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CONGRESS AGENDA 2020

Friday 6th March

5.00 p.m. Workshop: Development & Communications
(incl National Development Manager's Report and Communications and Commercial Manager's Report)

6.15 p.m. GAA Youth Committee

From 6.30 p.m. Dinner

8.00 p.m.

1. Official opening of Congress
2. Minutes of last year's Congress
3. Provincial Council Reports
4. International Reports
5. HEC Report
6. Fixtures Report
7. National Development Manager's Report
8. Development Officer's Report
9. Chief Executive's Report
10. Treasurer's Report
11. Injury Fund Report
12. Culture & Language Report
13. President's Address to Congress
14. Motions
15. Election of Officers
16. Close of Congress

Saturday 7th March

8.30 p.m. Congress Banquet

2019 TG4 Ladies Football All Stars



Back row from left; Joan McEvoy, who received the award on behalf of her daughter Niamh McEvoy, Dublin, Melissa Duggan, Cork, Niamh Collins, Dublin, Carla Rowe, Dublin, Lyndsey Davey, Dublin, Tracey Leonard, Galway, Rachel Kearns, Mayo, Orla Finn, Cork, Siobhán McGrath, Dublin, Nicola Ward, Galway and Seamus Goldrick, who received the award on behalf of his daughter Sinéad Goldrick, Dublin
Front row from left; Monica McGuirk, Meath, Sinéad Burke, Galway, Ard Stiúrthóir TG4 Alan Esslemont, LGFA President Marie Hickey, Managing Director Lidl Ireland JP Scally, LGFA CEO Helen O'Rourke, Olwen Carey, Dublin and Louise Ward, Galway



TREASURER'S REPORT



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Association's Report and Financial Statements

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General Information

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Management Committee of Central Council

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Dublin 3

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Dublin 2

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION

Year ended 31 October 2019

The Board submit their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2019

1. Principal Activities

The object of the Association is to promote and develop ladies Gaelic Football in Ireland.

2. Board Members' Responsibilities

Company law requires the board members to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in business.

The board members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Acts 1963 to 2014. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

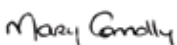
3. Safety, Health and Welfare at work Act 2005

The well being of the associations' employees is safeguarded through the strict adherence to health and and safety standards. The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 imposes certain requirements on employers and the company has taken the necessary action to ensure compliance with the Act, including the adoption of a safety statement.

On Behalf of the Association



Helen O'Rourke



Mary Connolly



Geraldine Carey

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the management committee of Central Council.

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 15 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 11.

Respective responsibilities of Board Members and Accountants

As described on page 7 the association's board members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at the 31 October 2019 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2014.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we considered necessary for the purpose of the audit. In our opinion the information given in the Association's Report on pages 6 to 7 is consistent with the financial statements.

A. Kearney ACCA
Kearney & Co.
Accountants & Auditors
14 Tralee Road
Castleisland
Co.Kerry

20 February 2020

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Year Ended 31st October 2019

	Note	2019	2018
Income		€	€
Subscription & Affiliation Fees		1,480,466	1,286,554
Injury Fund Fees		1,206,483	1,112,519
Grants	2	1,035,705	920,121
Other Income	3	1,707,993	1,202,570
Sponsorship	4	320,000	328,426
		5,750,647	4,850,190

Expenditure		€	€
Overheads	5	5,548,325	4,626,079
Depreciation		17,454	17,363
		5,565,779	4,643,442
Surplus for Year		184,868	206,748

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31st October 2019

	Note	31st Oct 2019		31st Oct 2018	
		€	€	€	€
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	6		110,542		120,360
Current Assets					
Debtors	7	151,700		232,395	
Cash at bank and at hand	8	3,329,023		3,336,699	
		3,480,723		3,569,094	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due < 1 year	9	103,846		486,903	
		103,846		486,903	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			3,376,877		3,082,191
Net Assets			3,487,419		3,202,551
Represented by:					
Reserves b/fwd			3,202,551		2,995,803
Income/(Loss) for the year			184,868		206,748
Prior Year Adjustment	10		100,000		-
			3,487,419		3,202,551

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31st October 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES & STATEMENTS

a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards of the Accounting Standards Board.

b) Grants

All grants received are credited to the Income & Expenditure account. The Department of Transport Tourism and Sport is the sponsoring department for all Sport Ireland grant income.

c) Sponsorships and Other Income

Sponsorships and other income are credited to the income and expenditure account in the year to which they relate.

d) Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets at the following annual rates and basis:

	Rate	Basis
Computer Equipment	20.00%	Reducing Balance
Office Equipment	20.00%	Reducing Balance
Furniture & Fittings	20.00%	Reducing Balance
Office Refurbishment	10.00%	Straight Line

e) Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme.

f) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The association is partly dependent for its working capital on grants received. This should enable it to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future by meeting its liabilities as they fall due.

g) Taxation

The company is full tax compliant and all taxes are paid as they arise.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONT'D

for the year ended 31st October 2019

2. GRANTS

	2019	2018
Income	€	€
Sport Ireland - Core Grant	450,000	400,000
Sport Ireland - Intercounty Player Grant	288,000	273,261
Sport Ireland - Women In Sport Income	40,000	-
Sport Ireland - Dormant Account Income 2017	1,600	14,400
Sport Ireland - Dormant Account Income 2019	31,500	-
Injury Fund Admin Grant	19,605	25,000
Department of Justice & Equality	5,000	-
Dublin City Council (Central Area Committee) Discretionary Fund	-	7460
CLG - Development Grant	200,000	200,000
	1,035,705	920,121

3. OTHER INCOME

	2019	2018
	€	€
Publications	42,100	44,306
Gate Receipts	754,883	543,765
Licence Fees	79,500	80,950
Servasport Fixtures System	-	250
All Ireland Tickets	31,729	20,000
All Ireland Club Levy	162,000	160,500
GAA Public Liability Levy	235,250	-
All Star Trip	-	3,400
Competition Entry Fees	23,012	22,900
Banquet Tickets	28,080	20,960
Congress Weekend	22,624	25,112
Fines & Appeals	1,600	8,050
Development Fund	168,076	160,815
Coaching Courses	87,959	80,852
Scheme Implementation Group Refund	5,841	-
Fundraiser	3,965	-
Advertisements	3,500	1,000
Flights	2,064	3,801
Medals/Presentations	3,216	1,256
Football/Sportsgear	52,594	24,653
	1,707,993	1,202,570

4. SPONSORSHIP

	2019	2018
	€	€
Other	320,000	328,426

5. OPERATING EXPENSES

	2019	2018
	€	€
Strategic & Planning Review (Excluding Salaries)	342,611	301,441
National Development Programmes	250,983	122,324
AGM	79,610	51,467
Injury Funds Payouts	1,010,506	685,231
Injury Funds Grant	25,000	25,000
Wages Prsi & Expenses	930,481	878,144
Members Expenses	107,211	85,490
Flights & Travel	42,871	130,023
Meetings/Meals/Accommodation	272,149	235,142
Payroll Services	5,166	3,874
Office Insurance	14,631	15,692
Postage	26,293	24,548
Telephone	19,737	19,817
Courier Services	8,727	8,514
Lease Equipment	35,130	25,793
Croke Park	120,000	80,201
GAA Public Liability Insurance	300,000	250,000
All Ireland & All Stars Expenses	277,909	171,286
Fundraiser All Star Night	3,965	2,589
All Stars Trip	88,240	149,467
All Ireland Tickets	31,729	20,000
All Ireland Sevens	6,300	12,246
Grants	82,266	140,560
Inter County Players Grant	243,483	196,269
Scheme Implementation Group	62,088	-
Printing Stationery & Software	268,560	133,673
Media Advertising & Promotions	262,003	212,910
Corporate Videos & Photography	91,251	98,931
IT Design & S/Ware Mtce	34,066	51,841
Medals & Trophies	56,122	90,779
Footballs/Jerseys/Gear	159,312	104,620
Ambulance Services	36,951	3,950
Referees Umpires & Grounds	89,018	90,472
Equipment Hire Transport & Storage	118,668	97,646
Other Expenses Office	3,554	4,666
Audit & Accountancy	3,750	3,815
Consultants & Legal Costs	28,857	91,260
Bank Interest & Charges	9,127	6,398
	5,548,325	4,626,079

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONT'D

for the year ended 31st October 2019

6. FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Office Refurb't	Office Equipment	Field Equipment	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€
Cost						
At 1 Nov 2018	67,605	35,840	101,805	26,764	27,819	259,833
Additions	-	-	-	7,636	-	7,636
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 Oct 2019	67,605	35,840	101,805	34,400	27,819	267,469
Depreciation						
At 1 Nov 2018	48,739	32,027	10,180	24,367	24,160	139,473
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charge 2019	3,773	763	10,180	2,006	732	17,454
At 31 Oct 2019	52,512	32,790	20,360	26,373	24,892	156,927
N.B.V.						
At 31 Oct 2019	15,093	3,050	81,445	8,027	2,927	110,542
At 31 Oct 2018	18,866	3,813	91,625	2,397	3,659	120,360

7. DEBTORS

	31 Oct 2019	31 Oct 2018
	€	€
Licence Fees	-	20,000
Sponsorship	5,000	7,000
Sport Ireland Intercounty Player Grant	115,200	-
Sport Ireland Core Grant	-	100,000
Sport Ireland Dormant Accounts Fund 2019	31,500	-
GAA	-	100,000
Central Council Injury Fund	-	5,395
	151,700	232,395

8. CASH AT BANK AND AT HAND

	31 Oct 2019	31 Oct 2018
	€	€
Current A/c - Dev fund	87,429	48,124
Current A/c	838,727	951,321
Current A/c - Injury Fund	2,402,022	2,225,649
Sterling A/c	845	6,279
Fundraiser A/c - Climb4Clare	-	105,326
	3,329,023	3,336,699

9. CREDITORS & ACCRUALS

	2019	2018
	€	€
Visa A/c	2,888	3,079
Paye/Prsi	21,430	80,728
Sundry	25,838	-
Public Liability Insurance	50,000	250,000
Players Grants	-	44,140
Climb4Clare Fundraiser	-	105,326
Audit Fees	3,690	3,630
	103,846	486,903

10. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

	2019	2018
	€	€
Understatement of Public Liability Insurance in 2018	100,000	0

11. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2019	2018
	€	€
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	184,868	206,748
Prior Year Adjustment	100,000	-
Opening members funds	3,202,551	2,995,803
	3,487,419	3,202,551

12. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

The total staff was 18 (2018 : 16). The aggregate employee and related costs were as follows

	2019	2018
	€	€
Salaries & Exps	806,568	756,957
Employer PRSI	80,782	76,487
Pension	43,131	44,700
	930,481	878,144

13. TABLE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	Number of Employees	Salary €
	2	60,000
	2	70,000

14. DEFERRED INCOME

	2019	2018
	€	€
Sport Ireland - Women in Sport	40,000	



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Tá áthas orm fáilte a fhearradh romhaibh anseo go Baile Locha Riach i gCo na Gaillimhe dár gComhdháil Bhliantúil. Tá fáilte ar leith roimh na toscairí sin atá tagtha chugainn thar sáile – ón mBreatain, ón Eoraip, ó Stáit Aontaithe Mheiricá, ón Astráiláise, ó Cheanada agus ó Áise. Is í seo an deis bhliantúil againn athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar imeachtaí an chumainn le bliain anuas agus súil a chaitheamh chun cinn ar a bhfuil i ndán dúinn amach anseo. Tá freagracht ar leith orainn an uair seo agus muid ag roghnú Uachtaráin-tofa a thiofadh i gcomharbacht ar Mharie faoi cheann bliana chun an Cumann a threorú go 2025.

Tugann an teacht le chéile deis luachmhar dúinn freisin smaointe a nochtadh, tuairimí a mhalartú agus aithne níos fearr a chur ar a chéile. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh tairbhe as na tuarascálacha éagsúla a chuirfear in bhur láthair an deireadh seachtaine seo agus go dtabóidh sibh an deis a bheith páirteach sa bplé a bhéas ar bun orthu.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the Lough Rea Hotel in the beautiful county of Galway for our annual congress. I welcome delegates from all 32 counties of Ireland, our delegates from Britain and our International units represented here this weekend by Asia, Australasia, Canada, Europe, New York and US GAA. While our 2020 season is in full swing this weekend gives us an opportunity to reflect on the year gone by and plan for the coming year. 2019 was another great year for our association, one in which we saw increased participation at all levels, the introduction of new appeals and disciplinary procedures, increased awareness and visibility of our sport and a record attendance at our finals in Croke Park. This year we have the responsibility of selecting a President elect who will take over from Marie in 12 months' time and lead the Association until 2025. I hope you will all benefit from the reports presented here and contribute to the debates over the weekend.

National Fixtures

Lidl National Football Leagues

The 2019 season marked the fourth year of our partnership with our official retail partners and National League sponsors Lidl. We enjoyed a spectacular launch of the 2019 Lidl National Leagues at Croke Park, before getting down to business on the various pitches across the country. This would turn out to be another memorable League campaign right across the four divisions, with plenty at stake at both ends of the tables.

Following a successful debut season in 2018, our sport committed to screening two of our Lidl National League Division 1 fixtures live, namely Dublin v Donegal and Dublin v Mayo, both from Croke Park. TG4's live coverage of the Lidl National Leagues saw them cover all four of the Divisional Finals, while we as an Association announced the live-streaming of a number of Lidl National League matches, in a new departure. In late January, the LGFA confirmed that

a game from each of the seven rounds of Lidl National League fixtures, along with selected semi-finals, would be broadcast live on Facebook. We would later announce Facebook Live coverage of our Lidl Post-Primary Schools Senior A Final between Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise, and Loreto, Clonmel. The enhanced levels of coverage were warmly-received and the number of 'double-header' matches alongside our male counterparts was also hugely encouraging, and in line with recent practice.

In Division 1, holders Dublin, Cork, Galway and Donegal finished in the top four places, thereby progressing to the semi-finals. Dublin's bid for back-to-back Division 1 titles was ended by Cork, in what was an excellent game at Nowlan Park in Kilkenny, with extra-time required to separate the sides. That fixture was live on our Facebook page and our peak live viewership was over 1100, an impressive figure as fans tuned in to see the 2018 TG4 All-Ireland Senior finalists battle it out for a place in the Lidl National League Final. When the dust settled on a sweltering afternoon, Cork had prevailed to strike a psychological blow ahead of the Championship. Galway, meanwhile, accounted for Donegal in the other semi-final, to set up an interesting Division 1 Final pairing.

In Division 4, Louth, Limerick, Fermanagh and Antrim made it through to the semi-finals. The last four pairings pitted Limerick with Fermanagh, and Louth against Antrim. Eimear Smyth produced a quite incredible individual display, scoring 1-12, as Fermanagh got the better of 2018 TG4 All-Ireland Junior Champions Limerick, while Antrim came through by 2-20 to 2-14 after extra-time in a brilliant clash with Louth. Eimear Smyth was very much to the fore once again for Fermanagh in their Final victory over Antrim, scoring 1-6 as the Erne County lifted silverware at St Tiernach's Park in Clones, with promotion to Division 3 another huge bonus for Jonny Garrity's team.

In Division 3, Meath, Sligo, Roscommon and Longford finished in the top four, with the semi-finals pairing Meath against Longford, and Sligo up against Roscommon. Meath were in good form against Longford to book their place in the Final, while Sligo had three points to spare over Roscommon. That set up a Meath v Sligo Final, on the same bill as the aforementioned Division 4 decider. Having lost out to Wexford in the 2018 Division 3 Final, Meath were anxious to avoid another big-day defeat, and they were impressive en route to a 4-11 to 2-7 win.

Division 2 would prove to be as keenly contested as ever, particularly with promotion to the top flight on offer for the winners. Following the group stages of Division 2, four counties were left standing with a chance of gaining entry to the top flight for 2020, namely Armagh, Waterford, Cavan and Kerry. Armagh may have finished on top of the group stages but their league campaign was ended by Kerry at the semi-final stage as the Kingdom, relegated from Division 1 in 2018, scored a 2-15 to 1-11 win. In the other semi-final,

Michelle Ryan scored three of Waterford's five goals, as the Déise defeated Cavan by 5-13 to 2-9. And so the scene was set for an all-Munster Lidl National League Division 2 Final.

On Sunday, May 5, a big crowd was present for our Lidl National League Finals in Divisions 1 and 2. The meeting of Kerry and Waterford was first on the agenda and it was the Déise who prevailed in this one. Just as they had in their semi-final against Cavan, Waterford racked up a match tally of 5-13, as Kerry managed 1-17 in response. Maria Delahunty was in really good form for Waterford, scoring 1-4, with the other goals supplied by Michelle Ryan, Eimear Fennell, Aileen Wall and Kelly Ann Hogan, the youngest player on the Waterford team. Waterford's win ensured that they will be playing top-flight National League Football in 2020, another big step forward for a county that has made impressive strides in recent times.

The scene was then set for the Lidl National League Division 1 Final between Cork and Galway. The counties had met on three previous occasions in League Finals, with Cork victorious each time in 2005, 2010 and 2015. Galway had never won a Division 1 League title and unfortunately from their point of view, that run would continue. Cork were crowned Division 1 champions for a 12th time on the back of a 1-12 to 2-7 victory. Orla Finn's five points proved crucial on the day, as did a goal from substitute Saoirse Noonan. Charlotte Cooney blasted to the net for Galway with eight minutes remaining but even though Cork lost Niamh Cotter and Ciara O'Sullivan to the sinbin, they would hold out. Galway did manage late points from Tracey Leonard and Lucy Hannon, and a goal from Louise Ward, but they lost Sinéad Burke to a yellow card and the Leesiders held on for what was a merited win on the day.

TG4 Championships

With the silverware handed out in the Lidl National League, attention now switched quickly to the commencement of the 2019 TG4 Provincial and All-Ireland Championships. In July, we launched the 2019 TG4 Championships – and with a very special piece of news. History was made when we announced that the 2019 TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-finals would be played at Croke Park, for the very first time. Aside from this landmark development, TG4 confirmed that they would broadcast 17 fixtures from the 2019 Championships, including the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Finals at Croke Park on Sunday, September 15. Croke Park is our traditional All-Ireland Final day venue but the news that the stadium would also host the Senior semi-finals on August 25 was well-received. Twelve counties would battle it out for the Brendan Martin Cup, the big prize on offer for the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship winners, as Dublin started the season eyeing a third successive title.

Mick Bohan's Sky Blues were many people's favourites to achieve that feat but they were sure to face stiff opposition from a number of leading contenders. Cork had the motivation of trying to avenge their 2018 Final loss, while Galway had shown in the National League that they were also a force to be reckoned with. Like Galway, Donegal had also contested an All-Ireland semi-final in 2018 and the Ulster Champions were keen to make further progress. Mayo

had also made significant progress and hopes were high in the county that they could compete with Galway in the TG4 Connacht Championship, and more than hold their own in the All-Ireland series. Another thrilling campaign lay in store and in the provincial finals, Galway needed a replay at the Gaelic Grounds in Limerick before eventually holding onto their Connacht title at Mayo's expense. Dublin made it eight-in-a-row in Leinster as they defeated Westmeath in the Final, while Cork overcame the challenge of Waterford to retain the Munster silverware. In Ulster, it was another victory for Donegal, as they ran out convincing Final winners against Armagh.

Once again, the round-robin format would be used for the 2019 TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship, with 12 teams drawn into four groups of three. Group 1 contained Lidl National League Division 1 champions Cork, alongside Ulster teams Armagh and Cavan. It was Armagh and Cavan who met in Round 1, and this was a quite astonishing game as Cavan launched a remarkable comeback to win by a point, 3-18 to 6-8. Aimee Mackin scored 3-4, and sister Bláithín 2-2, for Armagh, but it still wasn't enough as Cavan, led by 1-9 from Aisling Maguire, prevailed in Templeport. Cork's entry into the All-Ireland series was eagerly anticipated and the Leesiders didn't disappoint in their opening game, with Orla Finn scoring 0-12 in a 6-19 to 3-8 win against Cavan. The majority of pundits now reckoned that it would be Cork and Cavan going through, but they hadn't banked on an Armagh revival in Round 3. In a famous win at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park in Tullamore, Armagh beat Cork by 4-9 to 3-11, and this was a special day for the four Marley sisters who started for Armagh, namely Sarah, Niamh, Caoimhe (Morgan) and Catherine. Caroline O'Hanlon (1-3) and Bláithín Mackin (1-2) played key roles for the Orchard County, as Cork, who still qualified for the knockout stages alongside Armagh, were stunned on the day.

Group 2 of the qualifiers featured All-Ireland champions Dublin, Waterford and Monaghan. Dublin opened their All-Ireland campaign with a comfortable 5-15 to 2-6 victory over Waterford at O'Moore Park in Portlaoise. On the day, Dublin replaced the AIG logo on the front of their jerseys with the Federation of Irish Sport's campaign and movement 20x20 'If She Can't See It, She Can't Be It' logo, in what was a novel and refreshing move. The Sky Blues were moving well on the day, with Niamh McEvoy (2-4), Lyndsey Davey (2-3) and Nicole Owens (1-3) leading the way in the scoring stakes. A spirited Waterford team battled hard, with Maria Delahunty and Eimear Fennell scoring goals, but this was a good start for Mick Bohan's team. With Dublin viewed as strong favourites to emerge on top of this group, the fixture between Waterford and Monaghan was considered the battle for second spot. And when the sides met on July 20, Waterford laid down a marker with a comprehensive 7-19 to 1-10 victory. The trio of Eimear Fennell, Maria Delahunty and Michelle Ryan combined for 4-13 of their side's total, with Fennell completing a hat-trick of goals in just five minutes at the end of the first quarter. Group 2 was completed when Dublin overcame the challenge of Monaghan by 3-20 to 0-4 in front of a bumper crowd at Parnell Park. Captain Sinéad Aherne was returning from injury for Dublin and she marked her comeback with an impressive tally of 1-11 on the day.



Group 3 featured Connacht champions Galway, Kerry and Westmeath. This group began with a tight affair between Galway and Kerry, as the Tribeswomen prevailed on a 1-14 to 1-10 scoreline. Galway had to come from behind in this one, as they trailed by 0-1 to 1-8 after 20 minutes. However, they found their feet by scoring 1-11 without reply either side of half-time. Inspirational captain Tracey Leonard was very much to the fore in this revival, and she scored 0-7 for the winners. Galway would go on to seal their place in the quarter-finals by defeating Westmeath by 2-13 to 1-3 at TEG Cusack Park in Mullingar. The Leonard cousins, Róisín and Tracey, scored 2-8 between them, with Róisín collecting a personal haul of 1-4. Westmeath did score a second half goal from Nicole Feery but Galway were in control of this one and they booked a safe passage to the last eight. The remaining item on the Group 3 agenda, then, was who would join Galway in the quarter-finals. At Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney, Kerry got the better of Westmeath by 1-12 to 1-10, with Hannah O'Donoghue scoring the crucial Kerry goal. Westmeath did have a fine display from Leanne Slevin, who registered eight points, but the Lake County were now facing into a relegation battle.

Group 4 of the qualifiers would turn out to be the most exciting pool of all. This group featured Tyrone, Mayo and Donegal, with all three counties fancying their chances of making it through to the quarter-finals. Mayo had put up a strong challenge to Galway

in the Connacht Final, only losing out after a replay, while Tyrone had given Donegal plenty to think about when the sides met in the Ulster Championship. It was first blood to Mayo in a difficult group when they travelled to Healy Park, Omagh, and secured a 3-14 to 3-11 victory, with a second-half goal from Rachel Kearns proving crucial. Despite being without captain Neamh Woods on the day, Tyrone performed admirably and they would go forward into the remainder of the Championship with real confidence. Kearns collected 2-3 on the day for Mayo, with Grace Kelly adding 1-3, and 0-4 for Sarah Rowe. This inside line was proving hugely effective for Mayo, and would continue to do so. 1-4 each for Maria Canavan and Niamh O'Neill wasn't enough for Tyrone on the day, but their fortunes would turn for the better. In Round 2, it was Chloe McCaffrey and Canavan, daughter of Tyrone legend Peter, who performed heroics as Tyrone stunned Donegal on a 3-12 to 3-9 scoreline. The pair finished with a combined haul of 1-8. The brilliant Geraldine McLaughlin scored 2-5 for Donegal but this result left everything up for grabs ahead of the final game in the group, between Mayo and Donegal. And what a game this was, with Mayo prevailing by 1-22 to 3-12. That inside trio of Kelly, Kearns and Rowe came up trumps for Mayo as they claimed top spot in Group 4. Between them, the full-forward line registered 1-20 and while captain Karen Guthrie scored 2-4 for Donegal, with Geraldine McLaughlin adding 1-6, the Ulster Champions bowed out, as Tyrone claimed second spot.

Following the group stages, the All-Ireland quarter-final pairings became clear.

Cork would face Tyrone, Dublin were pitted with Kerry, Mayo were paired with Armagh, and Galway would face Waterford. Cork bounced back from their shock defeat in the group stages against Armagh with a big win against Tyrone, running out 7-18 to 3-4 winners. Cork had the issue wrapped up when they led by 3-8 to 1-3 ahead at half-time, with the goals coming from Eimear Scally, Eimear Kiely and Niamh Cotter. Doireann O'Sullivan added two more goals on the resumption, while Áine O'Sullivan and Saoirse Noonan also raised green flags as Cork cruised into the final four. On the August Bank Holiday Monday, Dublin ran out 5-15 to 2-9 winners against Kerry, with Sinéad Aherne leading the way with a haul of 2-5. Niamh McEvoy, Carla Rowe and Niamh Hetherton scored the other Dublin goals, as the holders appeared to be building up a head of steam at the right time. Mayo's memorable Championship odyssey continued as they overcame the challenge of Armagh on a 2-12 to 1-12 scoreline. Sarah Rowe was impressive again in this game, leading the way with 1-3 on a day when Mayo had an impressive list of scorers, with ten players on target. That was the first game on a double bill at Glennon Brothers Pearse Park in Longford, before Galway braved poor weather conditions to score a 1-12 to 2-4 victory over Waterford. Aileen Wall scored two goals for the Déise but it was captain Tracey Leonard who led by example again for Galway, registering 1-5 of her side's tally.

We now knew our semi-final pairings, with Croke Park ready to host an historic double-bill on Sunday, August 25. Galway would face Mayo in the first game, with the meeting of Dublin and Cork to follow. The Galway-Mayo clash was a typically tense and tight affair and settled by Róisín Leonard's superbly converted free from the ground late on. Galway, who had two goals from Mairéad Seoighe, would advance on a 2-10 to 2-9 scoreline, but Mayo had given everything in this one and could hold their heads high after going so close to making it two Final appearances in three seasons. For a team that has been in rebuild mode, this was a most impressive campaign for Mayo. Rachel Kearns and Niamh Kelly scored their goals on the day, and Kelly's superb solo effort, when she ran from midfield before crashing the ball to the net at the Hill 16 end, was one of the stand-out moments of the season. The next question to be answered was who would face Galway in the Final on September 15th. Dublin provided the answer by seeing off the challenge of Cork by 2-11 to 0-11. The first half was close, with the sides going in level at the break, 0-7 apiece. Dublin had also lost the services of Nicole Owens very early in the game, as she succumbed to a knee injury, but they came good in the second half with goals from Caoimhe O'Connor and Sinéad Aherne, from a penalty. Orla Finn scored nine points for Cork, including eight frees, but the season was over for the Munster Champions. Cork could still look back on the 2019 season with some pride, as they regained the Lidl National League Division 1 crown, before retaining their provincial title. Dublin's win, meanwhile, sent them through to a sixth successive TG4 All-Ireland Senior Final, and they now had the chance to emulate the Cork and Kerry teams of the past who had managed to put three-in-a-row together. The semi-finals should also be remembered for the attendance of 10,886 present to witness two cracking



games. I would like to thank our counterparts in the GAA for their cooperation and assistance in ensuring that Croke Park was made available for our semi-finals. It was the perfect venue to showcase four excellent teams and the standard of fare provided on the day was of the highest calibre. On a wider note, I would also like to put on the record my appreciation to our counterparts in the GAA for the use of county grounds throughout the TG4 All-Ireland series. The feedback from our players was overwhelmingly positive as they had the use of grounds befitting of the stature of the Championships, and perfect stages for our players to showcase their undoubted talents.

Dublin and Galway would be back at Croke Park on Sunday, September 15, to battle it out for the big prize on offer – the TG4 All-Ireland Senior title and the Brendan Martin Cup. This was a repeat of the 2004 All-Ireland Final between the sides, won by Galway, and the Westerners were now preparing for their first Senior Final appearance since losing out to Dublin in 2005. On the day, Dublin would prevail again, with both sides battling it out in dreadful weather conditions. Just five scores were registered by Dublin on the day, but two of them were crucial goals as the Sky Blues won three-in-a-row on a 2-3 to 0-4 scoreline. In front of a record 56,114 attendance, we had to wait until the 22nd minute for the opening score of the game, as Sinéad Goldrick surged forward to find the net for Dublin. Sarah Conneally responded with a fine point for Galway, and Dublin led by 1-0 to 0-1 at half-time. Galway may regret some missed opportunities in that first half and when the second half commenced, it was Dublin who started brighter.

Lyndsey Davey, who would claim the Player of the Match award, scored an inspirational point for Dublin and after Galway's Mairéad Seoighe was sin-binned, Dublin struck for a second goal, with Davey providing the assist for Hannah O'Neill. On a day when scores were very much at a premium, this was a key effort for Dublin, providing them with a match-winning platform. Tracey Leonard's free kept Galway in touch, trailing by 0-2 to 2-1 entering the final third of the match, before she added another free. Róisín Leonard scored another Galway point to cut the gap to three, but Galway needed an elusive goal, and points from Aherne and Noelle Healy put the seal on it for Dublin. We can expect another determined challenge from Galway this year, with Dublin looking to make it four TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship wins on the bounce. We look forward to seeing what unfolds throughout the TG4 Championship in 2020.

It was a wonderful feeling to break our attendance record for TG4 All-Ireland Finals day yet again. In 2017, 46,286 people attended our Finals and we bettered that with a figure of 50,141 in 2018. The figure of 56,114 present on September 15 last represented an increase of 5,973, or 12 per cent. Figures released by TG4 also revealed a huge impact. In all, 666,000 tuned into TG4's coverage of Finals day, with an average audience of 252,500 people watching the live broadcast of the Senior Final between Dublin and Galway, a rise of over 70,000 viewers from the 2018 Ladies Football Final. This represented the second-highest viewing figure for a Ladies' final on TG4 since it first started to broadcast the games back in 2001. The match took a 30% share of viewing among individuals, making TG4 comfortably the most popular channel in Ireland on the Sunday afternoon. Viewing peaked at 5.19pm with 358,400 viewers as Dublin closed in on the three-in-a-row. At full-time, it was left to Dublin's 'Captain Fantastic' Sinéad Aherne to lift the Brendan Martin Cup again, amid fireworks and ticker tape.

As the race began to be crowned TG4 All-Ireland Intermediate Champions, a number of counties felt quietly confident of getting their hands on the Mary Quinn Memorial Cup. With the group stages complete, eight quarter-finalists were left in the hunt, as Wexford, Meath, Roscommon, Kildare, Sligo, Offaly, Tipperary and Clare advanced. Tipperary were many people's favourites for the Mary Quinn Memorial Cup, a trophy they lifted in 2017. Having been relegated from the Senior ranks in 2018, Tipperary more than held their own in Division 1 of the Lidl National League and seemed hellbent on regaining Senior status again. Tipperary's stiffest test of the campaign would arrive at the quarter-final stage of the Intermediate Championship, and they had to work hard to see off the challenge of Munster rivals Clare by just two points, 1-13 to 2-8. Elsewhere, Meath gained revenge on Wexford for their Leinster Final defeat by scoring a 4-15 to 3-14 victory, with brilliant young forward Emma Duggan notching 3-2. Tipperary and Meath would be joined in the last four by the Connacht Finalists, Sligo and Roscommon. Sligo accounted for Offaly by 2-14 to 2-10, while Roscommon were eight-point winners over Kildare, 2-18 to 2-10.

There were now just four contenders remaining and on August 17, Nowlan Park in Kilkenny hosted a live TV double-header. Sligo were pitted with Championship favourites Tipperary, while Meath would battle it out with Roscommon. Sligo will probably feel that

they drew the short straw against Tipperary, as the Premier County prevailed by 3-15 to 3-5. Aisling McCarthy, Aishling Moloney and Caoimhe Condon, who scored 2-2, were all in excellent form for Tipperary, who marched on to the Final. Sligo produced a spirited second half display, but ultimately fell to a fourth successive semi-final loss. In the second game, Meath were impressive in their own right, winning by 4-20 to 1-12 against Roscommon. Beaten finalists in 2018, Meath were determined to get back to Croke Park, and they did so with some sparkling football. There were some fantastic goals from Meath, including a real team effort finished by Fiona O'Neill, and Vikki Wall's wonderful solo goal.

Meath had now given themselves a shot at redemption but unfortunately from their viewpoint, heartbreak would be the order of the day again on Sunday, September 15. Aishling Moloney produced a Player of the Match performance for Tipperary as they captured a second TG4 All-Ireland Intermediate title in three seasons. Shane Ronayne's team won by 2-16 to 1-14, to make a swift return to the Senior Championship ranks. Goals from Angela McGuigan and Aisling McCarthy were pivotal for Tipperary, who also had eight points from Moloney. Meath were just a point behind at half-time, with Fiona O'Neill finding the net, but Tipp were defensively excellent in the second half and restricted the Royal County to just five points, while keeping the scoreboard ticking over at the other end. As team captain, Samantha Lambert had the honour of lifting the cup for Tipperary, who capped a fine season with another All-Ireland Final win.

The TG4 All-Ireland Junior Final concluded with a meeting between Louth, the 2018 runners-up, and Fermanagh, the Lidl National League Division 4 winners. Kate Flood, who has twice been named as TG4 Junior Players' Player of the Year, led by example as captain for Louth. She scored 1-8 during the course of a brilliant individual display, which saw her capture a richly deserved Player of the Match award. After fulfilling her pitchside duties, Kate was soon climbing the steps of the Hogan Stand to lift the West County Hotel Cup, as Louth were crowned TG4 All-Ireland Junior Champions for a third time. Niamh Rice and Lauren Boyle also starred alongside Flood in attack, scoring the other goals for the Wee County. Fermanagh did battle hard and second half goals from Lisa Maguire and Aisling Woods looked to spark a revival. Louth, however, were too good on the day, as the disappointment of the 2018 Final loss to Limerick was banished.

All-Ireland Club Championships

Our 2019 All-Ireland Club Championships will be remembered for some time to come, culminating in three cracking games in front of big crowds. In the Junior Championship, four clubs were left battling it out for the big prize, after the knockout stages of the competition had commenced with victory for Manchester's Oisín CLG against Europe. At the All-Ireland quarter-final stage, Oisín then had home advantage for the visit of MacHale Rovers. The Mayo and Connacht champions proved too strong for the hosts, running out 7-7 to 1-10 winners and thereby progressing to the last four of the All-Ireland series. With TG4 All Star Rachel Kearns prominent, MacHale Rovers were a force to be reckoned with and they made the trip to Edendork in the semi-finals, for a clash with the Tyrone and Ulster

champions. Kearns was inspired, scoring 1-9 as MacHale Rovers sealed a 4-12 to 1-13 victory, and a place in the Final. In the other semi-final, two-time All-Ireland Senior Champions Donoughmore, Cork got the better of Meath and Leinster's Navan O'Mahonys, 3-13 to 3-12 the final score in a thrilling game. Rena Buckley, with 20 national titles to her name, now had the chance to add a 21st. In that semi-final, she scored 1-6, with namesake Aileen collecting 2-3. The scene was now set for a Cork v Mayo All-Ireland Final, two traditionally strong counties producing clubs to pit their wits against each other on the national stage.

The Final itself, played on Sunday November 24, was a game that will live long in the memory. In front of a bumper crowd at Duggan Park in Ballinasloe, Donoughmore prevailed by 1-12 to 1-11 after extra-time. Rena Buckley produced a great display that yielded a personal tally of 0-7, while Rachel Kearns starred for a gallant MacHale Rovers. Rachel scored 1-5 and was unlucky to end up on the losing side. When the dust settled, Donoughmore had prevailed in their first All-Ireland Final appearance since 2009, when they lost out in the Senior Final. Our Facebook live stream of the game also proved incredibly popular, with an estimated reach of 38,000 people. The game was viewed for almost 168,000 minutes at the last count and peaked at over 2000 live viewers as an enthralling encounter reached a climax. Compared to the 7000 views for the 2018 Club Final stream, the figure of 21,000 3-second views for the 2019 decider represents an incredible jump in interest.

A phenomenal weekend of club action concluded with the Junior Final, as the Intermediate and Senior Finals had been played out on Saturday, November 23rd. The Intermediate Final pitted Naomh Ciaran from Offaly against Antrim's Naomh Pól, two first-time finalists. The road to Kingspan Breffni began with a win for Sligo and Connacht champions St Nathy's at the All-Ireland quarter-final stage, away to Parnells of London. At the semi-final stage, the St Nathy's journey was ended by Naomh Pól, who claimed a narrow 1-7 to 1-6 victory. The other half of the draw pitted Naomh Ciaran against Inch Rovers from Cork, and this resulted in a 3-15 to 1-11 victory for Naomh Ciaran, with Kate Kenny collecting 1-9 on the day. That left Naomh Ciaran and Naomh Pól to battle it out for the All-Ireland Intermediate Club title. This was a superb game, swinging one way and then another as Naomh Ciaran came from five points down to win by 2-11 to 2-9. Kate Kenny was influential once again, scoring 0-8 for the winners as Naomh Ciaran became the first Offaly club to win an All-Ireland title in the adult ranks. This game was also streamed live on our Facebook page, totalling over 145,165 minutes at the last count, over 22,000 3-second views, reaching an estimated 44,000 viewers, and peaking at 2,364 Live viewers close to full-time.

Later in the day, at the LIT Gaelic Grounds in Limerick, Mourneabbey and Kilkerrin-Clonberne did battle for the All-Ireland Senior Club title. Both clubs had come through tough semi-final tests to reach the Final, as Mourneabbey saw off the challenge of



old foes Donaghmoynce, while Kilkerrin-Clonberne got the better of Foxrock-Cabinteely. For Mounseabbey, this would be a third successive All-Ireland Final, and a first for Kilkerrin-Clonberne. The clubs had met previously in the 2015 and 2018 semi-finals and unfortunately from a Kilkerrin-Clonberne point of view, heartbreak was the order of the day again. This was a superb final, closely fought from start to finish and with just a point separating the teams at full-time. In the dying seconds, and with the sides deadlocked at 2-8 to 0-14, Mounseabbey began a move inside their own half which would culminate with Laura Fitzgerald sending over the lead score. Kilkerrin-Clonberne had missed some chances in the second half and will rue those but they could hold their heads high after producing a skilful and committed display. For Mounseabbey, the spoils and a second successive All-Ireland crown. Having finally cracked the Final code in 2018, they now know what's required to get over the line, and they were in no mood to relinquish the Dolores Tyrrell Memorial Cup.

Interprovincial Tournament

Our 2019 playing activity concluded with the annual Interprovincial tournament, held in Kinnegad at the end of November. Once again we struggled to find a suitable date for this tournament with only 3 provinces competing in 2019, with Ulster opting out. In an effort to find a suitable date that doesn't impact on championship etc. Central Council agreed to designate the weekend after the league finals to the Interprovincial tournament going forward. If this doesn't work for provinces I believe it will be time to call a halt to the tournament. Three first half goals paved the way for Munster to win back-to-back titles, thanks to a 4-8 to 0-9 defeat of Connacht. The Westerners provided stiff opposition in the final but three goals before half-time from Waterford duo Michelle Ryan and Aileen Wall, and Cork's Saoirse Noonan, put the result out of reach of Connacht.

In an entertaining day of football, Munster had already put both Leinster and Connacht to the sword and they showed no signs of tiredness in the Final as Michelle Ryan, who played her 19th inter-county season with Waterford in 2019, hit 1-1 early on. Ryan's goal was a beauty - a one-handed catch and a split-second turn before burying the ball to the net, a score that was captured on camera and warmly received on social media.

Leinster headed home early as defeat to Munster in the opening round and a late comeback from Connacht in round two put them out of contention for a place in the final. Late goals from Roisin Leonard and Sarah Conneally booked Connacht's place in the decider. It was a terrific comeback from the Westerners against Leinster, as they had been 0-3 to 1-10 adrift at half-time.

Juvenile Championships

It was another memorable year in the underage ranks and while a revamped U14 Championship was originally greeted with a degree of scepticism, it proved to be a huge success. The feedback from across the country was overwhelmingly positive, as All-Ireland titles were handed out across four grades – Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze. The aim of the revamp was to allow teams to grade themselves through game time on the pitch and increase playing opportunities for all players.

It was agreed to amend the structure of our Under 14 Championship for 2019 and after much debate and discussion the first stage of the new All Ireland Under 14 Series threw in with all 32 counties involved across 4 venues. It was essential to conduct an independent evaluation of the full competition to ensure feedback was sought from all avenues and from a neutral perspective. Wesley O'Brien (UCC) and Irene Hogan (CIT) were assigned to this research project and the conclusions pointed to an air of positivity around the new structure. Inclusion was a strong theme consistently confirmed from the player and parent perspective. The coaching philosophy of some coaches e.g. winning a title being important was in direct contrast to what the players considered important. Coaches' viewpoint was outcome driven to the product of winning, whereas in a player-centred environment, the player's voice needs to be viewed as the key driver, and from this study, 'winning' was not a priority for the players across the country. This is something we must remember in all aspects and listen to the players involved. The feedback on the series however was overwhelmingly positive and something that players, parents, coaches, FLO's and County Boards wanted to continue in the new format.

As with any roll out of a new initiative there were some amendments proposed after review to improve the structure for the 2020 season. I would like to thank the counties for their cooperation as we tried out this new structure and it is safe to say that the players involved had experiences they will not forget throughout the series.

Cork have been a consistently strong force in the juvenile ranks and they would claim the inaugural All-Ireland U14 Platinum title, scoring a 7-15 to 2-4 victory over Galway in Banagher. Three goals from Lia Hogan and two more from Tara Hickey set Cork on their way, while Ella Downey and Ava Healey also hit the net for the Munster side. In the Gold Final, Sorcha Gormley collected 2-3 for Tyrone as they got the better of Ulster rivals Monaghan by 5-7 to 3-6. In an all-Munster Final, Limerick got the better of Tipperary to claim the All-Ireland U14 Silver title. The Shannonsiders won by 3-10 to 0-5, with goals from Aoibhin Murphy, Michaela Cumes and Áine Cleary crowning a dominant display. In the Bronze Final, Emma Tumelty collected 1-7 as Westmeath were crowned champions. While Westmeath are six points ahead at the break, a spirited Derry cut the gap back to a point in the second half, before the Lake County upped the ante to claim a first-ever All-Ireland U14 crown. The spread of winners and competitors in the various U14 Finals is surely positive proof that the format worked.

In the U16 grade, the A, B and C Championships provided us once again with some of the best football we saw all year. The A grade boiled down to a Final meeting between holders Galway and Meath, while it would be Longford against Waterford in the B Final, with Louth taking on Sligo in the C decider. At the semi-final stage, a strong closing ten minutes was key for Galway, as they claimed a 3-20 to 1-9 victory over Cork. Ellen Power, the Connacht Young Player of the Year for 2019, was prominent in this game, as Galway claimed a 17-point victory. In the other A semi-final, goals were also key for Meath in their 3-12 to 1-8 victory over Cavan.



There were also plenty of goals in the B semi-final between Longford and Tyrone, with the Midlanders edging this one by 5-8 to 3-13. Waterford registered five goals themselves in their 5-6 to 1-11 success against Roscommon, to set up a B Final with Longford.

In the C semi-finals, Louth delivered an impressive display against neighbours Armagh, claiming a 2-7 to 0-6 win. And the Wee County's Final opponents would be Sligo, who beat Clare by 5-5 to 1-10.

And so the scene was set for three eagerly-anticipated finals, which lived up to their pre-match billings. The C Final ended in victory for Louth, who had a blistering start to this game en route to a 6-18 to 3-12 success. The scoreline might suggest a one-sided display but Louth goalkeeper Rebecca Lambe Fagan was superb on the day, and when substituted late on, she received rapturous applause. 1-6 from Róisín Maguire and 2-3 from Abi Keenan were key contributions for Louth, while Sligo's Leah Duffy, daughter of former inter county referee Marty, brought the fight to the Yeats County's opponents with her own tally of 1-6.

In the B Final, four second half goals proved the difference for Longford in their 4-15 to 3-6 victory over Waterford, with Molly Mulvihill scoring two of them. Waterford's Hayley Phelan scored 2-2 but it wasn't enough on the night for the Déise as Longford, who have been making big strides in the underage ranks, claimed the silverware on offer.

The A Final saw Galway crowned winners for a third successive year. The Westerners produced an impressive display to win a fifth crown in all in this grade – as 2018 Final Player of the Match Chellene Trill lifted the silverware as skipper in Banagher. The aforementioned Ellen Power sparked at midfield and claimed the Player of the Match award as Galway completed the three-in-a-row at U16 A level. Meath were spirited in defeat and before the game, they sported tee-shirts in solidarity with colleague Aoife Hughes, who was diagnosed with cancer this year. The Royals had 1-3 from both Ciara Smyth and Nicole Smith but Galway's scores came from eight sources, including both midfielders and five of the starting forwards. Kate Slevin, player of the match against Kerry in the 2018 Final win, Caoimhe Cleary and Laura Kelly all finished with 2-1, as Verona Crowley starred from centre forward, adding 0-6.

At Minor (U18) level, we had Finals in two grades, A and B. The B grade boiled down to a Final meeting between Roscommon and Longford. Roscommon had won the competition in 2009 but lost finals in 2012, 2016 and 2018 since then. Their opponents Longford were appearing in their very first All-Ireland Minor Final. Having captured the All-Ireland U16 B crown, Longford were now on the hunt for a memorable 'double'. Roscommon edged out Clare after an epic game in the semi-finals, while Longford were afforded a bye to the Final, which was streamed live on the LGFA Facebook page. It was heartbreak for Roscommon once again as Longford did indeed claim the second part of an U16/Minor double. Ciara Healy's penalty turned the game as Longford claimed their first ever All-Ireland Minor B title with a 2-9 to 2-5 victory at Duggan Park in Ballinasloe. Carol Manning's Longford were 1-7 to 0-3 ahead

at half-time but they fell behind after goals from Aimee O'Connor and Oonagh Kelly signalled a Roscommon revival. Healy's penalty goal in the 53rd minute would prove crucial, however, as Longford claimed more national silverware.

The All-Ireland Minor A Final was played on the August Bank Holiday Monday at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park in Tullamore, and broadcast live by TG4. Katie Quirke scored 1-7 and Cork were crowned champions with victory over Monaghan, on a 4-11 to 1-8 scoreline. Cork, beaten finalists in 2018, were playing in their sixth straight decider and showed their experience as they took a 2-5 to 0-5 lead into half-time. Cork had avenged their 2018 final defeat in the semi-final against Galway, with Quirke grabbing a deserved goal before the finish, and she was again the key player in the Final against Monaghan, who were gracing this stage for the first time in 20 years. Monaghan had seen off the challenge of Meath at the semi-final stage but Cork would prove a bridge too far for the Farney County. Fiona Keating (2-1) and Faye Aherne (1-0) were other key contributors to the scoreboard for Cork on Final day but Monaghan will have learned so much from this experience. In a year when Monaghan were relegated from Division 1 of the Lidl National League, and struggled in the provincial and All-Ireland Senior Championships, the sight of a Minor team reaching the All-Ireland A Final will have come as a much-needed boost for the county as thoughts turn very much to the future.

Post Primary Schools

It was another memorable year for our Post-Primary Schools competitions, and history was made when we streamed the Lidl All-Ireland Senior A Post-Primary Schools Final between Loreto, Clonmel, and the winners, Scoil Chríost Rí from Portlaoise. This stream was part of our overall commitment to enhanced visibility of our games in 2019, with the Senior A Final forming a key part of these plans.

Prior to addressing the PPS season on the fields of play, it would be remiss of me not to pay tribute to the teachers in our Primary and Post-Primary schools for their unwavering support, enthusiasm, dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to going above and beyond the call of duty in the promotion of our game. These are the people who provide our young players with the opportunity to hone the skills of Ladies Gaelic Football in their schools. I also pay tribute to our Provincial administrators and our various schools committee. They put in so much work to ensure that our competitions are run off in a timely fashion. They are the unsung heroes who provide the platform for our schools players to showcase their talents in the various competitions and blitzes that are held throughout the season. Our PPS competitions hold a special and coveted place in our calendar. They remain hugely important to us, and will continue to do so. These competitions are where we see the young stars of tomorrow take their fledging steps, where many of them are exposed to competitive football for the very first time. This is the environment in which our game continues to grow at grassroots level and it's imperative that our sport is available to these young players. Once again, our National League sponsors and Official Retail Partner, Lidl, threw considerable support behind the PPS competitions. They have plans to further enhance

their sponsorship of the PPS competitions in 2020, and streaming that aforementioned 2019 Senior A Final, which reached a wide audience, was a significant step forward.

The 2019 Post Primary Schools competitions commenced with the annual Interprovincials, held at Coralstown/Kinnegad, Westmeath, in January. Ulster's hopes of three-in-a-row were dashed as Munster secured a narrow one-point victory, to claim their first crown since 2016. An impressive Munster team won all three of their round games, before earning a 1-4 to 1-3 victory over Ulster to win the Cup Final. Leinster, meanwhile, took home the Shield for the first time since 2016, as they ran out 1-5 to 0-2 winners over Connacht. In the Cup Final, Ellen Baker found the net with a crucial penalty goal for Munster, and they were 1-3 to 0-2 in front at half-time. Eimear Smyth scored a second half goal for Ulster but it wasn't enough as Munster held on. In the Shield decider, Wexford's Sarah Harding Kenny scored the decisive goal, while Erone Fitzpatrick, Emma Duggan, Hazel McLoughlin and Orlagh Lally raised white flags for Leinster.

