship shall be €80 for each adult team and €8 for each under-age team.

10. PLAYING RESTRICTIONS (Rule 6.7 T.O.)

10.1. Subject to the Exceptions hereunder and Bye Law 3.1 Exception (a), the Parish Rule shall be in force for all grades.

Exceptions.

- (a)** In accordance with Rule 3.17 (o) and Rule 6.7 T.O., 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.
Or
- (b)** With another Under 21 or Younger Grade Team within the County. In the case of a team having five or more players under this provision in Rule, the team shall play under and be recognised by the combined names of the Clubs in question or by an independent name which shall not bear the name of an Adult Club within the County.
- (c)** Where a player has been granted such permission, in previous years, and a team is formed, in a club or Independent team within his Parish, that player must play with that club or Independent team.
- (d)** A Player, who's club is not part of an Independent Team, may not be granted permission to play in a higher age grade than he is currently eligible for e.g. A player who is eligible to play at U13 in the current championship year, may not be given permission to play at U15 level with another club or Independent team.
- (e)** In accordance with Rule 6.7 (c) T.O. 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. Acceptance of such a request shall be at the discretion of the Competitions Control Committee.

10.2. Applications for Exceptions in 10.1 above 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 of the County Committee each year.

When considering such applications the CCC shall consider the playing numbers, in that grade, of the club or Independent team, the player wishes to play for. The CCC may recommend the application not be granted if, it is the view of the CCC that, there are sufficient players in that club or Independent team. In such instances the CCC may recommend playing with an alternative nearby club or Independent team.

Exceptions shall only be approved where all players, at the same grade, from a club are going to the same Club/Independent Team.

Exception.

- (a) In exceptional circumstances, the CCC may consider an application **outside the timeframe specified in 10.2 above**, for an individual under-age player (up to and including U17) during the **regular** playing season.

10.3. Applications for Independent teams shall only be accepted, on an annual basis, for a team formed in accordance with and complying with the Central Council Policy for the Regulation of Independent Teams.

10.4. If a Club or Independent Team fields an ineligible player, the player and club officials shall be subject to the penalties outlined in the codes and rules of the Official Guide. For the avoidance of doubt the officials concerned shall be the Chairperson and Secretary of each club that forms an Independent Team.

Financial Statements

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Offaly County Committee

Gaelic Athletic Association

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OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Offaly County Committee & O'Connor Park Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2024

Management Committee

Chairperson	Michael Duignan
Vice Chairperson	James Murphy
Secretary	Colm Cummins
Assistant Secretary	Brendan Minnock
Treasurer	Dervill Dolan
Assistant Treasurer	Katie McLoughlin
P.R.O.	Padraig O'Meara
Central Council Delegate	Michael Duignan
Leinster Council Delegate	Ciaran Groome
Leinster Council Delegate	Declan Ward
Planning & Training Officer	Joe Cleary
Children's Officer	Elaine Kelly-Dunne
Irish Language and Culture Officer	Michelle Hogan
Coaching Officer	Carina Carroll
Coiste na nÓg Chairperson	Keith Screeneay

Solicitors

OMD Solicitors LLP
Abbey Moat House,
Abbey Street,
Naas,
Co. Kildare

Bankers

AIB
5/6 William Street,
Tullamore,
Co. Offaly

Auditors

BCA Tax & Business Consultants Limited
Clonminch Hi-Technology Park,
Clonminch,
Tullamore,
Co. Offaly

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association
REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The Management Committee present their annual report and the financial statements for the year-ended 30th September 2024.

Reporting Entity

Offaly County Committee (County Board) Cumann Lúthchleas Gael is an unincorporated Association.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of Offaly GAA is the promotion and development of Gaelic Games in Offaly.

Business Review/Results

The surplus for the year after providing for depreciation and amortisation amounts to €16,908.

The detail of the financial results for the year are set out on pages 9-15.

Balance Sheet

Offaly GAA has net current assets of €139,603 (2023: €187,505) at the end of the year.

Future Development

Offaly GAA intends to continue the development of coaching and games across all age groups.

Post Balance Sheet Events

No significant events occurred since the balance sheet date which require disclosure in the financial statements.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

There are a number of potential risks and uncertainties which could have a significant impact on Offaly GAA's long term performance. Offaly GAA's Management Committee review existing risk and identify new risks on a quarterly basis.

Suitable controls are put in place and action plans are established to mitigate risks.

These risks and uncertainties and the related controls and plans are monitored by the County Board Audit & Risk Committee on a regular basis and will be reported to the Management Committee.

Books and Records

The Management Committee is responsible for ensuring that proper books and accounting records are kept by the County Board. The Management Committee have appointed appropriate accounting personnel to ensure compliance with those requirements.

The books and accounting records are maintained at O' Connor Park, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Statement of Relevant Audit Information

Each of the persons who are members of the Management Committee at the time when this Management Committee Report is approved has confirmed that:

* so far as the Committee Member is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware, and

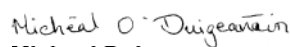
* the Committee Member has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a member of

the Management Committee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

BCA Tax & Business Consultants Limited have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

Signed on behalf of Management Committee


Michael Duignan
CHAIRPERSON


Colm Cummins
SECRETARY

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association
STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The Management Committee is required to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the County Board and the surplus or deficit of the County Board for that period.

In preparing those financial statements Management Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures from those standards being disclosed and explained in the notes to the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the County Board will continue its activities.

The Management Committee is responsible for ensuring adequate accounting records are kept which correctly explain and record the transactions of the County Board and enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the County Board to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the County Board and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Management Committee are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the organisation and financial information included on the County Board website. Legislation in Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of Management Committee

Michael O'Duignan

Michael Duignan

CHAIRPERSON

DATE: 30/11/2024

Colm Cummins

Colm Cummins

SECRETARY

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Offaly County Committee Gaelic Athletic Association ('the County Board'), for the year ended 30 September 2024, which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Statement of Change in Reserves, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. 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" issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council (FRS 102).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the County Board as at September 30, 2024, and of its surplus for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102.

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 further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

We are independent of the County Board in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the provisions available to small entities, in the circumstances set out in Note X 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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that managements' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the County Board's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of management with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE
GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (continued)**

Other information

Management 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.

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 course of 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; and
- in our opinion proper accounting records have been kept by the County Board; and
- the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Management's Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, management are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as management determines 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, management are responsible for assessing the County Board's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, if applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the County Board or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE
GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (continued)**

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of 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 Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority's website at: http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8fa98202dc9c3a/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 County Board members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the County Board'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 County Board and the members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Paul Kelly F.C.A
For and on behalf of
BCA TAX AND BUSINESS CONSULTANTS LIMITED
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm
Clonminch Hi-Technology Park
Tullamore
Co. Offaly


Date: 28th November 2024


OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Offaly County Committee / O'Connor Park / Faithful Fields Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 30 September 2023

	2024	2023
INCOME	€	€
Offaly County Committee	2,280,879	1,959,306
O'Connor Park	452,221	419,740
Faithful Fields	76,321	136,225
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Total Income	2,809,421	2,515,271
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EXPENDITURE		
Offaly County Committee	2,194,874	1,797,814
O'Connor Park	430,197	444,865
Faithful Fields	167,442	183,609
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Total Expenditure	2,792,513	2,426,288
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<i>Surplus for the year</i>	16,908	88,983
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The financial statements were approved by the board on the 27th of November 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Treasurer: 
Dervill Dolan


Secretary: 
Colm Cummins

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association


Offaly County Committee Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Schedule	2024	2023
INCOME		€	€
Gate Receipts	1	543,957	516,870
Commercial Income	2	481,752	378,162
Income from Associates Bodies	3	965,862	819,025
Other Income	4	289,308	245,249
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Total Income		2,280,879	1,959,306
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EXPENDITURE			
Match Expenses	5	159,442	139,368
County Teams' Administration Expenses	6	1,373,730	1,160,854
Interest and Bank Charges		1,193	1,223
Administration Expenses	7	182,853	123,537
Grants and Subscriptions	8	24,211	22,671
Coaching and Games Development	9	453,445	350,161
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Total Expenditure		2,194,874	1,797,814
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<i>Surplus for year</i>		86,005	161,492
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Treasurer: 

Dervill Dolan

Secretary: 