The Lidl Post Primary Schools All-Ireland competitions often produce some of the most memorable football of the entire year, with big crowds present to cheer on the competing schools. We saw some magnificent football once again across the various grades, with the Senior A Final contested by Scoil Chríost Rí from Portlaoise in county Laois and Loreto, Clonmel, from Tipperary. This was a super game, played in Callan and streamed Live on our Facebook Page. Aoife Hyland-Conlon was superb in goal for Scoil Chríost Rí, as they claimed a 3-10 to 2-10 victory. This was a repeat of the 2018 semi-final as SCR turned the tables on Loreto, who finished as Senior A runners-up for a second successive year. At half-time, SCR were 2-3 to 0-6 in front and they would hold on for the victory, with Laois player Erone Fitzpatrick lifting the cup.

At Senior B Level, glory went to St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone. They defeated Galway's Coláiste Bhaile Chláir by 2-7 to 1-8 in a cracking Final, played at Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada, Carrick-on-Shannon. Orlagh Gavin's Player of the Match display propelled St Patrick's Academy to the title on an afternoon laced with emotion. Full-forward Gavin scored 1-6 after a minute's silence before throw-in to honour the memories of the three teenagers who died in the St Patrick's night tragedy in Cookstown. Connor Currie and Morgan Barnard were both students at St Pat's, while Lauren Bullock was a student at St Patrick's College, also in Dungannon. At full-time, it was clear to see how much this victory meant to St Pat's, who claimed a very first Senior B crown in front of a vocal crowd.

In the Senior C Final, it proved a case of third time lucky for Mercy SS, Ballymahon, Co. Longford. They beat St Mary's High School from Middleton in county Cork, running out 4-13 to 1-9 winners in Banagher. Clodagh Lohan's hat-trick of goals helped Mercy SS to victory, with the team including several members of the side that lost the All-Ireland U-16 final back in 2017, while they had also missed out on the Leinster senior title in 2018. They were determined to make 2019 their year and crowned it with a brilliant display in the final. Westmeath's Sarah Dillon was immense for the Longford school, scoring 1-9, while Lohan's three goals were also pivotal.

At Junior A level, St Catherine's College from Armagh defeated Galway's Coláiste Bhaile Chláir in the Final by 3-4 to 2-3. Having won a Senior-Junior double in 2018, Coláiste Bhaile Chláir, unfortunately from their point of view, lost both of the Finals they contested in 2019. However, they should be commended for not resting on their laurels following that success from a year previously, and they are now a consistent force to be reckoned with at Senior and Junior level. An unbeaten season was capped off brilliantly by St Catherine's as they captured the Junior A crown in Mohill. After racing into an early lead, thanks to goals from Eva Lamb and Hannah Duffy, Coláiste Bhaile Chláir got back on level terms after the break, but it was the Ulster champions that ground out the result in a low scoring second half. Casey Mullan was a constant threat for St Catherine's and her display earned her the Player of the Match award.

In the Junior B Final, played at Glennon Brothers Pearse Park in Longford, Westmeath's Moate Community School got the better of Monaghan opponents Coláiste Oiriall on a 6-11 to 2-10 scoreline.

Moate produced a glittering display that saw them bag six goals, with corner-forward Shannon Mulvihill producing a Player of the Match display. However, this was a tremendous team performance from Moate, even though it was Coláiste Oiriall who got off to the better start. The concession of goals would prove their undoing, as Mulvihill netted early for Moate. Coláiste Oiriall did draw level but two goals in a minute from the winners rocked the Monaghan girls back on their heels. Moate, the first Westmeath school to win an All-Ireland PPS Junior title, had goals from Megan Clinton and Annie Heavin to hand them a 3-0 to 0-3 lead. The lead moved out to eight points but Coláiste Oiriall, who had Hollie Nic Uaid in excellent form at centre forward, refused to lie down, battling back to within a point. Moate responded to lead by 4-7 to 2-6 at the break and, just like they did in the first half, the winners struck for two second half goals in the blink of an eye to ensure victory.

There was a close game in the Junior C Final, with Cashel Community School from Tipperary winning by 3-8 to 3-6 against Wexford's FCJ Bunclody. A stunning second-half comeback saw





Cashel CS claim the title at St Molleran's, Carrickbeg. Playing with the aid of the wind in the opening half, FCJ Bunclody raced into a seven-point interval lead thanks to goals from Caoimhe Jordan, Aoife Mahon and Katie Bates, but it wasn't enough to wrap up the win. Cashel CS stormed back into contention when Alessia Mazzola fired her second goal shortly after the restart, while six unanswered points and Cashel's third goal scored by Anna Fahie gave the Tipperary girls the lead for the first time. Orlagh Kehoe pointed for Bunclody in the closing stages as they sought to reel in their opponents, but in the end the clock beat them and the title win was confirmed for Cashel.

Féile Peil na nÓg

With 358 teams competing in over 100 venues, and the best part of 10,000 young athletes taking part, the John West Féile Peil na nÓg is an event like very few others. It got underway in June all over Connacht, with Ladies Football teams competing across ten divisions. All involved worked hard to ensure that they put their best foot forward over the course of three days, with families and footballers descending upon the various parishes and homes coming away with memories to last a lifetime.

When the dust settled, all four provinces, New York and USGAA, ensured a fine spread of winners from across the 12 different counties.

Claregalway took Division 1 Cup honours for the third time, with a first success since 2011, while teams from Cork, Clare, Tyrone, Mayo, Longford, Roscommon, Antrim, Kilkenny, Wicklow, Sligo, Dublin, Derry, New York and USGAA were also in joyous form after they also claimed Féile successes.

In an entertaining Division 1 decider, Claregalway from Galway pushed Clontarf all the way, before recording a 1-2 to 0-0 victory over the Dublin side in front of a large crowd at the Connacht GAA Centre of Excellence. 12 months after claiming Cup honours, Cork's Éire Óg captured the Division 1 Shield title with a 5-6 to 0-1 win over Sarsfields, Kildare in the decider, also in Beken.

New York captain Ciara McDermott lifted the Division 2 Cup, after a 2-3 to 1-3 final win over Carryduff. The Banner from Clare were crowned Division 2 Shield winners, following a 3-9 to 2-2 win over Killeavy St Moninna of Armagh in the final.

Carrickmore St. Colmcilles from Tyrone edged an entertaining Division 3 Cup final by 1-5 to 0-7 against Cooley Kickhams of Louth at the Connacht GAA Centre. Carnacon from Mayo took Division 3 Shield honours, with a 4-4 to 1-2 win over Galway opponents Loughrea.

It was a case of double celebration for Clonguish Óg, as the Longford side claimed both girls and boys All-Ireland Féile success at the weekend. The girls team captured the Division 4 Cup title, with a 2-3 to 0-4 win over Limerick side Knockainey in the decider. St. Brigid's from Roscommon, meanwhile, were crowned Division 4 Shield champions, after a strong start helped them to a 1-5 to 0-2 win over Ballinasloe in the final.

Division 5 Cup honours went to Gort na Mona from Antrim, after a 1-1 to 0-2 win over Clan na nGael, Roscommon, in Clonberne. The Shield champions came from the same round robin group, with Dunnamaggin taking honours. The Kilkenny side were 3-3 to 1-1 winners over Clonmel Commercials from Tipperary in the decider, also in Clonberne.

Blessington took Division 6 (Wicklow) Cup honours, thanks to a 2-9 to 1-3 final win over Michael Glavey's, Roscommon. Galbally Pearses (Tyrone) took the Division 6 Shield title, with a 3-5 to 0-4 win over Mayo's Kiltimagh in the final in Mountbellew.

Bray Emmets (Wicklow) were crowned Division 7 Cup champions, with a 1-3 to 1-2 win over Rathcoffey (Kildare). Aghaloo O'Neills took Division 7 Shield honours with them to Tyrone, after a 2-6 to 0-6 over Lamh Dhearg of Antrim in the final.

Nothing could separate Roscommon Gaels and Derry side Ballinascreen in the Division 8 Cup decider, so the title was shared, after the final score finished Roscommon Gaels 2-6 Ballinascreen 1-9. The fairest decision was to share the title, with a toss of a coin deciding on who was going to keep the cup for the first six months with Roscommon Gaels winning the toss.

Sligo sides dominated in Divisions 8 to 10, with Shield silverware in Division 8 going Eoghan Rua's way, after a 5-4 to 3-0 win over St Ciaran's Roscommon in the final. In Division 9, CT Gaels took Cup honours with a 4-6 to 4-1 win over Cavan side Cornafean in the final, while the Shield went to St. Ultans of Meath who had a 1-2 to 0-2 win over St. Jude's of Dublin.

In Division 10, shared cup success went to St John's Sligo, who had a 3-3 to 2-6 for Delco Gaels of Philadelphia in the final. Shield honours also stayed in Sligo, as Drumcliffe/Rosses Point beat fellow Sligo club Owenmore Gaels by 5-7 to 3-3 in the final.

Congratulations, also, to the 26 LGFA John West Féile na n-Óg Skill Stars Competitors who competed in The National Skills Star Challenge which took at the National Games Development Centre in Abbotstown, Dublin. There was a remarkable three-way tie in the

Ladies Football section of the John West Féile Peile na n-Óg Skills Star challenge. Congratulations to Aoife Ní Cheallaigh, representing Mullaghbawn in county Armagh, Niamh King, who hails from Castlewellan in county Down, and Lucy Watters from Mattock Rangers in Louth, who all finished level on 70 points.

Well done to all of our participants, who represented themselves, their families, clubs and counties with distinction in Abbotstown.

TG4 All-Ireland Finals Weekend

50,141 was a record figure for our TG4 All-Ireland Finals Day in 2018 and the question was: would that figure be exceeded in 2019? The answer was an emphatic 'yes' as 56,114 spectators flocked through the Croke Park turnstiles on September 15, despite some inclement weather conditions.

Our TG4 All-Ireland Finals weekend is in many ways the cornerstone of our year. It's a central weekend on our calendar when, in many ways, we get to shout about everything that makes our sport the wonderful game that it is. Our annual All-Ireland Club 7s were held once again at Naomh Mearnóg and St Sylvester's GAA Clubs on Saturday, September 14, the eve of TG4 All-Ireland Finals day. This day was another spectacular success and we had another huge number of entries. This is a day marked into the calendar by so many clubs from the start of the year and the enthusiasm with which the All-Ireland Club 7's is embraced is something I expect to last long into the future.

As it transpired, Emyvale claimed their third All-Ireland Senior 7's title following a hectic day of action. The Monaghan club delivered their first success since 2015, following a 10-6 to 1-10 final win over The Banner from Clare, who had collected the previous two titles, and beaten Emyvale in the 2018 Final. Emyvale booked



their place in their fourth decider in five years, after accounting for Donaghmoyny by 4-4 to 3-6 in an all-Monaghan semi-final. The Banner also had a point to spare in their last-four encounter, on a 2-7 to 3-3 score-line against Westport from Mayo. Captain Ciara McAnespie fired five goals for Emyvale in the final, including two in the opening half, as her side led by 5-4 to 1-5 at the break. Claregalway retained the Senior Shield title, in a titanic encounter, with a 1-16 to 3-9 win over Bryansford after extra-time in the Final.

Abbeyside became the first Waterford club to claim the Intermediate Cup title since 2002, with a 10-8 to 2-2 win over Templemore in the Final.

Elsewhere, O'Neill Shamrocks ensured Intermediate Shield honours were going to Monaghan for the first time, thanks to a 5-4 to 1-8 final win over John Mitchels from Liverpool.

Junior Championship success went to Cork side Douglas, after a slender 5-10 to 6-6 final win over Grattan of Longford. Naomh Columba, Donegal were crowned Junior Shield champions, after beating 2018 champions Ballyboughal, Dublin, by 5-9 to 3-7 in the decider.

While the adult sevens were taking place in Portmarnock, Kilmacud Crokes were hosting the U14 Sevens in Stillorgan. St Ergnat's of Moneyglass retained the U14 All-Ireland Sevens Cup title with a 6-2 to 1-5 final win over Kilcullen from Kildare at Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club. Castleblayney took Plate honours, following a 3-5 to 2-3 final win over Omagh St. Enda's in the final.

That night, and with the support of Lidl and the LGFA, TG4 broadcast a special television programme to celebrate the 2019 All-Ireland Ladies Football Finals 'Ceiliúradh LGFA le Lidl', presented by Gráinne McElwain, aired on Saturday evening and it visited all six counties playing in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior All-Ireland Ladies Football Finals. 'Ceiliúradh LGFA le Lidl' featured a number of musical acts and interviews with players, managers and families, with some great videos put together to mark the weekend. Former players reflected on this year's Championship and on the games due to take place on the following day. It was a show that really whetted the appetite for what was to follow.

As TG4 All-Ireland Finals Day approached, there was a feeling within our offices that we would go close to attracting another record attendance to Croke Park. I detected a mood of excitement as the big day drew ever closer, and sales numbers were increasing on a daily basis. Once ticket sales were opened up to the upper tiers of the stands in Croke Park, we knew that we were on the right track.

When game day finally came around, the atmosphere was really special. Half-time arrived in the Senior Final and it was over to Marty Morrissey pitch side to reveal the wonderful news that yes, we had done it. A new record crowd of 56,114 was present. Bearing in mind that Ladies Football is an amateur sport, it was a quite staggering and emotional moment when Marty announced that the 2019 figure had topped that of 12 months previously, by 5,973, or almost 12 per cent.

The quality of the Senior Final was certainly affected by persistent rain and slippery underfoot conditions, with the worst of the weather seeming to strike at this time of the day however there was some excellent defensive skills on display with neither team willing to give an inch. The Junior and Intermediate games were of good quality, with Louth getting the better of Fermanagh to atone for their Junior Final defeat to Limerick in 2018. In the Intermediate decider, the honours went to Tipperary, who were also Intermediate winners in 2017. The scene was set, then, for the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Senior Football Final between Dublin and Galway. It was a low-scoring game as Dublin emerged victorious to win the Brendan Martin Cup for a third successive year.

As it was in 2017 and 2018, it was left to Dublin captain Sinéad Aherne to hoist the silverware aloft. A glance at 'trending' themes on social media indicated that the game was hugely popular among users of social media, with people interacting in their droves, particularly on our Twitter and Instagram platforms. The Championship hashtag #ProperFan trended heavily throughout the day, and the significance of Dublin's three-in-a-row achievements captured the media attention. The front and back pages of the Monday morning newspapers, and many more pages inside, reflected the magnitude of the day and some of the wonderful photographs on those pages helped to capture the magic of TG4 All-Ireland Finals Day. The media coverage in general was really strong. RTÉ Radio 1 brought their Sunday Sport team to Croke Park for the afternoon, and full live commentary from the Senior Final was aired. TG4 also broadcast the three Finals to a huge audience and there was unprecedented interest in tickets for the Media Box on Level 7 of the Hogan Stand.

On the following Monday morning, and with the dust settling on the big day, Dublin's victorious team fulfilled the duties of TG4 All-Ireland Senior Champions by making the traditional visits to the Crumlin and Temple Street Children's Hospitals, with the Brendan Martin Cup in tow. Once again, the winners were granted a warm welcome at both venues, with staff and patients alike on hand to mingle with the Champions and have their photographs taken. RTÉ and Virgin Media both sent news crews to the event, another example of the growing attraction of our sport, and the interest that accompanies the All-Ireland Champions.

On a wider scale, the TG4 All-Ireland Finals are now regarded as an event that families target on an annual basis, irrespective of where you hail from. Ticket sales from right across the country, not just from the participating counties, were indicative of this. The day itself, despite the weather conditions, provided the colour, atmosphere and magic that we have become accustomed to. Fans descending upon Croke Park collected their TG4 flags and proudly waved them inside the stadium. For others on their way in, there was the chance to enjoy the Lidl Family village and our decorated Hill 16 looked resplendent once again, providing a smashing backdrop of colour representing the competing counties.

Spectators had the chance to witness three TG4 All-Ireland Finals in the flesh, and it was also a memorable day for our Gaelic4Mothers&Others and U10 teams who had the chance to grace the hallowed sod at half-time in our exhibition games.



Sunday, September 15, 2019, will be fondly remembered as another ground-breaking day for our Association, and female sport in Ireland. We continued the tradition of honouring the great players from 25 years ago and it was the turn of 1995 Finalists Waterford and Monaghan to enjoy their day at Croke Park. It was a lovely occasion with great players of the past reminiscing on their times as intercounty players and recalling the great adventures they had. It was with great sadness, a few short months later, that we learned of the passing of Patricia Butler, a member of that Waterford team honoured at Croke Park.

The promotion afforded to our All Ireland Championships from TG4 and Lidl is exceptional and they have really supported us to break attendance records year on year at this stage but I must commend our own Association also for the time and effort put into these campaigns. The #ProperFan campaign has become synonymous with our sport and last year we commissioned several videos throughout the championship urging our members, and potential fans, to attend our games and these videos went viral throughout the summer. Many will remember young Gráinne from Mayo in one of our videos aspiring to be like her heroes and then getting surprised by her father with tickets to the TG4 finals or the memories piece with Marie Crotty and Brenda McAnespie reminiscing of All Irelands they were involved in. These are all concepts we have devised and brought to life ourselves as part of the #ProperFan campaign and there are moments of extreme pride when you hear the attendance figures being read out on finals day knowing the results of some of the small thoughts and ideas discussed at our own meetings have helped to make this happen. Together we can achieve so much more.

HEC

The 2019 Gourmet Food Parlour HEC Ladies Football Third-Level Championships were launched in January at GFP's Northwood (Santry) outlet – with a record number of teams and players getting ready to compete. The Ladies Gaelic Football Association's Higher Education Committee (HEC) saw its membership break the 1900 barrier for the first time, with 38 colleges represented by 57 teams in League and Championship. The stunning growth of Ladies Football in Third-Level Colleges coincided with Gourmet Food Parlour's sponsorship of the Ladies HEC Leagues and Championships. This was Gourmet Food Parlour's second year working alongside the LGFA, with GFP sponsoring the prestigious O'Connor Cup, as well as the O'Connor Shield. Gourmet Food Parlour are also title sponsors of the Giles, Lynch, Moynihan, Donaghy and Lagan Cups.

The race was on to succeed Dublin City University as Gourmet Food Parlour O'Connor Cup Champions. On International Women's Day, Friday March 8, four colleges would battle it out for coveted spots in the 2019 GFP O'Connor Cup Final. Abbotstown hosted both semi-finals as University College Dublin (UCD) took on University College Cork (UCC) at 3pm, followed by the meeting of University of Limerick (UL) and Queen's University Belfast (QUB). Over two eagerly-anticipated days, silverware would be handed out to the O'Connor, Giles, Lynch, Moynihan, Donaghy and Lagan Cup winners, while the O'Connor Shield Final was also down for decision on Friday evening, with DCU, who won the O'Connor Cup in 2018, aiming for the Shield title against NUI Galway, having fallen short in their bid to reach the semi-finals this time.

DCU won the Shield Final and all eyes were now on the race to succeed them as O'Connor Cup champions. In the first semi-final, UCD won by 2-7 to 1-9 against UCC in a cliffhanger, with Andrea Murphy's goal, two minutes from time, sending Conor Barry's team through to a first O'Connor Cup Final since 2016. Three-time champions UCC looked set to reach the decider when Niamh Cotter's goal 11 minutes after the restart put them four points clear, but substitute Chloe Foxe hit the net for UCD to give them hope and Murphy finished the job as the clock neared 60 minutes. In the other semi-final, University of Limerick were too good for Queen's University, Belfast. The team managed by DJ Collins won by 7-16 to 2-9, with Tipperary's Roisin Howard scoring three goals, and Kerry's Hannah O'Donoghue chipping in with a brace. Captain Eimear Scally was also to the fore for the 2018 runners-up with 1-9 as her side pulled clear in a dominant second half to set up a repeat of the 2016 final with UCD.

In the Final, UL got the better of UCD on a 2-16 to 1-10 scoreline, handing them the trophy for a record 12th time in Grangegorman. This was a stunning performance from UL, in one of the best games of football in 2019. They defended rigidly, attacked at pace and showed excellent fitness levels to power to the win against the wind in the second half. Áine McDonagh kept UCD in touch with six points and substitute Chloe Foxe hit the net with a couple of minutes remaining, but there was no beating UL after this display. Hannah O'Donoghue was Player of the Match on a day when Eimear Scally scored 0-7 and had the honour of lifting the O'Connor Cup as captain.

In the Giles Cup Final, it was very much the Aimee Mackin show as the Armagh star scored 2-11 in a 2-17 to 1-9 victory for Ulster University, Jordanstown, against Waterford IT. The 2018 Lynch Cup Champions made the step up to the Giles Cup with considerable ease and they made the most of the strong wind in the first half to build up an insurmountable half-time lead. The Lynch Cup went to competition hosts TU Dublin, who got the better of Garda College in the Final. Congratulations also to Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT), Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) and Ulster University Magee (UUM), who won the Moynihan, Donaghy and Lagan Cups respectively.

The 2019 Freshers Tournament was hosted by University of Limerick in October. 32 teams from 16 Colleges participated, with three cups up for grabs. Colleges battled it out for silverware in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior grades over the course of what was a memorable day of football, despite some dreadful weather. DCU stopped UL's bid for six in a row as the side managed by Peter Clarke and Pat Ring fended off the hosts in the Final to claim the Gourmet Food Parlour All-Ireland Senior Freshers title. DCU had TG4 All-Ireland winners Niamh Hetherton (Dublin) and Anna Rose Kennedy (Tipperary) in their ranks, with Kennedy lifting the silverware after a 2-4 to 1-1 victory. In the Intermediate section, UL (3) ensured that the host college would have a title after they defeated Munster rivals Waterford IT (WIT) in the final. It was a great win considering that UL (3) were bottom of their group after the initial stages. In the most competitive section of all, TUD Blanchardstown took the honours in the Junior grade, after 39 games were played. In the

battle of the Dublin teams in the Final, it was the team with "infinite possibilities" on the back of their jerseys that completed the double over DCU, accounting for DCU (3) in the decider, having already beaten DCU (4) in the group stages.

I would once again like to commend the hard-working HEC committee for the work they continue to do on behalf of our Association. Our third-level competitions continue to be a huge success year on year and spectators turning out for O'Connor Cup weekend are always treated to some top-class fare, with so many inter-county stars on show. I compliment the HEC committee, chaired by Donal Barry and with DJ Collins as a hard-working secretary, for their sterling efforts over the past year. DJ has announced that he is stepping down from the position of HEC secretary this year and I want to thank him most sincerely for his tremendous work and commitment to the higher education sector over the past 9 years. Under his leadership the HEC has developed and grown with record numbers of colleges and students participating at various grades. The structures he has put in place over this time mean that we now have vibrant third level competitions and it is very important that the right person is identified to take on the role that DJ has done so professionally over 9 years.

While the LGFA has had an even greater involvement in the HEC operations in recent years through support from head office we do not have the resources to take on all the secretarial work. Aislinn Harkin has assisted with the running of the various competitions and having Gourmet Food Parlour as title sponsors for the HEC Leagues and Championships is a huge positive.

TG4 All Star Awards

The TG4 All Star night, in association with Lidl, was another wonderful evening. Some of the players present had All-Ireland Club Finals to look forward to on the following weekend but they still made the effort to attend TG4 All Star night, and we thank them for that at a time when they could be forgiven for having their minds elsewhere. The Citywest Hotel hosted our TG4 All Star Awards night once again and we had close to 1000 people gathered together, as Marty Morrissey and Dáithí Ó Sé ran the show once again, bringing their unique mixture of fun and professionalism to proceedings.

There were many fantastic acts who performed and entertained us throughout the night, from The Arís Choir, the ever-popular Galway Tenors, the Klix Irish Dancers, Lisa McHugh and Leah Barnville. A big highlight of the night for many was the presence of Paul Harrington and Gerry McGettigan on stage, as the duo performed their song that won the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest – Rock 'n' Roll Kids. The TG4 All Star night is not just a celebration of our fantastic players but it's now a firmly established event that we believe ranks right up there with anything in the country.

Our 15 All Stars were thrilled to be honoured and we welcomed a new inductee into our Hall of Fame, Christina Heffernan from Mayo, a four-time TG4 All-Ireland Senior medallist and 7-time All Star recipient. The night also saw our four Provincial Young Players of the Year receive their awards, along with the three Players' Player



of the Year awards in the junior, intermediate and senior grades. At this point, I'd like to thank our dedicated All-Star Committee who select the nominees and the winners. Of course, there will always be people who don't agree with their final decisions but I can assure you that hours upon hours of analysis and discussion are boiled down before the Final winners are decided upon. There is often heated debate among the committee members, who have attended numerous games throughout the year while also studying the relevant footage to hand.

I would like to congratulate our 15 All-Star winners and this was a night when Dublin, the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Champions, led the way with seven representatives on the 2019 TG4 Ladies Football All Star team. Dublin's haul matches their all-time best of seven players on the annual selection, which was also achieved in 2018. Dublin's night was capped by Siobhán McGrath's receipt of the Senior Players' Player of the Year award. This was the third consecutive year a Dublin player won the individual award, following Noelle Healy in 2017 and Sinéad Aherne in 2018. Siobhán was a worthy winner this time and her consistency throughout the entire campaign was duly recognised. The Intermediate Players' Player of the Year award went to Tipperary's Aishling Moloney, while Fermanagh's Eimear Smyth received the Junior honour. These individual awards are voted for by the players themselves and to be recognised by your peers in this fashion must provide a sense of intense personal satisfaction.

The Provincial Young Players of the Year were also honoured. The Connacht winner was Galway's Ellen Power, while Ciara Smyth from Meath scooped the Leinster award. In Munster, Cork's Eimear

O'Donovan was the 2019 recipient while Cavan's Saoirse Kiernan claimed the Ulster award. We look forward to seeing a lot more of these talented young players in the years to come.

For the third successive year, we carried Facebook Live from the Red Carpet in advance of the banquet. I extend a special word of thanks to our Commercial and Communications Manager Jackie Cahill for his work in organising this event, along with the TG4 social media team. Gráinne McElwain was host for the evening and the TG4 Score of the Season award winner was Mayo's Niamh Kelly. Niamh was unable to attend on the night but her mother, Breda, accepted the award from LGFA President, Marie Hickey. Thanks to our players who took time out of their evenings to be interviewed and they came across brilliantly on camera.

Awards

Team achievements are rightly celebrated but so too are the individual honours received by our players. The TG4 All Star awards night celebrate the cream of the crop on an annual basis but we also celebrate our Player of the Month award winners, thanks to our partners at The Croke Park (Hotel). I would like to thank The Croke Park sincerely for their continued support of this initiative, and I know that these awards mean a huge amount to the players who receive them.

The first monthly winner for 2019 was Armagh's Aimee Mackin in March. Aimee was honoured for some sparkling displays during the month of March, with Armagh comfortably progressing to the Division 2 semi-finals in the Lidl National League. In three games

in March, Aimee scored a combined total of 3-23 in the games against Tyrone, Clare and Kerry. Aimee was also superb for her college Ulster University Jordanstown in their march to the Gourmet Food Parlour Giles Cup title. In the GFP Giles Cup Final victory over Waterford IT at TU Grangegorman, Aimee scored 2-11 of UUJ's 2-17 as they claimed the win. Moving on to April, the winner was Fermanagh's Eimear Smyth, who would go on to win the TG4 Junior Players' Player of the Year award. Eimear was excellent for Fermanagh as they reached the Lidl National League Division 4 Final, a game they would win. Honours in May went to Cork's Orla Finn, who scored five points in the Lidl National League Division 1 Final victory over Galway, bringing her competition tally to a massive 1-55. Orla also scored 11 points as Cork began their TG4 Munster Championship campaign with victory over Waterford in the round-robin stages.

Our June winner was Donegal's brilliant forward Geraldine McLaughlin, who was in excellent form for her county in their successful TG4 Ulster Senior Championship defence. Leading overall scorer in the 2018 TG4 Senior Championship, Geraldine collected 2-4 in the opening round victory over Tyrone before adding 0-11 in the Ulster semi-final against Cavan. And when Donegal claimed the three-in-a-row in Ulster against Armagh, Geraldine contributed 2-4, with all but a point coming from play.

Moving on to July, Mayo's Grace Kelly was recognised for her performances during the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship qualifiers. In Mayo's first Group 4 outing against Tyrone, Grace scored 1-3, including two pointed frees, as Peter Leahy's team claimed a crucial 3-14 to 3-11 victory over Tyrone. Grace followed that up with a haul of 0-8, including four from placed balls, in a Player-of-the-Match display against Ulster Champions Donegal in Tullamore.

In August, Meath's progression to the TG4 All-Ireland Intermediate Final saw their teenage star Emma Duggan claim the monthly award. Emma scored 3-2, including two pointed frees, in Meath's quarter-final victory over Wexford, before adding 1-5, including a penalty goal and two pointed frees, as Eamon Murray's charges defeated Roscommon in the semi-finals at Nowlan Park. Emma was in scintillating form for Meath throughout the year, and she scored a remarkable personal haul of 3-6, including 3-3 from play, when the Royals defeated Dublin in the Leinster Minor A Championship.

In September, Dublin forward Lyndsey Davey was honoured with The Croke Park/LGFA Player of the Month award. Long-serving Lyndsey, from the Skerries Harps club, was rewarded for a Player of the Match performance against Galway in the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Final. Lyndsey sparked in difficult conditions as the Sky Blues lifted the Brendan Martin Cup for a third successive season.

In October, exciting young forward Lauren Garland received the monthly award. Lauren produced a series of fantastic displays for her club Donaghmoyne from Monaghan, as they retained their Ulster Senior Championship title. In the Provincial Final victory over Donegal opponents Termon, Lauren scored two points, including a crucial late effort to put her side in front, as Donaghmoyne ran out two-point winners.

Our monthly awards for 2019 concluded in November, when we were delighted to announce Cork legend Rena Buckley as the winner. Rena sparked for Donoughmore as they landed the All-Ireland Junior Club Championship title on November 24. During the month of November, 32-year-old Rena was in superb form, scoring a combined 1-13 in the All-Ireland semi-final and Final. As Donoughmore advanced past the challenge of Meath and Leinster Champions Navan O'Mahonys at the All-Ireland semi-final stage, Rena collected a personal haul of 1-6. On All-Ireland Final day, seven points from Rena helped to see off the spirited challenge of Mayo opponents MacHale Rovers in front of a bumper crowd at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe. Victory for Donoughmore handed Rena a 21st All-Ireland medal, and her third at club level.

The Lidl Ladies National Football Teams of the League were announced in May with players on each of the four divisional teams chosen by the LGFA's All Star committee. The Division 1 team contained players representing five counties with Cork leading the way with seven players. Beaten finalists Galway had four players honoured, 2018 winners Dublin had two players included, while Donegal and Tipperary had one player each on the prestigious 15.

Champions Waterford lead the way in the Division 2 selection, with seven players included. Runners-up Kerry had two players named while there are also two players from Cavan and one each from Wexford, Tyrone, Armagh and Clare included in the Division 2 Team of the League.

On the Division 3 team, champions Meath had six players named. Runners-up Sligo had three players on the team, as did Longford, while players from Roscommon, Kildare and Wicklow are also included.

The Division 4 team included four players from newly-crowned champions Fermanagh. Runners-up Antrim piped Fermanagh on the Team of the League, with five Saffrons chosen, while there were three players on the team from semi-finalists Limerick. The other beaten semi-finalists, Louth, had two players on the Division 4 Team of the League, while Carlow had one player included. The players received their awards at a function in Croke Park on Friday evening, May 31.

Thanks also to Lidl and the Irish Daily Star, who are co-sponsors of the Manager of the Month awards. The February award was claimed by Carlow's Gerry McGill, while Meath's Eamon Murray was honoured in March. Galway's Tim Rabbitt was the April winner, while Waterford's Ciaran Curran scooped the award for May after the Déise landed the Lidl NFL Division 2 crown and promotion to Division 1. The overall Lidl/Irish Daily Star Manager of the League award went to Cork's Ephie Fitzgerald, who steered the county to Division 1 glory.

Friday, March 8, was also a very special day for Dublin's Kathleen Colreavy and her family. Kathleen was awarded the GAA President's Ladies Gaelic Football award for 2019, wonderful recognition for her services to her beloved Naomh Mearnóg and Dublin. This was a huge honour for Kathleen, and very well-deserved.

In 2019, the LGFA Volunteer of the Year awards were held for the third time. Administrators, coaches and media were among those honoured at these awards, which were presented at Croke Park on February 21st 2020. A winner from each of the ten categories was selected from the huge number of entries received. The School Coach of the Year was Ciara Marley (St Catherine's, Armagh), while our Young Volunteer of the Year went to Eoin Delaney (Crettyard, Laois). Local Journalist of the Year went to Ger McCarthy (Cork Evening Echo), while PRO of the Year went to John McDermott (Galway). George Leetch (St. Nathy's, Sligo) received Club Coach of the Year award and Club Committee Officer went to Shirley Doody (Kerins O'Rahillys, Kerry). The County/Provincial Officer of the Year went to Geraldine Heverin (Galway secretary). This year we also introduced The International Volunteer of the Year and the award went to Ciara Lane of Calgary Chieftains, Canada and were delighted that Ciara could travel to Ireland to accept her award. Our Overall Volunteer of the Year, who received the Lulu Carroll Award was Maggie Skelton from Tyrone and our Volunteer Hall of Fame award winner was Waterford's, Michael Ryan.

This was another hugely memorable evening at Croke Park, with Dáithí Ó Sé performing MC duties, and assisted from the floor by Jackie Cahill. These awards are now here to stay, and they are a fitting tribute to the lifeblood of our Association, our volunteers. Whittling down a huge number of entries to just a select few winners was once again an onerous task. Well done to all of our winners, and thanks to those who nominated them.

Communication

Communication is hugely important for our sport and I can't emphasise enough the importance of checking emails on a regular basis. Failing to do this could see you miss out on a piece of crucial information that will enable your units to function properly.

When communication is sent from head office to the designated points of contact on county boards, it often comes with an instruction to send on to other relevant individuals. However, it often remains the case that when an email is sent, it merely remains in an inbox without moving to where it should. This is often crucial information that needs to be disseminated to other officers and often clubs. I once again issue an appeal to officers receiving emails to study them thoroughly and share when necessary.

All staff, alongside provincial and county officers, have access to the system which provides them with an official LGFA email address, for example Secretary.county@lgfa.ie. We have found that this has assisted with the transfer of communication throughout these levels of the Association. We would urge that if you have any issues with using the email system, to contact LGFA offices at info@lgfa.ie

Marketing and Promotion

Increased media coverage and attention has been one of the key factors behind the rise of our sport in recent times. The more people know about our games, the greater the chance of attracting new fans and rising attendance levels.

There was another significant improvement in 2019, with social media activity in particular on the rise. It was particularly

encouraging to notice a greater number of counties engaging on match days, providing their growing numbers of followers with regular match updates, and often using the template provided from head office. Early in the year, our Commercial and Communications Manager Jackie Cahill visited the four provinces to deliver key messages. Some counties engaged, but many didn't and there was often a correlation in terms of the quality of social media output produced during the year.

Jackie also asked counties to send as much information as possible to him in relation to the promotion of games. If you want your games and counties promoted, it's incumbent upon you to provide the necessary and relevant information. There are various times of the year that can be targeted successfully, for example when team captains and squads are being announced. There might be a new captain for your county team, and it's always a worthwhile exercise to promote this. There might also be exciting new squad additions to our county team for the year to follow, or players who might previously have stepped away for various reasons returning. All of this is worthwhile and newsworthy information that can be sent to Jackie via the county board. The simple fact remains that some counties are better at promoting themselves than others. As I've stated, there have been significant improvements, but we can still do better. The 'staple diet' for social media remain Facebook and Twitter, the latter particularly for match updates, while Instagram remains a growing platform.

In 2019, the LGFA Facebook page passed through 61,000 followers, which represented a 15 per cent increase on the previous year. Our Twitter page reached 32,000 followers, a 15 per cent increase, while Instagram is now over 24,000 followers. When we researched annual growth late last year, it was revealed that the Instagram growth was up by a whopping 80 per cent. It's good to see that more and more counties are embracing the Instagram medium, and are seeing fast results in terms of followers.

Traffic to our official website was up by over 24 per cent from the period January-September 2019, when compared with the same timeframe in 2018. Our users increased to over 378,000, compared to 287,000 in 2018. These are excellent figures and indicate that there is an increasing appetite for content provided by the LGFA. Again, a quite simple tactic used was to post a story on our website, and then direct traffic to the website via social media posts. A simple tactic is to put a news story on your website, take the link from there, and post it on Facebook and Twitter.

Once again, I can't stress the importance of Twitter enough. Already this year, we have had instances of games taking place where both counties involved have not provided updates. This is hugely frustrating for followers who are looking for latest scores and results. Furthermore, there's a wider knock-on effect as media cannot access them either. We also have people dedicated to our own Twitter feed on matchdays and if there are no updates from your games, we can't let our followers know what is happening. We've also been told that the person in charge of the Twitter account couldn't be at the games for a variety of reasons. If that is the case, pass on the use of the account for the game to a trusted source, and I stress the word 'trusted' here. If you feel that it's necessary, then, change the

password on your account for increased security once the game has concluded and the social media work is done. There are also score apps that can be downloaded and use to upload the latest scores from games, which are most useful rather than having to copy and paste a previous tweet to update when another score happens. Users should also bear in mind to use social media in a correct and proper manner. Social media from a county board perspective should not under any circumstances be used as a vehicle for personal opinion.

Jackie Cahill remains available to chat to clubs and county boards about best practice on social media, and on general promotion and PR.

Sponsorship

We remain in a fortunate position in that we liaise and work alongside a number of fantastic sponsors. TG4 have been with us for 20 years, we are now into our fifth year of partnership with Lidl, and AIG came on board in 2019 as the LGFA's Official Insurance Partner. In addition, ORS Hydration Tablets, Gourmet Food Parlour, FitrWoman and The Croke Park (Hotel) are valued and significant partners and supporters of our Association. At club and inter-county level, it's great to see so many teams attracting new sponsors and retaining existing ones. It's a clear sign that our sport is an attractive proposition and a valuable property. There have been instances where we have assisted from head office with counties in their pursuit of sponsorship, successfully, and the wider appeal of women in sport, and LGFA to a large extent, is a source of great pride to us. With greater profile and awareness comes a desire for businesses and brands to team up with the LGFA and our units – and long may that continue to be the case.

2020 promises to be an exciting year as the 20x20 campaign continues in full swing, while this year also marks the 20th anniversary of our partnership with TG4, who first began broadcasting Championship fixtures in 2001. There's a huge synergy at play here as we also look forward to revealing the Team of the Decade from 2011-2020. Lidl continue to show #SeriousSupport and their new #SeriousSupport Programme aimed at Post-Primary Schools in 2019 received record levels of entries. As part of this programme, ten current or former county players were trained by Youth Sport Trust to act as athlete mentors for delivery in the schools. Since 2016, Lidl has invested heavily in our sport and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jay Wilson for all of his hard work with Lidl before moving on to pastures new.

Lidl have brought a huge amount of innovation with their sponsorship and they should be commended for this with programmes such as the #SeriousSupport Programme and One Good Club. It is disappointing and frustrating however to read the backlash on our social media pages following any of these announcements considering the support and profile they are giving to our sport. It must be noted that the increased profile they have afforded our game, alongside TG4, has made it possible for all counties to recruit sponsors and add value to what they are requesting from them. The Lidl sponsorship is not about a monetary gain but an increase in status for Ladies Gaelic Football enabling all 32 counties to progress. We strive to ensure that if there is a programme or initiative being provided in the 26 counties that we mirror this in the 6 counties for example the same schools programme is delivered as #LGFASupport Programme by the same athlete mentors and with the same resources.



We also worked tirelessly with the Northern Ireland Youth Forum to develop a mirrored youth mental health initiative in line with One Good Club and we are delighted to see this come to fruition. People need to remember that we are not experts in mental health, or some of these other topics, so it is essential that programmes on areas as important as this are partnered with experts in the field so it was essential to have the Northern Ireland Youth Forum on board in case further guidance or support is required by the clubs and we are delighted to partner with them on this and likewise with Jigsaw on the One Good Club as those organisations are the most important piece for both mirrored projects. Funding from our Lidl sponsorship has made sure that we can make these mirrored projects happen and I would ask that they are commended, and likewise with ourselves, for putting these in place for our members rather than being under scrutiny particularly from individuals in the six counties. We are a 32 county organisation with 4 provinces in the island of Ireland, plus our international units, and we value all our members and will continue to do so but people must realise that like other bodies, most companies who enter into sponsorship deals operate in separate jurisdictions with separate laws and regulations, as many of our previous sponsors have in the past. We need to look at the bigger picture these partnerships bring to our association and the benefits they bring to all our counties, directly or indirectly.

I would also like to thank JP Scally, Liam Casey, Sian Gray, Ciara Delaney, Claire Moran, Aoife Clarke, Tom Mughal and all of the team at Lidl who have strived to make this partnership beneficial to all of us. I wish Joe Mooney and Sarah Gordon the very best as they settle into their new roles with Lidl. This sponsorship continues to grow and evolve and I've no doubt that we will see more ground-breaking initiatives in the months and years to come.

Into its 20th year, our long-standing relationship with TG4 continues to thrive. At the 2019 TG4 All Star night, in association with Lidl, it was confirmed that the 2020 TG4 All Star Tour will visit Austin, Texas, in the United States, with the tour scheduled for March 31-April 8. TG4 and the LGFA have also confirmed that Ladies Football will feature in this year's reality TV show 'The Underdogs', the television series which is broadcast on TG4 each Autumn. Ladies Football featured on the Underdogs TV Series on three occasions in the past – in 2006 against Cork in Páirc Uí Rinn, in 2007 against the New York All Stars in Gaelic Park, Bronx, and against the London Ladies team in 2008 under lights at Sunbury, the home of London Irish.

2019 saw TG4 broadcast 17 Championship games on linear TV, the four Lidl National League Divisional Finals, the All-Ireland Senior Club Final, and the Gourmet Food Parlour O'Connor Cup Final, which went out on the Spórt TG4 YouTube Page. We also saw Rena Buckley (Cork) feature in the very successful Laochra Gael programme. TG4 have become synonymous with Ladies Gaelic Football since 2001 and have helped to take our sport to new and unprecedented levels. With such a large overseas population to cater for, and huge interest in our sport across the globe, it's great that TG4 has the capacity to provide global coverage. For our part, the LGFA streamed the four Senior Provincial Finals live on our Facebook page, with the Galway-Mayo replay at the Gaelic Grounds in Limerick also covered.

We were delighted to work alongside TG4 on the #TurnUpTurnOn campaign ahead of the historic All-Ireland Senior semi-finals at Croke Park on August 25. The message was that if you couldn't make it to the games, TG4 and the LGFA urged fans all over the country to Turn On TG4 and watch the matches LIVE on TV. We asked pubs, clubs, restaurants, hotels, other local businesses and homeowners all over Ireland and abroad to Turn on TG4 and tune in to watch the cream of the crop battle it out for the two coveted Final slots on offer. The response was impressive as our viewership figures for our All-Ireland Senior and Intermediate semi-finals grew significantly from 2018.

Working with TG4's Ardstiúrthóir Alan Esslemont has been an immensely positive experience. TG4 continues to flourish under Alan's astute stewardship. I'd also like to thank Rónán Ó Coisdealbha and his colleagues for their ongoing and vital support. In addition, I must also mention the great work of Lis Ní Dhálaigh, Stiúrthóir Margaíochta & Forbartha TG4, and the social media team that was very much at the top of its game in 2019 with the increasingly popular #properfan campaign.

Safeguarding

In 2019 LGFA received correspondence from Sport Ireland informing sports bodies that all training delivered must conform with the contents of the Sport Ireland training programmes.

Having met with Sport Ireland to discuss this issue we are happy to confirm that the LGFA/Gaelic Games Associations will continue to deliver our own child safeguarding workshops which are relevant to our needs and continue to comply with our legal requirements.

What does this now mean for our LGFA Clubs? Should a person present themselves to a club as a potential underage coach or be approached to take up such a role they will in accordance with our procedures have to be a registered member, vetted, must complete a minimum coaching qualification and must also complete Gaelic Games Child Safeguarding Training. They must complete these requirements prior to commencing any role with Children in our Association. Following our discussions with Sport Ireland all that has changed is that if a person attends their initial safeguarding training (Safeguarding 1) with another sports organisation or with a Local Sports Partnership, we continue to recognise this training and the individual will then complete their child safeguarding training requirements by undertaking the new Gaelic Games on-line refresher training programme. (outlined below). The new on-line training shall be completed by the individual within a time frame agreed with their Club. This agreement only applies to safeguarding training, as promoted by Sport Ireland, and is delivered by other sports bodies or LSPs. It does not apply to non-sports child safeguarding training.

As part of our joint approach to Child Safeguarding within the Gaelic Games Associations a new On-Line Child Safeguarding Programme was recently launched by the National Child Safeguarding Committee. The On-Line Safeguarding Programme addresses a long-standing request that we introduce easy to access training as a repeat or refresher programme for those who have



previously attended face to face child safeguarding training. The new on-line training programme is available free of charge. It is easy to access and contains the necessary information whether it is completed as a refresher programme or a requirement for those who have attended previous child safeguarding training with another Sports Association (NGB) or an LSP. Each participant of the on-line training programme may, following the successful completion of the programme, print their certificate of participation, which is valid for a three-year period, as is all child safeguarding training in the Gaelic Games Associations.

Please note that it is not permitted for any person to commence working with children in the LGFA without first completing the Gaelic Games Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshop (Safeguarding 1) or the new on-line Child Safeguarding Programme, as appropriate.

Through a network of dedicated Child Safeguarding Tutors we currently coordinate the delivery of 3 specific child safeguarding programmes; Safeguarding 1: Child Protection in Sport Awareness Training, Safeguarding 2: Children's Officer Training, Safeguarding 3: Designated Liaison Training Programme; for all of the Gaelic Games Associations. The range of training programmes will now also include the on-line safeguarding refresher programme.

Information on all Child Safeguarding Training Workshops in your County is available from your County Children's Officer. In addition to Safeguarding 1, 2 and 3 workshops we can also source a tutor for Clubs who wish to avail of the Tackling Bullying Workshop.

Vetting

LGFA commenced on-line vetting via the National Vetting Bureau site in July 2017. The current LGFA Vetting Policy stipulates that as part of our good practice procedures members shall be re-vetted at a minimum within a five-year time period, once they have applied on the NVB site.

LGFA are currently working on required roles with An Garda Síochána to assist applicants when applying, as certain roles such as *"player"* *"member"* are not roles for which vetting can be provided and we hope to have this drop down menu available by March 2020.

Applicants aged between 16 and 18 can be vetted but a completed Parental Consent Form (NVB3) must be uploaded at point of application or emailed through in order for application to progress.

Total successful Vetting applications processed by LGFA in 2019 was 5,025 achieved with the important assistance of our 5 Clerical Users.

The column *"Invite Expired"* refers to applicants who did not complete the vetting form emailed to them within the required 30-day timeframe. Once an initial application is submitted, it is important to check email for link to vetting form which requires your addresses from birth to current date and for any NI addresses, you must include a postal code for application to progress.

In 2019 there were 2,120 AccessNI Applications relating to LGFA in the 6 counties.



CODA Rules

On the 1st February 2019 the CODA rules came into effect. It is safe to say that many units of the Association were not fully prepared for the implementation of the new rules despite the numerous information and training workshops which were made available. A further information day was delivered in April for all CODA Officers, members of hearings and appeals panels and County Board executive members. On reflection this workshop, which addressed the initial concerns and the common queries, was essential to what led to a very successful first year for the CODA rules. On 12th October, an initial review workshop was held and the feedback from this meeting was extremely positive towards the new rules. Where the new rules have been fully embraced and implemented the benefits have been significant to the running of the county boards. County Board meetings are no longer congested with objections and appeals, hearings are dealt with in a more confidential and efficient manner, hearings and appeals committees have a structured set of procedures to follow and the sanctions being issued are more consistent and streamlined.

From a National perspective, within 2019 nine hearings were held, five appeal hearings, no objections or complaints and one DRA case.

A good working relationship has been developed amongst the CODA Officer community and it is important that we continue to provide support and training for this new role. The National CODA Officer has served as a guide to Provincial and County CODA Officers which has led to a more enhanced application of the new CODA rules at all levels.

There have been many learning points from the first year of implementation and the motions proposed for this Congress in relation to the CODA rules are to address some of the gaps and to strengthen the rules.

Data Protection

The LGFA have worked with a data protection consultant for the past year to ensure that all Association's policies and procedures are in line with the new legislation. This work involved the development of membership forms, guidelines on dealing with subject access requests and assisting various units with putting in place Third Party Agreements. One of the main benefits of working with the external consultant was the development and roll out of an information workshop, tailored to the specific needs of our sport. In 2019, 8 information workshops were delivered, 6 within Ireland and 2 within Britain, with over 400 people attending. The workshop is the next step up from the LGFA 10 Step Essential Guide to Data Protection. The 2½ hour comprehensive workshop will assist you with understanding GDPR terminology and the principles which underpin the legislation. Taking this understanding the course will then look at how as clubs, county boards, etc we can ensure compliance with the legislation using a practical approach suitable to a volunteer sport. Feedback from 2019 was overwhelming positive with the common feeling across the feedback being how the delivery of the workshop alleviated the fear that many volunteers had in relation to GDPR and the advice provided in the workshop greatly assisted clubs with not only their compliance but with their understanding of what the legislation actually means. One very relevant piece of feedback described the workshop as 'a much more workable approach to Data Protection – not to be feared but can be worked with.' The workshops will be rolled out

again in 2020 and an additional workshop made available which will examine data protection case studies which are common within the LGFA and other sporting bodies. The new workshop will give all units the guidance and confidence to deal with not only day to day scenarios but also how to approach any data protection situation which they come across.

Intercounty Government Grant Scheme

The Government support funding for adult intercounty teams is distributed through Sport Ireland and this scheme was initiated to recognise players, from LGFA and Camogie, as high performance athletes and reward their commitment to the games by assisting counties to create an environment to play the game at the highest level possible. The grant scheme has been a collaborative approach between LGFA, the Camogie Association and the WPGA and this has been a very productive experience for all three parties, and we have worked hard to ensure strong governance structures surround the scheme. There are two members from each organisation, an independent chairperson and the scheme administrator forming the scheme implementation group (SIG). The grant has been in place for three years with an in-depth evaluation conducted annually. In 2019 we were delighted to negotiate further funding to provide health screening for players in all counties and this addition has been very positively received both by players and boards.

The support scheme incorporates three elements for counties: Injury Prevention and Medical Cover, Maximising Player and Team Performance and Access to Training Facilities. At the start of 2019 the SIG organised annual compulsory workshops in each province to provide guidance on the grant process but also following feedback through the previous evaluation there was an addition of talks on communication, to assist the relationship between player, manager and county executive when collaborating, and then multidisciplinary teams as for many counties this was just the beginning of having multiple service providers so to ensure they were getting the best from these. It is essential that this consultation takes place between the county executive, manager and WPGA player representative and the findings of the evaluation indicate that a highly consultative process leads to a greater sense of togetherness and spirit within a team. Once again there has been further innovation from counties in relation to what they are applying for and at SIG level this progression is also evident through the addition of a new online application system and eLearning workshops for 2020. It must be emphasised that this grant aims to assist the costs associated with the highest-grade adult county team in your county but not to fully compensate the expenses involved.

Counties have been benefiting from the grant scheme but there remains to be an underspend every year and this is an area all counties must work on. The SIG strives to ensure that all funding agreed is distributed to the counties and we must apply annually to the Government and Sport Ireland for further funding and this is difficult to even request increases when we are not spending the full amount we receive. As always I would advocate for counties to front load their spending to the start of the year while involved in the national league as all teams are guaranteed to be involved at

this stage but not all counties are assured of remaining involved during the championship. This has been a difficulty with counties withholding services until later in the championship but then getting knocked out and being unable to submit the application for the full amount. There have been difficulties with counties getting receipts for services and therefore not being able to claim back too so I would encourage to request these at the time and with the new online system you can upload these to your account straight away. It is imperative that all counties strive to claim the full amount of €9,000 in the coming year as we once again will meet with Sport Ireland and the Department looking for increased and multi-annual funding for all counties.

One of the conditions of receiving the Government Grant Funding for county teams was that all adult teams had to complete the annual anti-doping education seminars. To ensure access to these workshops was easier we delivered these in every eligible county on a date suitable to them. This was a large undertaking to make sure it happened and there was an onus on all counties to ensure every player participating in the championship had completed this training as they would not be eligible for any funding if they didn't.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Christine Littlefield, the grant administrator, for the tremendous work she has completed to date in relation to the scheme and I look forward to progressing this scheme with the SIG over the coming year.

Funding and Grants

I wish to acknowledge the support we get from Sport Ireland during the year not only through the grant scheme but also their support, advice and expertise in many different areas. The increase in our Core Grant in 2019 enabled us to further enhance the many development initiatives we provide on an annual basis.

We applied for a number of grants during the year which had to be aimed at specific projects and we were delighted to be successful with these. The first was the Women in Sport funding through Sport Ireland and we applied for three different projects but were successful with one which is our new Grab Your Whistle Referee Academy. This was advertised to all counties to allow them to nominate two aspiring referees to get involved and although the uptake was disappointing, we have 23 very motivated and dedicated participants. This academy will take place for a duration of twelve months with the referees gaining theoretical and practical experience. They are all assigned a mentor which we feel is one of the most important steps to ensure they receive the guidance required. This is an exciting project and we look forward to the results which follow.

We also applied for three projects through Dormant Account Funding and although we were not assigned the full requested funding we are still going to work on the three areas outlined. All projects for this fund must demonstrate collaboration and we have linked with a local sports partnership for each. The first is a volunteer training and development initiative for participants involved in Gaelic4Mothers&Others with Leitrim LSP and with planning complete we will be initiating this early in 2020. The second programme



focuses on Gaelic4Teens with Cavan LSP and we will be working with clubs in socially disadvantaged areas to roll out the Gaelic4Teens Programme specifically in their areas. We are also delighted to be working with former National Development Officer, Aisling Maguire, on this project in her new role with Cavan LSP so it is brilliant to build on that partnership. The final dormant account initiative is a 'Coaching Community of Practice' with Limerick LSP and this will involve working with female coaches from clubs in the regions around Limerick City creating avenues to support and share ideas and again another very novel idea to hopefully benefit our members.

The final successful grant came through the Community Integration Fund and this was our first time to apply for funding through this avenue. We organised Gaelic4Mothers&Others aimed at migrant communities in Castlerea, Ballyhaunis and Ballaghaderreen. This was a learning yet hugely rewarding experience for everyone involved. It is important that we engage with all communities and understand the barriers for involvement so we can help to overcome these. The benefits of this will not only involve more adults in our clubs but their children engaging also and it would be amazing to encourage people from all our communities to get involved.

Clubs and counties regularly contact looking for information on grants and funding. We would encourage you to apply for any local grants you see and ask your local sports partnerships to be included on any mailing lists. Too often we are contacted by funding bodies to say there was no applications for LGFA clubs so it is never any harm to put your application in and any assistance will help but to note you must be able to measure how this funding assisted you.

International

Our sport continues to grow and excel across the globe and the dedication of the volunteers involved is inspirational as they bring gaelic games to so many nationalities. The diversity of cultures is special, and the international units will always be a key part of our Association. I am a member of the World GAA Workgroup and every meeting amazes me as we listen to the continued progression and addition of new clubs across all continents. I attended the Australasian Games this year and witnessed first-hand not only the great work that takes place in the promotion of our game, but the exponential increase in the playing standards of the game.

2019 was a special year as the GAA World Games returned to Ireland and what an occasion this was. The initial stages of the Renault GAA World Games were played at the Sports Campus of Waterford Institute of Technology in Carriganore from July 28 to August 1, with the finals taking place on August 2 at Croke Park.

This was the third-ever staging of what is a major international festival and celebration of Gaelic Games participation all over the globe, and last summer featured a record breaking 85+ teams totaling 1,200 players going to the South-East to take part.

The unique feature of the Renault GAA World Games is that there is competition for Irish-born and native-born (non-Irish born) teams representing more than 10 regions round the world. LGFA had 7 Irish-born and a staggering 17 native-born teams participating.

With over 400 GAA clubs in existence outside of Ireland, the World Games is a unique opportunity for International Units to represent their country, region or club on a global stage. We were proud to announce that the two trophies to be presented at the 2019 Renault GAA World Games would be named after Tipperary's Rachel Kenneally and Kildare native Rebecca Dowling.

Rachel passed away following a battle with breast cancer in March 2018, while Rebecca died earlier in 2019, having been diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2018. Rachel, from the Aherlow club, was a member of the Tipperary side that lined out in the 2013 TG4 All-Ireland Intermediate Final against Cavan at Croke Park. Rebecca, originally from Celbridge in county Kildare, spent much of her life abroad and was a member of the vibrant Thai GAA club in Bangkok before returning to Ireland in the summer of 2018. Both Rachel and Rebecca were honoured for their contributions to Ladies Gaelic Football by having trophies named after them and we were delighted to have their families in attendance throughout the week and especially for the presentations in Croke Park.

In the native section it was Liberty Ladies from New York who claimed the title beating a very determined Australasia side but the travelling party from down under would get success with their Irish-born team as they triumphed with a one point victory over London's Parnells in what many described as the game of the day.

There was a surge in female playing numbers at these games and this is reflective in the units themselves with the social ethos being highlighted as the key reason so many players continue to be recruited to the game. Although games are competitive it is this open and welcoming environment for all players, regardless of experience or ability that ensures our games remain unique. I have no doubt that this expansion will continue over the coming year.

In 2019 we had referees officiating at tournaments in Asia, the Middle East, Canada, USGAA and once again at the Australasian Finals. These officials not only ensure the games take place but most importantly they provided education and guidance to referees based in those units in relation to the rules of our game. All units continue to strive to increase self-sufficiency and the numbers of officials have increased but we will continue to support them until this target is achieved. In Europe this year one of our national development officers, Clare Dowdall, attended the finals to provide mentoring and support to their existing referees and this was an example of their ambition for the area of referee development.

Over the past number of years many international units have been striving to increase juvenile playing numbers targeting potential youth players from their regions to create a viable foundation for their club into the future. The CYC Games with USGAA continue to excel with numbers increasing every year and teams participating from across the continent. I attended the All Britain Games in London in July and it is so motivating to see not alone the escalation of members involved but the variety of backgrounds these children are coming from. The girls' section is going from strength to strength with over 500 girls participating on that weekend alone. The Asian Youth Games is yet another example of

the amazing work at juvenile level being replicated across the world to name just a few but this year's reports will highlight the work being undertaken around all units.

In Australia and New Zealand there were approximately 970 registered players with an increased number of competitions culminating in the Australasian Games in Brisbane in October. There has been a focus on juvenile development too to increase the number of home-grown players creating solid foundations in clubs. Three states contested the Australasian Championships; New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria. The final was exceptional with New South Wales and Victoria being live streamed and the game was officiated by Maggie Farrelly. As mentioned previously I attended these finals and one of the most memorable moments was Maggie receiving a standing ovation at the Gala dinner. She was an outstanding ambassador during her visit.

In Europe the number of teams and players continues to grow with a notable increase in native players getting involved. The European Finals took place on 19th October and this year we added development initiatives to the weekend. On the Friday night Clare Dowdall conducted a referee workshop and then provided support, as mentioned previous, to the referees officiating on the day. One of our coach developers, Clíodhna O'Connor, also travelled and she mentored the coaches involved on the side-line giving them invaluable advice for their roles. These workshops were to supplement the formal education courses being delivered by Eileen Jennings across Europe for Coach Education and also Tony Bass, Michael Cryan, Tom McGrath and new tutor Brieu Henry for Referee Education. Clare travelled to Stockholm to sign off on Brieu as a tutor and this increase in personnel will assist develop the game going forward.

It was another busy year in Canada as a total of thirteen ladies football teams competed across the country which is an increase of three teams from 2018. Youth development is a priority for Canadian GAA board as they continue to recruit players to the game across all regions. The region has benefited from a partnership between the CGAA and St. Mary's University in Belfast as six final year students worked with the local GAA youth clubs for six weeks in Vancouver, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto to deliver basic skills of gaelic games. In May of 2019, Lyn Savage, National Development Manager conducted development workshops and events with teams, coaches and referees in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver. It was important that each of these were tailored to the needs of that region and she could not speak highly enough of the work taking place across the country. On the pitch there were showcase games at each of the divisional championships and Seamus Mulvihill, John Niland and Yvonne Duffy travelled to Canada to represent LGFA as match officials.

2019 was another successful year for the Asian County Board with the number of clubs growing exponentially year on year, an example of this being the junior division at the Asian Gaelic Games containing 16 teams alone, an exceptional feat. The teams from Asia stole the hearts of many at the GAA World Games with so many players participating from their native countries and they brought as much celebrations off the pitch as on it showcasing their

own traditions. Siobhan Coyle and Declan Carolan attended the Asian Gaelic Games to officiate on behalf of LGFA and as always showed extreme professionalism throughout.

We have been working with the Middle East during the year to put plans in place to increase self-sufficiency in relation to refereeing with the number of referees needing to attend tournaments there decreasing. Referee development is important in all units to ensure that the game is played under the same official ladies gaelic rules regardless of where you are in the world. Last year we sent eleven referees to the region with Gerry Carmody and Jonathan Murphy officiating at the Middle East Games Finals. This will decrease to seven referees for the 2019/20 season but thank you to all referees for how they represent LGFA at these events.

Activity levels continue to soar with USGAA as new clubs emerge annually. The USGAA Finals were hosted by Mid-Atlantic GAA in Leesburg, Virginia in 2019 and there was a very high standard of football on display. There were five grades up for grabs with St Brigid's departing with the senior title. Canada's ISSC Vancouver were also very worthy winners at intermediate level with Na Aisling Gaels, Na Fianna, San Diego and Dallas Fionn MacCumhailis taking the junior titles. Shaun McLaughlin refereed at these finals whilst Marie Hickey, LGFA President, was also in attendance. The CYC Games took place in Pennsylvania and we were delighted to have two extremely capable referees from our Learn to Lead Programme represent LGFA at these games, namely Mairead Dullea and Kelley Cunningham. The CYC Games are an amazing spectacle and I would like to thank the volunteers involved for the dedication they give to this event in turn providing opportunities of a lifetime for the many girls taking part. In relation to development we have been in contact with Hugh Duggan, referee development, to continue to assist the units to upskill referees and we are working with him to ensure the ladies rules are incorporated in all education. We also organized an Under 16 Tournament in Clogher, Tyrone, for the visit of New York Under 16 team during the summer and we will work again on this in 2020.

The All Britain Games continue to highlight ladies gaelic football talent and the numbers grow year on year. The games take place from Thursday through to Sunday and due to the expansion of teams and players it is now a necessity that we are involved on all days. On Thursday the event started with primary schools travelling from across Britain with guidelines ensuring that all teams must have girls and boys involved. On Friday it was the turn of post primary schools and we had three pitches in operation throughout the day before the venue was turned around for an exciting evening of Go Games. We had Under 12, 14, 16 and 18 grades participate over Saturday and Sunday and as the players involved stepped forward to get their medals at the end of the days they were all seen to take a glance at the Brendan Martin Cup dreaming of one day lifting this themselves in Croke Park. The ABC Games are a very special event and we will continue to support Britain including the provision of additional referees for the games.

It is a very exciting time for our sport internationally with the clubs not only providing a 'home from home' for diaspora but also

becoming part of a new family for the many native players taking part. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the organisers and everyone involved in the many tournaments across the globe. The unwavering commitment to developing gaelic games does not go unnoticed and we look forward to the year ahead.

GAA

2019 was a historic year in our relationship with the GAA. For the first time ever, we had a seat on the GAA Coiste Bainistí and at Árd Chomhairle level. There is an ever-increasing working relationship between the two associations right across the departments at National level and this new working relationship and much higher level of cooperation is working to the benefit of strengthening both associations. We can achieve much more together and reach a wider audience, in turn having a greater impact at grassroots level as one Gaelic Games Family. This does not mean that we give up our identity or autonomy but move towards a Federal structure proposed by ourselves in 2013. During the year representatives of the GAA, Camogie association and ourselves met with a cross section of clubs, some who were operating as 'One Club' and others who operated as independent units. The issues identified were similar across all clubs and indeed out of those discussions we have some motions on the clár for congress this weekend. I thank in particular Uachtarán John Horan and Árd Stiurthóir Tom Ryan for their support during the year, their intervention when assistance was required at various levels made a big difference. This cooperation was very evident in fixtures in 2019 with 15 curtain raisers at National League level and our All Ireland semi-finals hosted in Croke Park. The top-class facilities throughout the country made available to us at an early stage for our championship games enabled the office, counties and players plan well in advance of the games.

We continue to work closely with the Camogie Association at National level in relation to fixtures, the intercounty grant scheme and the joint initiatives with ourselves and the GAA. Fixtures will always remain our greatest challenge, we do our best to accommodate dual players and avoid clashes, but this is not always possible. Both associations are growing rapidly which leads to more teams yet the same number of weekends to play our fixtures. It is impossible to avoid every clash. Players and managers need to remember that for every one change requested for a dual player there is a knock on effect for team mates, and fixtures in other clubs and counties who also have plans in place. I also welcome the appointment of Sinéad McNulty as the new Ard Stiurthóir of the Camogie Association and look forward to working with her. Sinéad is no stranger to our association as she has previously sat on our strategic planning committee in 2010 and was chairperson of the Scheme Implementations group for the government grants along with playing football for Round Towers, Clondalkin.

As part of our collaboration with the GAA we have representation on a number of their National Committees and this ensures we can build towards a consistent approach as a GAA family whilst also working on a number of joint projects to ease access to education and programmes at grassroots level. These committees are the Games Development Committee, Referee Development, Medical, Scientific

and Welfare, Officer Development, Health and Well Being, Youth and Games for All. We have been witnessing the fruits of this approach during 2019 with the announcement of the joint 'Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games' and 'Club Leadership Development Programme' to name but a few. It is essential at provincial and county level that this collaboration is mirrored, and you engage to work together for the betterment of the members of all associations at grassroots level. We also had representation on Coiste na bhFeilte, World GAA, Finance Management, Insurance and Risk management, Child Safeguarding, IT and Communications.

During the year Servasport as a company went into administration which caused major issues for the registration system during our busiest registration time. We had been working tirelessly with the GAA in advance of the system going down, however due to some unavoidable circumstances we had to implement our own backup system, which involved clubs logging a call with the office which was followed up with a call from a staff member who manually took the payment over the phone. Emails were then sent to the club and the relevant County Board and Province to confirm registration was completed. We would like to thank all clubs for their patience and co-operation during this time and we can report that all players were registered on time with minimal delays.

The LGFA are involved in the development of the new Games Management System with the GAA and the Camogie Association

and progress is steadily being made on the new system which is aimed to be launched for the 2021 registration year. We are also entering into our second year on the GAA's I.T. Committee which has been very beneficial for us as an Association. We have made huge progress in relation to the uptake and use of the generic email address at provincial, county and club level. It is important that from a governance and a continuity perspective that all officers use their generic email address for any association business. During the year we have also moved under the GAA's server and IT support. This is not only more cost effective for us as an Association but also it provides it with inhouse IT supports and systems which improve the efficiency of how we work and what we can offer to our members, for example the online training portal.

20x20 Campaign

Last year I mentioned the launch of the 20x20 initiative, through the Federation of Irish Sport and Along Came a Spider, and it was very early to know if this campaign could make a difference to the landscape of Irish sport but it certainly has created much discussion and focus on women's sport during 2019.

We, the Ladies Gaelic Football Association, signed up to the 20x20 campaign targeting a 20% increase in attendances across all national matches and not just the All Ireland Final and we will continue to go after this area. We had a huge boost to this target with the record numbers at our All Ireland semi-finals in Croke Park



in 2019. We also linked with the 20x20 initiative for International Women's Day where they were asking all sections of Irish society to show their stripes and pledge one small action to increase the visibility of women's sport in Ireland because if 'she can't see it, she can't be it'. We had a huge response, particularly from many of our county stars and it was excellent to see so many of these pledges in action across social media throughout the year.

The next step in this campaign will be the introduction of a club charter as since 20x20 began, they have received many messages from clubs and members asking how they can become more involved and show their support for 20x20. There is no obligation to sign the charter as this is a club led initiative and an opportunity for you to consider within your club. If you choose to sign up your club will receive a 20x20 flag and a formal charter to display at your club house to let everyone in your community know that you are supporting women and girls in your locality to be more active and encouraging them to become more involved in your sport in any capacity.

We are extremely fortunate to be progressing into our 20th year with TG4 so the pillar of increasing media coverage has always been to the forefront with their unwavering support. TG4 bring our game, and the profile of our players, to the homes of many across the country and internationally ensuring increases in the visibility of our game annually. I must also commend both national and local media who have strongly engaged with us over the past year and we will continue to build on this in the coming months.

We have representation on the steering group for the campaign as Lyn Savage forms part of this group from the Association and she is also joined by a representative from TG4, as a media partner to 20x20, and from Lidl, as a sponsor of the initiative. The Ladies Gaelic Football Association continues to lead the way in many of these areas for women's sport in Ireland but it is important that we all encourage and progress this movement from grassroots to national level.

Volunteer Support

Being a volunteer is not easy and we strive to try and make roles more efficient for everyone involved. I know that there is a huge amount of time devoted to the game by our volunteers and their work does not go unnoticed.

Throughout the year we organised a number of workshops and training days for officers in various roles and it was extremely disappointing to see the uptake on these with many having to be cancelled. Yes, we were asking you to give of your time to attend but the tools being provided, and skills being developed, are to help make your role easier and take up less of your time. We have listened to volunteers and organised these events nationally, provincially and regionally, with internal and external speakers, but no matter how many times we alter the structure the result is the same. For a coach to be able to take on their role as a coach they must attend a relevant training course whilst also completing their safeguarding workshop and being garda vetted/PSNI checked so the commitment of attending one day for provincial and county



officers, or one evening for clubs officers, should not be seen as a massive burden. The feedback from people in attendance at these days is always really positive and requesting more but we need to get more people engaging in this education.

We live in an era where the rules and regulations governing the running of sporting organisations has changed dramatically, the demands on officers at all levels of our association have increased in recent years. We have a duty as the governing body to ensure that officers at all levels of our association are provided with the training and tools required to successfully do the job they are elected to do. I would ask all counties to recognise the importance of the education days we provide and ensure their officers are in attendance going forward.

Respect for Referees

Referees play an essential role in the running of our games and without them, quite simply, the matches could not go ahead. We have invested heavily over the last few years in relation to education and support for our referees and will continue to do so. It is essential however that we show respect to our referees and we brought this to the forefront during the year with a video highlighting that our referees are human, with families, friends, jobs and are not targets for abuse to be thrown at. Recruiting referees is not an easy task and we need to show referees that they will be looked after and supported from club through to national level. I am not saying that referees do not make mistakes, of course they do as do managers and players throughout the game but with less emphasis placed on them. We need to work to continue to educate not only our referees and match officials but also the team mentors on the side-lines who on many

occasions are quoting incorrect rules and shouting abuse at referees. It is important that we all respect our referees and recognise the important role they play in our sport. I thank all our referees, match officials and assessors for all their contributions during the year. Our national team of referees work hard at achieving excellence by improving their skills and fitness levels and officiate our games week after week with honest, fairness and integrity.

Growth and Development

All aspects of my report highlight the growth and expansion of Ladies Gaelic Football and our Strategic Roadmap 2017-2022 has provided the Association with a clear vision and targets to achieve by 2022. We have been excelling in reaching these goals and the Roadmap outlined a number of key areas including volunteer support, increased participation levels, further visibility, an enhanced support infrastructure and more impactful partnerships. You will see from my full report plus the detailed development account of the year provided by our National Development Manager that we have been working relentlessly on reaching these ambitions set out by you, our members, through consultation for that plan. The development report highlights the programmes and initiatives we have put in place to support all units and in particular our volunteers. The staff continue to listen to our members and ensure that the support is tailored to meet their needs for example with the new volunteer support programme outlined. It is very obvious that we have engaged with many people both internal and external to LGFA to progress the sport and ensure we are always aiming to stay ahead of the curve. We now have many valuable partnerships in place enhancing the services and expertise we provide to our members and we will continue to build on these in 2020. The future looks extremely positive for our game, but it is essential that we all continue to engage with the development staff and efforts they put in to ensure we are working in line with best practice.

Female Leadership

We launched our 'Learn to Lead' female leadership programme in February 2019 and had a huge number of applicants vying for places. These were shortlisted down to a successful list of 20 participants – 5 in each strand for Coaching, Officiating, PR/Media and Governance. I was delighted to attend the majority of this programme and the future certainly is bright for our association if we have female leaders coming to the fore of the calibre of these women who are full of fresh ideas and enthusiasm for the sport. It was a very quick 12 months and all twenty applicants graduated in February 2020. I have no doubt that these women will be involved in a variety of roles if given the opportunity in the future.

Coiste Náisiunta Teanga agus Cultúir

Ag ár gComhdháil anuraidh, glacadh le moladh go mbunódh an Cumann, den chéad uair, Coiste Náisiunta Teanga agus Cultúir. Mar chéad chéim agus chun bonn ceart a chur faoin tús nua tábhachtach seo, mheasamar gurbh fhiú agus gur thairbheach taighde ghairmiúil a dhéanamh ar staid reatha na teanga ag gach leibhéal inár gcuid imeachtaí.

Chuireamar an smaoineamh seo faoi bhráid Fhoras na Gaeilge, an institiúid tras-teorann atá bunaithe ag an dá rialtas do chur chun

cinn na teanga. Bhí an Foras an-tógtha leis an smaoineamh agus rinne páirt-mhaoiniú ar an togra taighde, a rinneadh an i Samhradh/Fómhar 2019. Tá tuarascáil na taighde sin ar fáil dúinn agus gcuirfidh sí bonn stuama soiléir faoi obair thábhachtach an Choiste nua.

Leagtar amach inti na tosaíochtaí agus na beartais is fearr chun stádas agus próifíl na teanga a fheabhsú. Tá áthas ar leith orm go bhfuil glactha ag Pádhraic Ó Ciardha, iar Leascheannasaí TG4, pearsa sinsearach i saol na Gaeilge agus cara dílis le Peil na mBan, lenár gcuireadh bheith ina Chathaoirleach ar an gCoiste nua. Fógófar na baill eile roimh dheireadh na míosa seo.

Last year's Congress mandated the creation of an inaugural LGFA National Language and Culture Committee. In advance of appointing and convening this new committee it was decided to commission research to identify how we could further promote the use and visibility of Irish in attractive and practical ways that sit well with LGFA's own ethos and operations.

We approached Pól Ó Gallchóir, Chairperson of Foras na Gaeilge, the cross-border body charged with promoting the Irish language, North and South for support in this project. Foras na Gaeilge eagerly came on-board with part-funding for the project. The research was carried out in Summer/Autumn 2019. The resulting paper outlines realistic and achievable goals that will enable the Committee to set about its' important task. I'm delighted also that Pádhraic Ó Ciardha, a senior figure in Irish language circles and a long-standing friend of LGFA has accepted our invitation to chair the new committee. The full membership of the Committee will be announced later this month.

Staff

Once again I want to thank our dedicated, hard working staff for their support and contributions during the year. They work many unsocial hours outside what is expected of their role to provide support for volunteers and ensure the smooth running of the organisation. They work at all times to be helpful and professional in their everyday duties and while they are not the rule changers and decision makers of the association they at times are the ones at the receiving end of angry and frustrated individuals/clubs or counties who are unhappy with decisions.

I thank all the staff Paula, Lyn, Jackie, Máire, Rosemary, Karen, Aislinn, Deirdre, William, Clare, Niall, Vinny and Shauna for their work and dedication throughout the year. There were some changes in personnel with Aisling Doonan moving back to Cavan to take up a new role with the LSP and Vinny Whelan filled this vacancy in Development. Recently Shauna McNutt has left her role as Development Support to go travelling for a year and Clare Conlon, a former Laois county player, will take over this role in the coming weeks.

This will be Rosemary's last congress as Injury Fund Co-ordinator as she retires this month. I thank her most sincerely for her support and friendship over the past 12 years. She had administered and protected our injury fund scheme in a fair and balanced manner throughout the years, always on hand to advise and assist players

and clubs while at the same time ensuring the ethos of the fund was protected. I wish you a long, healthy retirement Rosemary and know you will always be around to help out when support is needed. Amy Coll who has worked as Injury Fund Administrator for the GAA will make the long journey across the road to fill Rosemary's role in the coming weeks.

I thank also the Provincial full time staff of Ita Hannon (Connacht Administrator), Margaret Brennan (Leinster Administrator), Rónán McCarthy (Ulster Administrator), Claire Burke-Towey (Connacht Development Officer), Gearóid Balfry (Munster Development Officer), Ciarán Murtagh and Aidan McLoughlin (Ulster Development Officers) and Suzi Doyle (Former Leinster Development Officer) for all their cooperation and support throughout the year.

Comhbhrón

During the past year we lost many people who were close to us all. Cuimhnímid an deireadh seachtaine seo ar dhaoine a bhásaigh le bliain anuas, gaolta agus cáirde lenár dtoscaí agus le baill an Chumann. Suaimhneas síoraí dóibh ar fad.

Buíochas

I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to our President, Marie Hickey, for her leadership and support during the year. I also want to thank all my fellow officers on the management committee who work diligently for the association on a daily basis and who give up so much of their time attending meetings, helping out at matches and functions. A special thanks to our outgoing vice president, Liam McDonagh for his tremendous contribution at provincial and national level over the past 3 years. I thank all the members of sub committees for their dedication and commitment to the association over the past twelve months and for the professional manner in which they go about their business. This weekend we elect a President who will take over from Marie in 12 months time. I wish the three nominees, Dominic Leech, Liam McDonagh and Michéal Naughton well in their efforts to become the next president. The successful candidate will be charged with leading the association until 2025, a time that will bring even further change and development to the Association and a time that will see us as an Association cross the 50-year milestone since our foundation.

A special thanks to all Provincial, County and Club officers who give so much of their time, energy and talents in the promotion and administration of our association and who at all times strive to give the best service possible at local and national level.

I thank all GAA Clubs and County Boards throughout the country for their support in facilitating us with grounds.

I would at this point like to pay a special tribute to our players, our standard-bearers, trailblazers, and role models. It is fantastic to see their talents and skills being recognised more and more, with the increased promotion of our game. We have an incredible product in Ladies Gaelic Football, and it is our players who showcase that on the national stage, and beyond. They are tremendous ambassadors and deserve great credit and support from all units of the Association. We work hard trying to put the best structures in place

and trying to ensure we have the seamless pathways available so our players at all levels can progress in their playing careers whether they choose to play at the highest level or at a recreational level.

A special thanks to all our coaching tutors, facilitators and referee tutors for all they do throughout the year in upskilling themselves and in delivering national programmes.

I thank you the delegates for your attendance at congress. I hope you find it a productive and informative weekend and I wish you all well in the work that lies ahead of you in the coming weeks and months as you work to develop and grow Ladies Gaelic football in your clubs, counties and provinces.

This weekend Congress is hosted in Galway for the first time since 2004. Galway as a county has made great strides both on and off the field since then and I thank the county board in particular Chairperson Betty Hernon and secretary Geraldine Heverin for all their work over the past number of months in ensuring that this weekend would be a success. It was at Congress in Galway 16 years ago that we, as an Association, introduced the sin bin rule.

The 2020 season is already well underway, and we look forward to what lies in store for the remainder of the year. A revamped TG4 Senior Championship will bring a new edge to the All-Ireland series, and every point will count as two groups of six teams battle it out to reach the semi-finals. It's the 20th year of our long-standing partnership with TG4, and you can look forward to many exciting initiatives as we celebrate this landmark milestone, including the honouring of the Team of the Decade. There's a lovely symmetry, given that it's the year 2020, that TG4 will screen our All-Ireland Finals live for the 20th time, having first come on board back in 2001.

There are many challenges ahead of us for the coming year. We have to work hard at strengthening our structures at all levels of the association, we need to work at ensuring there is a good club v county balance for our players and that our juvenile structures have an emphasis on inclusiveness and playing for enjoyment and not all about winning. We have the challenges of increasing our profile and attendances at games. This won't be a simple challenge, but the profile of our sport has risen immensely, and at quite a pace, in recent years. It seems that we are attracting even more players, members and fans on a daily basis, and the call to arms remains the same. If you're a member of the LGFA, get out and support your local clubs and counties this year, and let's make it one to remember.

Gabhaim buíochas ó chroí libh ar fad as bhur saothar le bliain anuas agus as bhur dtacaíocht leanúnach.

Guím rath agus séan oraibh ar fad don bhliain amach romhainn, ar pháirc na himeartha agus i ngach gné eile den Chumann. Is i bpáirt a d'éirigh linn go dtí seo agus is ar scáth a chéile a bhainfid tuilleadh fós amach i mbliana agus sa toadhchá.

Helen O'Rourke
Chief Executive



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INJURY FUND DETAILS

Reconciliation of Bank Account - Injury Fund		€
Opening balance 1st November 2018		€2,256,196.52
Income		€1,206,483.05
Expenditure		-€963,223.56
Closing Balance		€2,499,456.01

Injury Fund Details Year Ended 31/10/2019

Income	€
Opening balance 1st November 2018	2,256,196.52
Receipts	1,206,483.05
Total Income	3,462,679.57

Expenditure	€
Bank Fees	34.40
Claims Paid 2019	921,627.10
Cheques presented from 2018	21,957.06
Central Council	19,605.00
Closing Balance 31/10/2019	2,499,456.01
Total Expenditure	3,462,679.57

Uncashed Cheques 2019 Claims 97,433.62

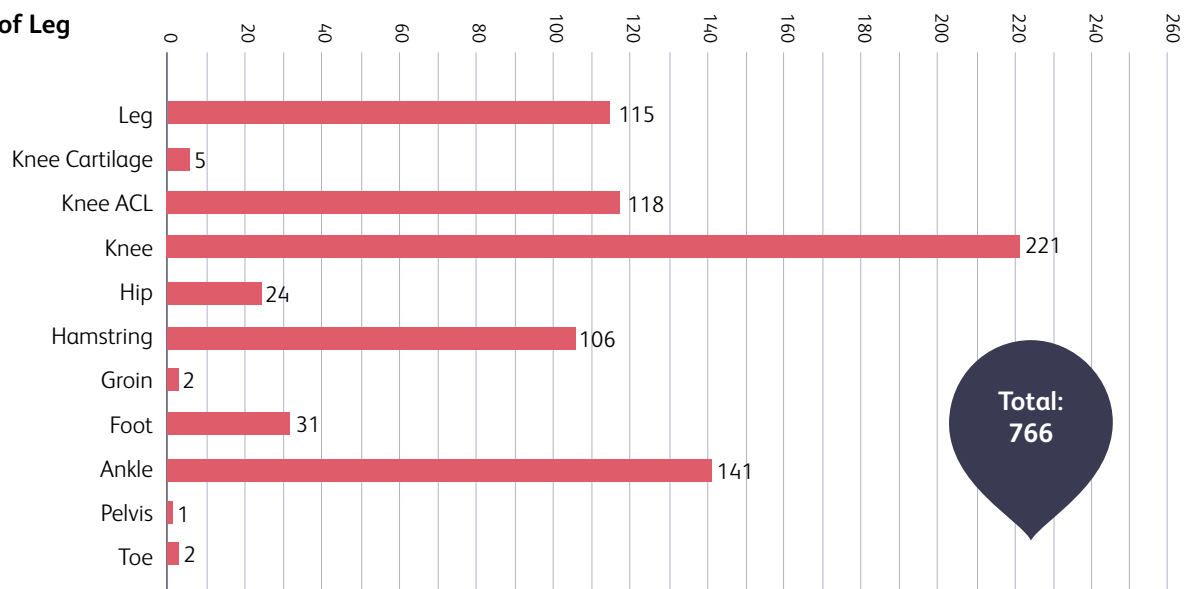
CLAIM ANALYSIS 2019

	Claims	2019	2018	2017
	Adult	795	627	606
	Juvenile	463	370	282
		1258	997	888
		€	€	€
Physio	Adult	87,322.77	66,924.42	68,858.50
	Juvenile	34,012.58	25,733.03	23,216.99
		121,335.35	92,657.45	92,075.49
G.P.	Adult	9381.50	6,269.75	7,252.82
	Juvenile	4,777.00	3,039.00	2,287.50
		14,158.50	9,308.75	9,540.32
MRI	Adult	26,505.00	23,222.70	18,017.50
	Juvenile	9,909.00	7,012.00	5,004.00
		36,414.00	30,234.70	23,021.50
Surgery	Adult	132,944.85	54,913.14	67,131.81
	Juvenile	28,525.56	41,836.25	17,696.00
		161,470.41	96,749.39	84,827.81
Consultant	Adult	35,161.67	27,076.78	21,817.82
	Juvenile	7,776.22	14,226.88	4,685.00
		42,937.89	41,303.66	26,502.82
Anaesthetic Consultant	Adult	33,681.43	14,172.09	16,205.82
	Juvenile	7,420.93	10,007.52	3,334.00
		41,102.36	24,179.61	19,539.82
A&E	Adult	20,430.00	20,010.00	10,730.00
	Juvenile	21,841.50	15,231.50	11,855.00
		42,271.50	35,241.50	22,585.00
Hospital	Adult	354,142.13	199,845.31	203,735.39
	Juvenile	71,345.11	117,287.40	50,401.00
		425,487.24	317,132.71	254,136.39
Dentist	Adult	19,064.57	5,390.00	18,680.26
	Juvenile	6,795.00	3,975.00	860.00
		25,859.57	9,365.00	19,540.26
Loss of Wages	Adult	108,023.90	34,179.27	79,874.55
	Juvenile	0.00	90.00	1,080.00
		108,023.90	34,269.27	80,954.55
Total	Adult	826,657.82	452,003.46	512,304.47
	Juvenile	192,402.90	238,438.58	120,419.49
		1,019,060.72	690,442.04	632,723.96

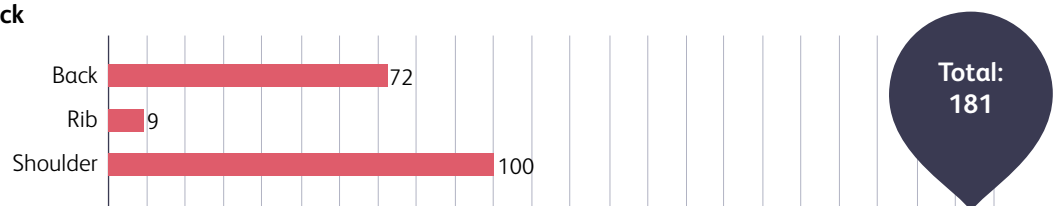
ANALYSIS OF INJURIES

Type of Injury	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Total Amount	Total Count
Ankle	52,286.33	10,244.50	84	57	62,530.83	141
Arm	4,765.07	1,597.00	9	13	6,362.07	22
Back	21,085.20	3,560.00	58	14	24,645.20	72
Collar Bone	100.00	305.50	1	2	405.50	3
Elbow	75.00	500.00	1	5	575.00	6
Eye	890.00	60.00	1	1	950.00	2
Face	205.00	0.00	2	0	205.00	2
Finger	14,452.50	4,110.00	42	42	18,562.50	84
Foot	14,518.80	4,141.50	20	11	18,660.30	31
Groin	297.00	0.00	2	0	297.00	2
Hamstring	20,221.50	3,909.50	79	27	24,131.00	106
Hand	1,915.40	1,655.00	10	17	3,570.40	27
Head	5,708.00	2,831.00	24	25	8,539.00	49
Hip	4,246.50	2,154.00	13	11	6,400.50	24
Knee	113,038.62	28,613.58	152	69	141,652.20	221
Knee ACL	458,017.79	81,300.50	96	22	539,318.29	118
Knee Cartilage	10,776.00	3,881.47	3	2	14,657.47	5
Leg	18,225.50	6,670.50	82	33	24,896.00	115
Mouth	75.00	100.00	1	1	175.00	2
Neck	887.56	100.00	4	1	987.56	5
Nose	850.00	250.00	8	2	1,100.00	10
Pelvis	216.00	0.00	1	0	216.00	1
Ribs	828.50	300.00	6	3	1,128.50	9
Shoulder	47,738.98	23,558.35	56	44	71,297.33	100
Teeth	24,719.57	7,005.00	11	11	31,724.57	22
Thumb	5,016.50	1,090.00	8	10	6,106.50	18
Toe	100.00	97.50	1	1	197.50	2
Wrist	5,401.50	4,368.00	20	39	9,769.50	59
Grand Total	826,657.82	192,402.90	795	463	1,019,060.72	1258

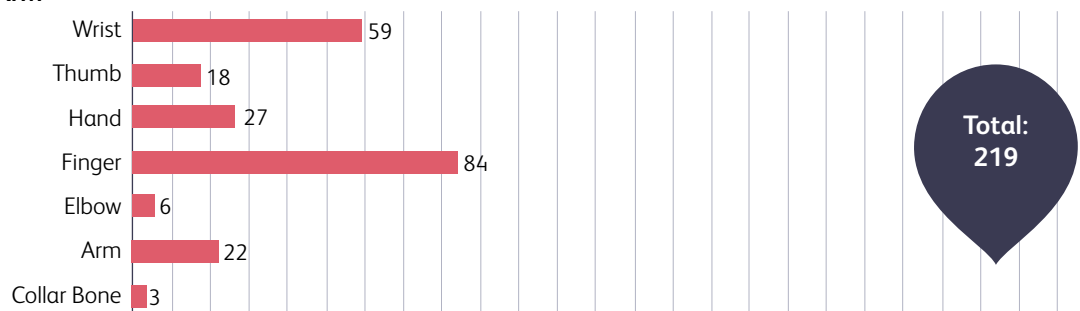
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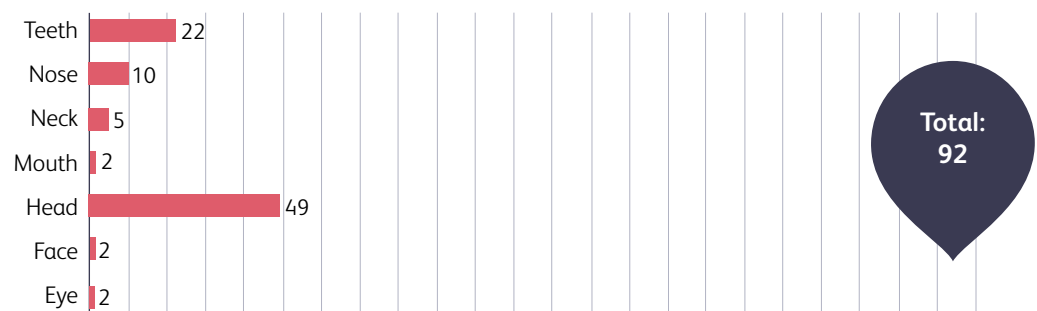
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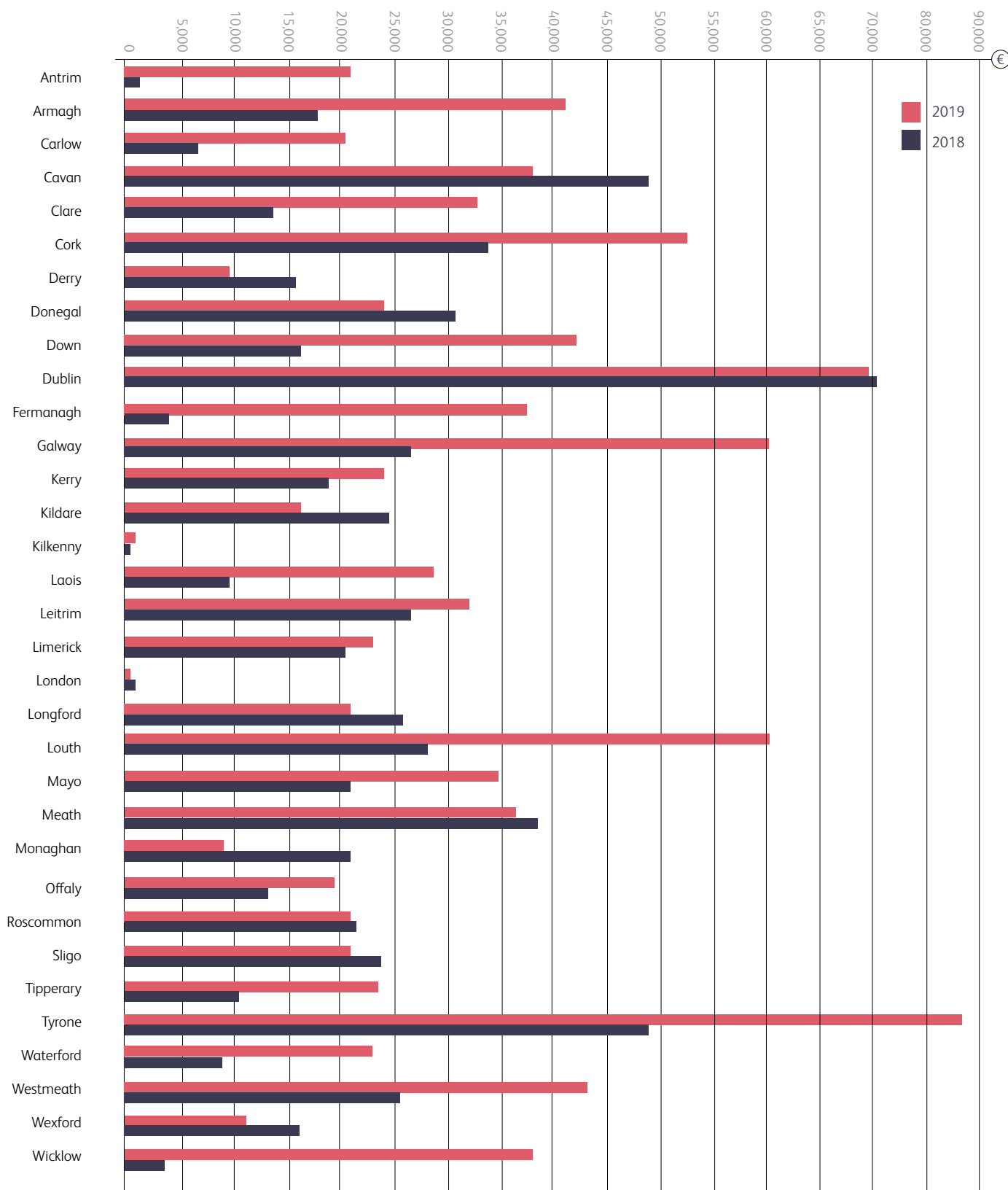
COUNTY BY COUNTY ANALYSIS 2019

County	Playing Status	Amount	Physio	G.P.	MRI	Surgery	Consultant	Anaesthetic Consultant	A&E	Hospital	Dentist	Loss of Wages	Total
Antrim	Adult	2	497.61	0.00	295.00	982.53	305.74	340.62	0.00	6,306.25	0.00	0.00	8,727.75
	Juvenile	3	329.19	0.00	295.00	3,344.36	507.02	1,196.32	0.00	6,254.01	0.00	0.00	11,925.90
Antrim Total		5	826.80	0.00	590.00	4,326.89	812.76	1,536.94	0.00	12,560.26	0.00	0.00	20,653.65
Armagh	Adult	13	991.17	0.00	1,470.00	9,933.90	2,739.78	2,364.94	0.00	20,613.11	0.00	2,766.22	40,879.12
	Juvenile	2	242.84	0.00	295.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	537.84
Armagh Total		15	1,234.01	0.00	1,765.00	9,933.90	2,739.78	2,364.94	0.00	20,613.11	0.00	2,766.22	41,416.96
Carlow	Adult	12	1,210.50	110.00	870.00	4,390.00	1,189.00	1,235.00	200.00	9,770.00	0.00	840.00	19,814.50
	Juvenile	3	0.00	152.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	252.00
Carlow Total		15	1,210.50	262.00	870.00	4,390.00	1,189.00	1,235.00	300.00	9,770.00	0.00	840.00	20,066.50
Cavan	Adult	25	2,100.00	100.00	0.00	2,780.00	910.00	620.00	917.00	8,849.59	0.00	1,245.00	17,521.59
	Juvenile	16	1,246.50	100.00	585.00	4,115.00	1,018.00	1,235.00	500.00	11,154.00	0.00	0.00	19,953.50
Cavan Total		41	3,346.50	200.00	585.00	6,895.00	1,928.00	1,855.00	1,417.00	20,003.59	0.00	1,245.00	37,475.09
Clare	Adult	31	3,415.50	670.00	670.00	4,015.00	35.00	1,185.00	1,000.00	10,200.00	3,000.00	5,581.00	29,771.50
	Juvenile	17	932.00	175.00	735.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	700.00	260.00	0.00	0.00	2,982.00
Clare Total		48	4,347.50	845.00	1,405.00	4,015.00	215.00	1,185.00	1,700.00	10,460.00	3,000.00	5,581.00	32,753.50
Cork	Adult	51	5036.00	885.00	2033.00	4,100.00	2,755.00	1,992.00	1,235.00	12,836.00	5,820.00	5,760.00	42,452.00
	Juvenile	35	2,537.50	625.00	440.00	636.00	950.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,730.00	1,675.00	0.00	9,893.50
Cork Total		86	7,573.50	1,510.00	2,473.00	4,736.00	3,705.00	1,992.00	2,535.00	14,566.00	7,495.00	5,760.00	52,345.50
Derry	Adult	2	305.57	0.00	295.00	0.00	204.18	0.00	0.00	4,424.99	0.00	4,400.00	9,629.74
	Juvenile	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Derry Total		2	305.57	0.00	295.00	0.00	204.18	0.00	0.00	4,424.99	0.00	4,400.00	9,629.74
Donegal	Adult	13	688.50	95.00	1,130.00	2,034.00	1,025.00	318.00	300.00	4,855.00	0.00	6,400.00	16,845.50
	Juvenile	16	1,201.50	110.00	295.00	525.00	180.00	825.00	400.00	4,150.00	100.00	0.00	7,786.50
Donegal Total		29	1,890.00	205.00	1,425.00	2,559.00	1,205.00	1,143.00	700.00	9,005.00	100.00	6,400.00	24,632.00
Down	Adult	10	281.33	0.00	1,380.00	4,866.13	721.34	1,000.68	0.00	19,406.17	0.00	3,760.00	31,415.65
	Juvenile	2	219.36	0.00	295.00	1,950.00	201.20	335.64	0.00	7,059.42	0.00	0.00	10,060.62
Down Total		12	500.69	0.00	1,675.00	6,816.13	922.54	1,336.32	0.00	26,465.59	0.00	3,760.00	41,476.27
Dublin	Adult	56	6,201.50	550.00	960.00	11,537.00	480.00	3,675.00	5,132.00	27,728.80	2,400.00	400.00	59,064.30
	Juvenile	49	2,077.00	375.00	525.00	0.00	650.00	0.00	3,632.50	125.00	3,020.00	0.00	10,404.50
Dublin Total		105	8,278.50	925.00	1,485.00	11,537.00	1,130.00	3,675.00	8,764.50	27,853.80	5,420.00	400.00	69,468.80
Fermanagh	Adult	6	144.00	0.00	290.00	5,726.70	494.06	1,174.19	0.00	14,169.43	0.00	6,567.86	28,566.24
	Juvenile	3	340.88	0.00	0.00	4,541.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,150.00	0.00	0.00	9,032.11
Fermanagh Total		9	484.88	0.00	290.00	10,267.93	494.06	1,174.19	0.00	18,319.43	0.00	6,567.86	37,598.35