Colm Cummins

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

O'Connor Park Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Schedule	2024 €	2023 €
INCOME			
Rents for Matches		103,920	96,841
O'Connor Park Development Fund		148,202	148,202
O'Connor Park Shop and Misc		22,650	21,962
O'Connor Park Signage		156,545	117,603
Long Term Finance Credit		16,625	16,625
Energy Grant		4,279	18,507
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Total Income		452,221	419,740
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EXPENDITURE			
Rent and Rates		66,498	53,673
General Repairs and Upkeep of Grounds and Equipment		80,210	102,265
Other expenses		39,724	39,205
Insurances		10,006	10,006
Depreciation		210,810	214,695
Loan Interest		22,949	25,021
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Total Expenditure		430,197	444,865
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Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		22,024	(25,125)
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Surplus / (Deficit) for year		22,024	(25,125)
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Statement of Non-cash Movement			
Surplus / (Deficit) for year		22,024	(25,125)
Addback:			
Depreciation		210,810	214,695
Deduct:			
O'Connor Park Development Fund		(148,202)	(148,202)
Long Term Finance Credit		(16,625)	(16,625)
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Adjusted Surplus for Year		68,007	24,743

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Treasurer:*Dervill Dolan*
Dervill Dolan**Secretary:***Colm Cummins*
Colm Cummins

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Faithful Fields Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Schedule	2024 €	2023 €
INCOME			
Rents for Matches		4,313	1,945
Faithful Fields Development Fund		55,480	55,480
Faithful Fields Sponsorship		12,250	58,800
Energy Grant		4,278	20,000
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Total Income		76,321	136,225
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EXPENDITURE			
General Repairs and Upkeep of Grounds and Equipment		103,762	121,221
Other expenses		2,833	1,547
Insurances		5,006	5,000
Depreciation		55,841	55,841
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Total Expenditure		167,442	183,609
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Operating Deficit		(91,121)	(47,384)
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Deficit for year		(91,121)	(47,384)
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Statement of Non-cash Movement			
Deficit for year		(91,121)	(47,384)
Addback:			
Depreciation		55,841	55,841
Deduct:			
O'Connor Park Development Fund		(55,480)	(55,480)
Adjusted (Deficit) for year		(90,760)	(47,023)

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Treasurer: *Dervill Dolan*
Dervill Dolan

Secretary: *Colm Cummins*
Colm Cummins

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	8,772,039	9,037,616
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and Prepayments	9	463,062	374,006
Bank Balances	10	551,189	416,373
Prize Bonds		381	381
Total		1,014,632	790,760
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and Accruals	11	875,029	603,255
NET CURRENT ASSETS		139,603	187,505
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after one year	12	1,107,954	1,234,659
NET ASSETS		7,803,688	7,990,462
<u>Represented by:</u>			
ACCUMULATED FUND			
Accumulated Fund		559,914	543,006
O'Connor Park Redevelopment Fund		4,906,575	5,054,777
Faithful Fields Development Fund		2,337,199	2,392,679
		7,803,688	7,990,462

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OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association
 Statement of Changes in Reserves
FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Statement of changes in reserves

	€
At 1 October 2022	8,105,161
Surplus for the year	88,983
O Connor Park Redevelopment Fund - Transfer to Income and Expenditure	(148,202)
Faithful Fields Development Fund - Transfer to Income and Expenditure	(55,480)
At 30 September 2023	<u>7,990,462</u>
	€
At 1 October 2023	7,990,462
Surplus for the year	16,908
O Connor Park Redevelopment Fund - Transfer to Income and Expenditure	(148,202)
Faithful Fields Development Fund - Transfer to Income and Expenditure	(55,480)
At 30 September 2024	<u>7,803,688</u>

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association
Statement of Cash Flows
AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Statement of Cash Flows

	<i>Note</i>	2024	2023
		€	€
Cash flows from operating activities			
Operating profit for the financial year		16,908	88,983
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		267,040	270,637
Amortisation of funding		(220,308)	(220,308)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		(89,055)	203,301
Increase/(decrease) in trade payables		271,774	167,215
Interest paid		22,949	25,021
Net cash from operating activities		<u>269,309</u>	<u>534,849</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(1,464)	(88,020)
Net cash from investing activities		<u>(1,464)</u>	<u>(88,020)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings		(133,027)	(133,029)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(133,027)</u>	<u>(133,029)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		134,818	313,800
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		416,373	102,573
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year (Note 10)		<u>551,189</u>	<u>416,373</u>

1. General Information

Offaly County Committee is a sports organisation in which the registered office and principal place of operation is O'Connor Park, Arden Road, Tullamore Co. Offaly. The organisation is responsible for the development and oversight of Gaelic games in Offaly.

Statement of Compliance

The County Board's financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The County Board's financial statements comply with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Currency

The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the Association in Ireland.

2. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements:

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates.

It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the organisation's accounting policies.

Going concern

The entity financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

In assessing going concern management has considered budgets and forecasts for the foreseeable future and the impact of severe but plausible downside scenarios.

Management is satisfied that the use of the going concern basis is appropriate.

Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the financial year end date.

Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost are translated at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

Non-monetary items measured at fair value are translated at the rate of exchange at the date of the valuation.

All foreign exchange differences are taken to the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings.

Government and Other Grants

Grants are accounted under the accruals model as permitted by FRS 102. Government Grants relating to expenditure on tangible fixed assets are credited to the Income and Expenditure Account at the same rate as the depreciation on the assets to which the grant relates. The deferred element of the grant is included in creditors as deferred income.

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the same period as the related expenditure.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is derived from gate receipts, Sponsorship, Leinster and Central Council contributions, affiliations fees, entry fees and fundraising activities.

Income is recognised when it is capable of reliable measurement and the principal risks and rewards of ownership have passed to the organisation.

Income from gate receipts and fundraising activities is recognised on the date of the activity.

Income from sponsorship, Leinster and Central Council contributions, and affiliation fees are recognised in accordance with the individual agreements.

Financial instruments

The organisation only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the year in which they are incurred.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

- Office Buildings 20% straight line
- Equipment 20% reducing balance
- New Stand 2% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Cash

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the organisation a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to Income and Expenditure account in the year that the organisation becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the Statement of financial position date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Statement of financial position.

3. Judgement in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The officers consider the accounting estimates and assumptions below to be its critical accounting estimates and judgements:

Useful life of tangible fixed assets

Long-lived assets represent a significant portion of total assets. The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values.

The Management Committee regularly review these useful lives and change them if necessary to reflect current conditions.

In determining these useful lives the committee members consider physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial year.

The net book value of Tangible Fixed Assets subject to depreciation at the financial year end date was €8,772,039 (2023 €9,037,616)

Allowance for impairment of debtors

The County Board estimates the allowance for doubtful trade debtors based on an assessment of specific accounts where the Management Committee has objective evidence comprising default in payment terms or significant financial difficulty that certain customers are unable to meet their financial obligations.

In these cases, judgement used is based on the best available facts and circumstances including but not limited to, the length of the relationship.

Accruals

The organisation has accruals recorded in the Statement of Financial Position and this is reviewed monthly by the organisation.

Estimates on the accruals is based on the most reliable evidence at the time the estimates are made.

These estimates take into consideration the cost or income directly relating to events occurring subsequent to the reporting date to the extent that such events confirm conditions existing at the end of the reporting period.

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

Prepayments

The organisation has prepayments recorded in the Balance Sheet and this is reviewed monthly by the organisation.

Estimates on the prepayments is based on the most reliable evidence at the time the estimates are made.

These estimates take into consideration the cost or income directly relating to events occurring subsequent to the reporting date to the extent that such events confirm conditions existing at the end of the reporting period.

4. Provisions Available for Audit of Small Entities

In common with many other entities of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

5. Turnover

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Gate Receipts	543,957	516,870
Commercial Income	481,752	378,162
Fundraising	104,672	89,837
Other Income	184,636	155,412
	1,315,017	1,140,281

6. Employees

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Staff costs consist of:		
Wages and Salaries	29,000	6,132
Social security costs	3,204	670
	32,204	6,801.83

During the year, Offaly GAA engaged their coaches through the means of Leinster Council and engaged their Operations Manager from Central Council.

Offaly GAA employed one person in finance and administration during the financial year.