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Galway	Adult	84	11,967.50	1,359.00	1,615.00	5,954.00	1,229.00	2,250.00	1,131.00	15,750.00	3,000.00	7,390.00	51,645.50
	Juvenile	33	3,508.70	675.00	1,285.00	480.00	400.00	0.00	1,500.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	8,548.70
Galway Total		117	15,476.20	2,034.00	2,900.00	6,434.00	1,629.00	2,250.00	2,631.00	16,450.00	3,000.00	7,390.00	60,194.20
Kerry	Adult	18	2,228.00	365.00	860.00	2,483.00	1,070.00	585.00	83.00	9,925.55	0.00	3,000.00	20,599.55
	Juvenile	14	1,845.00	240.00	440.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	3,205.00
Kerry Total		32	4,073.00	605.00	1,300.00	2,483.00	1,070.00	585.00	583.00	10,105.55	0.00	3,000.00	23,804.55
Kildare	Adult	27	2,226.00	662.50	740.00	1,300.00	500.00	604.00	1,170.00	3,705.16	0.00	1,840.00	12,747.66
	Juvenile	16	1,300.50	200.00	445.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	676.50	0.00	360.00	0.00	3,132.00
Kildare Total		43	3,526.50	862.50	1,185.00	1,300.00	650.00	604.00	1,846.50	3,705.16	360.00	1,840.00	15,879.66
Kilkenny	Adult	2	243.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	393.00
	Juvenile	5	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.00
Kilkenny Total		7	423.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	973.00
Laois	Adult	18	1,881.00	170.00	650.00	3,680.00	750.00	1,170.00	625.00	9,466.36	0.00	2,748.00	21,140.36
	Juvenile	8	301.50	40.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.00	650.00	400.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	6,191.50
Laois Total		26	2,182.50	210.00	650.00	4,980.00	750.00	1,820.00	1,025.00	12,966.36	0.00	2,748.00	27,331.86
Leitrim	Adult	30	3,955.50	100.00	290.00	6,195.50	3,470.00	0.00	495.00	10,800.00	0.00	855.25	26,161.25
	Juvenile	7	540.00	0.00	0.00	1,350.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4,150.00	0.00	0.00	6,140.00
Leitrim Total		37	4,495.50	100.00	290.00	7,545.50	3,470.00	0.00	595.00	14,950.00	0.00	855.25	32,301.25
Limerick	Adult	27	4,024.00	165.00	200.00	3,950.00	1,570.00	0.00	200.00	9,313.00	595.00	1,800.00	21,817.00
	Juvenile	8	684.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,494.00
Limerick Total		35	4,708.00	375.00	200.00	3,950.00	1,570.00	0.00	800.00	9,313.00	595.00	1,800.00	23,311.00
London	Adult	4	488.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	169.57	0.00	658.27
	Juvenile	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
London Total		4	488.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	169.57	0.00	658.27
Longford	Adult	16	1,867.50	310.00	1,455.00	2,514.00	890.00	650.00	200.00	5,856.60	0.00	0.00	13,743.10
	Juvenile	15	1,093.50	190.00	290.00	1,415.00	0.00	585.00	300.00	3,600.00	0.00	0.00	7,473.50
Longford Total		31	2,961.00	500.00	1,745.00	3,929.00	890.00	1,235.00	500.00	9,456.60	0.00	0.00	21,216.60
Louth	Adult	35	2,857.50	360.00	2,180.00	9,595.00	1,820.00	4,055.00	1,360.00	23,562.00	3,000.00	7,830.00	56,619.50
	Juvenile	17	1,003.80	95.00	585.00	0.00	660.00	0.00	1,200.00	84.17	0.00	0.00	3,627.97
Louth Total		52	3,861.30	455.00	2,765.00	9,595.00	2,480.00	4,055.00	2,560.00	23,646.17	3,000.00	7,830.00	60,247.47
Mayo	Adult	33	3,739.50	490.00	1,040.00	5,404.00	2,335.00	585.00	800.00	11,380.00	0.00	6,025.29	31,798.79
	Juvenile	20	1,867.50	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,057.50
Mayo Total		53	5,607.00	540.00	1,040.00	5,404.00	2,335.00	585.00	1,940.00	11,380.00	0.00	6,025.29	34,856.29
Meath	Adult	64	8,860.50	765.00	1,777.00	3,015.00	1,490.00	1,382.50	1,097.00	7,260.00	0.00	1,323.00	26,970.00
	Juvenile	41	3,608.50	360.00	540.00	0.00	710.00	0.00	1,795.00	700.00	1,560.00	0.00	9,273.50
Meath Total		105	12,469.00	1,125.00	2,317.00	3,015.00	2,200.00	1,382.50	2,892.00	7,960.00	1,560.00	1,323.00	36,243.50

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Monaghan	Adult	12	1,223.50	70.00	1,260.00	750.00	600.00	0.00	200.00	1,950.00	0.00	0.00	6,053.50
	Juvenile	14	612.00	0.00	290.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,102.00
Monaghan Total		26	1,835.50	70.00	1,550.00	750.00	800.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,950.00	0.00	0.00	8,155.50
Offaly	Adult	20	2,115.00	60.00	545.00	2,015.00	150.00	585.00	500.00	4,750.00	100.00	0.00	10,820.00
	Juvenile	21	1,346.00	180.00	220.00	1,415.00	150.00	585.00	1,000.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	8,396.00
Offaly Total		41	3,461.00	240.00	765.00	3,430.00	300.00	1,170.00	1,500.00	8,250.00	100.00	0.00	19,216.00
Roscommon	Adult	20	1,826.00	695.00	1,105.00	1,919.00	1,380.00	968.00	400.00	4,875.00	980.00	0.00	14,148.00
	Juvenile	14	1,116.00	145.00	220.00	1,215.00	160.00	490.00	400.00	2,585.00	80.00	0.00	6,411.00
Roscommon Total		34	2,942.00	840.00	1,325.00	3,134.00	1,540.00	1,458.00	800.00	7,460.00	1,060.00	0.00	20,559.00
Sligo	Adult	32	3,352.00	300.00	220.00	2,740.00	350.00	350.00	600.00	5,710.00	0.00	0.00	13,622.00
	Juvenile	14	1,485.00	75.00	290.00	1,215.00	590.00	450.00	300.00	2,585.00	0.00	0.00	6,990.00
Sligo Total		46	4,837.00	375.00	510.00	3,955.00	940.00	800.00	900.00	8,295.00	0.00	0.00	20,612.00
Tipperary	Adult	19	1,602.00	310.00	220.00	2,700.00	460.00	0.00	300.00	12,150.00	0.00	4,000.00	21,742.00
	Juvenile	15	814.50	280.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	797.50	77.50	0.00	0.00	1,969.50
Tipperary Total		34	2,416.50	590.00	220.00	2,700.00	460.00	0.00	1,097.50	12,227.50	0.00	4,000.00	23,711.50
Tyrone	Adult	19	1,719.89	0.00	1,475.00	10,075.09	1,998.57	1,788.50	0.00	37,578.72	0.00	16,099.30	70,735.07
	Juvenile	4	140.31	0.00	295.00	3,573.97	180.00	1,068.97	0.00	10,580.01	0.00	0.00	15,838.26
Tyrone Total		23	1,860.20	0.00	1,770.00	13,649.06	2,178.57	2,857.47	0.00	48,158.73	0.00	16,099.30	86,573.33
Waterford	Adult	16	2,461.50	200.00	0.00	3,400.00	270.00	750.00	500.00	8,910.00	0.00	6,400.00	22,891.50
	Juvenile	2	189.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	289.00
Waterford Total		18	2,650.50	200.00	0.00	3,400.00	270.00	750.00	600.00	8,910.00	0.00	6,400.00	23,180.50
Westmeath	Adult	38	4,027.00	200.00	535.00	7,195.00	1,570.00	1,605.00	685.00	15,060.00	0.00	4,700.00	35,577.00
	Juvenile	16	621.00	160.00	724.00	1,450.00	200.00	0.00	900.00	3,886.00	0.00	0.00	7,941.00
Westmeath Total		54	4,648.00	360.00	1,259.00	8,645.00	1,770.00	1,605.00	1,585.00	18,946.00	0.00	4,700.00	43,518.00
Wexford	Adult	17	1,751.50	175.00	425.00	750.00	440.00	0.00	600.00	1,600.00	0.00	2,542.98	8,284.48
	Juvenile	18	964.00	235.00	295.00	0.00	470.00	0.00	1,300.00	255.00	0.00	0.00	3,519.00
Wexford Total		35	2,715.50	410.00	720.00	750.00	910.00	0.00	1,900.00	1,855.00	0.00	2,542.98	11,803.48
Wicklow	Adult	23	2,034.00	165.00	520.00	6,945.00	1,960.00	2,448.00	600.00	15,380.40	0.00	3,750.00	33,802.40
	Juvenile	15	1,665.00	105.00	525.00	0.00	220.00	0.00	800.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	3,395.00
Wicklow Total		38	3,699.00	270.00	1,045.00	6,945.00	2,180.00	2,448.00	1,400.00	15,460.40	0.00	3,750.00	37,197.40
Total		1258	121,335.35	14,158.50	36,414.00	161,470.41	42,937.89	41,102.36	42,271.50	425,487.24	25,859.57	108,023.90	1,019,060.72

COUNTY BY COUNTY CLAIM ANALYSIS



PROVINCIAL BREAKDOWN



2018

Province	No. of Claims:	Total Paid:
Britain	3	€737.87
Connacht	200	€120,490.30
Leinster	424	€260,181.48
Munster	199	€105,613.56
Ulster	171	€203,418.83
Total	997	€690,442.04

2019

Province	No. of Claims:	Total Paid:
Britain	4	€658.27
Connacht	287	€168,522.74
Leinster	552	€363,162.27
Munster	253	€179,106.55
Ulster	162	€307,610.89
Total	1258	€1,019,060.72



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

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NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

It has been a busy but exciting year in 2019 for development with progression evident in all current initiatives and programmes plus a few new additions following on from the LGFA Strategic Roadmap. It is essential that our approach continues to evolve to cater for the needs and support requirements of our units at all levels and this will be evident through our new Volunteer Support Programme with counties throughout 2020. It is an exciting time for our sport and the focus now is to ensure we have the structures in place to enable this continued growth and development. 2020 promises to be a milestone year for women's sport in Ireland and it needs to remain our prerogative to stay ahead of the curve.

Development Staff

It was a tumultuous year in 2018 with changes in personnel but we were delighted to get back to a full cohort of staff this year and I cannot thank them enough for the hard work and dedication they demonstrate in their roles. The four strand areas have enabled the designated National Development Officer to devote the time required to research, design and evaluate initiatives in each theme; Volunteer Development (Niall Mulrine), Coach Education (William Harmon), Referee and Player Development (Clare Dowdall) and Growth and Participation (Vinny Whelan) supported by our Development Support Administrator Shauna McNutt.

During the year Aisling Doonan moved to a new role and was replaced by Vinny, who we are delighted to have on board, but we are extremely grateful for the input and innovation she brought to the role while in the position and wish her the very best in the future. We welcomed two new Provincial Development Officers in 2019 as Gearóid Balfry and Claire Towey Burke filled the positions in Munster and Connacht respectively joining Suzi Doyle (Leinster), Ciaran Murtagh and Aidan McLaughlin (Ulster). This full development staff

meets monthly and the shared knowledge and expertise has really assisted in bringing development of the game to a new level with essential discussions and debates on how we need to devise and implement programmes, initiatives and education going forward. We were disappointed to see Suzi Doyle move on in January 2020 as she had inputted greatly to our plans and always offered a new perspective on the sport. Leinster will see change with a new development officer and that person will again bring freshness and new ideas. However, we do need to ensure that the structures we have in place for all the provincial development officers are strengthened creating the support system they require to carry out their roles.

National Development Committee

The National Development Committee have provided real diversity in our thinking and have analysed the development of our sport from a different perspective. The committee consists of a number of subject experts who can provide guidance and knowledge in areas such as player, referee, volunteer and coach development. Four of the members are provincial representatives with expert knowledge, Aisling Hubbard (Leinster), Jennifer Higgins (Connacht), Keith Delahunty (Munster) and Eliza Downey (Ulster). They are joined on this committee by Wesley O'Brien from University College Cork, Antoinette Campbell who is a former PE teacher and Special Olympics volunteer, and Fiona Coghlan, former Ireland rugby captain and All-Ireland Intermediate Club winner with Clontarf. This committee meets quarterly chaired by the National Development Officer on Management, Con Moynihan and includes Paula Prunty as Operations and Planning Manager and me ensuring that all discussions are in line with our National Strategic Roadmap.

The importance of this group cannot be underestimated as sometimes we can get caught in our own bubble, but they assist to



critically analyse our development and ensure to keep us ahead of the curve. I would like to thank them for their enthusiasm, expertise and commitment and look forward to the year ahead.

Provincial Development

At the start of 2019 we embarked on a provincial road show to meet with the executives of each province for planning and this enabled the members to review previous targets and in turn set goals and ambitions for the year. These workshops focused on the development of all aspects of the province with the resulting plans assisting to shape the work programmes for the provincial development officers.

There were also mid-year meetings arranged with each province to discuss progress of the plans and to ensure we were offering the required support to enable them to achieve their targets set out. The inclusion of all members of the executive is essential in this planning process as everyone has opinions, thoughts and views on how their province can improve and their knowledge and experience can help to accelerate their development. The areas covered included coaching and games, referee development, club and county structures, communications and promotions.

As a development team we look forward to progressing these plans in 2020 and I would like to thank the Provincial Presidents and executives for their co-operation and support throughout the year.

Work Groups

Firstly I would like to thank all the work groups for their time, sharing of knowledge and creation of ideas during the year. The groups enable us to think differently and drive ambition and we look forward to continuing this development in the year ahead.

Female Leadership

The Female Leadership workgroup embarked on their second year of deliberation and discussion and what a positive year it was. This group was put in place to assess the current opportunities available for females within our association but more importantly to examine perceived barriers for involvement in many varying roles. The key focus areas were Coaching, Officiating, Administration/Governance and PR/Media.

The first target of this group was the establishment of the new female leadership programme 'Learn to Lead' and what a success this has proven to be. Twenty females were selected, five for each strand listed above, to participate and following a unique launch in February the journey began on 23rd March in Croke Park. Other initiatives which took place were female liaison officer seminars, the assimilated coaching course, the referee academy and the new Laoch Programme. The Laoch programme provided PR and Media training for intercounty players and was delivered by the renowned Women on Air group. The skills acquired by the players involved will enable them to feel more confident to build their profile and that of the sport.

The members of the workgroup are Marie Hickey (Chairperson), Gráinne McElwain (TG4), Róisín Duffy (RTE and Women on Air),

John O'Mahony (Senator), Michael O'Keeffe (CEO Teneo PSG), Tracey Kennedy (Cork GAA Chairperson), Katie Liston (University of Ulster), Su Carty (World Rugby Council), and Mary O'Connor (CEO Federation of Irish Sport) who are joined by Paula Prunty, Niall Mulrine and myself from LGFA. These leading experts have brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table and the next step for the group will be the confirmation of a female leadership policy for the association. It is imperative that we put this in place to ensure we all know what our ambitions are for female leadership in our governing body.

Player Development

Following on from the introduction of the new All-Ireland Under 14 Championship Series, it was requested of the development team to review the current development academies structure and put forward a proposal to Central Council. There were lessons learned from the Under 14 process and the first step taken were to get each province to identify two people, involved as development officers or with academies, to sit on the workgroup alongside the full-time development officer from the province. This group would then go on to meet with William Harmon and Con Moynihan, three times during the year with invaluable work being completed between those dates, but also allowing for provincial consultation between meetings. The main objective of the group was to specifically focus on the current LGFA Academy programme and its role in relation to its intended objectives i.e. participation, development and retention of players in our game. Research shows early selection or even more so de-selection of players is one of the primary reasons why players drop out of sport so therefore we needed to be cognisant of this in the discussions.

The agreed feedback process was that the two provincial representatives would then feedback to other development personnel in their province both on what was discussed in meetings but also their thoughts going forward to allow them to input into the review and the restructuring of these academies. Following lengthy discussions at these meetings it was unanimously agreed that the objective of the development academy programme should be a more long-term focus aiming to develop and retain players with minimal selection or de-selection of players associated with the roll out of the programme. Based on the above feedback and discussion, it was suggested to rebrand and title the programme the 'LGFA Player Development Programme'. There was extremely rich thoughts and ideas coming to the table at the meetings and a proposal was then formulated for the new Player Development Programme to present to Management and Central Council. There was initial feedback provided straight away particularly in relation to the number of playing opportunities allowed so these were amended before the final proposal and the new Player Development Programme was then passed at December's Central Council meeting.

The overall aim of the new programme is to 'Equip players with the knowledge, skills and attitude to be the best they can be and foster a sporting vocation ('Love') for LGFA'. It is an inclusive initiative hoping to maximise the potential of all players involved. One of the strongest reasons for change highlighted was that many counties were now treating these academies as county teams with training

sessions and games taking place throughout the year and although saying they want more space for club games they were simply taking more of this away themselves with these squads. There are now clearly county teams at under 14, 16, 18 and adult only with the LGFA Player Development Programme available for counties to participate in at under 13, 15 and 17 and this will be supported with coach education in all provinces in turn improving standards at both club and county level.

In the words of Socrates 'The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new' and this is something we have had to keep in mind throughout both this and the Under 14 process as change can be difficult and at times very frustrating but we are never trying to offer solutions that will be detrimental to the sport but rather the opposite and based on solid research and facts. Our role is to develop and improve and we certainly feel we are building towards the environment required to ensure all our players, regardless of the level they play at, are afforded that opportunity.

Coach Education

There has been a spotlight on coach education during 2019 and it has been a core part of our work programme from the regular courses provided through to workshops specific for our programmes and initiatives. The FREDA principle has been incorporated throughout all our coach education aiming for all activities to be Fun, Relevant, aim for Excellence, have Direction and ensure everyone is Active. These underpin why and how we need to go about our business as coaches in the sport. Feedback from all our coach education has been exceptional and we strive to meet the needs of our volunteers at all levels through the provision of a suite of tools specific to their role.

Figures in Table 1 on page 75 show the activity level of courses and you will see that the number of FUNDamentals courses has decreased in 2019. However, the provision of Level 1 courses has increased. Clubs must ensure that every coach has their relevant coaching qualifications, safeguarding and garda vetting/police checks completed so it is essential that counties continue to organise these courses annually, with five counties providing no coach education in 2019, two of which did not organise any referee education either.

In addition to these we also ran a Level 2 course with the aim to increase this to two courses in the coming year. This is a challenging yet hugely rewarding course with the aim to bring the focus right back to our sport and the development of our players. We have many excellent workshops available namely Key2Coaching, Coach the Keeper and Club Mentor Rules which are underutilised by counties. The latter of these is a workshop to educate club mentors on the official rules of the game and is an area we need to focus on for the coming year as too often we are seeing and hearing evidence of a complete lack of knowledge of the LGFA playing rules on our side-lines. Yes we need to continue to educate referees also but this has to work both ways and a measure of success will be when we stop hearing comments like "That's a black card" or "Shoulder her" on the pitches and in turn impacting the coaching that is being provided by increasing skillsets like the correct way to tackle. A new and reviewed Coach the Keeper workshop will be organised regionally early in 2020 as this is another area of focus for the coming year.

Gaelic4Teens has been a huge success and coaches have shown a strong interest in learning more about the area of teenage drop off





and the environment needed to retain players of this age. In 2019 we piloted our new Coach the Teenage Player workshop in Leinster and the interest was incredible with tickets selling out in less than 24 hours. Feedback from this was that it was an extremely effective and forward-thinking workshop with more organised in each province in the next few months.

On 23rd November we organised another Intercounty Player Level 1 Assimilation aimed at current or past county players enabling them to fast track to Level 1 due to their playing experience at club, school and county level. They did however need to be currently involved in coaching the game and 14 players completed the course with Liam Moggan who was assisted by William Harmon. Encouraging more female coaches is a key area of discussion for our female leadership workgroup and opportunities such as this can assist to progress more females through the coaching ladder.

We have witnessed a continued demand for coach education internationally and one of our coach developers, Clíodhna O'Connor, attended the European Finals in Vienna to provide mentorship and guidance for the coaches of the teams involved. They reaped the rewards from this as coaches got on the spot feedback on their performances. Teresa Molohan and Niamh Kindlon, coach developers, also travelled to Munich and Barcelona respectively to deliver coach education workshops for the clubs in the regions and I delivered a number of workshops as part of a development trip to Canada in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver. Continued accessible education is essential for all international units and we have set up an online forum for their county development officers

to receive support plus innovations like our new coaching element; "The LGFA Show Podcast" has delivered messages worldwide. We are piloting these podcasts with monthly shows from November 2019 to May 2020 before the focus goes back onto championship but the reaction to these has been immense and certainly an area we can build on in the future.

One of the most monumental agreements for coach education came to fruition in 2019 with the development of a new 'Introduction to Gaelic Games' course with the GAA and Camogie Association and this course will now replace the FUNdamentals course as it will be utilised as the first step on the coaching ladder for all three associations. This will again assist international units, and at home, as a single course can be delivered at one venue. There was healthy debate at the working group to devise this but we are confident that the course will meet the needs of coaches from all codes and this was an essential step as many coaches at this level are coaching both girls and boys and should not need to attend a number of courses to be allowed to do this. The levels above this remain as single code only currently as it is widely acknowledged that there are key differences in coaching girls and boys as they progress through the age grades so it is imperative the courses cater for the demands of the players involved.

The appetite for knowledge increases annually with coaches striving to be the best they can be. All research highlights the importance of the coach in retaining players so it is essential that they upskill and continue to develop to meet the changing needs of players. We piloted the use of coach observers in 2019 to offer practical

advice at training sessions and this will now be extended to allow every county to upskill two people specifically for their county. We also held tailored workshops for development academy personnel open to all coaches of academies at Under 13, 15 and 17 level whilst in turn Leinster ran an additional county mentor workshop focusing on the level they need to work at with a section embedded on the playing rules of the game. We aim to ensure that our coach education is meeting the needs of the volunteers in clubs and counties and more targeted evenings like these and others previously mentioned will continue to be identified as part of our strategic roadmap.

We have an excellent group of coach developers in place who on a weekly basis challenge current thinking and strive to improve standards across the country. Our annual in-service in November is as always conducive to change but strives for the betterment of the game ensuring that the coach education we provide is of the highest standard possible. I would like to thank the coach developers for their commitment, time and dedication to the role under the guidance of William Harmon, whose remit includes coach education, and we look forward to furthering this progress in the coming year. For many years we have been asked for research from our own players as to why they get involved, why they stay playing and for some why they drop off across all ages and we now have this to help us to shape our education but the most important steps are yet to come as we implore our coaches and officials to listen to them and assist us to shape the required pathways rather than being stagnant on traditional structures and methods.

We look forward to continued progress in 2020 with the introduction of our Athletic Development and Inclusion Workshops again to meet needs as requested. In the words of Peters and Austin (1985) "Coaching is a form of leadership that pulls together people with diverse talents, backgrounds, experiences and interests, encourages them to step up to responsibility and continued achievement, and treats them as full-scale partners and contributors. Coaching is not about memorising techniques or devising the perfect game plan. It is about really paying attention to people – really believing them, really caring about them, really involving them." We have some excellent coaches involved in our game and some who strive for improvement but together we can ensure we are all caring for and developing our players by paying attention to them and putting the framework in place to future proof the game.

Match Officials Education

The area of refereeing continues to be a challenging one as we struggle to recruit people for the role but who are a vital cog in ensuring that our games take place. This can be a thankless job but one in which I have great admiration for the people involved and thank them for the hours they give to ensure we have the games we have grown to play and love, alongside our other officials such as linespersons and umpires. We need our counties and provinces to place a strong emphasis on this area for 2020 as it continues to be neglected and we need to endeavour to gain the respect for referees that they deserve. We produced a 'Respect the Referee' video during the year which received enormous traction and response, but do we practice what we preach across all levels of our association?





Referee Pathway

'GRAB YOUR WHISTLE'



One crucial course for every county to organise annually is the Annual Referee Refresher course for existing referees as this workshop explains any changes to the rules and for many it clarifies their main area of concern, along with the differences between LGFA and GAA playing rules, as many referees officiate both. In 2019 we had 26 counties organising these courses but that still means that six counties did not. Two counties have not ran anything in last two years, one has not arranged anything in four, while another county has not ran any form of education in at least the past five years. This workshop is essential to improve the consistency of refereeing across the country and we have advised counties if they feel they do not have enough referees themselves to partner with another county for this but we cannot go on allowing excuses for this fundamental course not taking place for the progress of the sport.

With the increase in popularity of ladies gaelic football comes more games and in turn the need for an increased number of officials. Our referee education workgroup led by Clare Dowdall have reviewed the pathway we had in place and following consultation with a number of active counties there is now an additional level available so the first step on the pathway is Go Games Referee followed by our new Youth Club Referee, leading on to Adult Club Referee and then for those more ambitious they can progress to provincial and national levels.

There are huge numbers of young girls playing our game and it is essential that counties provide Go Games activities for these players and many counties have been working tirelessly to do this which can also be seen from the increased number of Go Games referee courses from 18 to 26 in 2019, but it should be noted that Dublin are again leading the way in putting these structures in place with 14 of these courses taking place in the capital. However, Cork arranged the most Level 1 courses with three and are continuing to progress referees through the levels. With the new levels all counties should be striving to provide avenues for potential referees to get involved at the level

suitable to them. The revised Adult Club course will see us entering eLearning for the first time as this will alter from a two-day to a one-day course with the remaining content to be completed through the GAA eLearning Portal. We are hoping to build on this in the coming year to make our education as accessible as possible but we are still conscious of the need to keep face-to-face learning in place so a more blended option will be preferred.

Last year the question was posed as to who is currently, and who will in the future, referee games if counties refuse to organise courses to recruit referees and still in 2019 there were 16 counties that did not organise a single Go Games or Level 1 Course. This is not sustainable and there will come a point where we will not have enough referees to allow us to organise games if counties do not act on this. Experienced referees should not need to be officiating at these levels but rather they should be a breeding ground for new ambitious officials. Step one is to organise the courses but step two is then to provide these new referees with support, guidance and practical experience. They cannot learn if they are not given the opportunities. We are currently devising a new County Aftercare Programme to give advice and tools to county boards for the period after these courses take place to try and increase the activity levels and retention of these referees and this will be rolled out in 2020.

During the year, in line with the above, we piloted a new Go Games Programme with Antrim and this was aimed at younger referees aged 12-14 years and they then officiated at non-competitive Go Games in their county while being mentored by an experienced referee on the side-line. This was a big risk to take as being the central figure on the pitch can be daunting for anyone never mind a child of this age, but they excelled. These referees were not controlling the game, but they were part of the game as they should be. The side-lines needed to remain quiet as they could not be seen shouting abuse at a child unlike what at times appears acceptable to an adult referee. Did they get all

the rules correct? Of course they didn't but did the players master all their skills? No! It was a learning environment for all but most importantly enjoyed by all the players. The key to this however was the mentoring and the support put in place by Antrim who should be commended for that. The highlight was seeing these Go Games Officials all involved at the exhibition games at our TG4 All-Ireland Finals. The pilot was an enormous learning process for us but certainly one we look forward to building on in the future because not everyone in LGFA must be an aspiring player, we have plenty of potential budding officials.

At provincial level we continue to organise annual seminars at the start of the year for referees at that level and they include fitness and rules assessments. The aim is to introduce pre-championship evenings also to continue to get uniformity in the rules and to increase our face-to-face contact with everyone involved for further support. The provincial accelerate courses continue to bring fresh faces to the panels through a series of interactive and educational modules to ensure they have the required skills and confidence to move up a step on the referee ladder. At national level our panel of referees attended a pre-league and pre-championship seminar including the above assessments. All referees must pass the levels required to remain on the national panel and these are gradually increasing annually. The fitness assessments are conducted by the Health and Human Performance Department of DCU and in June we were joined by Liam Moggan for our pre-championship seminar to deliver a session focusing on 'Peer to Peer Feedback Skills' to enable our referees to give each other, and other officials, meaningful feedback before, during and after games. These tools will prove to be invaluable going forward for referees as they support each other to develop and progress. Provincial winter fitness hubs were established to bring provincial and national referees together once a month during the off season to maintain their fitness levels and receive educational advice specific to their role and we will expand on these for pre-championship in 2020.

Three new referees progressed through the national accelerate programme last year to take their positions on the national panel and this entailed the completion of five modules, practical experience and most importantly self-reflection. Three more referees have embarked on this journey and will be appointed to their first games in 2020 before aiming to graduate to the panel pre-championship. For the first time we also organised a GAA Referee Assimilation which was open to current provincial or national level GAA referees, or if active on panels within last three years, and we had five officials who attended the assimilation day with three of these progressing the pre-league testing panels. This is another area that we can build on to create pathways to enable access to the best officials from several areas to get involved in the game at the highest level.

Throughout the year we continued to use the Hudl video analysis system with our national panel and this has enabled us to provide performance analysis to the referees using video footage as the cameras are focused on the referee rather than the overall game. They can see the positive areas and items they feel may need some improvement. We maintained the use of written assessments

providing further guidance and support with practical visuals available. Hudl ensures there is an interactive learning environment and the referees can respond through the app to give or receive feedback whilst also allowing group discussion to take place on focus areas needing further consideration or consultation. This system aims to improve the degree of consistency in officiating whilst providing an invaluable support for referees.

The written assessment process remains an essential element of referee development with provinces expanding their number of assessors and counties now starting to train some assessors to give advice to their referees within the county. The national assessor group continues to review the process and the forms in place and the provincial representatives on this group for 2019 were Martin Gavin (Connacht), Finbarr O'Driscoll (Leinster), Dave Daly (Munster – now replaced by Eamonn O'Connor) and Paul Swift (Ulster). In total there were 65 assessments completed on national referees and we are extremely thankful to our national assessors who travel around the country and show dedication and commitment to the role. We are always aiming to increase the number of assessors involved and will continue to do this.

A referee's role is made much easier with a strong team of officials working with them and we had record numbers of umpires and lines people attending our provincial seminars with 124 participants registered. Their certification expires every two years and they must then complete the training again as this ensures that all level of official is provided with updates on the game and their role. As part of the Lidl National League guidelines all counties are asked to provide lines people for their home games and we would ask counties to think carefully about who they select as this can be the perfect learning environment for aspiring referees in your county, particularly females, to work with referees at the highest level of our game. Although it is not compulsory to have referees to have their own umpires at games within counties it is important that you encourage it as it allows referees to start building trust with their own team prior to entering provincial or national panels where they must have their own umpires available.

As an association we pride ourselves on being progressive and innovative and the introduction of the score assistant in 2017 showcased this once again and this has proven to be crucial for a number of key scoring decisions to date from the very first involving Monaghan's Ciara McAnespie's goal against Cork in Tullamore. However, this year the score assistant has been questioned and it has been alluded to that they are assisting with more than just situations relation to scores, but this is not the case. Their role is very clearly defined. The scores assistant, sits in the TG4 production van at all televised matches where they have the benefit of all available television angles to help judge if a score has taken place, or in some cases not taken place, and then relay this to the referee. This official is there to assist the referee rather than replace them and feedback from referees has been hugely positive as they aim to get the key decisions correct.

Remaining on the theme of innovation, we were delighted to be successful in our Women in Sport funding application to



Sport Ireland for a new Grab Your Whistle Referee Academy. The academy was devised to develop aspiring referees aged 18 – 35 years within Ladies Gaelic Football and is being delivered over 18 months by experts in the field. This was a new initiative welcoming referees from all counties to take part with each county allocated positions for two referees, at least one of which should be a female. The course consists of six contact days, first and final day in Croke Park, with remaining dates taking place in each province which will focus on technical, physical, mental and tactical development whilst also providing practical referee experience on top of ongoing support and advice. The participants will have to attend assigned games and events as part of compulsory practical experience. The conditions were that participants could not be on a provincial or national referee panel but must be currently refereeing in their county. The first two modules had been completed in 2019 and although we are delighted to have 28 very enthusiastic participants it was extremely disappointing not to see counties avail of these positions and once again highlights the difficulties outlined above in encouraging referees through the referee pathway.

At international level we held a course in London whilst Clare Dowdall also attended the European Finals to provide education and mentoring to the referees involved. We are delighted that another tutor from Europe, Brieuc Henry, will be signed off in February 2020 and he will assist with the delivery of referee education across the continent. During the year we also met with Hugh Duggan, USGAA referee administrator, to develop a module for inclusion in their referee development days focusing on the rules of ladies football so we will continue to review this and work more closely with units to see where we can integrate this learning into current available opportunities.

We are working hard to improve our referee development and Clare Dowdall has worked relentlessly for progression since she came into the role as National Development Officer and there has been greater importance emphasised on the area. The continuation of the Grab Your Whistle bi-monthly newsletter has been welcomed by officials as it has increased both communication and profile for referees. The development of the referee handbook has provided clear guidelines on all aspects of refereeing and we aim to have a digital version of this available in the new year incorporating actual video footage for explanations of the various fouls etc. which will be a significant learning tool for referees and coaches. To end where I started off in this area though, referees are essential and need to be respected and part of that is giving them the time and opportunities they deserve so we urge counties to make this one of their priority areas and work with us to build solid foundations for the years to come.

Development Initiatives

In 2019 there were 34 clubs from 21 counties involved in the Gaelic4Girls Programme, see table 2 on page 76. This programme is reviewed and restructured annually following feedback from clubs but continues to be an essential recruitment tool for many clubs across the country. Previously we allocated two places to every county for clubs to take part but when we reviewed the programme it was decided that quality over quantity was imperative so it would not matter where the clubs were from but if we felt they required the assistance from their application they were accepted regardless of their location. The number of clubs applying has decreased since the removal of the national blitz day from Croke Park but we believe we actually have a more impactful initiative now as clubs apply because they want to



build solid structures in their club locally rather than just applying to play in Croke Park.

The measure of success of the programme is now the impact it has on the young girls in the club, their mentors and the clubs coaching philosophies. The experience received and environment created in the club will attract these new players and encourage them to stay involved leading to greater long-term sustainability. Aisling Doonan dedicated a huge amount of time to this area to ensure the tools we were providing to clubs were applicable and meeting their needs and we now look forward to Vinny Whelan carrying on this role as he continues in his new position as National Development Officer with a remit for growth and participation.

Aimee Mackin has been an ambassador for this programme and her videos have gone viral throughout the duration of the initiative with clubs everywhere interacting and engaging with the content. She is an excellent fit for the role having been involved with Gaelic4Girls and we will be delighted to welcome Jennifer Higgins from Roscommon as another ambassador for the next role out. They are two role models that young girls can aspire to and at that age it is important to motivate them and allow them to dream of one day being one their heroes. The training and induction for clubs was delivered provincially for their coaches and co-ordinators focusing on various aspects from recruitment, coaching right through to creating a positive environment. We hope to expand on this support in 2020 by offering an additional training day for coaches and an online portal for resources and forum to communicate with other clubs involved. Cork's Orlagh Farmer has recently completed her PHD and this learning will be incorporated into the new roll out and we would like to thank Orlagh for the time she has devoted to this and her research is now being recognised both here and abroad so it will bring Gaelic4Girls to a new level once again.

There were no Gaelic4Girls in Britain this year, as it was agreed that workshops focusing on club development would be more beneficial to allow the clubs involved to put structures in place for the new players they had been recruiting through the initiative but also to get meaningful games provided for them to be involved in. Unfortunately, due to personnel changes in Britain and difficulty in getting dates secured the only workshop that took place was in Scotland but we will re-engage with this area. The number of girls playing football in Britain continues to soar, so it is essential that the appropriate opportunities are now provided to these girls to participate. We would like to acknowledge the GAA board, in conjunction with the All Britain Games Committee, and the County Development Administrators for their continued support of ladies gaelic football and including our game in what is an unbelievable four days of school and club activity in Greenford, London. The ABC Games are essential for the growth of the sport in Britain with the attendance of girls increasing annually and this year over 500 games were played in total. The ABC committee work tirelessly to put all logistics in place and we would like to thank them and our representative Colleen Lynott for all the work they do to include us.

There are nearly 300 clubs from 31 counties involved in our Gaelic4Mothers&Others initiative and the rate of expansion annually



is exponential. This was clearly evident at the 2019 National Blitz Day where we used every blade of grass in Naomh Mearnóg and St. Sylvester's to facilitate the involvement of 120 teams, yet we still had over 60 teams on the waiting list. The programme has brought a whole new element to clubs providing opportunities for physical opportunity for these women but in turn the clubs have experienced an increase in the number of participants volunteering in their club.

Gaelic4Mothers&Others is an inclusive programme and aims to provide a social environment for women to get involved recreationally in our game. It is a necessity that we keep that fun ethos engrained in the initiative and ensure that only clubs buying into that culture remain involved. We have had a few cases during 2019 when we have had to contact a club because they have organised a tournament with trophies or published results of a game but we must stress that this is not allowed and it must be non-competitive playing opportunities only. It must be stated that these cases are very few and the majority participate exactly as stated by the ethos. Our north inner city Dublin version 'Gaelic4Ma's' showcased this and captured the imagination of so many following their participation in the half time games at our TG4 All-Ireland semi-finals. Not alone did they appear on The Marty Squad but they had a feature length programme that aired on Christmas Eve with more to come. This was just one of the many stories that has emerged from Gaelic4Mothers&Others, it has become a life changing, and in some cases lifesaving, activity for so many and one we should be very proud of. Encapsulating was the fact we received funding from the Communities Integration Fund to run Gaelic4Mothers&Others aimed at migrant communities in Castlereagh, Ballyhaunis and Ballaghaderreen and it was mesmerising to watch the participants involved and embracing our sport. We will continue to work on ensuring clubs abide by that ethos over the coming months.

Five provincial blitz days took place, two in Leinster, during June and July and like our other blitz days the demand for inclusion in these is also increasing with more teams applying to get involved. The National Blitz Day took place on 5th October and even Storm Lorenzo could not prevent the teams congregating from all corners of Ireland and the excitement was palpable as the buses drove into the car park. 120 teams took part and although we had a long waiting list, we aim to ensure that the teams involved receive a quality experience with meaningful playing time and that had to be to the fore. Any event with over 2,000 women participating is an amazing feat but considering the weather conditions leading up to this it made it even more exceptional. We cannot thank Ground Force enough, a volunteer group in Naomh Mearnóg who maintain the grounds and set up the pitches to name but a few of their tasks and they worked incessantly to get the venue in pristine condition. We once again had Lei and her team from Bokwa Ireland to lead all participants in the mass warm up and it really is a sight to behold with all the women laughing, having fun, warming their limbs and many continuing the tradition of fancy dress. Following all games



the clubhouses of Naomh Mearnóg and St Sylvester's were rocking into the early hours as the women enjoyed their well earned post-event refreshments. Thank you to our host clubs for their hospitality and use of their facilities, we really do appreciate it. The day could not happen without our volunteers and referees who add so much to the atmosphere created on the occasion and they ensure the players involved had a day to be savoured and remembered.

Gaelic4Mothers&Others will continue to grow with more stories emerging on the impact the initiative is having both physically and mentally for the women involved and we need to cherish this but also prepare for it and ensure that we keep the programme as it was designed to be – an inclusive, social and non-competitive environment for all involved.

We had 17 clubs from 10 counties selected for the 2019 Gaelic4Teens initiative, see table 3 on page 76, and the coaches attended two training days in either NUI

Maynooth or University College Limerick with the sessions being delivered by our ambassadors; Orlagh Farmer, Clíodhna O'Connor, Fiona McHale, Sinead Delahunty, Sharon Courtney, Bronagh McGrane and Jackie Kinch under the guidance of William Harmon. We cannot undervalue the role these ambassadors play in the successful delivery of this renowned programme. Not only have these players been teenage girls themselves, they have then gone on to carve out careers with their county but most importantly for this they have expertise and knowledge from their professional



backgrounds to share with the willing participants involved to help to recruit and retain more teenage players in our sport.

The programme is a coach education programme aiming to have an impact on the type of coaching and environment being provided in clubs. Teenagers have provided feedback and thoughts to help design the initiative and this has been further enriched through our own research during the programme. Players from the clubs involved then attended the National Gaelic4Teens Day on 6th May in the GAA National Games Development Centre in Abbotstown and they were involved in three sessions – blitz games, athletic development and lifestyle talks with the ambassadors. This brought the programme full circle as the teenagers themselves were now gaining a full understanding of the education being provided to their coaches and the reasons behind the change they had witnessed in many cases. Gaelic4Teens has the potential to make a greater impact on retention rates and we will increase the number of clubs to 30 for the coming year whilst also rolling out further 'Coach the Teenage Player' workshops following the hugely successful pilot in Leinster.

There has been a great interest from outside LGFA circles in the initiative too and we organised a Teenage Hub in conjunction with Cavan Local Sports Partnership at Halloween midterm with over 50 girls registered. The same underlying themes were impacted on these players throughout the two day hub and this could be a further area for expansion with county players in other counties who want to get involved hosting these during the summer and we could upskill them during training days. To add to this we were successful in a dormant

accounts application with Cavan LSP to run Gaelic4Teens specifically for areas in the county, similar to our work in Wicklow two years ago, and we look forward to this coming to fruition in 2020.

The area of teenage drop off and retention of players is a problem for many sports but it is essential that we continue to be proactive and we will be adding to the number of ambassadors we have involved to enable us to expand Gaelic4Teens further and meet the growing demands for support in this area.

The Club2Gether initiative has made a positive impact on many clubs since its inception in 2017. It aims to ensure clubs can build solid foundations and put appropriate structures in place for growth and development in the future. 12 clubs from seven counties completed the 2018-2019 programmes with 16 clubs from 14 counties now selected to participate in the 2019 – 2020 Programme and they are listed in table 4 on page 76.



The programmes focus on a number of areas that are of importance for the evolution of clubs including communication, governance, volunteer development and accessing funding. The

facilitators involved impart their expert knowledge on the clubs and challenge them to think differently about what they are doing. We also trained a number of new club planners who then met with the clubs and assisted them to put basic two or three year plan in place to create a vision for the future and it forced the clubs to think ahead but also who they need to get involved to reach their destination.

The club planners attended training on 9th February 2019 with Niall Mulrine, our National Development Officer with the remit for volunteer development, and they then worked closely with him to bring these plans to fruition. The new club planners are now available to work with provinces or clubs themselves if required for further initiatives and will be a very beneficial resource. At the end of the 2018-2019 Club2Gether Programme we conducted a review and the dates and topics have been brought in line with the needs of the participants with planning now an optional evening for clubs as some may already have in place or could be part of a one club structure with the GAA.

When the LGFA launched the Strategic Roadmap 2017-2022 there was a key area identified to 'define a model to promote Female Leadership across the Association.'



As part of this the female leadership workgroup assisted to devise the new Learn to Lead Programme which has been a monumental success for LGFA as our very first female leadership programme. It was launched in February 2019 in The Marker Hotel, Dublin with our twenty enthusiastic and intrigued participants. The LGFA leadership programme was devised to develop the next generation of female leaders within LGFA and the course is delivered over 12 months by experts in the fields of Coaching, Officiating, Administration/ Governance and PR/Media.

The twenty participants were chosen following a phenomenal response to our advertising campaign with each of them selecting the strand they wanted to be involved in from the above areas. Over four days, and six evenings, we examined diverse leadership skills and focused on the skill sets and techniques required to master each of the four strands.

The Programme commenced on Saturday, March 23rd 2019, and concluded on Saturday, February 15th 2020. On day one, Niamh McElwain, who designs and teaches transformational learning programmes at Google, facilitated a thought-provoking day encouraging our females to identify the leader within them and their vulnerabilities. From this very first session there was an indelible bond forming between the group and this would remain right up to the final day. Day two took place three months later and expectations were high but the participants would not be disappointed. The keynote speaker was former Uachtarán na hÉireann, Mary McAleese, in conversation with Gráinne McElwain. The opportunity for such an intimate discussion with a woman close to many hearts is something that will remain with these women. Pedro Angulo, Head of Leadership with AIB, then facilitated a fascinating session for the afternoon making the participants challenge their personal purpose delivered in a highly engaging manner.

Next up on Day three was Alan Lyons, a chartered psychologist dealing with high performing teams, and he brought a fresh aspect to the day encouraging the women to focus on the people they are surrounding themselves with and building a positive team culture. Gillian Harford, from the 30% Club, then delivered a heartfelt keynote sharing her life experiences and the barriers and challenges she had to overcome. Many of the participants in the room could relate to this journey and left motivated and inspired. The women involved attended two evenings specific to their strand between every pillar day and these sessions were facilitated by experts in the field relatable to everyone in attendance. They also were assigned a mentor each and were the recipients of life coaching from AIB personnel. The final day is graduation and we look forward to witnessing these leaders flourish over the coming months and years. We would like to thank the many contributors involved, facilitators, coaches and mentors for their unrequited support throughout.

Volunteer Development

A key strand of our strategic roadmap focuses on volunteer development and we continue to strive towards the provision of the required support and assistance needed by our volunteers. Throughout 2019 we directed our energy into the findings of the volunteer impact survey conducted by Volunteer Ireland, and

this was to give more role specific education and training. As an association we had to be proud of the fact that 91% of respondents said they would recommend volunteering with us but how could we build on this and make the role of a volunteer an easier one.

With the results in mind we embarked on establishing a calendar of volunteer training events across the country including county and provincial officer training, club officer workshops and GDPR workshops.

Provincial and County Officer Days

The first date we had set in the calendar was the county and provincial officer day with a line up of expert speakers catering for the requirements outlined in the impact survey. However, it was extremely disappointing to have to cancel this due to low numbers despite the fact it was requested. We decided it was important to make this training available to those that did want to engage and we rearranged the seminars in three regional venues with two going ahead and one having to be cancelled due to participation levels. The officers involved found the evenings extremely beneficial with discussion topics such as their role, communication, finance, fixtures and time management.

In 2020 we are going to revert to one National County Officers Day following feedback that it would be constructive to have more counties in the one venue for the sharing of thoughts and ideas. These topics will be very specific to the needs of the officers involved and we will have a separate day for county development officers and their committees ensuring a focus on development and the tools they require to carry out their role. It is essential that counties select a development officer as a priority on their executive as too many counties went without this position filled since it was removed as an elected position but in an exciting time of growth for the sport this position has never been so important.

We will continue to endeavour for the provision of support for all volunteers, but it is imperative that volunteers engage with this. We know the role of a volunteer is a busy one, but this guidance and advice is to try and make that role more efficient and we urge you to avail of these services.

Club Officer Workshops

In 2019 we organised a regionalised roll out of club officer workshops and 231 officers attended from 25 counties. Club officers are at the core of all club activity and these workshops are essential for them to receive clarity in their role, knowledge and the sharing of ideas with other clubs. These seminars included topics to assist chairpersons, secretaries, treasurers, registrars and PRO's. The club officer programme will take place in the counties selected for the volunteer support programme in 2020 but clubs from all counties may register to attend.

The new year will see the pilot of joint club officer education with the GAA and Camogie Association taking place under the new Club Leadership Development Programme. The GAA CLDP has been revamped to provide learning opportunities to new and existing club officers in GAA, LGFA and Camogie Association clubs to help them gain the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfil their roles. The programme focuses on the practical aspects of the primary roles on

a club executive, i.e. chairperson, secretary, treasurer, PRO, coaching officer, registrar and culture and language officer. Over 6,000 club officers have participated in the GAA programme since 2016 and for the first time in 2020, the programme will also be offered to officers from LGFA and Camogie clubs.

To streamline training activities, the GAA National Officer Development Committee (NODC) has been working for the last year to partner with more committees in departments in Croke Park, the Provincial Councils, the LGFA and Camogie Association and arising from committee's work we are now looking forward to piloting this new programme.

Volunteer Support Programme

As part of the LGFA Strategic Roadmap, the first focus area is: A Passionate Volunteer Organisation for which the 2022 success statement is "We have transformed the capabilities and capacity of our volunteers at national, provincial, county and club level. We are proactively supporting and guiding our volunteer which has delivered an effective and enjoyable volunteer experience."

In 2019, the LGFA National Development staff reviewed the support available for volunteers and developed the 'Volunteer Support Programme' to provide a more in-depth targeted support and contact with county boards and clubs over a three year cycle. From the end of 2019 they will start the three year cycle of support with designated counties. This does not mean other counties are ignored if they are not in that cycle but the hands-on support is given to the 11 counties in detail for that full cycle year. This level of engagement will ensure increased communication and contact with county executives and clubs in the county whilst also ensuring the county will have a basic three year plan to follow at the end of the process. That county will then be in the cycle again three years later so should be ready to plan again. This will enable the development team to tailor support to the needs of each individual county. The cycle of counties involved are in table 6 on page 77.

These counties will have a designated support person assigned from development staff who will work with them for the year to get their plan in place but also all the education and training required is put in place for volunteers. We are looking forward to working with the counties involved and see this as one of the most important programmes we have ever organised in relation to volunteer support.

Player Education

Following on from our club player survey in 2018 we have continued to support the recommendations that emerged from this and one of these was in relation to fixture planning and to allow fixtures to take place as planned. We organised fixture planning and review workshops to give advice to counties and the main area emerging for assistance was the lack of competition guidelines in place. Without these clear guidelines clubs have the ability to change fixtures as they wish, alter dates and further more have a lack of clarity around what each competition entails. We now have a sample competition guideline document available for counties to tailor to their own needs and we are including this in our county officer education being provided.

Another area which came to the fore was player education in relation to areas such as concussion, lifestyle management, the injury fund and injury prevention so we organised a club player conference for Sunday 13th January 2019 but unfortunately this was cancelled due to low numbers. It was very disappointing as not alone did it cover the suggested topics but we had also ensured we had speakers of the highest level to deliver this day. Two of the personnel due to take part on the day were Georgie Bruinvels and Grainne Conefrey from our partners FitrWoman so a decision was made to deliver this education session via a webinar which resulted in a high level of engagement.

One of the other topics was concussion and we are currently engaged in a research study with DCU through their PHD student Róisín Leahy specific to ladies gaelic football with the following aims:

1. To determine prevalence of concussion in ladies gaelic football
2. To acquire baseline data on clinical tests and bloods from ladies gaelic football players
3. To develop a targeted clinical tool for diagnosis
4. To identify gaps in players' concussion-related knowledge and attitudes
5. To develop a targeted concussion education programme

This will ensure that we have concrete data and knowledge in relation to concussion for our sport and will enable us to build sport specific education for our players.

2020 aims to be a memorable year for women's sport in Ireland with the 20x20 campaign bringing all female sport to the forefront. With this in mind we developed a new Laoch Programme for intercounty players to provide PR and Media training alongside leadership education. We are delighted to team up with Róisín Duffy and the team in Women on Air to deliver this and it is an amazing opportunity for county players. The PR and Media training day took place on 19th January 2020 followed by leadership evenings in February.

Activity Days

Interfirms Blitz Day

The 2019 Interfirms Blitz Day took place on 18th May in Naomh Mearnóg with the numbers increasing yet again to 12 teams in the competitive section and 11 teams in the recreational section. Both grades were played 7-a-side with AIB retaining their cup title.

The competitive teams involved were Allergan Pharmaceuticals, Cavan/Monaghan Gardai, Irish Prison Service, Kishoge Community College, Pallas Foods, PWC x 2 teams, Teagasc Moorepark x 2 teams, University Hospital Waterford, AIB Dublin and Glanbia. The recreational teams participating were Athy College, Auntie Anne's, Baker McKenzie, Boston Scientific, Irish Prison Service, National Ambulance Service, Pfizer Cork, St. Kevins Community College, Glanbia Kilkenny, Ard Scoil Trionóide and Accenture Dublin.

The demand increases annually for this event with the recreational section growing by 50% each year. This blitz has been an inventive way to engage with the corporate sector through sport.

Under 10 Go Games Activity Day

The LGFA are designated one day annually for an activity day in Croke Park and this has been used to promote a number of our initiatives. It was decided to focus on Go Games for 2019 and two Under 10 clubs from every county would be given an opportunity to participate on Monday 15th April. However, there was one condition, clubs could only be selected if their county organised and provided evidence of an Under 10 Go Games blitz in their county and then only the clubs who participated could go into a draw to be selected. 62 clubs from 31 counties took part with Derry the only county not represented as they did not meet the conditions outlined.

There were two very clear reasons for us to select Go Games and the first was the lack of adherence to the Go Games rule in the LGFA official guide. It clearly states the activity that can take place at levels from Under 12 down and yet we still read of Under 10 championships and clubs winning the Under 11 cups, all of which is breaking rule. This blitz enabled us to showcase what should happen for this age group and that was our second reason to encourage counties and clubs to organise more blitz days for their young girls allowing them all to play and get involved. The referees were all 11 and 12 years old as we linked with Cumann na mBunscol in Dublin to organise a training evening with Clare Dowdall and GAA All-Ireland referee David Gough and they were exceptional on the day. The clubs involved are listed in table 5 on page 77.

This was a very special day for the girls and we hope one they will remember for a very long time despite the very wet weather. We would like to thank the volunteers and referees as always and to Maggie Farrelly and Niall McCormack who acted as mentors for the young referees throughout the day. 2020 will see the return of the same theme as we continue to bang the drum on the importance of Go Games.

Under 17 Academy Blitz

The 2019 National Under 17 Academy Blitz Day took place on Tuesday August 20th, in the impressive surroundings of the GAA National Development Centre in Abbotstown. This was the LGFA's sixth annual Under 17 Academy day, and it was the biggest and best yet. There were 26 teams, representing 20 counties, involved on the day in our Plate, Shield and Cup competitions. Under 17 is the first academy where competition is introduced but it is not the focus on the day as coaches were given a number of task including appointing some of the players to conduct the team talks for example. It is important that counties understand that there is no official 'All-Ireland Title, awarded for the academies so their approach must be player centered at all times.

Under 17 has proven to be a difficult age for some counties but the numbers are really starting to grow over the past years and this is credit to the personnel involved. As with all academies the ethos surrounded inclusion and for some of the bigger counties that meant that they entered more than one team. Those in attendance



were treated to a magnificent spectacle of skill, teamwork and camaraderie with the focus of the day, as always, aiming to develop every player and ensure that all players present were provided with plenty of opportunities to play.

We would like to thank our volunteers, referees and coordinators, who worked hard to ensure that the event ran smoothly. We also look forward to seeing many of these players in action with their respective clubs and county teams over the coming years.

Partnerships

Lidl and Youth Sport Trust UK

The Lidl #SeriousSupport Schools Programme was piloted in late 2018 and officially launched in August 2019. This new initiative aims to reduce the drop-off rate in sport participation amongst girls aged 11-14 years. Research undertaken by Lidl into how sport participation impacts the lives of women both on and off the pitch, and the factors that influence dropout rates, showed that by age 13, one in two girls drop out of sport. Girls are three times more likely to give up sport than boys. Yet, it was discovered that girls who continue to play team sports are four times more likely to feel body confident, 50% feel more supported and 80% are more likely to have positive mental wellbeing when compared with their peers who do not play sport.

The Lidl #SeriousSupport Programme saw 33 schools selected across Ireland partner with one of Lidl's ten athlete mentors who are current or former elite-level ladies gaelic football players. Their experience is at the highest level and all have inspiring stories to share and are committed to using sport to transform the lives of young people. The athlete mentors introduced students to the Lidl values, which are key to the success of elite athletes. There were also six schools in Northern Ireland selected for the mirrored LGFA Support Programme.

The mentors involved are Carla Rowe, Dublin; Lyndsey Davey, Dublin; Caroline O'Hanlon, Armagh; Donna Berry, Kildare; Eilish Ward, Donegal; Katy Herron, Donegal; Louise Galvin, Kerry; Lucy Hannon, Galway; Sinead Burke, Galway; and Cora Staunton, Mayo. All schools involved received inspirational assembly talks, #SeriousSupport workshops from their mentors and then undertake a ladies gaelic football project of their own throughout the year, applying the concepts they've learnt through the workshops.

Piloted in seven schools in 2018, the programme has delivered proven results and provides schools with the opportunity to make a considerable impact amongst young female students. A review of the pilot programme found that 96% of participants felt the programme increased their aspirations while 92% felt it increased their confidence. A staggering 98% found the programme increased their teamwork. This will be further reviewed in April 2019 following the conclusion of the initiative in all schools and we look forward to progressing this further in 2020.

Lidl and Jigsaw Ireland

40% of adolescents aged 12-19 reported experiencing levels of depression outside the normal range, according to My World Survey 2, Ireland's largest and most comprehensive study of young people's mental health developed by UCD School of Psychology

and Jigsaw, the National Centre for Youth Mental Health. Almost three quarters of females reported that they played sports regularly in the past six months – highlighting the significance of the role sport has to play in the development of positive mental wellbeing in females.

With this in mind the pilot of One Good Club™ took place in 2019, a five-step youth mental health awareness programme for local clubs, developed in partnership with Lidl and Jigsaw – the National Centre for Youth Mental Health. The Lidl One Good Club™ programme aims to increase awareness and knowledge of mental health across the LGFA community. The new initiative offers clubs the opportunity to support all members and engage in activities that can promote their health and wellbeing. The clubs involved in the pilot were Kinsale (Cork), Castleknock (Dublin), Roscommon Gaels (Roscommon) and St Eunan's (Donegal).

The programme will officially launch in January 2020 and will be championed by four One Good Club™ Ambassadors – Dublin's Carla Rowe, Galway's Nicola Ward, Waterford's Caoimhe McGrath and Donegal's Emer Gallagher.

The five-step programme was developed using the '5 a Day for your Mental Health', an evidence-informed framework, made up of simple actions aimed at boosting your mental health and wellbeing. The steps include 'Connect', 'Be Active', 'Take Notice', 'Give' and 'Keep Learning'.

Each step provides participating clubs with a suite of suggested activities, simple enough to complete without a significant time or resource commitment. Activities include connecting with the community by hosting a coffee morning, organising fun 'get active' sessions aimed at younger members of the community not involved in sport or introducing meditation and mindfulness as part of the 'cool down' after training. There is massive potential in this initiative, and we will work to evaluate the impact and progress further in the coming year. We will pilot a similar youth mental health programme in Northern Ireland with the NI Youth Forum in early 2020, LGFA Talk Project, another step of huge significance for LGFA.

Local Sports Partnerships

There is a network of 29 Local Sports Partnerships across Ireland. These LSPs undertake a wide range of actions with the aim of increasing sport and physical activity participation levels in their local communities. They can offer support to clubs and counties through education, training, guidance and at times small club grants. In 2019 we were delighted to partner with Cavan LSP once again for a two-day Teenage Hub. We look forward to building on this partnership in the coming months through our dormant accounts project.

We also linked with Carlow LSP to provide four clubs with exclusive access to Gaelic4Girls and this was very successful with large numbers being recruited for the clubs. We look forward to working with more LSP's in 2020 and those already confirmed for dormant account projects which are Leitrim in relation to Gaelic4Mothers&Others and Limerick for a coaching community of practice.

We would like to thank the LSP's for the support they provide to our clubs and counties and encourage more of our members to engage with their services.

Technological University Dublin and Dublin City Council

Our long-established relationship with the newly merged TUD, formerly Dublin Institute of Technology, continued in 2019 as we rolled out our accredited Gaelic4Girls module as part of the leisure management degree. It was delivered over six weeks by Vinny Whelan and students gain five credits for their participation in coaching within the inner city whilst also providing practical experience for the students involved. This will be reviewed for the coming year.

FitrWoman

Our partnership with Irish company Orreco through their FitrWoman application is in place since 2018 and they are working with LGFA ambassadors Noelle Healy (Dublin), Tracey Leonard (Galway), Noelle Gormley (Sligo), Bernie Breen (Wexford), Sinead Delahunty (Tipperary) and Marian McGuinness (Armagh). The FitrWoman app is now being used worldwide and this has increased the profile of our game with the website and application featuring our players. It really came to the forefront during the FIFA Women's World Cup with USA citing it as a key component in their success.

Under the partnership, Orreco scientists and performance experts worked with LGFA to gather research specific to our game for the specialised area of 'the female athlete' to benefit girls and women playing sport. They were due to present at our first player conference which unfortunately did not take place but they went on to conduct a webinar on the topic and we will build on this with their inclusion on our upcoming podcasts.

Research from Orreco and FitrWoman shows that one in two women have stopped exercising because of their menstrual cycle while more than half say they are embarrassed by their periods, so this was an important partnership for us to embark on as a female national governing body. We aim to remove the taboo subject and generate discussion and we have seen results of this already with some clubs informing us that following discussion with their players even the simple task of changing the colour of their white shorts has encouraged players to remain involved.

Development with the GAA and Camogie Association

The association continues to work closely with the GAA and Camogie Association in relation to a number of development areas with representatives from LGFA on a number of workgroups. One of the most successful initiatives in the GAA has been the Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps with girls accounting for nearly half of the participants, 62,756 took part. These camps are a recruitment tool for new players while also enable current players to expand their skillset. We would encourage our counties to liaise with their GAA counterparts in relation to these camps both for promotion and recruitment of coaches as several players have taken up that role or as coordinator for the summer. If a county is running a summer camp of their own for girls they must organise a Cúl Camp first as per guidelines laid out

in relation to camps and it is essential that they make contact with the development team prior to advertising any events to ensure all logistics are in place especially the insurance requirements.

The GAA Coaching Conference was held on 10th and 11th January 2020 in conjunction with LGFA and the Camogie Association. There was huge interest in our designated LGFA session with over 120 coaches in the room listening attentively to Willie Power and Dublin's Éabha Rutledge on the topic of 'The Coaching Eye: Creating a Culture of Continuous Improvement'. Performance analysis has really come to the fore in relation to coaching in recent years but this homed in on the importance of knowing what you are looking for and how to use the information you are collating to get the most effective outcome. Cork's Orlagh Farmer presented on the Friday night in relation to her PHD on physical activity levels of girls which incorporates our Gaelic4Girls programme. This year there was a record overall attendance at the conference with the appetite for education building annually.

The GAA Youth Committee presented at Annual Congress last year and they gave a refreshing insight, yet accompanied by some startling statistics, in relation to the current views and opinions of youth members across all three associations. Only 49% of those in attendance felt that they participate in enough games at club level with 72% citing that development squads were being given too much priority over club teams. This was another important factor for discussion with our new player development programme. The figures that really got people uneasy was that 67% of the youths had experienced verbal abuse from their coaches with 77% experiencing this abuse from parents or supporters. Sport is a past time and youths should be enjoying the game rather than worrying about the abuse they may receive or the fact they are not getting to play the game enough. Interestingly 87% of those surveyed said they would be interested in volunteering which is an avenue that certainly needs to be explored more.

Solid foundations were forged in 2018 for many new joint initiatives with the GAA and Camogie Association and these were built on further throughout 2019. The 'Future Leaders Transition Year Programme' continues to expand exponentially and this is an initiative with the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). The PDST are Ireland's largest professional development support service for teachers and the teacher training programme they have designed for the Future Leaders project complement curriculum and assessment practices in the TY classroom relevant to the modules provided. These modules are delivered in the school by teachers and include topics such as event management, coaching, refereeing, sports journalism, performance analysis, nutrition and wellbeing. As part of the programme the students are required to organise and run a GAA Super Games Blitz or set up a Super Games Centre for younger students in their school or community. The resources utilised included footage of male and female players including the rule differences between the games. This programme is a huge resource and our aim for the coming year is to make clubs aware if their local school is involved in the programme as these highly skills pupils could be invaluable in the club or county setting.

The GAA 5 Star Centre is another initiative experiencing huge growth and it aims to support and recognise primary schools that provide pupils with 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous gaelic games activity per week in a manner that ensures the children will experience fun, friendship, fairness and improve their fitness. Primary schools will only receive 'GAA 5 Star Centre' recognition when they undertake to deliver an age appropriate gaelic games programme that meets the developmental needs of the children in the school. Some of the activities they are involved in are Go Games, Fun and Run, Catch and Kick, Have a Ball and skills challenges over the course of the school year. We work closely on the development of this initiative and like all resources they include the branding of all three associations.

At second level there has been much discussion surrounding Leaving Certificate Physical Education and Junior Cycle Well Being and there has been some unease and discontent on the support being provided to teachers from a departmental level. Following a meeting of the GAA, Camogie Association and ourselves it was agreed that if we could support teachers in this area it would be an opportunity to engrain gaelic games into secondary schools across the country. Teachers select the sports they will provide as part of these programmes so if readily available resources are available for our sports then of course teachers will use them. Work in continuing in this area through engagement with the teachers involved.

The areas above and those mentioned previously in relation to coach, referee and volunteer education showcase the close working relations between the three associations and this is important especially for volunteers at club level, many of which are involved in a one club model or functioning closely with the GAA section. We will continue to build on this for the coming year and we would also like to thank David Sweeney, GAA eLearning Manager, for his expertise, time and support to initiate the process of creating online content through the GAA eLearning Portal.

In Conclusion

The LGFA Strategic Roadmap 2017-2022 identified several areas we needed to develop as an association, and these have formed a key part of our workplan over the past two years. However, landscapes change, and the needs of our units alter so it is imperative that we continue to engage with all stakeholders to make sure that we are providing the support required. We aim to ensure that LGFA remains a world leader in sport and that we evolve with the demands of that environment and the research being published.

I travelled to Canada in May and facilitated development workshops in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Vancouver and it was a trip that re-energized me. These sessions focused on a variety of topics including coaching, player pathways, officiating and club development but every discussion focused on the future and where these units wanted to see themselves in the next four or five years. The rooms were full of ambition and despite the obvious barriers of not being an indigenous sport they aspired to become a sought-after sport in the country for Irish immigrants and more so home born players across all the provinces. As a development team it is

this ambition and eagerness to progress that inspires us as we travel around Ireland and drives us to want to develop and improve LGFA in anyway we can.

There are many hours spent working with volunteers and stakeholders trying to provide the support, education and training requested whilst also ensuring there are initiatives available to meet the needs of all our units. 2020 will be another memorable year for the LGFA as women's sport aims to soar to new heights and we aim to lead the way both on and off the pitch. You can see from this report the vastness of our work and we urge our members to take the opportunities that are provided and engage with this learning. For many years the questions were posed 'What research have you to back this up?' or 'Was that study with our own members?' and the answer to all of these now is 'Yes'. Our programmes, initiatives and proposals are evidence based listening to our players and various volunteers but it is now imperative that we act on the results of these and put the required structures and policies in place to safeguard our membership, particularly our young players.

In 2019, the All-Ireland Under 14 Series was introduced and we would like to thank the counties for embracing this change with feedback highlighting the resounding success of the competition. Of course, there were a few tweaks identified and these will now be incorporated for the coming season. We are all aware of the challenges faced when trying to introduce this format but thankfully your leap of faith with us has paid off and we are now asking for you to do the same with the new Player Development Programme. It is essential that we stop and look at what we are asking our players to do. If a player enters the county set up at 13 for the Under 14 squad and we want her to remain at that high-performance level until she is at least 30 with the senior squad, we are asking for a commitment of at least 17 years from that player. We need to cease adding additional county teams in turn allowing more freedom for club activity at this juvenile level as requested from the survey conducted with the GAA Youth Committee. We have outstanding young people involved in our game and we are asking for one more leap of faith from all counties to work with us on these new pathways.

On behalf of all our development staff I would like to thank all the volunteers who have given up their time to support us during the year with the many events taking place to provide opportunities for involvement in our game. We are fortuitous to have so many passionate volunteers full of enthusiasm and drive for our sport. We will continue to put an emphasis on volunteer support for the coming year.

I would also like to thank the referees who have assisted us at blitzes and tournaments and without these officials we could have no games. They play an invaluable role in our association and we do value their time.

We are extremely grateful to the staff in the LGFA who have helped us in so many ways during the year and as a team we are a formidable force.

Finally, I could not be more grateful for the dedicated development staff we have in LGFA. They go over and beyond their role description for the betterment of the game. Our National Development Officers; William Harmon, Clare Dowdall, Niall Mulrine and Vinny Whelan who work in a professional manner always and strive to put solutions and supports in place to progress our sport. On a monthly basis our development meetings are full of ambitious thoughts and innovative ideas as we are joined by the Provincial Development Officers; Claire Towey Burke, Gearóid Balfry, Ciaran Murtagh and Aidan McLaughlin. There is a shared expertise and they are extremely dedicated and committed to their roles. We also had an exceptional Development Support Administrator in Shauna McNutt and she ensured not alone to support the staff but also the many tutors we have in place. Shauna is moving on from her role in 2020 to go travelling and I hope she has the trip of a lifetime and thank her so much for everything she done. I want to thank all of the development staff for all their work in 2019 and I look forward to our next chapter in 2020.

Lyn Savage

National Development Manager



Table 1

	2018	2019
Coach Education Program		
FUNDamentals Course	95	69
Level 1 Course	11	18
Level 2 Course	1	1
Key2Coaching Workshop	1	0
Ready Steady Coach Workshop	1	3
Coach the Keeper Workshop	4	2
Club Mentor Rules Workshop	5	1
Coach the Teenage Player	0	1
Transition Year/As Programme	19	19
Foundations of Your County Team	0	0
TEACH Workshop	1	1
Primary Teacher In-Service	6	8
Third Level College Courses	3	1
Referee Education Programme		
Go Games Course	18	26
Grab Your Whistle Level 1	14	11
Grab Your Whistle Level 2	39	37
Provincial Accelerate Programme	2	4
National Accelerate Programme	1	1
Participation Initiatives		
Gaelic4Girls	41 Clubs/24 Counties	34 Clubs/21 Counties
Gaelic4Teens	15 Clubs	17 Clubs
Gaelic4Mothers&Others	200	266
Blitz Day	102 Teams/29 Counties	120 Teams/29 Counties
Information Days		
National Development Officer Day	37 Officers/23 Counties	0
Provincial Academy Evenings	75 Attendees/25 Counties	105 Attendees/20 Counties
Club Officer Programmes	2 Counties/ 92 Officers	25 Counties/231 Officers
Fixture Planning and Review Workshops	4 Provinces	4 Online Fixtures Workshops/19 Attendees

Table 2

2019 Gaelic4Girls Clubs

Galway	Glenamaddy Williamstown
Leitrim	St. Joseph's
Leitrim	Glencar Manorhamilton
Mayo	Balla
Sligo	Owenmore Gaels
Carlow	Ballinkillen/Newtown
Carlow	St Andrew's
Carlow	Mount Leinster Rangers
Carlow	Éire Óg
Carlow	Kildavin Clonegal
Dublin	St. Mark's
Kildare	Castledermot
Kildare	Robertstown
Louth	St. Joseph's
Offaly	Tullamore
Wexford	Ballygarrett Réalt na Mara
Wexford	Baile Dubh Tire
Clare	The Banner
Cork	Delaneys
Cork	St. Michael's
Limerick	Dromcollogher Broadford
Tipperary	Cappawhite
Waterford	Tramore
Waterford	Dungarvan
Antrim	Glenariffe
Armagh	Mullaghbawn
Armagh	Pearse Óg
Armagh	Highmoss Sarsfields
Cavan	Beltubert
Donegal	Dungloe
Donegal	Termon
Down	Clan Na Banna
Tyrone	Pomeroy

Table 3

2019 Gaelic4Teens

Clare	Corraclare
Clare	West Clare Gaels
Kerry	Listowel Emmets
Kerry	Castlegregory
Waterford	Kilrossanty/Brickeys
Tipperary	Slieve Felim Rapparees
Tipperary	St. Patrick's
Dublin	Robert Emmets
Dublin	Trinity Gaels
Meath	Trim
Meath	Drumbaragh
Laois	Killeshin
Laois	Graiguelcullen
Offaly	Edenderry
Cavan	Ballyhaise
Cavan	Knockbride
Monaghan	Emyvale

Table 4

2018/2019 Club2Gether

Down	Ballykinlar
Kildare	Caragh
Tipperary	Cappawhite
Galway	Claregalway
Dublin	Erin Go Bragh
Westmeath	Garrycastle
Kildare	Kilcock
Tipperary	Rockwell Rovers
Dublin	St. Brendan's
Laois	St. Brigid's
Dublin	St. Finian's
Roscommon	Tulsk
2019/2020 Club2Gether	
Leitrim	Aughawillian
Mayo	Ballinrobe
Westmeath	Caulry
Armagh	Crossmaglen
Cork	Kinsale
Leitrim	Leitrim Gaels
Kildare	Na Fianna
Donegal	Naomh Muire, Íochtar na Rosann
Limerick	Oola
Derry	Slaughtmanus
Offaly	St. Manchan's
Meath	St. Ultan's
Dublin	Thomas Davis
Laois	Timahoe
Kilkenny	Tullogher-Rosbercon

Table 5	
2019 U10 Go Games Activity Day	
Antrim	Padraig Sarsfields, Tir Na Óg
Armagh	Pearse Óg, Dromintee
Carlow	Mount Leinster Rangers, St. Anne's
Cavan	Ballyhaise, Lavey
Clare	Kilrush, Wolfe Tones
Cork	Delanys, Grenagh
Donegal	Ard an Ratha, Four Masters
Down	Carryduff, Bredagh
Dublin	St. Peter's, St. Sylvester's
Fermanagh	Newtownbutler, Maguiresbridge
Galway	Annaghdown, Killannin
Kerry	Kerins O'Rahilly, Furies
Kildare	Kilcock, Cappagh
Kilkenny	Erins Own, Clara
Laois	The Heath, Park Ratheniska
Leitrim	Kiltubrid, Glencarmanorhamilton
Limerick	Fr. Casey, Mungret St. Paul's
Longford	Ballymore, Longford Slashers
Louth	Cooley Kickhams, Wolfe Tones
Mayo	Charlestown, St. Brigid's
Meath	Walterstown, Na Fianna
Monaghan	Emyvale, Magheraclone
Offaly	Naomh Ciaran, Shamrocks
Roscommon	Elphin/Kilmore, Kilbride
Sligo	Eoghan Rua, Shamrock Gaels
Tipperary	Galtee Rovers, Ardfinnan
Tyrone	Edendork, Loughmacrory St Teresa's
Waterford	Shamrocks LGFC, Gaultier
Westmeath	St. Loman's, St. Mary's
Wexford	St. Anne's, Davidstown/Courtnacuddy
Wicklow	An Tochar, Baltinglass

Table 6		
Volunteer Support Programme		
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Fermanagh	Antrim	Tyrone
Derry	Down	Cavan
Monaghan	Armagh	Donegal
Longford	Carlow	Dublin
Kilkenny	Wicklow	Kildare
Leitrim	Westmeath	Meath
Laois	Offaly	Wexford
Limerick	Cork	Kerry
Clare	Tipperary	Waterford
Mayo	Sligo	Britain
Louth	Galway	Roscommon





NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

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NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

I would like again to thank the members of the committee for their input and time. It is important to have different opinions and to explore and learn from other voices. During the year we discussed many items like the Player Development Program, and Volunteer Support.

Gourmet Food Parlour HEC O'Connor Cup

Technological University Dublin were the hosts for the weekend of the Gourmet Food Parlour HEC O'Connor Cup from the 9th – 10th March. Matches were played in Abbotstown, Broombridge and Grangegorman.

The finals were played in Broombridge and Grangegorman and we were again treated to a festival of football by all the teams. Congratulations to all the winners and well done to those who participated in the games. A big thank you to Gourmet Food Parlour and their CEO Lorraine Heskin for their support and sponsorship of the Third Level Championships.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank TG4 for their coverage of the Gourmet Food Parlour HEC O'Connor Cup Final. Also compliments to the HEC Committee; chairperson Donal Barry, secretary DJ Collins and registrar Aine McParland for their work throughout the year to keep ladies football at the top.

A big thank you to Aislinn Harkin for her support and assistance to the HEC committee and to LGFA CEO Helen O'Rourke, your continued support is appreciated.

On the 5th April 2019 the Gourmet Food Parlour HEC All Stars and Rising All Stars had their presentation night in the Croke Park Players Lounge. This was a great occasion and was well attended. Congratulations to all recipients.

All Britain Youth Championships

I attended the All Britain Youth Championship from the 12th – 14th July. First and foremost I would like to compliment all those involved in the running of the weekend of football.

I was very impressed with the standard of football at U12, U14, U16, and Minor. All the games were played in a competitive and sporting manner. I would also like to compliment all the management teams for the work being done to promote our wonderful game.

Whatever we in LGFA can do to enhance ladies football in Britain and abroad we should not hesitate to do so. Again I acknowledge the enormous work being done in the clubs throughout Britain.

World Games

This was a great success for ladies football, which was held in WIT Sports Campus from the 21st July to 1st August. Teams from America, Europe, South Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Russia, and

Middle East took part in what were very sporting and enjoyable games. The standard of football in particular from the native teams was a joy to watch. Some teams only came together for that week, some not formed that long, all played with great spirit and enthusiasm and indeed determination. They definitely enjoyed themselves.

The facilities and staff at WIT, our own LGFA staff Lyn Savage and Clare Dowdall and our colleagues have to be complimented on what I may say as "a great show".

I would like to thank and compliment our referees for their hard work and diligence throughout the week.

Two finals took place in Croke Park on Friday August 2nd, Irish Born Ladies – Australia v Parnells, London with Australia winning and in the Native Born Ladies Final saw New York take on Australia, with New York being crowned champions. Both games were of a high standard and compliments to the managements of all teams who took part not only on the Friday but right throughout the week.

Freshers Blitz

The Freshers Blitz was held in UL on the 9th October 2019. 32 teams took part with 16 colleges represented. This was an increase from 21 teams in 2018. Well done to all the teams who competed.

Congratulations to DCU on winning the Senior, beating UL in the final, UL on winning the Intermediate, beating WIT1 in the final, and TUD Blanchardstown on winning the Junior beating DCU4 in the final.

Thanks to Ronan Keane, UL GAA Development Officer, for his assistance and support throughout the day. Thanks also to all our referees.

Interprovincials

The Interprovincial Tournament was held in Kinnegad on the 30th November 2019. Although only three provinces took part it was an enjoyable day of football with Munster beating Connacht in the final. Again, we have to seriously consider the future of the competition.

It is a competition that players, county managers, counties and provinces have to support and buy into. Those players who participate on the day always have an enjoyable day and are always complimentary of the tournament.

To those players who committed to their provincial teams, thank you and well done.

Con Moynihan

Development Officer



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NATIONAL FIXTURES REPORT

Under-Age Competitions

2019 commenced on a Saturday morning in January with a highly competitive Lidl Post Primary Schools Senior Interprovincial Tournament, hosted by Coralstown/Kinnegad, Westmeath. Thank you to all the Provincial Administrators for organising their teams and to our National Fixtures Committee and volunteers for making this event such a success.

The Lidl Post Primary School competitions continued in March and April when we saw the cream of the crop from each Province rise to the top to enter the All-Ireland series.

At inter-county level, a new structure for our U14 Championship was introduced; two round stages, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. We had four grades; Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze. This was played over five weekends. The purpose of the new structure was to enable players to get as much playing time as possible and ensure counties played in a competitive grade.

The U16 Championship reintroduced the 'C' grade and the Minor Championship retained the same structure as the previous year, with A and B Championships.

Adult Competitions

Lidl National Football League

2019 saw Lidl Ireland announce a further three-year sponsorship of the Ladies National Football League and we were not disappointed by these fixtures. We had 15 double-headers with the GAA; eight in Division 1, one in Division 2 and six in Division 3.

Interprovincial:

The Senior Interprovincial tournament was played in November. Once again, this brought its difficulties with only three provinces competing. With just a cup competition to contest, the Interprovincial shield was left to gather dust. Munster retained the Cup after competing against Leinster and Connacht.

TG4 Championship

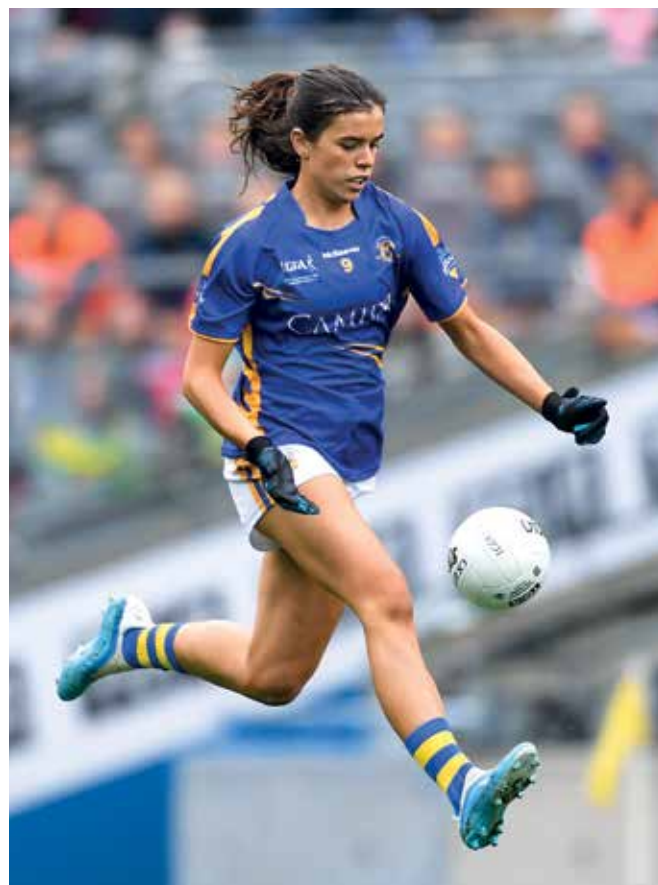
New rivals met on September 15th, with a new record attendance of 56,114 at Croke Park for the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Finals. The Junior and Intermediate Finals saw victories for Louth and Tipperary respectively. Louth atoned for their 2018 Final at the hands of Limerick to get their hands on the West County Hotel Cup, while Tipperary got the better of Meath to lift the Mary Quinn Memorial Cup for the second time in three seasons, and regain Senior Championship status for 2020. The Senior decider between Dublin and Galway was affected by poor weather conditions but the two teams gave their all, nonetheless. Sinéad Goldrick opened the scoring for Dublin with a goal and the Sky Blues managed the game well in the second half, with Lyndsey Davey claiming the Player of

the Match Award. It was left to captain Sinéad Aherne to lift the Brendan Martin Cup for a third successive year on Dublin's behalf.

Club Championship

Our All-Ireland Club Finals were played over the last weekend in November, hosted by three different venues. The rewards were clear as huge crowds turned up to support teams who were within accessible travelling distances. The live streaming of our Junior and Intermediate Finals proved hugely successful on our Facebook platform, while TG4 also reported big viewership figures for the Senior Final at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick between Cork's Mounseabbey and Kilkerrin/Clonberne of Galway.

The Junior Final, played at Duggan Park in Ballinasloe, saw Cork legend Rena Buckley return to the spotlight in the colours of her beloved Donoughmore. This game went to extra-time before Donoughmore finally got past the stern challenge of CL MacHale Rovers from Mayo, who had newly crowned TG4 All Star Rachel Kearns in superb form. Fittingly, Rena was named Player of the Match from this gripping encounter, as Donoughmore earned a third All-Ireland Club Title, following on from senior wins in 2001 and 2003.





The Intermediate decider, played at Kingspan Breffni in Cavan, saw Naomh Ciaran from Offaly take on Antrim opponents Naomh Pól. Eimear Flynn, the Naomh Ciaran captain, had the honour of lifting silverware for Naomh Ciaran, who came from five points down to land the title.

Having finally cracked the All-Ireland Senior Club code in 2018, Mournabbey from Cork were back for another crack at the big prize. Their opponents were first time finalists Kilkerrin/Clonberne from Galway, and this was a magnificent game at Limerick's LIT Gaelic Grounds, settled by a late score from Laura Fitzgerald, as Mournabbey retained their title.

Volunteers and a serious volume of manpower are required to make our fixtures such a huge success. In this regard, I'd like to firstly thank our dedicated Fixtures Committee; Geraldine Carey and Jimmy Murphy (Connacht), Dave McCabe and Fran Mullins (Leinster), Mary Courtney and Michael Fitzpatrick (Munster), Jim Shannon and John Joe Brady (Ulster) and Trina Murray (President's Appointee).

To our County boards, for your many hours of putting fixtures, plans, and meetings together to make sure things run smoothly and players have a full programme of games, thank you. To the many stewards who open their grounds to host our games, thank you.

To our referees, we were a small panel this year and many of you were out on Saturdays and Sundays, giving up many of your weekends with friends and families to take charge of games.

Finally, to everyone in the Ladies Football Office and our Provincial Administrators, I thank you dearly for all your support throughout the year. Without all your support, it would be very difficult to get all our fixtures completed in the way we do.

Thank you.

Karen Togher

National Fixtures Administrator

LGFA ROLL OF HONOUR 2019

Lidl PPS Interprovincial Tournament	Winner	Runner Up
Cup	Munster	Ulster
Shield	Leinster	Connacht

Lidl Post Primary Schools Championship	Winner	Runner Up
Senior A	Scoil Chríost Rí, Laois	Loreto, Clonmel, Tipperary
Senior B	St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, Tyrone	Coláiste Bhaile Chláir, Galway
Senior C	Ballymahon Mercy S.S, Longford	St. Marys H. S, Midleton, Cork
Junior A	St Catherine's College, Armagh	Coláiste Bhaile Chláir, Galway
Junior B	Moate C.S, Westmeath	Coláiste Oiriall, Monaghan
Junior C	Cashel C. S, Tipperary	FCJ Bunclody, Wexford

All Ireland John West Féile Championship	Winner	Runner Up
Division 1 Cup	Claregalway, Galway	Clontarf, Dublin
Division 1 Shield	Eire Óg, Cork	Sarsfields, Kildare
Division 2 Cup	New York, USA	Carryduff, Down
Division 2 Shield	The Banner, Clare	Killeavy St Moninna, Armagh
Division 3 Cup	An Charraig Mhór, Tyrone	Cooley Kickhams, Louth
Division 3 Shield	Carnacon, Mayo	Loughrea, Galway
Division 4 Cup	Clonguish, Longford	Knockaine, Limerick
Division 4 Shield	St. Brigid's, Roscommon	Ballinasloe, Galway
Division 5 Cup	Gort na Móna, Antrim	Clann na nGael, Roscommon
Division 5 Shield	Dunnamaggin, Kilkenny	Clonmel Commercials, Tipperary
Division 6 Cup	Blessington, Wicklow	Michael Glaveys, Roscommon
Division 6 Shield	Galbally Pearses, Tyrone	Kiltimagh, Mayo
Division 7 Cup	Bray Emmets, Wicklow	Rathcoffey, Kildare
Division 7 Shield	Aghaloo O'Neills, Tyrone	Lamh Dhearg, Antrim
Division 8 Cup	Roscommon Gaels, Roscommon	Ballinscreen, Derry (Cup Shared)
Division 8 Shield	Eoghan Rua, Sligo	St. Ciaran's, Roscommon
Division 9 Cup	CT Gaels, Sligo	Cornafean, Cavan
Division 9 Shield	St. Ultan's, Meath	St. Jude's, Dublin
Division 10 Cup	St. John's, Sligo	Delco Gaels Philadelphia, USA (Cup Shared)
Division 10 Shield	Drumcliffe/Rosses Point, Sligo	Owenmore Gaels, Sligo

All Ireland U14 Championship	Winner	Runner Up
Platinum	Cork	Galway
Gold	Tyrone	Monaghan
Silver	Limerick	Tipperary
Bronze	Westmeath	Derry

All Ireland U16 Championship	Winner	Runner Up
A Championship	Galway	Meath
B Championship	Longford	Waterford
C Championship	Louth	Sligo

All Ireland Minor Championship	Winner	Runner Up
Minor A	Cork	Monaghan
Minor B	Longford	Roscommon

Lidl Ladies National Football League	Winner	Runner Up
Division 1	Cork	Galway
Division 2	Waterford	Kerry
Division 3	Meath	Sligo
Division 4	Fermanagh	Antrim

Interprovincial Tournament (Mick Talbot Cup)	Winner	Runner Up
Championship	Munster	Connacht
Shield	Not played for (Only 3 provinces took part)	

GFP HEC Championship	Winner	Runner Up
O'Connor Cup	University of Limerick	University College Dublin
Giles Cup	Ulster University Jordanstown	Waterford Institute of Technology
Lynch Cup	TU Dublin	Garda
Moynihan Cup	Dundalk Institute of Technology	Letterkenny Institute of Technology
Donaghy Cup	Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology	Marino
Lagan Cup	Ulster University Magee	Dublin City University 6

All Ireland Club 7's	Winner	Runner Up
Senior Cup	Emyvale, Monaghan	The Banner, Clare
Senior Shield	Claregalway, Galway	Bryansford, Down
Intermediate Cup	Abbeyside, Waterford	Templemore, Tipperary
Intermediate Shield	O'Neills Shamrocks, Monaghan	John Mitchels, Lancashire
Junior Cup	Douglas, Cork	Grattan, Longford
Junior Shield	Naomh Columba, Donegal	Ballyboughal, Dublin

TG4 All Ireland Championship	Winner	Runner Up
Senior	Dublin	Galway
Intermediate	Tipperary	Meath
Junior	Louth	Fermanagh

All Ireland Club Championship	Winner	Runner Up
Senior	Mourneabbey, Cork	Kilkerrin/Clonberne, Galway
Intermediate	Naomh Ciaran, Offaly	Naomh Pól, Antrim
Junior	Donoughmore, Cork	CL McHale Rovers, Mayo

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Lidl All Ireland Post Primary School Interprovincial Tournament 2019

Date: 26th January 2019 Venue: Coralstown/Kinnegad, Westmeath				
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Round 1				
Connacht	0-06	Munster	3-11	Barry Redmond, Wexford
Ulster	2-03	Leinster	1-02	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry
Round 2				
Connacht	1-01	Leinster	2-06	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal
Munster	3-03	Ulster	0-02	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon
Round 3				
Connacht	1-03	Ulster	1-07	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry
Munster	3-04	Leinster	0-05	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon
Cup Final				
Ulster	1-03	Munster	1-04	Barry Redmond, Wexford
Shield Final				
Connacht	0-02	Leinster	1-05	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal

Lidl All Ireland Post Primary Schools Championship 2019

Lidl All Ireland Senior 'A' Post Primary Schools Championship 2019					
Loreto, Clonmel, Tipperary		Loreto, Cavan		Presentation College, Tuam, Galway	
Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise, Laois					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Senior 'A' PPS Semi Final - 12th March 2019					
Clane, Kildare	Loreto, Cavan	1-10	Loreto, Clonmel	3-06	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow
Senior 'A' PPS Semi Final - 13th March 2019					
St. Loman's Mullingar, Westmeath	Scoil Chríost Rí	7-11	Presentation College	1-05	Mel Kenny, Mayo
Senior 'A' PPS Final - 30th March 2019					
John Locke Park, Kilkenny	Scoil Chríost Rí	3-10	Loreto, Clonmel	2-10	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow
Lidl All Ireland Senior 'A' Post Primary Schools Final 2019, Player of the Match: Aoife Conlon-Hyland, Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise					

Lidl All Ireland Senior 'B' Post Primary Schools Championship 2019					
Coláiste Bhaile Chláir, Claregalway, Galway		Scoil Mhuire SS, Trim, Meath		Cashel CS, Tipperary	
St Patricks Academy, Tyrone					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Senior 'B' PPS Semi Finals - 13th March 2019					
Tubberclair GAA, Offaly	Coláiste Bhaile Chláir	2-10	Scoil Mhuire SS	1-08	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry
St Loman's, Mullingar, Westmeath	Cashel CS	2-07	St Patricks Academy	2-11	Shane Curley, Galway
Senior 'B' PPS Final - 29th March 2019					
Páirc Sheáin Mhic Dhiarmada, Leitrim	Coláiste Bhaile Chláir	1-08	St Patricks Academy	2-07	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo
Lidl All Ireland Senior 'B' Post Primary Schools Final 2019, Player of the Match: Orlagh Gavin, St. Patricks, Tyrone					

Lidl All Ireland Senior 'C' Post Primary Schools Championship 2019

Mercy (SS), Ballymahon, Longford St. Marys (HS), Cork St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen, Roscommon
Coláiste Ailigh, Letterkenny, Donegal

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Senior 'C' PPS Semi Finals - 28th February 2019					
Tuam, Galway	St. Marys	2-19	Coláiste Ailigh	0-01	Shane Curley, Galway
Senior 'C' PPS Semi Finals - 14th March 2019					
St Croans, Roscommon	St. Nathy's College	1-11	Ballymahon Mercy (SS)	2-14	Shane Curley, Galway
Senior 'C' PPS Final - 30th March 2019					
St Rynaghs, Offaly	Ballymahon Mercy (SS)	4-13	St. Marys (HS)	1-09	Des McEnery, Westmeath

Lidl All Ireland Senior 'C' Post Primary Schools Final 2019, Player of the Match: Sarah Dillon, Ballymahon Mercy (SS), Longford

Lidl All Ireland Junior Post Primary Schools Championship 2019
Lidl All Ireland Junior 'A' Post Primary Schools Championship 2019

Coláiste Bhaile Chláir, Claregalway, Galway Scoil Chríost Rí, Portlaoise, Laois St Catherine's College, Armagh Loreto, Clonmel, Tipperary

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Junior 'A' PPS Semi Final - 21st March 2019					
Birr, Offaly	Coláiste Bhaile Chláir	6-13	Scoil Chríost Rí	1-08	PJ Ahern, Cork
Junior 'A' PPS Semi Final - 23rd March 2019					
Kinnegad, Westmeath	St Catherine's College	2-10	Loreto	1-06	Niall McCormack, Laois
Junior 'A' PPS Final - 6th April 2019					
Mohill, Leitrim	Coláiste Bhaile Chláir	2-03	St Catherine's College	3-04	Kevin Corcoran, Mayo

Lidl All Ireland Junior 'A' Post Primary School Final 2019, Player of the Match: Casey Mullen, St Catherine's College, Armagh

Lidl All Ireland Junior 'B' Post Primary Schools Championship 2019

St. Clare's, Manorhamilton, Leitrim Moate C.S, Westmeath St. Mary's Macroom, Cork Coláiste Oiriall, Monaghan

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Junior 'B' PPS Semi Final - 8th March 2019					
St Loman's, Mullingar, Westmeath	St. Clare's	3-06	Moate	2-14	John Devlin, Galway
Junior 'B' PPS Semi Final - 19th March 2019					
Clane, Kildare	St. Mary's	1-07	Coláiste Oiriall	5-04	PJ Ahern, Cork
Junior 'B' PPS Final - 5th April 2019					
Glennon Brothers Pearse Park, Longford	Coláiste Oiriall	2-10	Moate	6-11	Shane Curley, Galway

Lidl All Ireland Junior 'B' Post Primary School Final 2019, Player of the Match: Shannon Mulvihill, Moate C.S, Westmeath

Lidl All Ireland Junior 'C' Post Primary Schools Championship 2019

Cashel C.S, Tipperary Ursuline College, Sligo Our Lady's GS, Newry, Armagh FCJ Bunclody, Wexford

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Junior 'C' PPS Semi Final - 22nd March 2019					
Moate, Westmeath	Cashel	7-14	Our Lady's	2-04	Mel Kenny, Mayo
Junior 'C' PPS Semi Final - 23rd March 2019					
Kinnegad, Westmeath	FCJ Bunclody	5-08	Ursuline College	2-06	Declan Carolan, Down
Junior 'C' PPS Final - 6th April 2019					
St Mollerans, Tipperary	Cashel	3-08	FCJ Bunclody	3-06	Eamonn Moran, Kerry

Lidl All Ireland Junior 'C' Post Primary School Final 2019, Player of the Match: Alessia Mazzola, Cashel CS, Tipperary

All Ireland U14 Championship 2019 Stage 1

Date: 11th May 2019 **Venue:** Longford Slashers, Longford

Group A:		Cavan	Derry	Limerick	Sligo
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Cavan	6-11	Derry	0-04	Mel Kenny, Mayo	
Sligo	5-04	Limerick	3-05	Declan Carolan, Down	
Derry	3-02	Limerick	2-05	Declan Carolan, Down	
Cavan	2-06	Sligo	3-07	Mel Kenny, Mayo	
Derry	1-08	Sligo	2-09	Declan Carolan, Down	
Cavan	3-04	Limerick	2-07	Mel Kenny, Mayo	

Group B:		Clare	Meath	Offaly	Roscommon	
Team A		Score	Team B		Score	Referee
Meath		6-12	Offaly		0-01	Declan Callaghan, Donegal
Clare		2-05	Roscommon		1-04	Conor McAleer, Tyrone
Meath		2-09	Roscommon		0-04	Conor McAleer, Tyrone
Offaly		1-04	Clare		5-07	Declan Callaghan, Donegal
Meath		4-10	Clare		1-04	Conor McAleer, Tyrone
Offaly		0-03	Roscommon		7-11	Declan Callaghan, Donegal

Date: 11th May 2019 **Venue:** Coraltown/Kinnegad, Westmeath

Group F:		Antrim	Dublin	Tipperary	Westmeath
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Dublin	4-08	Westmeath	1-07	Gavin Corrigan, Down	
Antrim	2-07	Tipperary	1-05	Shane Curley, Galway	
Dublin	5-11	Tipperary	1-03	Shane Curley, Galway	
Westmeath	3-06	Antrim	4-09	Gavin Corrigan, Down	
Dublin	3-05	Antrim	3-14	Shane Curley, Galway	
Tipperary	3-07	Westmeath	1-06	Gavin Corrigan, Down	

Group G:		Armagh	Carlow	Cork	Fermanagh	
Team A		Score	Team B		Score	Referee
Fermanagh		1-01	Armagh		7-04	Rebecca McPhilbin, Galway
Carlow		0-02	Cork		3-06	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon
Armagh		0-04	Cork		12-08	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon
Carlow		4-06	Fermanagh		3-10	Rebecca McPhilbin, Galway
Cork		10-26	Fermanagh		1-06	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon
Armagh		7-10	Carlow		1-01	Rebecca McPhilbin, Galway

Date: 11th May 2019 **Venue:** St Rynaghs, Banagher, Offaly

Group C:		Kerry	Louth	Tyrone	Wexford
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Wexford	2-08	Louth	2-01	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow	
Kerry	2-15	Tyrone	2-06	Keith Delahunty, Tipperary	
Wexford	2-04	Tyrone	4-05	Keith Delahunty, Tipperary	
Kerry	5-11	Louth	0-03	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow	
Tyrone	7-08	Louth	1-02	Keith Delahunty, Tipperary	
Kerry	8-06	Wexford	2-07	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow	

Group H:		Down	Galway	Kilkenny	Waterford
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Galway	6-08	Waterford	2-03	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow	
Down	9-10	Kilkenny	0-00	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry	
Galway	11-14	Kilkenny	0-02	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry	
Down	3-06	Waterford	0-06	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow	
Kilkenny	3-05	Waterford	7-09	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry	
Galway	3-09	Down	2-02	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow	

Date: 11th May 2019 **Venue:** Templeport, St Aidans, Cavan

Group D:		Leitrim	Longford	Mayo	Wicklow
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Wicklow	1-03	Longford	4-10	Yvonne Duffy, Cavan	
Leitrim	1-00	Mayo	4-16	Mark McDonald, Antrim	
Wicklow	0-02	Mayo	6-14	Yvonne Duffy, Cavan	
Longford	4-08	Leitrim	1-03	Mark McDonald, Antrim	
Wicklow	5-06	Leitrim	4-04	Gus Chapman, Sligo	
Mayo	5-12	Longford	0-07	Fionnuala Murphy, Antrim	

Group E:		Donegal	Kildare	Laois	Monaghan
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Monaghan	1-06	Donegal	1-06	Gus Chapman, Sligo	
Laois	0-08	Kildare	5-13	Fionnuala Murphy, Antrim	
Monaghan	2-03	Kildare	3-08	Gus Chapman, Sligo	
Donegal	3-06	Laois	0-09	Fionnuala Murphy, Antrim	
Monaghan	7-05	Laois	0-08	Mark McDonald, Antrim	
Kildare	8-17	Donegal	0-02	Gus Chapman, Sligo	

All Ireland U14 Championship 2019 Stage 2

Date: 25th May 2019 **Venue:** Clonberne Sports Field, Galway

Group G - Silver Series:		Donegal	Fermanagh	Tipperary	Waterford
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Donegal	1-02	Tipperary	8-10	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo	
Fermanagh	0-04	Waterford	5-11	Mel Kenny, Mayo	
Donegal	2-07	Waterford	2-04	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo	
Tipperary	17-15	Fermanagh	0-01	Mel Kenny, Mayo	
Donegal	6-09	Fermanagh	0-01	Mel Kenny, Mayo	
Tipperary	2-03	Waterford	3-03	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo	