7. Interest payable and similar expenses

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Bank loans and overdrafts	22,949	27,275
	22,949	27,275

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Furniture & Equipment	Office Building	Faithful Fields	Grounds Equipment	New Stand & Terrace	Total
Cost or Valuation	€	€	€	€	€	€
At 1 October 2023	12,310	24,329	2,792,027	289,616	9,763,297	12,881,580
Additions	1,463	-	-	-	-	1,463
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2024	13,773	24,329	2,792,027	289,617	9,763,297	12,883,044
Depreciation						
At 1 October 2023	12,033	24,329	380,479	214,445	3,212,678	3,843,964
Charge for the year	389	-	55,843	15,543	195,266	267,041
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2024	12,422	24,329	436,323	229,987	3,407,944	4,111,005
Net Book Value						
At 30 September 2023	277	-	2,411,548	75,171	6,550,619	9,037,616
At 30 September 2024	1,351	-	2,355,704	59,630	6,355,353	8,772,039

9. Debtors

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Trade receivables and prepayments	47,073	71,232
Other Debtors	414,105	248,093
Due from Leinster Council	1,884	54,681
	463,062	374,006

10. Cash in Bank and in hand

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Float Control Account	4,000	4,000
Cash in bank and in hand	547,189	412,373
	551,189	416,373

OFFALY COUNTY COMMITTEE Gaelic Athletic Association

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

11. Creditors: (amounts falling due within one year)	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Trade Payables	180,152	170,080
Accruals	167,526	87,979
Deferred Income	20,000	40,000
Due to Central Council	317,506	117,608
Taxation Due	673	-
Due to Clubs	39,518	37,934
Loans Owed to Central Council	149,654	149,654
	875,029	603,255

12. Creditors: (amounts falling due after more than one year)	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Loans Owed to Central Council	1,107,954	1,234,659
	1,107,954	1,234,659

13. Loans	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
Analysis of loans owed to Central Council		
Amounts due within one year	149,654	149,654
Amounts due between 1 and 2 years	149,654	149,654
Amounts due between 2 and 5 years	448,962	448,962
Amounts due greater than 5 years	509,338	636,043
	1,257,608	1,384,313

Breakdown of Amounts Due	€	€
O' Connor Park Redevelopment	1,138,983	1,249,062
Central Council - Refinancing	118,625	135,251
Balance at end of year	1,257,608	1,384,313

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14. Capital Commitments

Offaly GAA had no capital commitments at 30 September 2024.

15. Contingent Liability

	FY2024	FY2022
	€	€
Offaly GAA has guaranteed the following amounts		
Birr GAA Club	-	5,722
Ballycumber GAA Club	66,834	
Edenderry GAA Club	44,922	55,026
Rhode GAA Club	37,498	-
St. Rynaghs GAA Club	79,878	89,239
Balance at end of year	229,133	149,987

16. Government Grants

Details of 2024 Government Grants as required by Circular 13/2014

Government Funding issued directly to County Board:

Agency:

Government Department:

Department Grant Programme:	SI Energy Grant
Purpose of the Grant:	Contribution to the uplift in energy costs
Grant Term:	Year-ended 30th September 2024
Grant taken to income in current financial statements:	€8,557
Grant received in the current year:	€8,557
Grant outstanding at end of current financial year:	Nil
Grant income to be deferred to following period:	Nil
Capital grant:	-
Restriction on use:	Against energy costs incurred by the County

Grant outstanding at end of current financial year: Nil

Grant income to be deferred to following period: Nil

Capital grant: -

Restriction on use: Sporting opportunities at a local level

17. Taxation

Offaly GAA is a listed sporting body that has been granted tax exemption under Section 235 of Taxes Consolidation act 1997.

18. Related Party Transactions

Ard Chomhairle, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael is the governing body of the Association. It governs and administers the national competitions that Offaly GAA teams participate in. It administers grant funding (Infrastructure & Revenue), state funding, insurance cover and the injury fund on behalf of the units of the Association.

Leinster Council CLG governs and administers Leinster competitions that Offaly GAA participate in. It administers grant funding to the units of the Association in the province. There are additional governing functions reserved to the Leinster Council and Central Council under the Official Guides.

The County Committee is the governing and controlling body of all the affairs within the county and including competitions that the clubs participate in.

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
The net transactions to / (from) CLG related parties:		
Central Council	317,506	117,608
Clubs	39,518	37,934
Leinster Council	(1,884)	(54,681)
	<u>355,140</u>	<u>100,861</u>

Key Management Personnel

Key Management personnel comprises the members of the Management Committee who manage the affairs and business of the County Board.