Group A - Platinum:		Kerry	Mayo	Meath	Sligo
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Sligo	0-06	Meath	1-10	John Devlin, Galway	
Kerry	5-05	Mayo	3-08	Shane Curley, Galway	
Meath	4-06	Mayo	3-09	John Devlin, Galway	
Sligo	2-08	Kerry	1-12	Shane Curley, Galway	
Meath	2-06	Kerry	4-10	Shane Curley, Galway	
Sligo	3-05	Mayo	3-06	John Devlin, Galway	

Date: 25th May 2019 Venue: Kinnegad, Westmeath					
Group D - Bronze Series:		Derry	Leitrim	Louth	Offaly
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Derry	2-04	Offaly	2-03	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow	
Louth	3-03	Leitrim	1-03	David Hurson, Monaghan	
Derry	2-12	Leitrim	0-02	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow	
Offaly	0-06	Louth	4-03	David Hurson, Monaghan	
Derry	2-03	Louth	1-05	David Hurson, Monaghan	
Offaly	2-06	Leitrim	7-03	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow	

Group C - Silver Series:		Limerick	Roscommon	Wexford	Wicklow
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Limerick	0-06	Roscommon	2-04	Declan Carolan, Down	
Wexford	3-09	Wicklow	1-06	Brendan Rice, Down	
Roscommon	3-10	Wicklow	0-05	Declan Carolan, Down	
Limerick	3-09	Wexford	3-04	Brendan Rice, Down	
Roscommon	2-06	Wexford	0-02	Brendan Rice, Down	
Limerick	3-15	Wicklow	2-03	Declan Carolan, Down	

Date: 25th May 2019 Venue: Monaghan Harps, Monaghan					
Group F - Gold Series:		Armagh	Down	Dublin	Monaghan
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Monaghan	6-08	Dublin	3-05	Fionnuala Murphy, Antrim	
Armagh	6-06	Down	2-05	Conor McAleer, Tyrone	
Dublin	3-10	Down	3-07	Fionnuala Murphy, Antrim	
Monaghan	2-09	Armagh	1-06	Conor McAleer, Tyrone	
Dublin	5-13	Armagh	0-02	Conor McAleer, Tyrone	
Monaghan	4-07	Down	2-08	Fionnuala Murphy, Antrim	

Group B - Gold Series:		Cavan	Clare	Longford	Tyrone
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Cavan	6-06	Clare	0-06	Mark McDonald, Antrim	
Tyrone	3-08	Longford	2-07	Declan Callaghan, Donegal	
Cavan	6-11	Longford	1-02	Mark McDonald, Antrim	
Clare	1-08	Tyrone	3-06	Declan Callaghan, Donegal	
Cavan	3-06	Tyrone	1-08	Declan Callaghan, Donegal	
Clare	4-02	Longford	3-08	Mark McDonald, Antrim	

Date: 25th May 2019 Venue: St Rynaghs, Banagher, Offaly					
Group H - Bronze Series:		Carlow	Laois	Kilkenny	Westmeath
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Laois	5-06	Westmeath	8-11	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry	
Carlow	1-11	Kilkenny	0-01	Keith Delahunty, Tipperary	
Westmeath	10-09	Kilkenny	1-00	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry	
Laois	3-05	Carlow	2-04	Keith Delahunty, Tipperary	
Westmeath	2-15	Carlow	0-04	Keith Delahunty, Tipperary	
Laois	8-19	Kilkenny	0-03	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry	

Group E - Platinum Series:		Antrim	Cork	Galway	Kildare
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Kildare	8-09	Antrim	3-08	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow	
Cork	2-15	Galway	1-03	Barry Redmond, Wexford	
Kildare	2-13	Galway	2-05	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow	
Antrim	2-05	Cork	11-06	Barry Redmond, Wexford	
Kildare	3-11	Cork	8-09	Barry Redmond, Wexford	
Antrim	1-08	Galway	3-03	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow	

All Ireland U14 Final Stages

Date: 1st June 2019 **Venue:** Rathleague, Portlaoise, Laois

Quarter Finals

Group / Round	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Silver - Quarter Final 2	Waterford	1-10	Wexford	7-09	Niall McCormack, Laois
Platinum - Quarter Final 3	Meath	1-09	Kildare	3-16	Kevin Phelan, Laois
Bronze Quarter Final 2	Louth	4-09	Carlow	2-03	Shane Curley, Galway
Bronze Quarter Final 4	Offaly	1-06	Westmeath	7-14	Keith Delahunty, Tipperary
Platinum - Quarter Final 1	Kerry	5-07	Antrim	2-19	Des McNery, Westmeath
Silver - Quarter Final 1	Tipperary	10-15	Wicklow	1-11	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo
Gold - Quarter Final 2	Dublin	5-09	Longford	4-13	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow
Bronze Quarter Final 3	Leitrim	2-04	Laois	7-18	Catherine Murphy, Limerick

Date: 1st June 2019 **Venue:** Longford Slashers, Longford

Group / Round	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Platinum - Quarter Final 2	Mayo	1-09	Galway	3-08	Colm McManus, Meath
Silver - Quarter Final 4	Fermanagh	0-09	Roscommon	7-15	Gus Chapman, Sligo
Silver - Quarter Final 3	Donegal	2-05	Limerick	1-16	Mel Kenny, Mayo
Bronze Quarter Final 1	Derry		Kilkenny		Kilkenny Conceded

Date: 1st June 2019 **Venue:** St Brendan, Offaly

Group / Round	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Gold - Quarter Final 1	Monaghan	6-13	Clare	2-09	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry
Platinum - Quarter Final 4	Sligo	3-11	Cork	7-09	John Devlin, Galway

Date: 1st June 2019 **Venue:** Monaghan Harps, Monaghan

Group / Round	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Gold - Quarter Final 4	Down	1-03	Cavan	6-10	Fionnula Murphy, Antrim
Gold - Quarter Final 3	Armagh	2-05	Tyrone	4-12	David Hurson, Monaghan

Date: 15th June 2019

Semi Finals - Platinum Series

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
St. Aidans Park, Bawnboy, Cavan <i>AET: Kicks (2 Antrim, 4 Galway)</i>	Antrim	2-21 (2-23)	Galway	5-12 (5-16)	Gus Chapman, Sligo
Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary	Cork	5-14	Kildare	3-05	Barry Redmond, Wexford

Date: 15th June 2019					
Semi Finals - Gold Series					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Lisnaskea Emmetts, Fermanagh	Longford	1-15	Monaghan	5-14	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal
Lisnaskea Emmetts, Fermanagh	Cavan	5-03	Tyrone	8-11	Paul Burke, Louth

Date: 15th June 2019					
Semi Finals - Silver Series					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary	Tipperary	1-9	Wexford	1-6	Shane Curley, Galway
St. Rynaghs, Banagher, Offaly	Limerick	2-11	Roscommon	2-09	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow

Date: 15th June 2019					
Semi Finals - Bronze Series					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
St. Aidans Park, Bawnboy, Cavan	Derry	3-07	Louth	2-05	Brendan Rice, Down
St. Rynaghs, Banagher, Offaly	Laois	2-08	Westmeath	3-14	John Devlin, Galway

Date: 22nd June 2019					
Final - Platinum Series					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
St. Rynaghs, Banagher, Offaly	Cork	7-15	Galway	2-04	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow

Date: 22nd June 2019					
Final - Gold Series					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
St. Aidans Park, Bawnboy, Cavan	Monaghan	3-06	Tyrone	5-07	Gus Chapman, Sligo

Date: 22nd June 2019					
Final - Silver Series					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
St. Rynaghs, Banagher, Offaly	Limerick	3-10	Tipperary	0-05	Barry Redmond, Wexford

Date: 22nd June 2019					
Final - Bronze Series					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
St. Aidans Park, Bawnboy, Cavan	Derry	1-09	Westmeath	4-16	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo

Chill All Ireland Kilmacud Crokes U14 Club 7's

Date: 14th September 2019 Venue: Kilmacud Crokes, Dublin				
Group A	Caltra Cuans, Galway	St Conleths, Laois	Southern Gaels, Kerry	Tyholland, Monaghan
Team A		Score	Team B	Score
Southern Gaels		6-04	St Conleths	3-03
Caltra Cuans		5-08	Tyholland	3-05
Tyholland		2-01	Southern Gaels	11-05
St Conleths		5-06	Caltra Cuans	6-04
Tyholland		3-03	St Conleths	9-04
Caltra Cuans		3-00	Southern Gaels	9-07
Group B	Kilanerlin, Wexford	Knockainey, Limerick	Lurgan Ladies, Cavan	Westport, Mayo
Team A		Score	Team B	Score
Westport		2-02	Lurgan Ladies	5-07
Kilanerlin		5-03	Knockainey	4-09
Knockainey		5-03	Westport	4-03
Lurgan Ladies		3-07	Kilanerlin	3-01
Knockainey		3-03	Lurgan Ladies	4-07
Kilanerlin		1-00	Westport	6-07
Group C	Castleblayney Faughs, Monaghan	Cooley Kickhams, Louth	St. Ergnats-Moneyglass, Antrim	Tinahely, Wicklow
Team A		Score	Team B	Score
St. Ergnats-Moneyglass		4-06	Tinahely	3-03
Cooley Kickhams		6-05	Castleblayney Faughs	0-02
Castleblayney Faughs		0-03	St. Ergnats-Moneyglass	3-07
Tinahely		2-03	Cooley Kickhams	6-05
Castleblayney Faughs		9-06	Tinahely	3-00
Cooley Kickhams		1-03	St. Ergnats-Moneyglass	2-04
Group D	Ballinascreen, Derry	Clonguish, Longford	Killeavy, Armagh	Kilmacud Crokes, Dublin
Team A		Score	Team B	Score
Kilmacud Crokes		7-02	Ballinascreen	0-01
Killeavy		2-02	Clonguish	5-04
Clonguish		3-07	Kilmacud Crokes	2-05
Ballinascreen		0-05	Killeavy	6-04
Clonguish		6-01	Ballinascreen	2-03
Killeavy		4-03	Kilmacud Crokes	8-02
Group E	Carrickmacross, Monaghan	Clontarf, Dublin	Kinawley Brian Borus, Fermanagh	St. Pats, Meath
Team A		Score	Team B	Score
Clontarf		2-03	Carrickmacross	4-01
St. Pats		2-03	Kinawley Brian Borus	3-06
Kinawley Brian Borus		6-02	Clontarf	12-03
St. Pats		1-02	Carrickmacross	6-05
Carrickmacross		3-07	Kinawley Brian Borus	1-02
Clontarf		2-03	St. Pats	2-03

Group F	Bennekerry/Tinryland, Carlow	Carryduff, Down	Claregalway, Galway	The Banner, Clare
Team A		Score	Team B	Score
Claregalway		3-04	The Banner	4-03
Carryduff		5-04	Bennekerry/Tinryland	6-05
Bennekerry/Tinryland		2-05	Claregalway	4-04
The Banner		2-02	Carryduff	3-04
The Banner		4-03	Bennekerry/Tinryland	5-07
Carryduff		5-02	Claregalway	3-04

Group G	Donaghmore/Ashbourne, Meath	Gort Na Móna, Antrim	Kilkerrin/Clonberne, Galway	Sarsfields, Kildare
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	
Kilkerrin/Clonberne	2-07	Donaghmore/Ashbourne	2-02	
Sarsfields	5-02	Gort Na Móna	1-03	
Gort Na Móna	2-04	Kilkerrin/Clonberne	5-05	
Donaghmore/Ashbourne	3-02	Sarsfields	9-09	
Gort Na Móna	5-06	Donaghmore/Ashbourne	4-02	
Sarsfields	9-03	Kilkerrin/Clonberne	2-03	

Group H	CT Gaels, Sligo	Desertmartin, Derry	Kilcullen, Kildare	Omagh St. Endas, Tyrone
Team A		Score	Team B	Score
Kilcullen		6-05	Omagh St. Endas	3-03
CT Gaels		10-05	Desertmartin	2-05
Desertmartin		5-01	Kilcullen	8-03
CT Gaels		9-05	Omagh St. Endas	5-03
Desertmartin		3-03	Omagh St. Endas	7-09
CT Gaels		4-05	Kilcullen	5-06

Plate Round 4			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St Conleths	5-01	Kilnerin	5-03
Westport	5-05	Tyolland	3-03
Castleblayney Faughs	7-03	Ballinascreen	3-03
Killeavy	7-05	Tinahely	9-07
Kinawley Brian Borus	4-02	The Banner	7-06
Claregalway	5-05	St. Pats	0-02
Gort Na Móna	5-05	Desertmartin	4-02
Omagh St. Endas	8-07	Donaghmore/Ashbourne	6-02

Plate Quarter Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Kilnerin	4-02	Castleblayney Faughs	4-06
Westport	4-06	Tinahely	5-04
The Banner	5-00	Gort Na Móna	6-02
Claregalway	4-02	Omagh St. Endas	4-03

Plate Semi Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Castleblayney Faughs	4-05	Gort Na Móna	3-04
Tinahely	6-04	Omagh St. Endas	6-04 (won on free kicks)

Plate Final			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Castleblayney Faughs	3-05	Omagh St. Endas	2-03

Cup Round 4			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Southern Gaels	2-09	Knockainey	4-03
Lurgan Ladies	9-04	Caltra Cuans	3-02
St. Ergnats-Moneyglass	5-04	Kilmacud Crokes	2-02
Clonguish	4-01	Cooley Kickhams	4-08
Carrickmacross	2-03	Carryduff	3-01
Bennekerry/Tinryland	2-04	Clontarf	3-02
Sarsfields	3-06	CT Gaels	4-05
Kilcullen	5-11	Kilkerrin/Clonberne	0-03

Cup Quarter Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Southern Gaels	3-02	St. Ergnats-Moneyglass	3-06
Lurgan Ladies	3-06	Cooley Kickhams	1-04
Carryduff	3-07	CT Gaels	5-08
Clontarf	1-01	Kilcullen	6-07

Cup Semi Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St. Ergnats-Moneyglass	5-07	CT Gaels	3-01
Lurgan Ladies	1-07	Kilcullen	5-06

Cup Final			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St. Ergnats-Moneyglass	6-02	Kilcullen	1-05

Player of the Tournament: Caoimhe Egan, Kilcullen, Kildare

John West Féile Peil na nÓg 2019

Dates: 28th, 29th & 30th June **Venue:** Connacht: Galway, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 1: Group A

Claregalway A, Galway		Salthill Knocknacarra, Galway		Eire Óg, Cork		Sarsfields, Kildare	
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Claregalway A	5-05	Sarsfields	3-06	Claregalway A	5-05	Sarsfields	3-06
Eire Óg	1-02	Salthill Knocknacarra	1-04	Eire Óg	1-02	Salthill Knocknacarra	1-04
Salthill Knocknacarra	1-05	Claregalway A	0-02	Salthill Knocknacarra	1-05	Claregalway A	0-02
Sarsfields	0-05	Eire Óg	4-04	Sarsfields	0-05	Eire Óg	4-04
Salthill Knocknacarra	4-01	Sarsfields	2-03	Salthill Knocknacarra	4-01	Sarsfields	2-03
Claregalway A	2-03	Eire Óg	0-02	Claregalway A	2-03	Eire Óg	0-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 1: Group B

Kilkerrin/Clonberne, Galway		Corofin A, Galway		Southern Gaels, Kerry		Clontarf, Dublin	
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Kilkerrin/Clonberne,	1-02	Clontarf	4-08	Kilkerrin/Clonberne,	1-02	Clontarf	4-08
Southern Gaels	6-08	Corofin A	1-01	Southern Gaels	6-08	Corofin A	1-01
Corofin A	2-03	Kilkerrin/Clonberne	2-08	Corofin A	2-03	Kilkerrin/Clonberne	2-08
Clontarf	2-02	Southern Gaels	3-05	Clontarf	2-02	Southern Gaels	3-05
Corofin A	1-04	Clontarf	3-07	Corofin A	1-04	Clontarf	3-07
Kilkerrin/Clonberne	1-04	Southern Gaels	6-08	Kilkerrin/Clonberne	1-04	Southern Gaels	6-08

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 1: Group C

Caherlistrane, Galway		Monivea Abbey A, Galway		St Pats, Meath		Kilkenny City, Kilkenny	
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Caherlistrane	0-02	Kilkenny City	8-06	Caherlistrane	0-02	Kilkenny City	8-06
St Pats	2-05	Monivea Abbey A	0-01	St Pats	2-05	Monivea Abbey A	0-01
Monivea Abbey A	4-12	Caherlistrane	2-00	Monivea Abbey A	4-12	Caherlistrane	2-00
Kilkenny City	4-07	St Pats	1-04	Kilkenny City	4-07	St Pats	1-04
Caherlistrane	0-04	St Pats	3-11	Caherlistrane	0-04	St Pats	3-11
Monivea Abbey A	1-03	Kilkenny City	1-04	Monivea Abbey A	1-03	Kilkenny City	1-04

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 1: Group D

Westport A, Mayo		Parke KC, Mayo		Lurgan, Cavan		Coralstown/Kinnegad, Westmeath	
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Westport A	1-08	Coralstown/Kinnegad	0-02	Westport A	1-08	Coralstown/Kinnegad	0-02
Lurgan	5-07	Parke KC	1-02	Lurgan	5-07	Parke KC	1-02
Parke KC	3-03	Westport A	2-09	Parke KC	3-03	Westport A	2-09
Coralstown/Kinnegad	1-02	Lurgan	1-08	Coralstown/Kinnegad	1-02	Lurgan	1-08
Parke KC	0-04	Coralstown/Kinnegad	3-09	Parke KC	0-04	Coralstown/Kinnegad	3-09
Westport A	3-06	Lurgan	2-05	Westport A	3-06	Lurgan	2-05

John West Féile Peil na nÓg- Division 1: Shield Quarter Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Eire Og, Cork	6-09	Corofin, Galway	2-02
Monivea Abbey A, Galway	5-07	Parke KC, Mayo	1-03
Kilkerrin/Clonberne, Galway	1-03	Sarsfields, Kildare	3-07
Coralstown/Kinnegad, Westmeath	8-06	Caherlistrane, Galway	0-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 1: Shield Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Sarsfields, Kildare	1-04	Coralstown/Kinnegad, Westmeath	1-01
Eire Og, Cork	3-07	Monivea-Abbey A, Galway	1-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 1: Shield Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Eire Óg, Cork	5-06	Sarsfields, Kildare	0-01

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 1: Cup Quarter Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Salthill Knocknacarra, Galway	1-02	Clontarf, Dublin	1-04
Kilkenny City, Kilkenny	3-05	Lurgan, Cavan	1-03
Southern Gaels, Kerry	2-05	Claregalway A, Galway	3-04
Westport A, Mayo	2-03	St Patrick's, Meath	0-06

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 1: Cup Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Claregalway A, Galway	3-01	Westport A, Mayo	0-02
Clontarf, Dublin	3-04	Kilkenny City, Kilkenny	1-01

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 1: Cup Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Claregalway A, Galway	1-02	Clontarf, Dublin	0-00

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 2: Group A

New York, USA	Kilmoremoy, Mayo	Killeavy GAC, Armagh	Castlebar Mitchels, Mayo
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
New York	5-11	Castlebar Mitchels	0-02
Kilmoremoy	4-03	Killeavy	2-02
Killeavy	1-01	New York	1-11
Castlebar Mitchels	3-04	Kilmoremoy	2-04
Castlebar Mitchels	2-03	Killeavy	4-03
Kilmoremoy	0-01	New York	2-11

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 2: Group B

The Banner, Clare	Breaffy, Mayo	Carryduff, Down	Claremorris, Mayo
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
The Banner	0-00	Claremorris	1-10
Breaffy	1-01	Carryduff	3-10
Carryduff	4-09	The Banner	1-01
Claremorris	4-09	Breaffy	0-03
Claremorris	0-03	Carryduff	1-03
Breaffy	3-03	The Banner	3-15

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 2: Group C

St Conleths, Laois	Glenamaddy/Williamstown, Galway	Annaghdown, Galway	Tinahely, Wicklow
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St Conleths	2-08	Glenamaddy/Williamstown	0-04
Annaghdown	1-05	Tinahely	1-05
Tinahely	3-04	St Conleths	5-04
Glenamaddy/Williamstown	0-04	Annaghdown	2-05
Glenamaddy/Williamstown	1-04	Tinahely	1-01
Annaghdown	1-01	St Conleths	8-04

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 2: Group D					
Arravale Rovers, Tipperary		Bearna, Galway		Míchéal Breathnach, Galway	
Team A		Score	Team B		Score
Arravale Rovers		3-08	Bearna		0-04
Míchéal Breathnach		0-01	St Ergnats		5-06
St Ergnats		4-04	Arravale Rovers		1-05
Bearna		3-09	Míchéal Breathnach		0-03
Bearna		2-04	St Ergnats		4-03
Míchéal Breathnach		0-03	Arravale Rovers		0-06

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 2: Shield Quarter Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Killeavy St Moninna, Armagh	1-08	Breaffy, Mayo	2-01
The Banner, Clare	4-09	Castlebar Mitchels, Mayo	4-03
Glenamaddy, Galway	3-09	Míchéal Breathnach, Galway	0-00
Bearna, Galway	2-01	Tinahely, Wicklow	4-05

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 2: Shield Semi Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
The Banner, Clare	2-10	Tinahely, Wicklow	1-12
Killeavy St Moninna, Armagh	1-02	Glenamaddy/Williamstown, Galway	0-03

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 2: Shield Final			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
The Banner, Clare	3-09	Killeavy St Moninna, Armagh	2-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 2: Cup Quarter Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
New York, USA	2-09	Claremorris, Mayo	0-04
Carryduff, Down	6-08	Kilmoremoy, Mayo	0-03
St Conleths, Laois	4-03	Arravale Rovers, Tipperary	1-07
St Ergnats, Moneyglass, Antrim	2-05	Annaghtdown, Galway	1-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 2: Cup Semi Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Carryduff, Down	2-05	St Ergnats, Moneyglass, Antrim	1-03
New York, USA	2-05	St Conleth's, Laois	1-04

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 2: Cup Final			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
New York, USA	2-03	Carryduff, Down	1-03

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 3: Group A				
Loughrea, Galway		St Michaels, Galway	Naomh Ciaran, Offaly	Cooley Kickhams, Louth
Team A		Score	Team B	Score
Naomh Ciaran		8-05	St. Michael's	2-06
Loughrea		2-03	Cooley Kickhams	3-05
Cooley Kickhams		2-04	Naomh Ciaran	2-01
St. Michael's		2-02	Loughrea	4-06
St. Michael's		2-01	Cooley Kickhams	4-06
Loughrea		3-03	Naomh Ciaran	6-04

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 3: Group B

Knockmore, Mayo		Achill, Mayo		Carrickmacross, Monaghan		Dungloe, Donegal	
Team A		Score		Team B		Score	
Carrickmacross		4-06		Achill		0-02	
Knockmore		1-05		Dungloe		0-03	
Dungloe		0-01		Carrickmacross		2-14	
Achill		1-02		Knockmore		2-05	
Achill		0-04		Dungloe		0-03	
Knockmore		1-02		Carrickmacross		6-07	

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 3: Group C

Naomh Mhuire Oranmore, Galway		Menlough/Skehana, Galway		Kilanerin, Wexford		Kilrossanty Brickeys, Waterford	
Team A		Score	Team B		Score		
Kilanernin		4-08	Menlough/Skehana		1-05		
Naomh Mhuire Oranmore		3-04	Kilrossanty Brickeys		1-02		
Kilrossanty Brickeys		0-08	Kilanerin		2-06		
Menlough/Skehana		3-04	Naomh Mhuire Oranmore		1-13		
Menlough/Skehana		2-01	Kilrossanty Brickeys		2-03		
Naomh Mhuire Oranmore		2-07	Kilanerin		0-02		

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 3: Group D

St. Brigids, Mayo		Carnacon, Mayo		Desertmartin, Derry		An Charraig Mhór, Tyrone	
Team A		Score		Team B		Score	
Desertmartin		3-03		Carnacon		2-05	
St. Brigids		0-03		An Charraig Mhór		3-06	
An Charraig Mhór		3-03		Desertmartin		1-02	
Carnacon		4-05		St. Brigid's		3-04	
Carnacon		1-05		An Charraig Mhór		5-03	
St. Brigids		4-04		Desertmartin		6-04	

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 3: Shield Quarter Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Loughrea, Galway	2-02	Dungloe, Donegal	0-05
Achill, Mayo	1-04	St. Michael's, Galway	0-04
Kilrossanty Brickeys, Waterford	2-04	St. Brigid's, Mayo	4-03
Carnacon, Mayo	2-06	Menlough/Skehana, Galway	3-01

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 3: Shield Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Achill, Mayo	1-02	Carnacon, Mayo	1-03
Loughrea, Galway	2-02	St. Brigids, Mayo	1-03

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 3: Shield Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Carnacon, Mayo	4-04	Loughrea, Galway	1-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 3: Cup Quarter Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Cooley Kickhams, Louth	4-08	Knockmore, Mayo	0-01
Carrickmacross, Monaghan	3-09	Naomh Ciaran, Offaly	1-01
Naomh Mhuire Oranmore, Galway	1-05	Desertmartin, Derry	1-07
An Charraig Mhór, Tyrone	3-06	Kilanerlin, Wexford	0-03

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 3: Cup Semi Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Carrickmacross, Monaghan	0-05	An Charraig Mhór, Tyrone	1-04
Cooley Kickhams, Louth	1-05	Desertmartin, Derry	0-05

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 3: Cup Final			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
An Charraig Mhór, Tyrone	1-05	Cooley Kickhams, Louth	0-07

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 4: Group A			
Charlestown, Mayo	St. Marys Aghamore, Mayo	Donaghmore/Ashbourne, Meath	Garrycastle, Westmeath
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Donaghmore/Ashbourne	4-06	St. Marys Aghamore	0-01
Charlestown	0-02	Garrycastle	1-07
Garrycastle	3-02	Donaghmore/Ashbourne	1-04
St. Marys Aghamore	3-00	Charlestown	0-01
St. Marys Aghamore	3-03	Garrycastle	7-03
Charlestown	1-02	Donaghmore/Ashbourne	10-10

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 4: Group B			
St. James, Galway	St. Furseys, Galway	Knockainey, Limerick	Clonguish, Longford
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Knockainey	3-09	St Fursey's	1-01
St. James	2-03	Clonguish	5-08
Clonguish	0-05	Knockainey	1-07
St. Furseys	5-05	St. James	4-00
St. Furseys	0-01	Clonguish	3-04
St. James	2-00	Knockainey	6-07

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 4: Group C			
Kilmovee Shamrocks, Mayo	Ballyhaunis, Mayo	Kinawley, Fermanagh	Tempelogue Synge Street B, Dublin
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Kinawley	2-07	Ballyhaunis	0-04
Kilmovee Shamrocks	0-01	Tempelogue Synge Street B	3-04
Tempelogue Synge Street B	1-01	Kinawley	1-03
Ballyhaunis	3-00	Kilmovee Shamrocks	1-03
Ballyhaunis	1-02	Tempelogue Synge Street B	4-02
Kilmovee Shamrocks	1-06	Kinawley	2-06

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 4: Group D			
Ballinasloe, Galway	St. Brigids, Roscommon	Bennekerry/Tinryland, Carlow	Saval, Down
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Bennekerry/Tinryland	2-06	St. Brigids	1-02
Ballinasloe	1-00	Saval	4-06
Saval	2-03	Bennekerry/Tinryland	3-04
St. Brigids	3-08	Ballinasloe	2-02
St. Brigids	1-02	Saval	1-02
Ballinasloe	2-02	Bennekerry/Tinryland	2-05

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 4: Shield Quarter Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St. Marys Aghamore, Mayo	3-03	St. James, Galway	1-02
St. Furseys, Galway	1-01	Charlestown, Mayo	1-03
Ballyhaunis, Mayo	1-05	Ballinasloe, Galway	2-05
St. Brigids, Roscommon	3-07	Kilmovee Shamrocks, Mayo	0-01

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 4: Shield Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Charlestown, Mayo	0-02	St Brigids, Roscommon	4-02
St. Marys Aghamore, Mayo	0-04	Ballinasloe, Galway	1-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 4: Shield Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St. Brigids, Roscommon	1-05	Ballinasloe, Galway	0-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 4: Cup Quarter Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Garrycastle, Westmeath	2-02	Clonguish, Longford	4-03
Knockainey, Limerick	3-10	Donaghmore/Ashbourne, Meath	3-03
Kinawley, Fermanagh	1-05	Saval, Down	2-07
Bennekerry/Tinryland, Carlow	6-03	Tempelogue Synge Street B, Dublin	1-05

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 4: Cup Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Knockainey, Limerick	2-07	Bennekerry/Tinryland, Carlow	1-02
Clonguish, Longford	2-04	Saval, Down	0-04

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 4: Cup Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Clonguish, Longford	2-03	Knockainey, Limerick	0-04

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 5: Group A

Clann na Gael, Roscommon	Padraig Pearses, Roscommon	Wolfe Tones, Armagh	St. Brigids, Monaghan
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Wolfe Tones	2-01	Padraig Pearses	7-06
Clann na Gael	4-05	St. Brigids	3-03
St. Brigids	5-09	Wolfe Tones	2-03
Padraig Pearses	1-03	Clann na nGael	3-06
Padraig Pearses	4-07	St. Brigids	3-06
Clann na Gael	3-05	Wolfe Tones	1-00

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 5: Group B

Tuam Cortoon, Galway	Moylough/Mountbellew, Galway	Gort na Móna, Antrim	Dunnamaggin, Kilkenny
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Gort na Móna	2-09	Mountbellew/Moylough	0-00
Tuam Cortoon	0-05	Dunnamaggin	0-01
Dunnamaggin	1-03	Gort na Móna	5-07
Mountbellew/Moylough	0-00	Tuam/Cortoon	5-04
Mountbellew/Moylough	0-02	Dunnamaggin	4-03
Tuam Cortoon	0-01	Gort na Móna	2-10

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 5: Group C				
Moy Davitts, Mayo		Davitts, Mayo		Castlerahan Denn, Cavan
Team A		Score	Team B	
Castlerahan Denn		4-08	Davitts	
Moy Davitts		0-02	Clonmel Commercials	
Clonmel Commercials		1-02	Castlerahan Denn	
Davitts		2-02	Moy Davitts	
Davitts		3-04	Clonmel Commercials	
Moy Davitts		2-05	Castlerahan Denn	
			Score	
			2-05	
			0-02	
			2-04	
			5-07	
			2-08	
			0-03	

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 5: Group D				
St. Gabriel's, Galway		Corofin B, Galway		Dr Crokes, Kerry
Team A		Score	Team B	
Dr Crokes		5-09	Corofin B	
St. Gabriel's		0-05	Kilmurry Ibrickane	
Kilmurry Ibrickane		1-03	Dr Crokes	
Corofin B		0-03	St. Gabriel's	
Corofin B		2-00	Kilmurry Ibrickane	
St. Gabriel's		0-01	Dr Crokes	
			Score	
			0-01	
			2-06	
			5-09	
			3-04	
			1-05	
			7-06	

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 5: Shield Quarter Finals				
Team A		Score	Team B	
St. Brigids, Monaghan		2-04	Mountbellew/Moylough, Galway	
Dunnamaggin, Kilkenny		6-04	Wolfe Tones, Armagh	
Clonmel Commercials, Tipperary		2-10	Corofin, Galway	
St. Gabriel's, Galway		2-07	Davitts, Mayo	
			Score	
			0-00	
			2-03	
			0-00	
			0-04	

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 5: Shield Semi Finals				
Team A		Score	Team B	
Dunnamaggin, Kilkenny		4-06	St. Gabriel's, Galway	
St. Brigids, Monaghan		0-03	Clonmel Commercials, Tipperary	
			Score	
			0-01	
			0-06	

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 5: Shield Final				
Team A		Score	Team B	
Dunnamaggin, Kilkenny		3-03	Clonmel Commercials, Tipperary	
			Score	
			1-01	

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 5: Cup Quarter Finals				
Team A		Score	Team B	
Clann na nGael, Roscommon		5-03	Tuam/Cortoon, Galway	
Gort na Móna, Antrim		3-07	Pádraig Pearses, Roscommon	
Moy Davitts, Mayo		1-04	Kilmurry Ibrickane, Clare	
Dr Crokes, Kerry		6-10	Castlerahan/Denn, Cavan	
			Score	
			0-01	
			0-00	
			2-06	
			1-03	

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 5: Cup Semi Finals				
Team A		Score	Team B	
Gort na Móna, Antrim		1-07	Dr Crokes, Kerry	
Clann na nGael, Roscommon		3-05	Kilmurry Ibrickane, Clare	
			Score	
			1-05	
			1-00	

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 5: Cup Final				
Team A		Score	Team B	
Gort na Móna, Antrim		1-01	Clann na nGael, Roscommon	
			Score	
			0-02	

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 6 Round 1

Naomh Mhuire Oranmore B, Galway Michael Glaveys, Roscommon		Blessington, Wicklow Galbally Pearses, Tyrone		Kiltimagh, Mayo		Corduff, Monaghan	
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Naomh Mhuire Oranmore B	1-02	Blessington	7-10	Kiltimagh	3-06	Corduff	4-3
Kiltimagh	3-06	Corduff	4-3	Michael Glaveys	2-08	Galbally Pearses	1-3

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 6: Round 2

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Kiltimagh	6-00	Michael Glaveys	7-02
Corduff	0-00	Blessington	3-07
Naomh Mhuire Oranmore B	0-00	Galbally Pearses	3-09

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 6: Round 3

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Corduff	1-01	Michael Glaveys	9-04
Naomh Mhuire Oranmore B	0-04	Kiltimagh	4-00
Blessington	1-11	Galbally Pearses	0-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 6: Shield Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Kiltimagh, Mayo	0-07	Naomh Mhuire Oranmore B, Galway	0-03
Galbally Pearses, Tyrone	3-07	Corduff, Monaghan	1-03

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 6: Shield Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Galbally Pearses, Tyrone	3-05	Kiltimagh, Mayo	0-04

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 6: Cup Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Blessington, Wicklow	1-04	Galbally Pearses, Tyrone	1-00
Michael Glaveys, Roscommon	3-03	Kiltimagh, Mayo	2-01

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 6: Cup Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Blessington, Wicklow	2-09	Michael Glaveys, Roscommon	1-03

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 7: Group A

Monivea Abbey B, Galway		St Marys, Galway		Ballyhogue, Wexford		London, Britain	
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Monivea Abbey B	0-01	London	3-16	St Marys	0-02	Ballyhogue	3-10
St Marys	0-02	Ballyhogue	3-10	London	2-02	Ballyhogue	1-04
London	2-02	Ballyhogue	1-04	Monivea Abbey B	3-01	St Marys	1-01
Monivea Abbey B	3-01	St Marys	1-01	Monivea Abbey B	0-00	Ballyhogue	0-04
Monivea Abbey B	0-00	Ballyhogue	0-04	St Marys	0-00	London	0-00
St Marys	0-00	London	0-00				

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 7: Group B			
Claregalway B, Galway		Ballyfin, Laois	
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St. Kevins	1-11	Kilconly	0-05
Claregalway B	0-02	Ballyfin	3-04
Ballyfin	3-07	St. Kevins	1-06
Kilconly	1-06	Claregalway B	1-07
Kilconly	1-01	Ballyfin	1-06
Claregalway B	1-01	St. Kevins	1-06

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 7: Group C			
Glencar Manorhamilton, Leitrim		Bray Emmets, Wicklow	
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Lámh Dhearg	2-03	Dromahair	1-06
Glencar Manorhamilton	1-04	Bray Emmets	4-03
Bray Emmets	5-05	Lámh Dhearg	0-02
Dromahair	0-05	Glencar Manorhamilton	8-06
Dromahair	0-02	Bray Emmets	2-05
Glencar Manorhamilton	4-08	Lámh Dhearg	2-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 7: Group D			
St. Marys Kiltoghert, Leitrim		Aghaloo O'Neill's, Tyrone	
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Rathcoffey	4-09	St. Josephs	0-00
St. Marys Kiltoghert	5-03	Aghaloo O'Neill's	2-03
Aghaloo O'Neill's	3-03	Rathcoffey	3-09
St. Josephs	0-00	St. Marys Kiltoghert	2-07
St. Josephs	0-02	Aghaloo O'Neill's	11-02
St. Marys Kiltoghert	1-03	Rathcoffey	6-09

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 7: Shield Quarter Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Monivea Abbey B, Galway	0-02	Kilconly, Galway	0-03
Claregalway B, Galway	5-07	St. Marys, Galway	1-01
Lámh Dhearg, Antrim	3-06	St. Josephs, Leitrim	0-00
Aghaloo O'Neill's, Tyrone	4-10	Dromahair, Leitrim	2-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 7: Shield Semi Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Claregalway B, Galway	1-01	Aghaloo O'Neill's, Tyrone	2-10
Kilconly, Galway	2-03	Lámh Dhearg, Antrim	4-06

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 7: Shield Final			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Aghaloo O'Neill's, Tyrone	2-06	Lámh Dhearg, Antrim	0-06

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 7: Cup Quarter Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
London, Britain	0-05	St. Kevins, Louth	2-03
Ballyfin, Laois	0-06	Ballyhogue, Wexford	2-07
Bray Emmets, Wicklow	1-05	St. Marys Kiltoghert, Leitrim	0-04
Rathcoffey, Kildare	3-07	Glencar Manorhamilton, Leitrim	1-01

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 7: Cup Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Ballyhogue, Wexford	0-02	Rathcoffey, Kildare	3-05
St. Kevins, Louth	0-04	Bray Emmets, Wicklow	2-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 7: Cup Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Bray Emmets, Wicklow	1-03	Rathcoffey, Kildare	1-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 8: Group: A

St. Ciaran's, Roscommon	St. Croan's, Roscommon	Shamrocks, Waterford	Éire Óg, Carlow
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St. Croan's	0-06	Éire Óg	1-03
Shamrocks	3-05	St. Ciaran's	1-04
Éire Óg	1-05	Shamrocks	2-02
St. Ciaran's	1-02	St. Croan's	1-06
St. Ciaran's	3-04	Éire Óg	0-05
St. Croan's	2-04	Shamrocks	1-03

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 8: Group B

Oran, Roscommon	Roscommon Gaels	St. Ailbe's, Limerick	Derrylin, Fermanagh
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Oran	4-09	Derrylin	0-02
St. Ailbes	1-01	Roscommon Gaels	6-07
Derrylin	0-03	St. Ailbes	3-07
Roscommon Gaels	2-02	Oran	2-07
Roscommon Gaels	4-03	Derrylin	0-02
Oran	3-05	St. Ailbes	0-01

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 8: Group C

Claremorris B, Mayo	Westport B, Mayo	Shamrocks, Offaly	Longford Slashers, Longford
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Claremorris B	1-00	Longford Slashers	2-12
Shamrocks	4-07	Westport B	0-02
Longford Slashers	0-04	Shamrocks	1-05
Westport B	6-04	Claremorris	1-01
Westport B	0-02	Longford Slashers	2-10
Claremorris B	0-02	Shamrocks	3-09

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 8: Group D			
Shannon Gaels, Roscommon		Eoghan Rua, Sligo	
Team A		Team B	
Score		Score	
Shannon Gaels	0-02	Ballinascreen	1-08
Keady Michael Dwyers	0-01	Eoghan Rua	5-12
Ballinascreen	2-09	Keady Michael Dwyers	0-01
Eoghan Rua	5-04	Shannon Gaels	3-14
Eoghan Rua	4-01	Ballinascreen	3-05
Shannon Gaels	5-09	Keady Michael Dwyers	1-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 8: Shield Quarter Finals			
Team A		Team B	
Score		Score	
St. Ciaran's, Roscommon	3-12	Derrylin, Fermanagh	3-02
St. Ailbe's, Limerick	1-04	Éire Óg, Carlow	0-03
Eoghan Rua, Sligo	12-11	Claremorris B, Mayo	2-05
Westport B, Mayo	2-00	Keady Michael Dwyers, Armagh	4-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 8: Shield Semi Finals			
Team A		Team B	
Score		Score	
St. Ailbe's, Limerick	0-01	Eoghan Rua, Sligo	3-03
St. Ciaran's, Roscommon	3-06	Keady Michael Dwyers, Armagh	2-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 8: Shield Final			
Team A		Team B	
Score		Score	
Eoghan Rua, Sligo	5-04	St. Ciaran's, Roscommon	3-00

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 8: Cup Quarter Finals			
Team A		Team B	
Score		Score	
St. Croans, Roscommon	0-01	Roscommon Gaels, Roscommon	3-05
Oran, Roscommon	4-05	Shamrocks, Waterford	2-01
Shamrocks, Offaly	2-04	Shannon Gaels, Roscommon	0-04
Ballinascreen, Derry	1-04	Longford Slashers, Longford	1-01

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 8: Cup Semi Finals			
Team A		Team B	
Score		Score	
Oran, Roscommon	1-03	Ballinascreen, Derry	2-04
Roscommon Gaels, Roscommon	0-04	Shamrocks, Offaly	0-00

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 8: Cup Final			
Team A		Team B	
Score		Score	
Roscommon Gaels, Roscommon	2-06	Ballinscreen, Derry	1-09 (Cup Shared)

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 9: Group: A			
Coolera Strandhill, Sligo		St. Mary's, Sligo	
Team A		Team B	
Score		Score	
Coolera Strandhill	2-02	Cornafean	3-04
St. Ultan's	3-08	St. Mary's	0-00
Cornafean	2-02	St. Ultan's	1-03
St. Mary's	0-02	Coolera Strandhill	4-07
St. Mary's	5-06	Cornafean	11-02
Coolera Strandhill	5-05	St. Ultan's	3-04

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 9: Group B

CT Gaels, Sligo		Tourlestrane, Sligo		Badoney, Tyrone		St. Judes B, Dublin	
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Badoney	4-02	Tourlestrane	1-00	CT Gaels	4-02	St. Judes B	1-01
CT Gaels	4-02	St. Judes B	1-01	St. Judes B	1-05	Badoney	3-02
St. Judes B	1-05	Badoney	3-02	Tourlestrane	0-01	CT Gaels	6-05
Tourlestrane	0-01	CT Gaels	6-05	Tourlestrane	1-01	St. Judes B	4-08
Tourlestrane	1-01	St. Judes B	4-08	CT Gaels	4-03	Badoney	1-01
CT Gaels	4-03	Badoney	1-01				

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 9: Group C

St. Dominic's, Roscommon		Four Roads, Roscommon		St. Canice's, Derry		Clarecastle, Clare	
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St. Canice's	4-06	Four Roads	1-05	St. Dominic's	5-06	Claregalway	1-03
St. Dominic's	5-06	Claregalway	1-03	Clarecastle	0-04	St. Canice's	0-04
Clarecastle	0-04	St. Canice's	0-04	Four Roads	2-00	St. Dominic's	6-08
Four Roads	2-00	St. Dominic's	6-08	Four Roads	4-07	Claregalway	1-05
Four Roads	4-07	Claregalway	1-05	St. Dominic's	2-08	St. Canice's	2-01
St. Dominic's	2-08	St. Canice's	2-01				

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 9: Group D

Sean O'Heslin's Ballinamore, Leitrim		Mohill, Leitrim		Erin's Own, Kilkenny		Twomilehouse, Kildare	
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Erin's Own	3-01	Mohill	1-06	Sean O'Heslin's Ballinamore	2-04	Twomilehouse	5-06
Sean O'Heslin's Ballinamore	2-04	Twomilehouse	5-06	Twomilehouse	5-00	Erin's Own	2-01
Twomilehouse	5-00	Erin's Own	2-01	Mohill	0-06	Sean O'Heslin's Ballinamore	4-05
Mohill	0-06	Sean O'Heslin's Ballinamore	4-05	Mohill	2-02	Twomilehouse	5-02
Mohill	2-02	Twomilehouse	5-02	Sean O'Heslin's Ballinamore	2-02	Erin's Own	0-04
Sean O'Heslin's Ballinamore	2-02	Erin's Own	0-04				

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 9: Shield Quarter Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St. Ultan's, Meath	6-03	Tourlestrane, Sligo	5-01
St. Judes B, Dublin	3-06	St. Mary's, Sligo	0-03
Four Roads, Roscommon	3-04	Mohill, Leitrim	1-04
Erin's Own, Kilkenny	0-01	Clarecastle, Clare	3-04

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 9: Shield Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St. Ultan's, Meath	3-05	Four Roads, Roscommon	2-04
St. Judes B, Dublin	1-04	Clarecastle, Clare	0-06

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 9: Shield Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St. Ultan's, Meath	1-02	St. Judes B, Dublin	0-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 9: Cup Quarter Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Cornafean, Cavan	5-04	Badoney, Tyrone	2-03
CT Gaels, Sligo	5-06	Coolera Strandhill, Sligo	3-04
St. Dominic's, Roscommon	5-07	Sean O'Heslin's Ballinamore, Leitrim	1-06
Twomilehouse, Kildare	6-00	St. Canice's, Derry	2-01

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 9: Cup Semi Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Cornafean, Cavan	1-05	St. Dominic's, Roscommon	1-03
CT Gaels, Sligo	5-06	Twomilehouse, Kildare	1-00

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 9: Cup Final			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
CT Gaels, Sligo	4-06	Cornafean, Cavan	4-01

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 10: Group: A			
Drumkeeran, Leitrim	Calry St. Jospeh's, Sligo	Castleknock B, Dublin	Lancashire, Britain
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Drumkeeran	1-02	Lancashire	0-02
Castleknock B	0-05	Calry St. Jospeh's	0-03
Lancashire	0-00	Castleknock B	2-11
Calry St. Jospeh's	1-04	Drumkeeran	2-01
Calry St. Jospeh's	1-09	Lancashire	0-00
Drumkeeran	0-02	Castleknock B	1-04

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 10: Group B			
Drumcliffe/Rosses Point, Sligo	St. John's, Sligo	Scotland, Britain	Delco Gaels Philadelphia, USA
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Drumcliffe/Rosses Point	2-03	Delco Gaels Philadelphia	4-01
Scotland	0-00	St. John's	5-08
Delco Gaels Philadelphia	0-05	Scotland	4-00
St. John's	7-04	Drumcliffe/Rosses Point	1-01
St. John's	2-05	Delco Gaels Philadelphia	0-02
Drumcliffe/Rosses Point	3-05	Scotland	0-00

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 10: Group C			
Curry, Sligo	Owenmore Gaels, Sligo	Boston, USA	Warwickshire, Britain
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Curry	2-02	Warwickshire	3-03
Boston	3-02	Owenmore	1-06
Warwickshire	1-04	Boston	7-07
Owenmore	1-05	Curry	2-04
Owenmore	3-07	Warwickshire	4-02
Curry	1-03	Boston	1-03

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 10: Group D			
Kilbride, Roscommon	Roscommon Gaels B, Roscommon	Gloucestershire, Britain	Hertfordshire, Britain
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Kilbride	3-06	Hertfordshire	3-04
Gloucestershire	4-03	Roscommon Gaels B	1-01
Hertfordshire	0-01	Gloucestershire	11-01
Roscommon Gaels B	0-03	Kilbride	5-00
Roscommon Gaels B	4-01	Hertfordshire	2-05
Kilbride	1-00	Gloucestershire	3-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 10: Shield Quarter Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Drumkeeran, Leitrim	0-07	Scotland, Britain	1-05
Drumcliffe/Rosses Point, Sligo	2-07	Lancashire, Britain	0-02
Owenmore Gaels, Sligo	4-06	Hertfordshire, Britain	1-06
Roscommon Gaels B, Roscommon	6-05	Warwickshire, Britain	7-04

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 10: Shield Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Drumcliffe/Rosses Point, Sligo	3-06	Warwickshire, Britain	0-04
Scotland, Britain	1-01	Owenmore Gaels, Sligo	2-02

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 10: Shield Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Drumcliffe/Rosses Point, Sligo	5-07	Owenmore Gaels, Sligo	3-03

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 10: Cup Quarter Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Castleknock B, Dublin	1-02	Delco Gaels Philadelphia, USA	3-04
St. John's, Sligo	6-05	Calry/St. Joseph's, Sligo	0-01
Boston, USA	3-02	Kilbride, Roscommon	1-00
Gloucestershire, Britain	3-05	Curry, Sligo	2-01

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 10: Cup Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St. John's, Sligo	3-05	Gloucestershire, Britain	0-01
Delco Gaels Philadelphia, USA	3-06	Boston, USA	0-03

John West Féile Peil na nÓg - Division 10: Cup Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St John's, Sligo	3-03	Delco Gaels Philadelphia, USA	2-06 (Cup Shared)



All Ireland U16 Championship 2019

All Ireland U16 'A' Championship 2019					
Cavan		Cork		Galway	
				Meath	
Semi Finals - 10th July 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Donaghmoyne, Monaghan	Cavan	1-08	Meath	3-12	Declan Carolan, Down
Cahir, Tipperary	Cork	1-09	Galway	3-20	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo

U16 'A' Final - 25th July 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
St Rynaghs Banagher, Offaly	Galway	7-16	Meath	3-10	Kevin Phelan, Laois
All Ireland U16 'A' Final 2019, Player of the Match - Ellen Power, Galway					

All Ireland U16 'B' Championship 2019					
Longford		Roscommon		Tyrone	
				Waterford	
Semi Finals - 10th July 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Birr, Offaly	Waterford	5-06	Roscommon	1-11	John Devlin, Galway
Mullahoran, Cavan	Longford	5-08	Tyrone	3-13	Paul Burke, Louth

U16 'B' Final - 24th July 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Birr, Offaly	Longford	4-15	Waterford	3-06	Niall McCormack, Laois
All Ireland U16 'B' Final 2019, Player of the Match - Riane McGrath, Longford					

All Ireland U16 'C' Championship 2019					
Armagh		Clare		Louth	
				Sligo	
Semi Finals - 10th July 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Monaghan Harps, Monaghan	Armagh	0-06	Louth	2-07	Lorraine O'Sullivan, Dublin
Ballinasloe, Galway	Clare	1-10	Sligo	5-05	Shane Curley, Galway