The Management Committee currently comprises 14 volunteer members, none of which receive remuneration for their services.

Travel and subsistence costs of nil were reimbursed to Management Committee members in relation to their duties.

19. Post Balance Sheet Events

There have been no significant events affecting Offaly GAA since the financial year end.

20. Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved for issue by the Offaly GAA County Board on the 27th of November 2024.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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Schedules to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

SCHEDULE 1	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
GATE RECEIPTS		
Senior Football Final	39,905	45,330
Senior Hurling Final	43,870	67,032
Senior Football Semi-Finals	13,410	15,450
Senior Hurling Semi-Finals	28,030	25,728
Season Ticket	57,212	38,197
Other Matches	361,530	325,133
	543,957	516,870

SCHEDULE 2	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
COMMERCIAL INCOME		
Sponsorship	396,845	311,916
Royalties	86,197	59,409
Programme income and expenses	(1,290)	6,837
	481,752	378,162

SCHEDULE 3	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
INCOME FROM ASSOCIATED BODIES		
Central Council		
National League Shares/Grant	50,810	81,442
Commercial Income (Croke Park)	225,000	215,000
Games Development Grant	285,773	173,332
Senior Panel Travel / Team Grant	106,759	88,504
County Holiday Fund Grant - Senior Hurling	100,000	60,000
Leinster Council		
Team Expenses	22,500	13,000
Club Contributions - Coaching	111,077	90,478
Games development grant	45,000	83,641
Administration Grant	10,000	10,000
Other	8,943	3,628
	965,862	819,025

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SCHEDULE 4	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
OTHER INCOME AND FUNDRAISING		
League income	16,100	15,800
Club Affiliation and Other Fees	10,098	12,550
Club levy	100,500	100,500
Lotto (Net of expenses)	41,466	3,839
Fundraising	104,672	89,837
Video / Streaming / TV (Net of Expenses)	15,000	19,671
Miscellaneous	1,472	3,052
	289,308	245,249

SCHEDULE 5	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
MATCH EXPENSES		
League Expenses	12,085	10,050
Medals and Trophies	10,882	15,107
Match day expenses		
Venue Rental - Club	57,240	53,840
Ticketing Costs - (Net of Loyalty Bonus)	28,102	20,728
Referees	25,809	20,943
Field Marking, Ambulance and Other Costs	21,324	15,400
Floodlights	4,000	3,300
	159,442	139,368

SCHEDULE 6	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
COUNTY TEAMS ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Catering	233,527	194,235
Players Travelling Expenses	233,379	220,049
Senior Hurling Holiday Cost	91,600	-
Team Administration Expenses	384,273	374,889
Buses and Accommodation	65,044	45,117
Sportsgear, Equipment, Gym and Laundry	220,861	221,393
Medical Expenses including Physiotherapy	143,546	97,436
Players Injury Insurance for County Teams	6,900	8,095
Fines	(5,400)	(360)
	1,373,730	1,160,854

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SCHEDULE 7	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Printing, Stationery and General	11,387	9,581
Postage and Telephone	5,800	5,958
Operation and Administration Wages	94,743	52,420
Audit Fees	6,427	6,000
Accountancy Fees (Credit)	(5,000)	3,616
Legal and Professional Fees	4,851	14,068
County Convention and Other Meetings	1,640	626
Depreciation	389	101
Advertising and IT Support	9,842	9,608
Complimentary/Sponsors Tickets	47,563	21,559
General Expenses and Staff Training	5,211	-
	182,853	123,537

SCHEDULE 8	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
GRANTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PROMOTIONAL		
Presentation Dinners	14,205	12,363
IT Scholarships	5,000	5,000
Scor	4,006	3,708
Donations	-	1,600
Gaeilge Grants	1,000	-
	24,211	22,671

SCHEDULE 9	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
COACHING AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT		
Hurley Helmet Scheme	-	(403)
Coaching and Development Expenses	83,113	70,963
Coaches Wages and PRSI Costs	421,805	328,686
Summer Camp Surplus	(46,333)	(49,085)
Course Fees	(5,140)	
	453,445	350,161

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SCHEDULE 10

	FY2024	FY2023
	€	€
FINANCIAL EXPENSES		
Bank and Interest charges	1,193	1,223
Loan Interest	22,949	27,275
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	24,142	28,498
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