U16 'C' Final - 24th July 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Mullahoran, Cavan	Louth	6-18	Sligo	3-12	Kieran McKeever, Armagh
All Ireland U16 'C' Final 2019, Player of the Match - Rebecca Lambe Fagan, Louth					

All Ireland Minor Championships 2019

All Ireland Minor 'A' Championship 2019					
Cork		Galway		Meath	
				Monaghan	
Semi Finals - 21st July 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Nenagh, Tipperary	Cork	3-13	Galway	1-13	Kevin Phelan, Laois
Kingscourt Stars, Cavan	Meath	3-12	Monaghan	3-16	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal

Minor 'A' Final - 5th August 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Bord na Móna O'Connor Park, Offaly	Cork	4-11	Monaghan	1-08	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow
All Ireland Minor 'A' Final 2019, Player of the Match - Katie Quirke, Cork					

All Ireland Minor 'B' Championship 2019					
Clare		Longford		Roscommon	

* No Ulster team (A' Graded County won the 'B' Championship)

Semi Final - 20th July 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Tuam Stadium, Galway	Clare	3-09	Roscommon	3-13	John Devlin, Galway

Minor 'B' Final - 3rd August 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Duggan Park, Galway	Longford	2-09	Roscommon	2-05	Kevin Corcoran, Mayo
All Ireland Minor 'B' Final 2019, Player of the Match - Ciara Healy, Longford					



Lidl Ladies National Football League 2019

Lidl Ladies National Football League - Division 1					
Cork Mayo	Donegal Monaghan		Dublin Tipperary		Galway Westmeath
Round 1 - 2nd February					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Croke Park	Dublin (H)	1-07	Donegal	1-10	Niall McCormack, Laois
Mallow	Cork (H)	0-05	Galway	1-08	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow
Round 1 - 3rd February					
Swinford Amenity Park	Mayo (H)	2-11	Tipperary	0-12	Gus Chapman, Sligo
Kinnegad	Westmeath (H)	1-14	Monaghan	0-07	Kevin Corcoran, Mayo
Round 2 - 9th February					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Truagh	Monaghan (H)	1-07	Galway	1-09	Gavin Corrigan, Down
Round 2 - 10th February					
Convoy	Donegal (H)	3-10	Mayo	2-07	Brendan Rice, Down
Ardfinnan	Tipperary (H)	2-08	Dublin	6-09	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo
Cusack Park	Westmeath (H)	0-02	Cork	0-10	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon



Round 3 - 23rd February

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Croke Park	Dublin (H)	1-17	Mayo	3-09	Brendan Rice, Down
Páirc Uí Rinn	Cork (H)	1-18	Tipperary	3-13	Eamonn Moran, Kerry

Round 3 - 24th February

Clonberne	Galway (H)	3-11	Westmeath	2-05	Mel Kenny, Mayo
St. Eunans, Letterkenny	Donegal (H)	2-17	Monaghan	0-07	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon

Round 4 - 2nd March

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Elvery's MacHale Park	Mayo (H)	0-08	Galway	1-11	Maggie Farrelly, Cavan
Convoy	Donegal (H)	3-11	Tipperary	3-09	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo

Round 4 - 3rd March

Páirc Grattan, Inniskeen	Monaghan (H)	1-04	Cork	5-17	Gavin Corrigan, Down
DCU St Clares	Dublin (H)	1-08	Westmeath	1-03	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow

Round 5 - 16th March

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Páirc Uí Rinn	Cork (H)	3-16	Donegal	0-04	Shane Curley, Galway
DCU St Clares	Dublin (H)	5-14	Monaghan	3-10	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow
Rockwell Rovers, New Inn	Tipperary (H)	2-09	Galway	2-14	Eamonn Moran, Kerry

Round 5 - 17th March

St. Lomans	Westmeath (H)	2-12	Mayo	3-12	Gavin Corrigan, Down
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Round 6 - 23rd March

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny	Donegal (H)	1-08	Westmeath	1-04	Mel Kenny, Mayo

Round 6 - 24th March

Elvery's MacHale Park	Mayo (H)	2-05	Cork	4-15	Gus Chapman, Sligo
Semple Stadium	Tipperary (H)	1-15	Monaghan	2-11	Shane Curley, Galway
Moycullen	Galway (H)	1-07	Dublin	2-08	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon

Round 7 - 7th April

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Mallow	Cork (H)	2-13	Dublin	2-08	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry
Entekra Centre of Excellence	Monaghan (H)	2-15	Mayo	2-15	Gavin Corrigan, Down
Corofin	Galway (H)	2-13	Donegal	0-10	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo
Kinnegad	Westmeath (H)	5-12	Tipperary	3-08	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon

Semi Final - 20th April					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Glennon Brothers Pearse Park, Longford	Galway	1-12	Donegal	1-05	Brendan Rice, Down

Semi Final - 21st April					
Nowlan Park, Kilkenny	Cork	1-18	Dublin	2-14	Niall McCormack, Laois

Final - 5th May					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Parnell Park, Dublin	Cork	1-12	Galway	2-7	Maggie Farrelly, Cavan
Lidl Ladies NFL Division 1 Final 2019, Player of the Match: Orla Finn, Cork					

Lidl Ladies National Football League: Division 2					
Armagh Laois		Cavan Tyrone		Clare Waterford	
Kerry Wexford					
Round 1 - 2nd February					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Clonea	Waterford (H)	0-12	Wexford	0-03	Kevin Phelan, Laois
Round 1 - 3rd February					
Doonbeg	Clare (H)	4-08	Kerry	1-17	Shane Curley, Galway
Emo	Laois (H)	1-10	Armagh	5-13	Des McEnery, Westmeath
Terry Coyle	Cavan (H)	0-13	Tyrone	3-04	Paul Burke, Louth

Round 2 - 9th February					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Kerins O'Rahillys, Tralee	Kerry (H)	0-05	Waterford	2-09	Niall McCormack, Laois
Round 2 - 10th February					
Healy Park, Omagh	Tyrone (H)	2-11	Laois	0-09	Declan Carolan, Down
St Patricks, Enniscorthy	Wexford (H)	1-05	Clare	0-08	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow
Clonmore	Armagh (H)	2-17	Cavan	0-03	Shaun McLoughlin, Donegal

Round 3 - 23rd February					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Kilinkere, Virginia	Cavan (H)	2-11	Clare	2-08	Declan Carolan, Down
St Patricks Enniscorthy	Wexford (H)	1-07	Tyrone	0-06	Kevin Phelan, Laois
Fraher Fields, Dungarvan	Waterford (H)	1-08	Armagh	3-14	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow
Round 3 - 24th February					
Emo	Laois (H)	2-17	Kerry	6-13	Kevin O'Brien, Limerick

Round 4 - 2nd March					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Garvaghy	Tyrone (H)	1-06	Armagh	1-09	Brendan Rice, Down
Round 4 - 3rd March					
Maghera	Cavan (H)	0-15	Waterford	3-07	Kieran McKeever, Armagh
Round 4 - 31st March					
Doonbeg	Clare (H)	1-12	Laois	1-09	Eamonn Moran, Kerry
Mallow, Cork	Kerry (H)	6-11	Wexford	2-11	Shane Curley, Galway

Round 5 - 16th March

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Fraher Fields, Dungarvan	Waterford (H)	1-09	Tyrone	1-07	Barry Redmond, Wexford
Dromintee	Armagh (H)	3-11	Clare	2-10	Maggie Farrelly, Cavan

Round 5 - 17th March

Timahoe	Laois (H)	2-08	Wexford	0-15	Des McEnery, Westmeath
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Round 5 - 14th April

Fitzgerald Stadium	Kerry (H)	4-09	Cavan	4-16	Kevin Phelan, Laois
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Round 6 - 24th March

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Athletic Grounds	Armagh (H)	2-15	Kerry	3-16	Gavin Corrigan, Down
St Patricks Park, Enniscorthy	Wexford (H)	2-09	Cavan	3-13	Kevin O'Brien, Limerick
Fraher Fields, Dungarvan	Waterford (H)	4-13	Laois	4-08	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow
Doonbeg	Clare (H)	1-12	Tyrone	1-11	Kevin Corcoran, Mayo

Round 7 - 7th April

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Coalisland	Tyrone (H)	2-16	Kerry	3-10	Gus Chapman, Sligo
Doonbeg	Clare (H)	2-10	Waterford	2-09	Kevin O'Brien, Limerick
Crosserlough	Cavan (H)	4-14	Laois	1-12	Des McEnery, Westmeath
Silverbridge	Armagh (H)	2-13	Wexford	1-08	Maggie Farrelly, Cavan

Semi Finals - 20th April

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Athy, Kildare	Armagh	1-11	Kerry	2-15	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow
St Rynaghs, Offaly	Cavan	2-09	Waterford	5-13	Shane Curley, Galway

Finals - 5th May

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Parnell Park, Dublin	Kerry	1-17	Waterford	5-13	Gus Chapman, Sligo

Lidl Ladies NFL Division 2 Final 2019, Player of the Match - Maria Delahunty, Waterford

Lidl Ladies National Football League - Division 3					
Down Offaly	Kildare Roscommon		Longford Sligo		Meath Wicklow
Round 1 - 2nd February					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Kenagh	Longford (H)	2-10	Kildare	3-10	Kieran McKeever, Armagh
Kiltoom	Roscommon (H)	4-10	Wicklow	2-06	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo
Round 1 - 3rd February					
St. Brendans Park, Birr	Offaly (H)	3-12	Down	6-07	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow
Round 1 - 16th February					
Cloonacool	Sligo (H)	1-03	Meath	1-13	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon
Round 2 - 10th February					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Aughrim	Wicklow (H)	1-16	Down	3-04	Barry Redmond, Wexford
St. Conleths, Newbridge	Kildare (H)	2-10	Roscommon	2-12	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow
Glennon Brothers Pearse Park	Longford (H)	4-14	Sligo	4-08	Des McEnery, Westmeath
Páirc Tailteann	Meath (H)	5-17	Offaly	1-06	Paul Burke, Louth
Round 3 - 23rd February					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Dunganny	Meath (H)	4-15	Roscommon	1-07	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo
St. Brendans Park, Birr	Offaly (H)	2-11	Longford	3-08	Niall McCormack, Laois
Dunlavin	Wicklow (H)	3-08	Kildare	0-12	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow
Saval	Down (H)	2-11	Sligo	3-13	Shaun McLoughlin, Donegal
Round 4 - 3rd March					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Dr Hyde Park	Roscommon (H)	1-07	Down	0-08	Kevin Corcoran, Mayo
Glennon Brothers Pearse Park	Longford (H)	1-12	Meath	5-12	Mel Kenny, Mayo
Cloonacool	Sligo (H)	1-16	Wicklow	0-12	Declan Callaghan, Donegal
Round 4 - 31st March					
St. Conleths, Newbridge	Kildare (H)	4-18	Offaly	0-10	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow
Round 5 - 16th March					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Saval	Down (H)	2-09	Longford	4-08	Kieran McKeever, Armagh
St. Conleths, Newbridge	Kildare (H)	1-11	Meath	1-12	Paul Burke, Louth
Round 5 - 17th March					
Cloonacool	Sligo (H)	4-07	Roscommon	2-08	Declan Callaghan, Donegal
An Tochar, Roundwood	Wicklow (H)	5-16	Offaly	1-05	Declan Carolan, Down

Round 6 - 23rd March

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Hawkfield	Kildare (H)	1-13	Down	3-05	Kevin Phelan, Laois

Round 6 - 24th March

Páirc Tailteann	Meath (H)	1-18	Wicklow	3-06	Des McEnery, Westmeath
Dr Hyde Park	Roscommon (H)	3-08	Longford	1-12	John Devlin, Galway
Bord na Móna O'Connor Park	Offaly (H)	1-09	Sligo	3-16	Barry Redmond, Wexford

Round 7 - 7th April

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Cappincur	Offaly (H)	2-05	Roscommon	6-16	Barry Redmond, Wexford
Saval	Down (H)	1-16	Meath	1-09	Kieran McKeever, Armagh
Glennon Brothers Pearse Park	Longford (H)	1-20	Wicklow	1-07	Mel Kenny, Mayo
Cloonacool	Sligo (H)	3-12	Kildare	1-12	Shaun McLoughlin, Donegal

Semi Finals - 20th April

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Glennon Brothers Pearse Park, Longford	Sligo	1-11	Roscommon	1-09	Des McEnery, Westmeath
Coralstown/Kinnegad, Westmeath	Meath	5-18	Longford	3-10	John Devlin, Galway

Final - 4th May

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
St. Tiernachs Park, Clones, Monaghan	Meath	4-11	Sligo	1-07	Eamonn Moran, Kerry

Lidl Ladies NFL Division 3 Final 2019, Player of the Match - Kelsey Nesbit, Meath

Lidl Ladies National Football League 2019 - Division 4

All-Ireland National Football League 2015 - Division 1					
Antrim Kilkenny		Carlow Leitrim		Derry Limerick	
				Fermanagh Louth	
Round 1 - 3rd February					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
IT Carlow	Carlow (H)	5-15	Kilkenny	0-02	Lorraine O'Sullivan, Dublin
Askeaton	Limerick (H)	1-09	Louth	0-11	Barry Redmond, Wexford

Round 1 - 16th February

The Dub	Antrim (H)	5-10	Leitrim	4-06	Shaun McLoughlin, Donegal
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Round 1 - 17th February

Derrygonnelly	Fermanagh (H)	2-13	Derry	1-05	Declan Callaghan, Donegal
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Round 2 - 10th February

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Aughnasheelin	Leitrim (H)	3-03	Derry	0-08	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal
The Dub	Antrim (H)	3-09	Fermanagh	3-11	Kieran McKeever, Armagh
Stabannon	Louth (H)	8-26	Kilkenny	0-03	Lorraine O'Sullivan, Dublin
Askeaton	Limerick (H)	2-09	Carlow	4-04	Shane Curley, Galway

Round 3 - 23rd February					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Ederney	Fermanagh (H)	1-09	Limerick	2-08	David Hurson, Monaghan
Dunmore	Kilkenny (H)	0-06	Antrim	5-18	PJ Ahern, Cork
Round 3 - 24th February					
O'Donovan Rossa	Derry (H)	0-05	Carlow	5-09	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal
St Marys, Cloone	Leitrim (H)	1-09	Louth	2-09	John Devlin, Galway
Round 4 - 3rd March					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Henry Joe Crackens	Derry (H)	4-28	Kilkenny	1-08	David Hurson, Monaghan
Derrygonnelly	Fermanagh (H)	3-09	Leitrim	2-09	Paul Burke, Louth
All Saints, Ballymena	Antrim (H)	4-08	Limerick	1-08	Declan Carolan, Down
Round 4 - 31st March					
St Margarets, Dublin	Carlow (H)	1-08	Louth	2-17	Niall McCormack, Laois
Round 5 - 16th March					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Askeaton	Limerick (H)	7-21	Kilkenny	1-03	PJ Ahern, Cork
Round 5 - 17th March					
St. Marys, Cloone	Leitrim (H)	0-07	Carlow	3-09	Kevin Corcoran, Mayo
St. Colms, Ballinascreen	Derry (H)	0-11	Antrim	2-05	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal
Round 5 - 14th April					
The Glen Emmetts	Louth (H)	2-19	Fermanagh	2-10	David Hurson, Monaghan
Round 6 - 24th March					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
IT Carlow	Carlow (H)	0-06	Fermanagh	8-17	Lorraine O'Sullivan, Dublin
Clara	Kilkenny (H)	0-06	Leitrim	4-24	PJ Ahern, Cork
Cooley Kickhams	Louth (H)	4-11	Antrim	2-03	David Hurson, Monaghan
St. Treas, Ballymagaigan	Derry (H)	0-07	Limerick	2-05	Paul Burke, Louth
Round 7 - 7th April					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Kinawley	Fermanagh (H)		Kilkenny		Kilkenny Conceded
Musgrave Park	Antrim (H)	1-13	Carlow	1-11	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal
Askeaton	Limerick (H)	5-10	Leitrim	1-12	John Devlin, Galway
Clan na Gael, Dundalk	Louth (H)	5-09	Derry	1-05	Declan Carolan, Down
Semi Finals - 20th April					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
St. Tiernachs Park, Clones, Monaghan	Antrim	2-20	Louth	2-14	Declan Callaghan, Donegal
Kinnegad, Westmeath	Fermanagh	2-15	Limerick	4-07	Paul Burke, Louth
Final - 4th May					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
St. Tiernachs Park, Clones, Monaghan	Antrim	1-10	Fermanagh	2-08	Shane Curley, Galway
Lidl Ladies NFL Division 4 Final 2019, Player of the Match - Eimear Smyth, Fermanagh					

Senior Interprovincial Tournament 2019

Venue: Coralstown/Kinnegad, Co Westmeath. Date: 30th November 2019				
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Round 1				
Leinster	1-02	Munster	2-10	Gus Chapman, Sligo
Round 2				
Connacht	4-08	Leinster	1-11	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry
Round 3				
Munster	1-06	Connacht	0-06	Niall McCormack, Laois

Senior Interprovincial Cup Final				
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Munster	4-08	Connacht	0-09	Niall McCormack, Laois
Interprovincial Player of the Tournament: Niamh O'Dea, Munster				



All Ireland Junior Club Championship 7's 2019

Date: 14th September 2019 **Venue:** St. Sylvester's, Dublin

Junior: Group 1

Old Mill, Limerick	St. Croan's, Roscommon	Kilkenny City, Kilkenny	All Saints, Antrim	Ballyboughal, Dublin
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	
Round 1				
Ballyboughal	3-03	Old Mill	3-05	
All Saints	1-03	Kilkenny City	7-05	
Round 2				
All Saints	2-05	Old Mill	6-06	
Ballyboughal	No result	St. Croan's	No result	
Round 3				
All Saints	2-02	Ballyboughal	2-05	
St. Croan's	2-00	Kilkenny City	5-02	
Round 4				
Kilkenny City	5-02	Old Mill	3-05	
All Saints	3-06	St. Croan's	2-05	
Round 5				
St. Croan's	3-03	Old Mill	6-08	
Kilkenny City	2-10	Ballyboughal	1-06	

Junior: Group 2

Grattan, Longford	Rockbán, Cork	Galtee Rovers, Tipperary	Trim, Meath	John Lockes, Kilkenny
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	
Round 1				
Galtee Rovers	5-01	Grattan	10-03	
John Lockes	6-05	Trim	1-03	
Round 2				
Grattan	8-08	John Lockes	1-03	
Galtee Rovers	3-04	Rockbán	2-04	
Round 3				
John Lockes	2-03	Galtee Rovers	8-05	
Rockbán	9-06	Trim	0-01	
Round 4				
Grattan	7-08	Trim	1-01	
Rockbán	13-05	John Lockes	1-01	
Round 5				
Grattan	9-04	Rockbán	3-04	
Galtee Rovers	9-06	Trim	0-02	

Junior: Group 3

Ballymore, Longford	Aughawillan, Leitrim	Naomh Columba, Donegal	Douglas, Cork	East Clare Gaels, Clare
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	
Round 1				
East Clare Gaels	0-03	Ballymore		9-08
Aughawillan	2-04	Douglas		3-03
Round 2				
Ballymore	7-03	Aughawillan		5-06
East Clare Gaels	0-03	Naomh Columba		4-07
Round 3				
East Clare Gaels	0-01	Aughawillan		8-07
Naomh Columba	1-06	Douglas		5-08
Round 4				
Ballymore	1-04	Douglas		1-10
Naomh Columba	3-12	Aughawillan		3-03
Round 5				
Ballymore	4-05	Naomh Columba		4-07
Douglas	3-08	East Clare Gaels		0-03

Junior: Group 4

Naomh Muire Íochtar Na Rosann, Donegal Kilrossanty Brickeys, Waterford	Galtee Gaels, Limerick	Monivea Abbey, Galway	Westport, Mayo
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Round 1			
Westport	3-03	Monivea Abbey	10-04
Galtee Gaels	4-03	Kilrossanty Brickeys	5-08
Round 2			
Galtee Gaels	4-04	Monivea Abbey	7-07
Naomh Muire Íochtar Na Rosann	8-03	Westport	2-02
Round 3			
Galtee Gaels	7-04	Westport	2-00
Naomh Muire Íochtar Na Rosann	4-01	Kilrossanty Brickeys	2-03
Round 4			
Kilrossanty Brickeys	8-04	Monivea Abbey	8-03
Naomh Muire Íochtar Na Rosann	No result	Galtee Gaels	No result
Round 5			
Naomh Muire Íochtar Na Rosann	3-03	Monivea Abbey	7-04
Kilrossanty Brickeys	6-07	Westport	4-02

Junior: Group 5			
Park Keellogues Crimlin, Mayo	St. Paul's Delvin, Westmeath	Lattin-Cullen Emly, Tipperary	St. Lawrence's, Lancashire
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Round 1			
Lattin-Cullen Emly	3-04	St. Lawrence's	11-08
Round 2			
Lattin-Cullen Emly	1-02	St. Paul's Delvin	2-10
Round 3			
St. Paul's Delvin	3-04	Park Keellogues Crimlin	6-10
Round 4			
St. Lawrence's	1-06	Park Keellogues Crimlin	2-10
Round 5			
St. Paul's Delvin	5-05	St. Lawrence's	3-03
Lattin-Cullen Emly	1-02	Park Keellogues Crimlin	5-07

Junior: Group 6					
Naomh Mearnóg, Dublin		St. Fursey's, Galway	Ballykinlar, Down	Skryne, Meath	Tara, London
Team A		Score	Team B		Score
Round 1					
Tara		2-04	Naomh Mearnóg		5-03
Ballykinlar		0-00	Skryne		5-12
Round 2					
Naomh Mearnóg		8-08	Ballykinlar		1-02
Tara		1-04	St. Fursey's		7-11
Round 3					
Ballykinlar		1-05	Tara		2-11
St. Fursey's		1-05	Skryne		1-07
Round 4					
Skryne		5-04	Naomh Mearnóg		6-05
St. Fursey's		5-10	Ballykinlar		1-00
Round 5					
Naomh Mearnóg		4-05	St. Fursey's		6-06
Tara		2-06	Skryne		5-08

Junior Championship Quarter Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Kilkenny City	6-04	Grattan	8-06
Douglas	5-14	Kilrossanty Brickeys	0-05

Junior Shield Quarter Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Ballyboughal	3-08	Galtee Rovers	2-10
Naomh Columba	10-10	Monivea Abbey	1-05

Junior Championship Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Park Keelogues Crimlin	3-08	Grattan	4-11
St. Fursey's	No Result	Douglas	No Result

Junior Shield Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
St. Paul's Delvin	1-05	Ballyboughal	7-05
Naomh Mearnóg	3-02	Naomh Columba	3-08

Junior Championship Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Grattan	6-06	Douglas	5-10

Junior Shield Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Ballyboughal	3-07	Naomh Columba	5-09



All Ireland Intermediate Club Championship 7's 2019

Date: 14th September 2019 Venue: Naomh Mearnóg, Dublin				
Intermediate: Group 1				
Templemore, Tipperary	Henry Joy McCrackens, Derry	Summerhill, Meath	Naas, Kildare	Kingdom Kerry Gaels, London
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	
Round 1				
Naas	3-02	Templemore	5-02	
Summerhill	3-06	Kingdom Kerry Gaels	3-02	
Round 2				
Templemore	5-04	Summerhill	3-04	
Naas	3-07	Henry Joy McCrackens	5-07	
Round 3				
Summerhill	5-06	Naas	5-05	
Henry Joy McCrackens	2-04	Kingdom Kerry Gaels	1-12	
Round 4				
Kingdom Kerry Gaels	3-15	Templemore	5-03	
Henry Joy McCrackens	6-07	Summerhill	4-02	
Round 5				
Templemore	5-06	Henry Joy McCrackens	1-03	
Kingdom Kerry Gaels	1-12	Naas	5-07	
Intermediate: Group 2				
Clann Mhuire, Dublin	Shelmalier, Wexford	Abbeyside, Waterford	St. Nathy's, Sligo	O'Neill Shamrocks, Monaghan
Team A	Score	Team B	Score	
Round 1				
Shelmalier	7-03	Clann Mhuire	4-04	
O'Neill Shamrocks	2-08	Abbeyside	2-10	
Round 2				
Clann Mhuire	1-02	O'Neill Shamrocks	4-08	
Shelmalier	8-05	St. Nathy's	4-03	
Round 3				
O'Neill Shamrocks	5-05	Shelmalier	1-09	
St. Nathy's	0-06	Abbeyside	6-12	
Round 4				
Abbeyside	1-07	Clann Mhuire	0-06	
St. Nathy's	2-06	O'Neill Shamrocks	4-06	
Round 5				
Clann Mhuire	0-08	St. Nathy's	0-09	
Abbeyside	4-07	Shelmalier	1-05	

Intermediate: Group 3

Clann na nGael, Meath Taghmon/Camross, Wexford John Mitchels, Lancashire Kilrush, Clare Glenamaddy Williamstown, Galway

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Round 1			
Kilrush	5-08	Clann na nGael	5-07
John Mitchels	4-05	Glenamaddy Williamstown	1-03
Round 2			
Clann na nGael	1-10	John Mitchels	2-05
Kilrush	3-01	Taghmon/Camross	8-09
Round 3			
John Mitchels	1-08	Kilrush	1-06
Taghmon/Camross	4-03	Glenamaddy Williamstown	4-05
Round 4			
Glenamaddy Williamstown	1-06	Clann na nGael	4-02
Taghmon/Camross	1-04	John Mitchels	4-07
Round 5			
Clann na nGael	6-06	Taghmon/Camross	4-06
Glenamaddy Williamstown	0-06	Kilrush	4-08

Intermediate: Group 4

Caulry, Westmeath Park/Ratheniska, Laois Bray Emmets, Wicklow Scartaglen, Kerry Kilmovee Shamrocks, Mayo

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Round 1			
Bray Emmets	3-02	Caulry	5-06
Kilmovee Shamrocks	10-05	Scartaglen	4-05
Round 2			
Caulry	0-06	Kilmovee Shamrocks	7-08
Bray Emmets	3-02	Park/Ratheniska	6-10
Round 3			
Kilmovee Shamrocks	9-08	Bray Emmets	3-04
Park/Ratheniska	5-08	Scartaglen	3-01
Round 4			
Scartaglen	2-04	Caulry	4-10
Park/Ratheniska	6-06	Kilmovee Shamrocks	6-08
Round 5			
Caulry	5-06	Park/Ratheniska	7-09
Scartaglen	1-04	Bray Emmets	8-03

Intermediate Championship Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Templemore	4-09	Clann na nGael	6-01
Abbeyside	4-07	Kilmovee Shamrocks	4-05

Intermediate Shield Semi Finals

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Henry Joy McCrackens	4-05	John Mitchels	3-12
O'Neill Shamrocks	9-08	Park/Ratheniska	7-10

Intermediate Championship Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Templemore	2-02	Abbeyside	10-08

Intermediate Shield Final

Team A	Score	Team B	Score
John Mitchels	1-08	O'Neill Shamrocks	5-04

All Ireland Senior Club Championship 7's 2019

Date: 14th September 2019 **Venue:** Naomh Mearnóg, Dublin

Senior: Group 1

Boardsmill, Meath		Timahoe, Laois		Donaghmoyne, Monaghan		Maigh Cuilinn, Galway	
Team A		Score	Team B		Score		
Round 1							
Donaghmoyne		12-10	Boardsmill		2-05		
Timahoe		8-08	Maigh Cuilinn		8-09		
Round 2							
Boardsmill		3-16	Maigh Cuilinn		4-09		
Donaghmoyne		6-08	Timahoe		1-07		
Round 3							
Maigh Cuilinn		2-11	Donaghmoyne		8-13		
Boardsmill		2-13	Timahoe		4-09		

Senior: Group 2

Aodh Ruadh, Tyrone	Carryduff, Down	Kinsale, Cork	Annaghdown, Galway	Ballyboden St. Enda's, Dublin	
Team A		Score	Team B		Score
Round 1					
Kinsale		2-06	Ballyboden St. Enda's		2-05
Westport		5-05	Aodh Ruadh		4-04
Round 2					
Ballyboden St. Enda's		5-06	Westport		6-05
Kinsale		6-04	Annaghdown		4-10
Round 3					
Westport		6-06	Kinsale		3-05
Annaghdown		0-03	Aodh Ruadh		3-10
Round 4					
Aodh Ruadh		5-08	Ballyboden St. Enda's		1-05
Annaghdown		1-05	Westport		2-11
Round 5					
Ballyboden St. Enda's		4-08	Annaghdown		6-03
Aodh Ruadh		4-05	Kinsale		8-05

Senior: Group 3					
Bryansford, Down	Clontarf, Dublin	Corofin, Galway	Gleann Eallaigh, Tyrone	Emyvale, Monaghan	
Team A		Score	Team B		Score
Round 1					
Emyvale		9-11	Bryansford		4-07
Clontarf		3-04	Corofin		0-10
Round 2					
Bryansford		0-10	Clontarf		2-03
Emyvale		12-08	Gleann Eallaigh		4-03
Round 3					
Emyvale		9-05	Clontarf		2-06
Gleann Eallaigh		3-03	Corofin		0-04
Round 4					
Corofin		4-05	Bryansford		8-06
Gleann Eallaigh		4-03	Clontarf		1-00
Round 5					
Bryansford		6-06	Gleann Eallaigh		3-05
Corofin		2-03	Emyvale		8-10

Senior: Group 4				
Claregalway, Galway	St. Brigid's, Dublin	Latton, Monaghan	The Banner, Clare	Saval, Down
Team A		Score	Team B	Score
Round 1				
Claregalway		2-09	The Banner	2-07
Saval		3-09	Latton	2-05
Round 2				
The Banner		2-09	Saval	2-06
Claregalway		3-09	St. Brigid's	3-05
Round 3				
Saval		2-07	Claregalway	3-07
St. Brigid's		2-07	Latton	1-06
Round 4				
Latton		1-06	The Banner	7-09
St. Brigid's		3-08	Saval	2-09
Round 5				
The Banner		7-05	St. Brigid's	0-06
Latton		2-05	Claregalway	5-07

Senior Championship Semi Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Donaghmoyne	3-06	Emyvale	4-04
Westport	3-03	The Banner	2-07

Senior Shield Semi Finals			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Maigh Cuillin	4-08	Bryansford	8-07
Claregalway	4-11	Kinsale	3-04

Senior Championship Final			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Emyvale	10-06	The Banner	1-10

Senior Shield Final			
Team A	Score	Team B	Score
Bryansford	3-09	Claregalway	1-16



TG4 All Ireland Ladies Senior Football Championship 2019

TG4 All Ireland Senior Championship 2019						
Group 1	Armagh	Cavan	Cork			
Group 2	Dublin	Monaghan	Waterford			
Group 3	Galway	Kerry	Westmeath			
Group 4	Donegal	Mayo	Tyrone			
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee	
Group 1 - Round 1 – 13th July 2019						
St. Aidans Park, Cavan	Cavan	3-18	Armagh	6-08	Niall McCormack, Laois	
Group 2 - Round 1 - 13th July 2019						
O'Moore Park, Laois	Dublin	5-15	Waterford	2-06	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo	
Group 3 - Round 1 - 13th July 2019						
O'Moore Park, Laois	Galway	1-14	Kerry	1-10	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow	
Group 4 - Round 1 - 13th July 2019						
Healy Park, Tyrone	Tyrone	3-11	Mayo	3-14	Brendan Rice, Down	
Group 1 - Round 2 – 20th July 2019						
TEG Cusack Park, Westmeath	Cork	6-19	Cavan	3-08	Gus Chapman, Sligo	
Group 2 - Round 2 – 20th July 2019						
Cremartin Shamrock Park, Monaghan	Monaghan	1-10	Waterford	7-19	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon	
Group 4 - Round 2 – 20th July 2019						
TEG Cusack Park, Westmeath	Donegal	3-09	Tyrone	3-12	Barry Redmond, Wexford	
Group 3 - Round 2 – 21st July 2019						
TEG Cusack Park, Westmeath	Westmeath	1-03	Galway	2-13	Niall McCormack, Laois	
Group 1 - Round 3 – 27th July 2019						
Bord na Móna O'Connor Park, Offaly	Armagh	4-09	Cork	3-11	Maggie Farrelly, Cavan	
Group 2 - Round 3 – 27th July 2019						
Parnell Park, Dublin	Dublin	3-20	Monaghan	0-04	Kevin Phelan, Laois	
Group 4 - Round 3 – 27th July 2019						
Bord na Móna O'Connor Park, Offaly	Mayo	1-22	Donegal	3-12	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow	
Group 3 - Round 3 – 28th July 2019						
Fitzgerald Stadium, Kerry	Kerry	1-12	Westmeath	1-10	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo	
Quarter Final 1 - 3rd August 2019						
Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, Galway	Cork	7-18	Tyrone	3-04	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon	
Quarter Final 2 - 5th August 2019						
Bord na Móna O'Connor Park, Offaly	Dublin	5-15	Kerry	2-09	Gus Chapman, Sligo	
Quarter Final 4 - 10th August 2019						
Glennon Brothers Pearse Park, Longford	Armagh	1-12	Mayo	2-12	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow	
Quarter Final 3 - 10th August 2019						
Glennon Brothers Pearse Park, Longford	Galway	1-12	Waterford	2-04	Brendan Rice, Down	
Semi Finals - 25th August 2019						
Páirc an Chrócaigh, Dublin	Mayo	2-09	Galway	2-10	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry	
Páirc an Chrócaigh, Dublin	Dublin	2-11	Cork	0-11	Maggie Farrelly, Cavan	

TG4 All Ireland Senior Final - 15th September 2019					
Páirc an Chrócaigh, Dublin	Dublin	2-03	Galway	0-04	Brendan Rice, Down
TG4 All Ireland Ladies Senior Final 2019, Player of the Match - Lyndsey Davey, Dublin					

TG4 All Ireland Senior Relegation 2019					
Cavan	Monaghan		Westmeath		
TG4 All Ireland Senior Championship - Relegation Qualifier - 11th August 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Kinnegad	Cavan	3-12	Westmeath	1-07	Kevin Corcoran, Mayo
TG4 All Ireland Senior Championship Final - Relegation Playoff - 19th August 2019					
Lannleire	Monaghan	3-18	Westmeath	1-10	Barry Redmond, Wexford
Relegated to Intermediate Championship for 2020 - Westmeath					

TG4 All Ireland Intermediate Championship 2019				
Group 1	Down	Kildare	Limerick	Sligo
Group 2	Longford	Meath	Tipperary	Wicklow
Group 3	Clare	Laois	Wexford	
Group 4	Leitrim	Offaly	Roscommon	

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Group 1 - Round 1 - 13th July 2019					
St Marys, Down	Down	4-05	Sligo	4-24	Maggie Farrelly, Cavan
Group 1 - Round 1 - 13th July 2019					
Gaelic Grounds, Limerick	Limerick	3-05	Kildare	3-15	John Devlin, Galway
Group 4 - Round 1 - 13th July 2019					
Dr. Hyde Park, Roscommon	Roscommon	4-23	Leitrim	3-07	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal
Group 3 - Round 1 - 14th July 2019					
Doonbeg, Clare	Clare	0-16	Wexford	3-10	Shane Curley, Galway
Group 2 - Round 1 - 14th July 2019					
Ardfinnan, Tipperary	Tipperary	6-10	Meath	1-14	Kevin Phelan, Laois
Group 2 - Round 1 - 14th July 2019					
Glennon Brothers Pearse Park, Longford	Longford	2-16	Wicklow	4-10	Kevin Corcoran, Mayo

Group 2 - Round 2 - 20th July 2019					
Ashbourne, Meath	Meath	4-19	Wicklow	0-10	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow
Group 1 - Round 2 - 21st July 2019					
Kilcoyne Park, Sligo	Sligo	1-11	Kildare	3-09	John Gallagher, Westmeath
Group 1 - Round 2 - 21st July 2019					
St Marys, Down	Down	2-09	Limerick	0-08	Paul Burke, Louth
Group 2 - Round 2 - 21st July 2019					
Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary	Tipperary	7-22	Longford	2-04	Shane Curley, Galway
Group 3 - Round 2 - 21st July 2019					
O'Moore Park, Laois	Laois	1-12	Clare	4-13	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow
Group 4 - Round 2 - 21st July 2019					
Bord na Móna O'Connor Park, Offaly	Offaly	1-04	Roscommon	2-17	Garryowen McMahon, Mayo

Group 4 - Round 3 - 27th July 2019

Leitrim Gaels, Leitrim	Leitrim	5-03	Offaly	2-13	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal
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Group 1 - Round 3 - 28th July 2019

St. Conleths Park, Kildare	Kildare	1-09	Down	4-09	Kevin Corcoran, Mayo
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Group 2 - Round 3 - 28th July 2019

Dunlavin, Wicklow	Wicklow	3-12	Tipperary	4-17	Niall McCormack, Laois
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Group 3 - Round 3 - 28th July 2019

St. Patricks Park Enniscorthy, Wexford	Wexford	3-05	Laois	1-10	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry
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Group 2 - Round 3 - 28th July 2019

Páirc Tailteann, Meath	Meath	0-19	Longford	2-09	Mel Kenny, Mayo
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Group 1 - Round 3 - 28th July 2019

Kilcoyne Park, Sligo	Sligo	2-12	Limerick	3-06	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal
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Quarter Final 1 - 4th August 2019

Kinnegad, Westmeath	Sligo	2-14	Offaly	2-10	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow
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Quarter Final 2 - 4th August 2019

Stalker Wallace, Limerick	Tipperary	1-13	Clare	2-08	Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry
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Quarter Final 3 - 4th August 2019

Crettyard, Laois	Wexford	3-14	Meath	4-15	Niall McCormack, Laois
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Quarter Final 4 - 4th August 2019

Kinnegad, Westmeath	Roscommon	2-18	Kildare	2-10	Mel Kenny, Mayo
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TG4 All Ireland Intermediate Semi Final - 17th August 2019

Nowlan Park, Kilkenny	Sligo	3-05	Tipperary	3-15	Kevin Phelan, Laois
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TG4 All Ireland Intermediate Semi Final - 17th August 2019

Nowlan Park, Kilkenny	Meath	4-20	Roscommon	1-12	Stephen McNulty, Wicklow
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TG4 All Ireland Intermediate Final - 15th September 2019

Páirc an Chrócaigh, Dublin	Meath	1-14	Tipperary	2-16	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow
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TG4 All Ireland Ladies Intermediate Final 2019, Player of the Match - Aishling Moloney, Tipperary

TG4 All Ireland Intermediate Relegation 2019

Laois	Leitrim	Limerick	Wicklow
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Relegation Playoff 1 - 11th August 2019

Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Cahir, Tipperary	Limerick	3-05	Laois	3-21	Barry Redmond, Wexford

Relegation Playoff 2 - 11th August 2019

Kinnegad, Westmeath	Wicklow	3-14	Leitrim	6-14	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal
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Relegated to Junior Championship for 2020 - Limerick and Wicklow

TG4 All Ireland Ladies Junior Championship 2019					
Group A	Carlow	London	Louth		
Group B	Antrim	Derry	Fermanagh		
Group A - Round 1 - 14th July 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Éire Óg, Carlow	Carlow	2-09	Louth	4-18	Declan Carolan, Down
Group B - Round 1 - 14th July 2019					
St Michaels GAA Grounds, Derry	Derry	2-08	Antrim	1-13	Paul Burke, Louth
Group B - Round 2 - 27th July 2019					
Clan na Gael, Louth	Louth	2-12	London	2-11	Kieran McKeever, Armagh
Group A - Round 2 - 28th July 2019					
Glenavy, Antrim	Antrim	1-06	Fermanagh	0-12	Declan Carolan, Down
Group A - Round 3 - 11th August 2019					
McGovern Park, London	London	4-12	Carlow	1-11	Lorraine O'Sullivan, Dublin
Group B - Round 3 - 11th August 2019					
Devenish, Fermanagh	Fermanagh	1-16	Derry	1-06	Declan Carolan, Down
Semi Finals - 24th August 2019					
St Tiernachs Park, Clones, Monaghan	Antrim	1-05	Louth	3-15	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal
St Tiernachs Park, Clones, Monaghan	Fermanagh	0-16	London	3-03	Gerry Carmody, Roscommon
TG4 All Ireland Junior Final - 15th September 2019					
Páirc an Chrócaigh, Dublin	Fermanagh	2-06	Louth	3-13	Kevin Phelan, Laois
TG4 All Ireland Ladies Junior Final 2019, Player of the Match - Kate Flood, Louth					



All Ireland Club Championship 2019

All Ireland Senior Club Championship 2019					
Kilkerrin/Clonberne, Galway		Foxrock Cabinteely, Dublin		Mourneabbey, Cork	Donaghmoyne, Monaghan
Semi Finals - 10th November 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Connacht COE, Mayo	Kilkerrin/Clonberne	5-12	Foxrock Cabinteely	2-10	Gus Chapman, Sligo
Mourneabbey, Cork	Mourneabbey	2-13	Donaghmoyne	1-10	Jonathan Murphy, Carlow
Final - 23rd November 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Gaelic Grounds, Limerick	Mourneabbey	2-09	Kilkerrin/Clonberne	0-14	Maggie Farrelly, Cavan
All Ireland Senior Club Final 2019, Player of the Match - Laura Fitzgerald, Mourneabbey					

All Ireland Intermediate Club Championship 2019					
Parnells, London	St Nathy's, Sligo	Naomh Ciaran, Offaly	Inch Rovers, Cork	Naomh Pól, Antrim	
Quarter Final - 26th October 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
McGovern Park, London	Parnells	0-04	St Nathy's	1-17	Niall McCormack, Laois
Semi Finals - 10th November 2019					
St Pauls, Antrim	Naomh Pól	1-07	St Nathy's	1-06	Maggie Farrelly, Cavan
Ferbane, Offaly	Naomh Ciaran	3-15	Inch Rovers	1-11	Paul Burke, Louth
Final - 23rd November 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Kingspan Breffni, Cavan	Naomh Ciaran	2-11	Naomh Pól	2-09	Mel Kenny, Mayo
All Ireland Intermediate Club Final 2019, Player of the Match - Kate Kenny, Naomh Ciaran					

All Ireland Junior Club Championship 2019					
Oisín, Lancashire	Europe	CL McHale Rovers, Mayo	Navan O'Mahonys, Meath	Donoughmore, Cork	Edendork, Tyrone
Preliminary Round - 12th October 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Maastricht, Europe	Europe	1-07	Oisín	3-19	Barry Redmond, Wexford
Quarter Final - 27th October 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Old Bedians, Manchester	Oisín	1-10	CL McHale Rovers	7-07	Paul Burke, Louth
Semi Finals - 10th November 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Páirc Arthur Mallon, Tyrone	Edendork	1-13	CL McHale Rovers	4-12	Kieran McKeever, Armagh
Donaghmore, Cork	Donoughmore	3-13	Navan O'Mahonys	3-12	Kevin Phelan, Laois
Final - 24th November 2019					
Venue	Team A	Score	Team B	Score	Referee
Duggan Park, Ballinasloe, Galway	Donoughmore	1-12	CL McHale Rovers	1-11	Siobhán Coyle, Donegal
All Ireland Junior Club Final 2019, Player of the Match - Rena Buckley, Donoughmore					



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MOTIONS FOR CONGRESS 2020

DEFINITIONS

Management

Speaker: Con Moynihan

Add definition of Delegate as follows:

Is a registered member of the LGFA

Add definition of Player as follows:

Is a registered member of the LGFA

Add definition of Illegal as follows:

Contrary to established rules

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Dublin

Speaker: John Sheridan

Add a new Rule:

The Ladies Gaelic Football Association recognises and supports the concept of a Dual Player, as defined, and will encourage all of its Units to **support and facilitate** its playing members of all ages, who wish to do so, to play both Ladies Gaelic Football and Camogie.

GENERAL

Dublin

Speaker: John Sheridan

Amend Rule 13 to read

- (a) The Association shall be an Amateur Association and shall be non-sectarian and non-political
- (b) The Association should co-operate with other organisations with aims similar to its own
- (c) **The Association should specifically liaise and co-operate with other organisations within the Gaelic games family.**

FINANCE

Management

Speaker: Mary Connolly

Amend Rule 38 to read:

The Treasurer shall have charge of all financial affairs of the Club, School and College Committees, County Boards, Provincial and Central Council and operate such affairs as requested by the relevant Board, Committee or Council. Employed Financial Administrators of the Association shall be responsible for the day to day financial transactions to the relevant Treasurer(s) and Management Committee of the Association.

A Financial Report, **showing income & expenditure, monies owed to and by the board with supporting bank statements**, shall be presented at each meeting of the Club and County Board, Provincial and Central Council and to each meeting of the Management

Committee of Central Council. The reports shall also show how funds are invested.

A Financial Report supported by bank statements shall be presented at Annual Meetings, Conventions and Congress and as requested by the governing bodies.

Rule 38 currently reads:

The Treasurer shall have charge of all financial affairs of the Club, School and College Committees, County Boards, Provincial and Central Council and operate such affairs as requested by the relevant Board, Committee or Council. Employed Financial Administrators of the Association shall be responsible for the day to day financial transactions to the relevant Treasurer(s) and Management Committee of the Association.

A Financial Report shall be presented at each meeting of the Club and County Board, Provincial and Central Council and to each meeting of the Management Committee of Central Council. The reports shall also show how funds are invested.

A Financial Report supported by bank statements shall be presented at Annual Meetings, Conventions and Congress and as requested by the governing bodies.

REGISTRATIONS

Management

Speaker: Con Moynihan

Amend Rule 41 to read:

Membership of the Association shall be granted by a Club. However officers of Central Council, the National CODAs, **Provincial CODAs, County CODAs** and members of the National Hearings and Appeals Panels may register with the National Registrar and become Full Members by doing so. Membership shall be open to all regardless of their age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexuality or social/economic status.

Rule 41 currently reads:

Membership of the Association shall be granted by a Club. However officers of Central Council, the National CODAs and members of the National Hearings and Appeals Panels may register with the National Registrar and become Full Members by doing so. Membership shall be open to all regardless of their age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexuality or social/economic status.

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Carey

Amend Rule 49 (a) to read:

Under 10 membership (dates of birth must be included) (Present Fee €5.00 to Central Council +Club, County Board, Provincial and Development Fund). **Under 10 members registered with the LGFA are covered by the GAA Injury Fund.**

Rule 49 (a) currently reads:

Under 10 membership (dates of birth must be recorded) (Present Fee €5.00 to Central Council + €5.00 Injury Fund + Club, County Board, Provincial and Development Fund)

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Carey

Add to Rule 49 after (e):

Gaelic4Mothers&Others (Present fee €6 to Central Council + €2 to Provincial Council + €2 to the Club + €2 to the County Board).

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Carey

Amend Rule 52 to read (and amend Rules 53, 72, 73, 74) accordingly:

The registration year shall be from 1st April to 31st March of the following year.

Rule 52 currently reads:

The registration year shall be from 1st June to 31st May of the following year.

VOTING PROCEDURES

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Carey

Amend Rule 60 to read:

Should the nominated delegates to Central and Provincial Councils be unable to attend meetings, substitutes may attend, provided they are **registered** members of the county board concerned.

Rule 60 currently reads:

Should the nominated delegates to Central and Provincial Councils be unable to attend meetings, substitutes may attend, provided they are members of the county board concerned.

INJURY FUND

Management

Speaker: Peter Rice

Amend Rule 70 (d) to read:

Players participating in Gaelic4Mothers&Others, **however all participants must have their own personal injury cover to participate**

Rule 70 (d) currently reads

Players participating in Gaelic4Mothers&Others

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Carey

Amend Rule 71 by removing “and €5 from an Under 10 year old” (first paragraph) and removing “or €5” (in third paragraph) to read:

The subscription to the fund shall be determined by Central Council. Present rates are €25 for an adult and €10 for 11 to 18 year olds.

A player paying the €25 shall be entitled to be considered for a payment of wages or salary loss together with medical treatment only. A player paying €10 shall be entitled to be considered for payment of medical expenses only.

There is nothing in this rule that shall be construed so as to imply that a person paying the higher rate shall be entitled, as of right, to compensation or wages or salary.

Rule 71 currently reads:

The subscription to the fund shall be determined by Central Council. Present rates are €25 for an adult, €10 for 11 to 18 year olds and €5 for an Under 10 year old.

A player paying the €25 shall be entitled to be considered for a payment of wages or salary loss together with medical treatment only.

A player paying €10 or €5 shall be entitled to be considered for payment of medical expenses only.

There is nothing in this rule that shall be construed so as to imply that a person paying the higher rate shall be entitled, as of right, to compensation or wages or salary.

Dublin

Speaker: John Sheridan

Amend Rule 82 to read:

Preliminary claim **forms may be submitted in electronic or hard copy format**. They must be submitted within 8 weeks of the date of Injury, if treatment is likely to exceed €200. Where a preliminary claim form has been submitted, a report and update on the claim must be submitted by the injured party within one year from the date of the preliminary notice, to validate the claim.

Rule 82 currently reads:

Preliminary claim forms must be submitted within 8 weeks of the date of Injury, if treatment is likely to exceed €200. Where a preliminary claim form has been submitted, a report and update on the claim must be submitted by the injured party within one year from the date of the preliminary notice, to validate the claim.

SPONSORSHIP

Management

Speaker: Peter Rice

Amend Rule 98 to read:

The Association's logo **must** be displayed on all jerseys worn by players during official Inter County games

Rule 98 currently reads:

The Association's corporate logo shall be displayed on all jerseys worn by players during official Inter-County games.

INTERNATIONAL

Management

Speaker: Jerome Casey

Amend Rule 113 to read:

A player may play with her Home Club in Ireland and a Club in her European Country of study and vice versa, provided she is participating in a recognised programme of study in that European Country, or Ireland, for at least 3 months duration, and she obtains permission from Central Council. These players may play with their Home Club or County in their respective Championships or other competitions.

However, in accordance with Rule 147 these players can only play in one club championship in any year.

This does not apply to Irish Home Club players studying in Ireland or Britain.

Rule 113 currently reads:

A player may play with her Home Club in Ireland and a Club in her European Country of study and vice versa, provided she is participating in a recognised programme of study in that European Country, or Ireland, for at least 3 months duration, and she obtains permission from Central Council. These players may play with their Home Club or County in their respective Championships or other competitions.

This does not apply to Irish Home Club players studying in Ireland or Britain.

CLUBS

Management

Speaker: Hugh Devenney

Add to Rule 115 (last paragraph):

The Club has first call on their players for league and championship games.

Rule 115 currently reads:

A Club must have at least 11 playing members that are eligible to play in the age group or grade of football in which the Club intends fielding a team and 3 registered adult officials, at least one of whom must be female, before it can affiliate to the Association.

Only a properly registered Club can take part in County, Provincial or National Competitions, or be entitled to representation on Committees, County Boards or Councils.

Management

Speaker: Jerome Casey

Amend Rule 121 to read:

A club may refuse membership to any applicant in the interests of the Association. **Such refusal should only be determined following an investigation, disciplinary procedure, criminal investigation or vetting disclosure.**

Rule 121 currently reads:

The Club may refuse membership to any applicant in the interests of the Association.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR CLUB, COUNTY AND PROVINCE

Louth

Amend Rule 136 (c) to read:

In exceptional circumstances, where Clubs are not in a position to field Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 or Under 18 teams from their own resources, permission may be obtained from the County Board, for the players of not more than **four** Clubs in this position, to form an Independent Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, or Under 18 team.

The Independent team may not apply under Rule 136 (d) for permission for any player or players from another Club to play with the said Independent team.

Applications to form an Independent Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, or Under 18 team, must be made on an annual basis prior to the commencement of the competition or a date set earlier by the County Board, whichever is the earliest. The application shall set out the circumstances and details for such a request in full, and receive sanction of the County Board in charge.

Rule 136 (c) currently reads:

In exceptional circumstances, where Clubs are not in a position to field Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 or Under 18 teams from their own resources, permission may be obtained from the County Board, for the players of not more than **two** Clubs in this position, to form an Independent Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, or Under 18 team.

The Independent team may not apply under Rule 136 (d) for permission for any player or players from another Club to play with the said Independent team.

Applications to form an Independent Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, or Under 18 team, must be made on an annual basis prior to the commencement of the competition or a date set earlier by the County Board, whichever is the earliest. The application shall set out the circumstances and details for such a request in full, and receive sanction of the County Board in charge.

Management

Speaker: Jerome Casey

Amend Rule 136 (c) by changing "Independent" to "amalgamated" to read:

In exceptional circumstances, where Clubs are not in a position to field Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 or Under 18 teams from their own resources, permission may be obtained from the County Board, for the players of not more than two Clubs in this position, to form an **amalgamated** Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, or Under 18 team.

The **amalgamated** team may not apply under Rule 136 (d) for permission for any player or players from another Club to play with the said **amalgamated** team.

Applications to form an **amalgamated** Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 or Under 18 team, must be made on an annual basis prior to the commencement of the competition or a date set earlier by the County Board, whichever is earliest.

The application shall set out the circumstances and details for such a request in full, and receive sanction of the County Board in charge.

Roscommon

Speaker: Grace O'Brien

Amend Rule 136 (c) to read:

In exceptional circumstances, where Clubs are not in a position to field Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 or Under 18 teams from their own resources, permission may be obtained from the County Board, for the players of not more than **three** Clubs in this position, to form an Independent Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, or Under 18 team.

The Independent team may not apply under Rule 136 (d) for permission for any player or players from another Club to play with the said Independent team.

Applications to form an Independent Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 or Under 18 team, must be made on an annual basis prior to the commencement of the competition or a date set earlier by the County Board, whichever is earliest. The application shall set out the circumstances and details for such a request in full, and receive sanction of the County Board in charge.

Rule 136 (c) currently reads:

In exceptional circumstances, where Clubs are not in a position to field Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 or Under 18 teams from their own resources, permission may be obtained from the County Board, for the players of not more than **two** Clubs in this position, to form an Independent Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, or Under 18 team.

The Independent team may not apply under Rule 136 (d) for permission for any player or players from another Club to play with the said Independent team.

Applications to form an Independent Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 or Under 18 team, must be made on an annual basis prior to the commencement of the competition or a date set earlier by the County Board, whichever is earliest. The application shall set out the circumstances and details for such a request in full and receive sanction of the County Board in charge.

Management

Speaker: Marie Hickey

Add to Rule 137 to read:

(d) The Clubs in the CCA where the player attends Primary School

Management

Speaker: Dominic Leech

Add to end of Rule 137 to read:

'A club Catchment Area within a city shall be defined by the local authority boundaries.

Rule 137 currently reads:

A Home Club means the Club in a player's Club Catchment Area "known as CCA" as defined hereunder:

- (a) The Club in the Club Catchment Area in which a player resides, or
- (b) The First Club with which she legally played in an officially recognised Club Competition or
- (c) The CCA in which her parents resided at the time of her birth

A Club Catchment Area shall comprise the list of townlands under existing traditional parish boundaries from which the Club was entitled to draw its players. A list of such townlands shall be ascertained and recorded for each Club for the purpose of determining each Club boundary and the limit of the Club Catchment Area. Where a townland overlaps adjoining CCA's, players who reside in that townland have the option of playing with any of the adjoining clubs with which it overlaps. A CCA, for the purpose of this rule, shall be subject to county boundaries. However, where a CCA overlaps a county or counties, the club or clubs concerned have the option of playing within either county. The players concerned may play county football for either county subject to transfer regulations.

CCAs shall not apply within cities or towns. Players residing within a town or city must play with a club within the town or city unless they are exempt under Rules 137 to Rule 142. However, a player residing in a townland within a town or city and where that townland overlaps into a CCA of an adjoining club, players that reside in that townland shall have the option of playing with any club within the town or city and the club in the CCA which the townland extends into. Players taking part in the Official Schools or Colleges competitions are exempted from this rule. The definition of town or city boundaries is that as defined by the statutory body of Town or City Council or County Council.

Management

Speaker: Dominic Leech

Amend Rule 139 (4th paragraph) to read:

Where there is a Club in a player's CCA, but the Club is unable to provide football for her at Adult or Underage level, the player must register with her CCA Club.

Where there is club football for her in another Club within her CCA, she may get permission to play or transfer to that Club.

She cannot transfer or get permission to play with another Club outside her CCA whilst there is a Club in her CCA, unless she is exempted under Rule 137, (Home Club). This permission is to be renewed on an annual basis. Where there is no Adult Club football within her CCA, and she wishes to seek permission to play with another Club she must apply on the Official Application Form and forward it to the County Board, Provincial Council and the National Grading Committee of Central Council.

The Grading Committee will make the final decision subject to appeal **as per CODA Rules**.

The closing date for a player seeking permission to play Adult Football is 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the competition. The maximum number of players allowed to obtain permission to play for any Club shall be four. This permission is to be renewed on an annual basis.

Rule 139 currently reads:

Where there is a Club in a player's CCA, but the Club is unable to provide football for her at Adult or Underage level, the player must register with her CCA Club.

Where there is club football for her in another Club within her CCA, she may get permission to play or transfer to that Club.

She cannot transfer or get permission to play with another Club outside her CCA whilst there is a Club in her CCA, unless she is exempted under Rule 137, (Home Club). This permission is to be renewed on an annual basis. Where there is no Adult Club football within her CCA, and she wishes to seek permission to play with another Club she must apply on the Official Application Form and forward it to the County Board, Provincial Council and the National Grading Committee of Central Council.

The Grading Committee will make the final decision subject to appeal to Central Council.

The closing date for a player seeking permission to play Adult Football is 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the competition. The maximum number of players allowed to obtain permission to play for any Club shall be four. This permission is to be renewed on an annual basis.

Kildare

Speaker: Arthur Corrigan

Amend Rule 145 to read:

Where a player has commenced a Club competition within a County, apart from Championship, but transfers to another Club within the County, she may complete that competition with her New Club. **Where a Club Championship has commenced, she may not compete in that competition with her New Club.'**

Rule 145 currently reads:

Where a player has commenced a Club competition within a County, apart from Championship, but transfers to another Club within the County, she may complete that competition with her New Club.

Management

Speaker: Kathleen Kane

Amend Rule 151 to read:

A player can only play for a County, provided she is resident in that County, and playing Club football within that County, unless she is exempted under rules 137 or 140 for club and 198, 199 or **141** for County.

Rule 151 currently reads:

A player can only play for a County, provided she is resident in that County, and playing Club football within that County, unless she is exempted under Rules 137 or 140 for Club and Rules 198 and 199 for County.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES COMMITTEES

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Carey

Amend Rule 166 (a) to read:

Must be a registered student & attend a class in the school for 3 hours a day

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Carey

Amend Rule 166 (c) to read:

Be under 16 **years of age** on the 1st July of the Academic year to compete in the Junior competition.

Rule 166 currently reads:

In order to qualify for the official Post Primary Schools competition a player must:

- Attend a class in the school for 3 hours a day
- Have an average monthly attendance of thirteen days prior to the game
- Be Under 16 on 1st July of the Academic Year to compete in the Junior competition
- Be Under 20 years of age on 1st July of the Academic Year for the Senior competition

COUNTY BOARD CONVENTION

Management

Speaker: Liam McDonagh

Amend Rule 171 by changing 'registered' to 'affiliated' to read:

Those entitled to vote at the County Convention shall be the outgoing officers together with three delegates from each **affiliated** Club, one of whom must be a current player, delegates to Provincial and Central Council, Officers of the County at Provincial and Central Council and their sub- committees who have voting rights, members of sub-committees within the County and two delegates each from the School and College Committees.

Rule 171 currently reads:

Those entitled to vote at the County Convention shall be the outgoing officers together with three delegates from each registered Club, one of whom must be a current player, delegates to Provincial and Central Council, Officers of the County at Provincial and Central Council and their sub- committees who have voting rights, members of sub-committees within the County and two delegates each from the School and College Committees.

COUNTY BOARD

Management

Speaker: Liam McDonagh

Amend Rule 177 (p) to read:

Three delegates, **who are registered members**, from each affiliated club.....'

Rule 177 (p) currently reads:

Three delegates from each affiliated club, one of whom must be a current player

Management

Speaker: Peter Rice

Amend Rule 177 by adding at (n) and move other points accordingly:

Chairperson of each Divisional Board

Rule 177 currently reads:

The County Board should consist of:

- (a) Chairperson
- (b) Vice Chairperson
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Assistant Secretary
- (e) Treasurer
- (f) Assistant Treasurer
- (g) Registrar
- (h) PRO
- (i) Culture and Language Officer
- (j) Development Officer (Appointed)
- (k) Children's Officer (Appointed)
- (l) Officers of Provincial and Central Councils from within the County
- (m) Delegates to Provincial and Central Councils
- (n) Members of sub-committees of Provincial and Central Councils who have voting rights within their respective Councils and who are from within the County
- (o) Chairpersons of sub-committees of the County Board
- (p) Three delegates from each affiliated Club, one of whom must be a current player

Where a County Schools or Colleges Committee functions, it shall be entitled to two voting delegates on the County Board.

The County Board shall hold office until the end of the next Annual Convention. It shall be subject to the authority of Provincial and Central Council.

Sligo

Speaker: Keith Gilroy

Add to Rule 177

A County Board member should not hold the same role within the County Board for longer than 4 years.

Management

Speaker: Peter Rice

Amend Rule 178 to read:

The Executive of the County Board shall consist of the Officers of the County Board as set out in Rule 177 (a) to (n) and shall have authority to submit motions to the County Board.

Rule 178 currently reads:

The Executive of the County Board shall consist of the officers of the County Board as set out in Rule 177 (a) to (m) and shall have authority to submit motions to the County Board.

Management

Speaker: Liam McDonagh

Add New Rule after Rule 178

County Board secretaries shall give 14 days notice to all members for County Board meetings. In emergency situations shorter notice will suffice.

Management

Speaker: Liam McDonagh

Add to Rule 179 at (b):

County Boards may defer club games within 5 days before a competitive inter-county fixture and players from the county panel must be allowed to play with their clubs outside that five day period. If a county qualifies for a Provincial final or All Ireland semi final or final, the 5 day period may be extended with approval of County Board.

Rule 179 currently reads:

County Boards shall have within their respective Counties:

- a) Control of Club affiliations and registrations
- b) Responsibility for the Management of County teams and responsibility for ensuring that managers, mentors, trainers, team officials and coaches are registered with the Association
- c) Control and organisation of all competitions within the County
- d) Power to raise finance
- e) Power to control, administer, and utilise funds and property of the Association within the County
- f) Power to grade or re-grade players and teams at Club level. County Boards must notify Provincial and Central Councils on the official grading form by the 1st March, of Clubs that are being proposed to be downgraded for Championship purposes within their Counties, and the reasons why they should be downgraded. The grading of Clubs shall be subject to approval of Central Council
- g) Authority to send nominations and motions to Provincial and Central Council

Management

Speaker: Peter Rice

Amend Rule 180 by adding 'boards' after 'divisional' in first line:

The powers and functions of divisional **boards** and any other sub-committees, with the exception of CODA, shall be as defined by the County Board. They must forward their proposals for ratification to a full County Board meeting.

Rule 180 currently reads:

The powers and functions of divisional and any other sub-committees, with the exception of CODA, shall be as defined by the County Board. They must forward their proposals for ratification to a full County Board meeting.

Management

Speaker: Peter Rice

New Rule after Rule 180

- Divisional Boards shall elect a Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, PRO and any other position deemed necessary
- Each Divisional Board shall be represented by the Chairperson on the County Board Executive
- The activities of Divisional Boards shall be in accordance with the rules of the Official Guide and with County Byelaws
- Divisional Boards shall control affairs within their own Division and shall have responsibility for the organization of competitions for all clubs within their Division, governed by competition regulations

Rule 23

Insert 'Divisional Boards'

Rule 32

Insert 'Divisional Boards'

Rule 33

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Rule 34

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Rule 35

Insert 'Divisional Boards'

Rule 36

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Rule 38

Insert 'Divisional Boards'

Rule 99

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Rule 99

Insert 'Divisional Board' after 'County' in 1st line of 2nd paragraph

Rule 115

Insert 'Divisional' before 'County' in 1st line of 2nd paragraph

Management

Speaker: Liam McDonagh

Amend Rule 187 to read:

County Boards shall furnish to their Provincial Councils by 15th January each year, **an audited financial report and balance sheet**, together with supporting bank statements for the previous year. Failure to do so shall incur a fine of €500 and may involve suspension until they are furnished.

Rule 187 currently reads:

County Boards shall furnish to their Provincial Councils by 15th January each year, a balance sheet of the County accounts together with supporting bank statements for the previous financial

year. Failure to do so shall incur a fine of €500 and may involve suspension until they are furnished.

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Giles

Add to Rule 188 (after last paragraph):

County Boards may apply to the management committee of Central Council for permission to allow 2 Junior clubs to amalgamate and play in junior competition within their county. Such permission may be granted where circumstances are deemed to warrant it, subject to approval by Central Council.

Management

Speaker: Jerome Casey

Add to Rule 188 (last paragraph):

Application to form an amalgamated team must be made on an annual basis prior to the commencement of the competition or a date set earlier by County Board, whichever is the earliest.

Rule 188 currently reads:

County Boards may allow players from three Junior Clubs, or, one Junior and one Intermediate Club to amalgamate to form a Senior team, without losing their Junior or Intermediate status.

County Boards may allow two Junior clubs to amalgamate to form an Intermediate team without losing their Junior status.

An amalgamated team which wins the County Senior Championship shall be permitted to represent the County Board in the Provincial and All Ireland Club Championship.

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Management

Speaker: Peter Rice

Add to Rule 209 (and move other points down accordingly):

(d) Ex-President for one year after his/her term of office expires.

Rule 209 currently reads:

Provincial Council shall consist of:

- President
- Vice-President
- President Elect for one year prior to her/his term as President
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Registrar
- PRO
- Cultural and Language Officer
- Development Officer (Appointed)
- Three delegates from each Affiliated County, one of whom must be a current player
- Two delegates from the Provincial Schools Council
- Two delegates from the Provincial Colleges Council
- Officers from Central Council from within the Province
- Members of sub-committees of Central Council who have voting rights at Central Council.

Management

Speaker: Peter Rice

Amend Rule 210 to read:

The Executive of the Provincial Council shall consist of the officers of the Provincial Council as set out in Rule 209 (a) to (l) inclusive.

Rule 210 currently reads:

The Executive of the Provincial Council shall consist of the officers of the Provincial Council as set out in Rule 209 (a) to (k) inclusive.

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Giles

Add to Rule 240 (and move other points accordingly):

- (i) Representative of the GAA

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Giles

Amend Rule 240 (h) to read:

Development Officer (Appointed)

Rule 240 currently reads:

Central Council shall consist of:

- a) The President shall be elected for one term of four years by secret ballot and shall not serve two consecutive terms.
- b) President Elect for one year
- c) Former Presidents of the Association who are active at County, Provincial or Central Council level
- d) Outgoing Provincial Presidents shall remain as a member of national management committee until the completion of congress of that year at which time the new President takes up his/her role
- e) Joint Treasurers
- f) CEO and Assistant Secretary
- g) Cultural and Language Officer
- h) Development Officer
- i) Three Delegates from each Affiliated County, one of whom must be a current player
- j) Two Delegates from the National HEC
- k) Two Delegates from the National Post Primary Schools Council
- l) Two delegates from International affiliated Units of the Association
- m) Members of sub-committees of Central Council who have voting rights, (All Stars, Grading and Fixtures).

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Giles

Amend Rule 241 to read:

The Management Committee of Central Council shall consist of Officers as outlined from (a) to (i) in Rule 240. The Management Committee shall meet every two months or more often if necessary.

Rule 241 currently reads:

The Management Committee shall consist of Officers as outlined from (a) to (h) in Rule 240. The Management Committee shall meet every two months or more often if necessary.

TRANSFERS

Louth

Amend Rule 265 to read:

All transfer applications must be made on the official transfer form. It must be completed, properly signed and sent to the relevant secretary.

Evidence to prove an address may be requested by a Club, County Board, Provincial or Central Council or sub-committees thereof. **The townland must be noted on all transfer forms for all CCAs.**

Where the relevant body is not satisfied with the evidence provided, the transfer may be refused.

A player transferred to a Club, who, at any time within a period of 24 weeks from the date of transfer, is found to be no longer resident within the Club Catchment Area, may be liable to sanction under the CODA Rules, and the Club may also be liable to sanction under the CODA Rules.

Rule 265 currently reads:

All transfer applications must be made on the official transfer form. It must be completed, properly signed and sent to the relevant secretary.

Evidence to prove an address may be requested by a Club, County Board, Provincial or Central Council or sub-committees thereof.

Where the relevant body is not satisfied with the evidence provided, the transfer may be refused.

A player transferred to a Club, who, at any time within a period of 24 weeks from the date of transfer, is found to be no longer resident within the Club Catchment Area, may be liable to sanction under the CODA Rules, and the Club may also be liable to sanction under the CODA Rules.

COMPETITIONS

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Giles

Amend Rule 282 (last paragraph) to read:

At club level, underage players can only play in their own age group and two grades above it with grades deemed as **Under 12, 14, 16 and 18. All grades under 10 can only play one grade above. An under 8 can play under 8 and 10. An under 10 can play under 10 and 12.** An Under 12 can play Under 12, 14, 16. An Under 14 can play Under 14, 16 and 18. An Under 16 can play Under 16, 18 and Adult and Under 18 can play Under 18 and Adult.

Rule 282 currently reads:

Underage players can only play in their own age group and one grade above it at Inter-County level.. (e.g. Under 14 Inter-County player can play at Under 14 and Under 16 but not Under 17 upwards. An Under 15 or 16 Inter-County player cannot play at Junior, Intermediate or Senior Level).

Over 18 grade is deemed an adult grade.

At club level, underage players can only play in their own age group and two grades above it with grades being deemed as Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18. An Under 8 player can play Under 8, 10 and 12. An Under 10 can play Under 10, 12 and 14. An Under 12 can play Under 12, 14, 16. An Under 14 can play Under 14, 16 and 18. An Under 16 can play Under 16, 18 and Adult and Under 18 can play Under 18 and Adult.

Management

Speaker: Kathleen Kane

Amend Rule 293 to read:

Games in Under 11 and younger shall be organised on the Go Games Model. Go Games are modified where results are not formally recorded, and where all participants get to play during the course of the game.

Teams at Under 6 and 7 shall be a maximum of 7-A-Side. Teams at Under 8 and 9 shall be a maximum of 9-A-Side. Teams of Under 10 and 11 shall be a maximum of 11-A-Side.

At Under 12 level, competitions may be organised on a league format, with no championships, on the basis that participating teams should be a maximum of 13-A-Side.

Games should be organised over four quarters, and provision shall be made for all members of the team panel to participate in a minimum of one quarter.

A breach will be referred to CODA for sanction.

MEDALS AND TROPHIES

Armagh

Speaker: Sinead Reel

Amend Rule 317 to read:

County Boards shall award at least 20 medals or trophies, to League and Championship winners (at Senior Level) and runners up (at U18 and below), and pro-rata where teams of less than 15 players are involved to all underage teams.

Rule 317 currently reads:

County Boards shall award at least 20 medals or trophies, to League and Championship winners and runners up, and pro-rata where teams of less than 15 players are involved

Management

Speaker: Kathleen Kane

Amend Rule 321 to read:

There shall be one captain per team. Captain must be part of the panel 1 – 30. It shall be the privilege of the captain of the winning team to accept the cup or trophy on behalf of her team. The safe custody of the cup or trophy shall be the responsibility of the successful Club, County, School, College or Province. Any costs incurred in the replacement or repair of cups or trophies shall be borne by the Club, County, School, College or Province responsible. A cup or trophy shall not be filled with any type of alcoholic beverage.

Rule 321 currently reads:

There shall be one captain per team. It shall be the privilege of the captain of the winning team to accept the cup or trophy on behalf of her team. The safe custody of the cup or trophy shall be the responsibility of the successful Club, County, School, College or Province. Any costs incurred in the replacement or repair of cups or trophies shall be borne by the Club, County, School, College or Province responsible. A cup or trophy shall not be filled with any type of alcoholic beverage.

TEAMS

Management

Speaker: Geraldine Giles

Amend Rule 323 to read:

A team shall consist of 15 players and a panel of 30 players. Teams are allowed a maximum of 7 officials, one of whom must be a female liaison officer, on the sideline. The female County liaison officer shall not be involved in coaching or team selection.

Rule 323 currently reads:

A team shall consist of 15 players and a panel of 30 players. Teams are allowed a maximum of 7 officials, one of whom must be a female liaison officer, on the sideline.

SUBS AND SIN BIN

Meath

Amend Rule 341 to read:

A “Sin Bin” Rule shall apply in all grades of football from Under 13 upwards.

Where a player commits a First Yellow Card Offence, she shall have her name recorded by the referee and sent off the Field of Play for 10 minutes Playing Time (Sin Bin) in games of 1 Hour Duration or more. She may remain with her substitute colleagues.

In games of less than 30 minutes a half from Under 13 upwards she shall be sent to the Sin Bin for 5 mins Playing Time.

Where such a game goes into Extra Time that may exceed 1-hour duration, the Sin Bin time shall be for 5 mins for ease of Implementation purposes.

She may resume playing after the 5- or 10-minutes Playing Time has elapsed and only with the consent of the referee or designated official.

Rule 341 currently reads:

A “Sin Bin” rule shall apply in all grades from and including Under 14 upwards. The duration of the Sin Bin is governed by the duration of Normal Time.

Where a player commits a First Yellow Card offence, she shall have her name recorded by the referee and sent off the field of play for 10/5 minutes Playing Time (Sin Bin).

In games of one hour duration (30 minutes per half), the Sin Bin time is 10 minutes Playing Time. Where Extra Time is played in such a game and a player is Sin Binned in Extra Time, the duration of the Sin Bin is for 10 minutes.

Where games are 15 minutes or less per half, that the Sin Bin time will be 3 minutes playing time. Where a player commits a Yellow Card offence in games of less than 30 minutes a half, she shall be sent to the Sin Bin for 5 minutes Playing Time. Where Extra Time is played in such a game, the Sin Bin time shall be for 5 minutes, even though the game may have exceeded one hour.

She can only resume play after completing her 5/10 minutes playing time ban, with the permission of the referee or a designated official and only in a stoppage in play.

The Sin Binned player may remain with her substitute colleagues.

If on her resumption, she repeats a Cautionable Offence, she shall be shown a Yellow Card (2nd), followed by a Red Card and ordered off the field of play for the remainder of the game, which shall include Extra Time where played.

EXTRA TIME AND REPLAYS

Cavan

Speaker: Gerry Sheridan

Add to Rule 364:

In the case of under 14 competition and below golden score would determine the result.

Rule 364 currently reads:

In exceptional circumstances, the Organising Committee, Board or Council may instruct teams to play One Period of Extra Time followed by a point shoot-out from 30 metres. The kicks must be taken between the two posts and from where indicated by the referee. In the case of Under 14 competitions and below, the point shoot-out shall be from the 20 metre line. Only players who are remaining on the field of play at the end of Extra Time are eligible to take the kicks. Each team shall take 5 kicks at point scoring. If the scores are still tied after each team has taken their 5 kicks, sudden death procedure shall follow, using different players, until such time as there is a winner. The ball must go directly over the crossbar, off the crossbar and over, or off the uprights and over the crossbar, to be counted as a point. A ball that hops in front of the goal and goes over the bar shall not be counted as a point. Any player that crosses the 20/30m mark while kicking for a point shall have her score disallowed.

The referee shall add the points scored by both teams in the shoot-out to the scores at the end of Extra Time in reporting the final score. Extra Time shall consist of 10 minutes each way.

BALL IN PLAY

Management

Speaker: Eileen Jones

Amend Rule 381 to read:

If the ball is played over the end-line and outside the goalposts, by one of the defending side, the opposing team shall be awarded a 45 metre kick opposite to where the ball crossed the end-line. The 45 metre kick shall be taken off the ground in all grades from Under 15 upwards. In grades up to and including Under 14, the player has the option of kicking it from the hands or off the ground.

Should a player taking the 45 metre kick foul the ball, she shall retake the kick. Should an opposing player interfere with the taking of the 45m kick, the referee shall award a free 13m forward, nearer to the defending goal.

If a player fouls the ball twice a throw in shall be awarded.

Management

Speaker: Pat Quill

Add to Rule 381 (end of 1st paragraph) to read:

If the ball is played over the end-line and outside the goalposts, by one of the defending side, the opposing team shall be awarded a 45 metre kick opposite to where the ball crossed the end-line. The 45 metre kick shall be taken off the ground in all grades from Under 15 upwards. In grades up to and including Under 14, the player has the option of kicking it from the hands or off the ground. **The ball cannot be kicked backwards.**

Should a player taking the 45 metre kick foul the ball, she shall retake the kick. Should an opposing player interfere with the taking of the 45m kick, the referee shall award a free 13m forward, nearer to the defending goal.

Rule 381 currently reads:

If the ball is played over the end-line and outside the goalposts, by one of the defending side, the opposing team shall be awarded a 45 metre kick opposite to where the ball crossed the end-line. The 45 metre kick shall be taken off the ground in all grades from Under 15 upwards. In grades up to and including Under 14, the player has the option of kicking it from the hands or off the ground.

Should a player taking the 45 metre kick foul the ball, she shall retake the kick. Should an opposing player interfere with the taking of the 45m kick, the referee shall award a free 13m forward, nearer to the defending goal.

PLAYING RULES

Management

Speaker: Pat Quill

Delete Rule 400

Rule 400 currently reads:

A player in possession of the ball may not tip the ball up on her hands

Management

Speaker: Pat Quill

Amend Rule 402 to read:

There shall be no deliberate body tackle. **The tackle must be on the ball, not the player.**

Rule 402 currently reads:

There shall be no deliberate body tackle.

SCORES

Kilkenny

Speaker: Joe Fox

Add New Rule 410 (a)

Two points are scored when a free kick taken off the ground from the 45 meter line or outside goes directly over the bar. If the ball is touched by any player before it goes over the bar it shall equal one point. To signal a two point score the umpire shall wave the white flag and at the same time raise his/her other hand to point directly upwards.

FOULS

Management

Speaker: Pat Quill

Add to Rule 415:

(r) Charging of an opponent

Rule 415 currently reads:

The following fouls shall be penalised by a free being awarded to the opposing team. Repetition of these fouls shall constitute a Yellow Card offence with penalties as outlined in Rule 416.

- a) Pushing or holding an opponent
- b) Bringing the hand into contact with the body of an opponent for the purpose of dispossessing her of the ball
- c) Third player tackle including body checking an opponent
- d) Impeding an opponent
- e) Diving on the ball as another player is about to pick it up
- f) A player in possession of the ball leading with her elbow
- g) Frontal pushing of a player
- h) Chopping down on the arms of an opponent
- i) Provoking or intimidating players by verbal or physical actions
- j) Preventing an opponent getting up from the ground
- k) Pulling an opponent's jersey
- l) Interfering with a free taker by jumping up and down, waving or clapping hands, or any other physical or verbal interference aimed at distracting the free taker. Should this occur when an attacking team is awarded a 13 metre free in front of their opponents goal, a penalty shall be awarded. A player may hold her hands upright
- m) Deliberately delaying the kick out or a free-kick
- n) Deliberately not moving back to allow a quick free to be taken
- o) Kicking the ball away when a free is awarded against the team in possession of the ball
- p) Not releasing the ball when a free is awarded against the player in possession of the ball
- q) Use of foul or improper language

Management

Speaker: Pat Quill

Amend Rule 416 (c) to read:

Charging of an opponent with the **shoulder to the chest**

Meath

Amend Rule 416 to read:

The following fouls shall be penalised by a free being given to the opposing team and the offending player's name taken and shown a Yellow Card and sent off the Field of Play (Sin Bin) in grades from and including **Under 13 upwards.**

- a) Deliberate pulling down or tripping by hand or foot
- b) High tackle
- c) Charging of an opponent
- d) Threatening or using abusive language or gestures towards an opponent or colleague
- e) Blocking or attempting to block an opponent with the boot as that player is about to kick the ball from her hands
- f) A sliding tackle
- g) Kicking the ball with intent as an opposing player is about to pick it up
- h) Bringing the fist into contact with the body of an opponent for the purpose of dispossessing her of the ball
- i) Dissenting or challenging the authority of a match official
- j) Persistent fouling
- k) Feigning injury, or diving to gain a free kick or penalty or to get an opponent Cautioned or Sent Off

If she repeats any of these offences upon her resumption, she shall be shown a 2nd Yellow Card, followed by a Red Card and sent off the field of play for the duration of the game, which shall include Extra Time where played.

In any competition up to and including the Under 12 grade, the Sin Bin rule shall not apply. The player shall be shown the Yellow Card and if she commits another Cautionable Offence, she shall be shown a 2nd Yellow Card, followed by a Red Card and sent off the field of play for the duration of the game, and any Extra Time that may be played.

Rule 416 currently reads:

The following fouls shall be penalised by a free being awarded to the opposing team, and the offending player's name taken, and shown a Yellow Card. She should be sent off the field of play (Sin Bin), in grades from and including Under 14 upwards.

- a) Deliberate pulling down or tripping by hand or foot
- b) High tackle
- c) Charging of an opponent
- d) Threatening or using abusive language or gestures towards an opponent or colleague
- e) Blocking or attempting to block an opponent with the boot as that player is about to kick the ball from her hands
- f) A sliding tackle
- g) Kicking the ball with intent as an opposing player is about to pick it up

- h) Bringing the fist into contact with the body of an opponent for the purpose of dispossessing her of the ball
- i) Dissenting or challenging the authority of a match official
- j) Persistent fouling
- k) Feigning injury, or diving to gain a free kick or penalty or to get an opponent Cautioned or Sent Off

If she repeats any of these offences upon her resumption, she shall be shown a 2nd Yellow Card, followed by a Red Card and sent off the field of play for the duration of the game, which shall include Extra Time where played.

In any competition up to and including the Under 13 grade, the Sin Bin rule shall not apply. The player shall be shown the Yellow Card and if she commits another Cautionable Offence, she shall be shown a 2nd Yellow Card, followed by a Red Card and sent off the field of play for the duration of the game, and any Extra Time that may be played.

Down

Speaker: Seamus O'Hanlon

Add to Rule 417:

(m) To behave in any way which is dangerous to an opponent.

Ulster

Speaker: Eileen Jones

Amend Rule 417 (b) to read:

Kicking or making a kicking action towards an opponent or colleague

Rule 417 (b) currently reads:

Kicking an opponent or colleague

FREE KICKS

Ulster

Speaker: Eileen Jones

Amend Rule 419 to read:

If a foul occurs, the referee may allow play to continue, if s/he considers this to be to the advantage of the offended team for up to 5 seconds after the foul. Where no advantage accrues or **the player has not passed to a teammate who has clear advantage**, the referee may award a free from where the original foul occurred. Should another foul be committed on the offended team within the 5 seconds then the free is awarded from the most advantageous position.

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REFEREE

Management

Speaker: Eileen Jones

Add New Rule after Rule 449

All club adult games within counties must be officiated by a referee who has completed an LGFA referee education course and they must attend the annual referee refresher course to maintain qualifications. If the referee fails to show at a club fixture the two clubs involved may agree on a referee to officiate and if no agreement the match will be rescheduled.

Management

Speaker: Eileen Jones

Amend Rule 464 to read:

The referee shall forward team lists, and a detailed report of the match, **either electronically or by post**, to the committee, Board or Council in charge of the fixture, showing:

- a) The final and half time score
- b) The time the teams took the field
- c) The time that the match commenced
- d) The attire of players and note the number of the player(s) not wearing the correct attire
- e) The names of any players cautioned or ordered off and the reasons. Specific details and exact nature of the offence committed and in cases of verbal abuse, the exact words used must be reported
- f) The names of any players injured or any other information s/he deems relevant
- g) The names of substitutes used during the course of the game
- h) Any other incidents or breach of rules that took place

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FOURTH OFFICIAL

Management

Speaker: Dominic Leech

Amend Rule 481 to read:

The Fourth Official duties shall be:

- a) To receive substitution notes giving the name and number of a substitute or temporary substitute and the name and number of the player being substituted or replaced
- b) To record and report all substitutions and temporary substitutions made during a game to the referee for inclusion in the match report
- c) To display by means of electronic or manual board the numbers of players being substituted
- d) Timing of sin bins
- e) Advise the referee or linesperson of any off the ball incident or score where there is a dispute as to whether a ball was inside or outside the posts
- f) **Keep the side-line clear from any unauthorised personnel**
- g) **Report any abuse from the team officials or substitutes to the referee in break of play**
- h) **To report as required to the referee prior to leaving the venue and such report must be included with the referee's report concerning breaches of rules on the side-line for the duration of the game**

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CODA Rules

Dublin

Speaker: John Sheridan

Amend 2.1 (b) to add (Page 106):

'team'

Management

Speaker: Con Moynihan

Add to Rule 3.2 Suspensions (Page 108)

- (h) Attend or participate in any promotional event/activity for the LGFA

Speaker: Con Moynihan

Add to 2.1.1 (Page 112)

The CODA Officer has no vote and is not a member of the executive

Speaker: Con Moynihan

Amend Rule 3.1 (d) (Page 115) to read:

'48 hrs' instead of '24 hrs'

Speaker: Con Moynihan

Add to Rule 5.13 (Page 118)

- (i) All parties will be subject to a participation report which will be forwarded from the mediator on completion of mediation

Speaker: Con Moynihan

Add to Rule 7.2 (Page 121):

- (j) The hearing shall take place within 10 days

Speaker: Con Moynihan

Amend 7.20 be adding (Page 124)

'unless 7.24 is imposed' to the end of the sentence

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS 2020

President Elect:

Dominic Leech, Wicklow (Nominated by Wicklow)

Liam McDonagh, Sligo (Nominated by Galway and Sligo)

Michael Naughton, Donegal (Nominated by Cavan, Donegal, Down, Monaghan, Tyrone and Westmeath)

Assistant Secretary:

Kathleen Kane, Sligo (Nominated by Cavan, Donegal, Monaghan, Roscommon, Westmeath)

Treasurers:

Geraldine Carey, Roscommon (Nominated by Donegal, Monaghan, Roscommon, Westmeath)

Mary Connolly, Tyrone (Nominated by Cavan, Donegal, Monaghan, Roscommon, Tyrone, Westmeath)

Development Officer:

Con Moynihan, Galway (Nominated by Cavan, Donegal, Monaghan, Roscommon)

Culture & Language Officer:

Finbarr O'Driscoll, Dublin (Nominated by Galway)

Hugh Devenney, Donegal (Nominated by Cavan, Donegal, Down, Monaghan, Roscommon)

MASTER FIXTURE PLAN 2020

Date:	
January Sat 25 th	Lidl PPS Interprovincial (Kinnegad)
January Sun 26 th	Lidl NFL Rd 1 (Div 1,2,3,4)
February Sat 1 st / 2 nd	Lidl PPS Interprovincial (Kinnegad) – TBC If postponed due to weather
February Sun 2 nd	Lidl NFL Rd 2 (Div 1,2,3,4)
February Sun 9 th	Lidl NFL Rd 3 (Div 1,2,3,4)
February Sat 15 th / Sun 16 th	Lidl NFL (Div 1,2,3,4) – if any games postponed in previous rounds
February Sun 23 rd	Lidl NFL Rd 4 (Div 1,2,3,4)
February Sat 29 th / Sun 1 st	Lidl NFL (Div 1,2,3,4) – if any games postponed in previous round
March Fri 6 th / Sat 7 th	LGFA Congress – Galway
March Sun 8 th	Lidl NFL Rd 5 (Div 1,2,3,4)
March Fri 13 th / Sat 14 th	GFP O'Connor Cup
March Sat 14 th / Sun 15 th	Lidl PPS Snr Semi Finals -Over by 15 th March -Result on the Day
March Sun 22 nd	Lidl NFL Rd 6 (Div 1,2,3,4) Lidl PPS Jnr Semi Finals -Over by 22 nd March -Result on the Day
March Sun 29 th	Lidl NFL Rd 7 (Div 1,2,3,4) Lidl PPS Snr Final -Over by 29 th March -Result on the Day
31 st March to 8 th April	All Star Tour
The PPS Fixtures are subject to change if a PPS game clashes with an NFL fixture and a school has a player(s) playing for their County. This may only effect the senior dates. (The game will either be played the Sat or Sunday of that weekend).	
April Sat 4 th / Sun 5 th	Lidl PPS Jnr Final -Over by 5 th April - Result on the Day Div. 1,2,3,4 Relegation/Playoff (result on the day)
April Sat 11 th / Sun 12 th	Div. 1,2,3 Relegation/Playoff (result on the day)
April Sat 18 th / Sun 19 th	Lidl NFL (Div 1, 2, 3, 4) – Finals – Result on the Day
April Sat 25 th	Senior Interprovincial (Kinnegad, Westmeath)
May Friday 8 th	Lidl NFL Team of the League
May Sat 9 th	U-14 (Stage 1)
May Sat 23 rd	U-14 (Quarter Finals) -Result on the Day
May Sat 30 th	U-14 (Semi-Finals) -Result on the Day
June Sat 13 th	U-14 (Finals) -Result on the Day
June Sun 14 th	John West Féile Peil na nÓg – Skills Competition (Abbotstown)
June Sat 20 th	TG4 Munster Snr Finals TG4 Ulster Snr, Jnr Finals
June Sun 21 st	TG4 Connacht Inter/Snr Finals
June Sat 27 th / Sun 28 th	John West Féile Peil na nÓg – (Donegal/Tyrone/Derry)
June Sat 27 th / Sun 28 th	TG4 Munster Snr Replay
June Sat 27 th	TG4 Leinster Jnr/Inter Finals
June Sun 28 th	TG4 Connacht (Replay(s) if necessary)
July Sat 4 th	TG4 Senior – Rd 1 Group 1 & 2
July Wed 8 th	U-16 A, B, C (Semi-Finals) -Result on the Day
July Sat 11 th	TG4 Senior – Rd 2 Group 1 & 2
July Sun 12 th	TG4 Intermediate – Rd 1
July Wed 15 th	Minor A, B, C (Semi Finals) – Result on the Day
July Sat 18 th	TG4 Senior – Rd 3 Group 1 & 2 TG4 Junior - R1 Britain (H) v New York
July Sat 18 th / Sun 19 th	TG4 Intermediate C'ship – Rd 2 TG4 Junior Champ – R1
July Wed 22 nd	U-16 A, B, C (Finals) -ET if necessary TG4 Junior – R2 (involving New York)
July Sun 26 th	TG4 Intermediate C'ship – Rd 3 TG4 Junior C'ship – Rd 2 TG4 Junior – R3 (involving New York)

July Wed 29 th	U-16 A, B, C (Final Replay(s)) - Result on the Day
August Sat 1 st	TG4 Senior – Rd 4 Group 1 & 2
August Sun 2 nd	TG4 Intermediate C'ship – Quarter Finals
August Mon 3 rd	Minor A (Final) - ET if necessary TG4 Senior Rd 4
August Wed 5 th	Minor B & C (Final) - ET if necessary
August Sat 8 th	TG4 Senior – Rd 5 Group 1 & 2
August Sun 9 th	TG4 Junior C'ship – Rd 3
August Wed 12 th	Minor A, B (Final Replay(s)) - Result on the Day
August Sat 15 th / Sun 16 th	TG4 Junior C'ship – Playoff(s), (If necessary)
August Sat 15 th	TG4 Intermediate C'ship – Semi Finals
August Sun 16 th	GAA Hurling Final
August Sat 22 nd	TG4 Junior C'ship – Semi Finals
August Sun 23 rd	TG4 Senior – Semi Finals
August Sun 30 th	GAA Football Finals
September Sun 6 th	Camogie Finals
September Sat 12 th	All Ireland Club 7's
September Sun 13 th	TG4 All Ireland Finals (Junior 11.45, Inter 1.45, Snr 4.00pm)
September Sat 26 th / Sun 27 th	TG4 All Ireland Final Replay(s) - If necessary
Extra Time in all TG4 C'ship games except the Finals. If after ET, teams are still drawn, the replay will be the following weekend.	
October Sat 3 rd	Gaelic4Mothers&Others Blitz
October Sat 17 th / Sun 18 th	Club Jnr - Prelim Rd – Result on the Day (Britain (H) v Europe)
October Sat 24 th	Club - Leinster Jnr/Inter Finals
November Sat 7 th / Sun 8 th	Club Inter, Jnr - Quarter Finals – Result on the Day
November Sat 8 th	Club - Leinster Snr Finals
November Sat 14 th	TG4 All Star Awards
November Sat 21 st / Sun 22 nd	Club Snr, Inter, Jnr - Semi Finals – Result on the Day
December Sat 5 th / Sun 6 th	Club Snr, Inter, Jnr - Finals – ET on the Day
December Sat 12 th / Sun 13 th	Club Snr, Inter, Jnr - Final Replays – Result on the Day
December Wed 25 th	Christmas Day

Lidl All Ireland Post Primary School

- Leinster v Ulster
- Connacht v Munster

Result on the day in all games including Finals

All Ireland Underage Championships

- U-16 A, B, C and Minor A, B, C Championships
- Munster v Ulster
- Connacht v Leinster

Result on the day in Semi-Finals

One round of Extra Time in Finals – Replay if still level

ALL IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Championship:

- SF 1: Connacht (H) v Ulster
- SF 2: Munster (H) v Leinster

Intermediate Championship:

- QF: Britain (H) v Leinster
- SF 1: Connacht (H) v Munster
- SF 2: Britain/Leinster (H) v Ulster (If Britain v Ulster, Ulster (H))

Junior Championship:

Preliminary Rd: Britain (H) v Europe

QF: Britain/Europe (H) v Leinster

SF 1: Britain/Europe/Leinster (H) v Ulster (If Britain/Europe v Ulster, Ulster (H))

SF 2: Munster (H) v Connacht

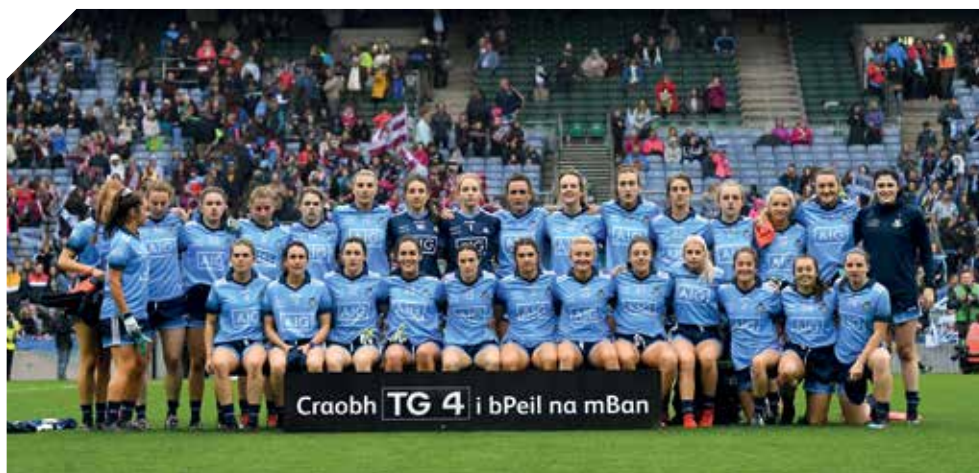
Result on the Day in all games except Finals

Result on the Day:

One Period of Extra Time (10 minutes each way) followed by a point shoot-out from 30 metres. The kicks must be taken between the two posts and from where indicated by the referee. In the case of Under 14 competitions and below, the point shoot-out shall be from the 20 metre line.

Only players who are remaining on the field of play at the end of Extra Time are eligible to take the kicks.

TEAM PHOTOS



DUBLIN

TG4 All Ireland
Senior
Championship
Winner 2019



TIPPERARY

TG4 All Ireland
Intermediate
Championship
Winner 2019



LOUTH

TG4 All Ireland
Junior
Championship
Winner 2019

CORK

Lidl Ladies
NFL Division 1
Winner 2019



WATERFORD

Lidl Ladies
NFL Division 2
Winner 2019



MEATH

Lidl Ladies
NFL Division 3
Winner 2019



FERMANAGH

Lidl Ladies
NFL Division 4
Winner 2019





SCOIL CHRÍOST RÍ

Lidl Post Primary
Schools Senior A
Championship
Winner 2019



DUNGANNON

Lidl Post Primary
Schools Senior B
Championship
Winner 2019



MERCY BALLYMAHON

Lidl Post Primary
Schools Senior C
Championship
Winner 2019

ST CATHERINE'S

Lidl Post Primary
Schools Junior A
Championship
Winner 2019



MOATE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Lidl Post Primary
Schools Junior B
Championship
Winner 2019



CASHEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Lidl Post Primary
Schools Junior C
Championship
Winner 2019





MOURNEABBEY, CORK

All Ireland Senior
Club Championship
Winner 2019



NAOMH CIARAN, OFFALY

All Ireland
Intermediate
Club Championship
Winner 2019



DONOUGHMORE, CORK

All Ireland Junior
Club Championship
Winner 2019

CORK

U14 Platinum
Championship
Winner 2019



TYRONE

U14 Gold
Championship
Winner 2019



LIMERICK

U14 Silver
Championship
Winner 2019



WESTMEATH

U14 Bronze
Championship
Winner 2019





GALWAY

U16 A Championship
Winner 2019



LONGFORD

U16 B Championship
Winner 2019



LOUTH

U16 C Championship
Winner 2019

CORK

Minor A
Championship
Winner 2019



LONGFORD

Minor B
Championship
Winner 2019



Lidl NFL Teams of the League 2019

Division 1



Back (l-r): Sinéad Burke (Galway), Charlotte Cooney (Galway), Róisín Leonard (Galway), Martina O'Brien (Cork), Eimear Scally (Cork), Hannah Looney (Cork), Orla Finn (Cork), Shauna Kelly (Cork).

Front: Louise Ward (Galway), Melissa Duggan (Cork), Niamh Cotter (Cork), Sian Gray (Lidl Ireland), Marie Hickey (LGFA President), Aishling Moloney (Tipperary), Martha Byrne (Dublin), Karen Guthrie (Donegal).

Lidl NFL Teams of the League 2019

Division 2



Back (l-r): Emma Murray (Waterford), Niamh O'Dea (Clare), Aislinn Desmond (Kerry), Niamh Woods (Tyrone), Michelle Ryan (Waterford), Rosie Landers (Waterford), Karen McGrath (Waterford), Aimee Mackin (Armagh).

Front (l-r): Sarah Harding Kenny (Wexford), Maria Delahunty (Waterford), Sinéad Greene (Cavan), Sian Gray (Lidl Ireland), Marie Hickey (LGFA President), Aileen Wall (Waterford), Róisín Tobin (Waterford), Donna English (Cavan).

Lidl NFL Teams of the League 2019

Division 3



Back (l-r): Emma Duggan (Meath), Sarah Powderly (Meath), Joanne Cregg (Roscommon), Monica McGuirk (Meath), Máire O'Shaughnessy (Meath), Bernice Byrne (Sligo), Aoife Morrisroe (Sligo), Lauren Boles (Sligo).

Front (l-r): Aisling Greene (Longford), Michelle Farrell (Longford), Mairéad Moore (Longford), Sian Gray (Lidl Ireland), Marie Hickey (LGFA President), Niamh Gallogly (Meath), Stacey Grimes (Meath), Neasa Dooley (Kildare).

Lidl NFL Teams of the League 2019

Division 4



Back (l-r): Kristine Reidy (Limerick), Edel Hayden (Carlow), Erin Murphy (Fermanagh), Molly McGloin (Fermanagh), Joanne Doonan (Fermanagh), Eimear Byrne (Louth), Anna McCann (Antrim), Mairéad Kavanagh (Limerick), Cathy Mee (Limerick).

Front (l-r): Lauren Boyle (Louth), Lara Dahunsi (Antrim), Sian Gray (Lidl Ireland), Marie Hickey (LGFA President), Saoirse Tennyson (Antrim), Orla Corr (Antrim).

TG4 Connacht Young Player of the Year Award 2019
Ellen Power, Galway



TG4 Leinster Young Player of the Year Award 2019
Ciara Smyth, Meath



TG4 Munster Young Player of the Year Award 2019
Eimear O'Donovan, Cork



TG4 Ulster Young Player of the Year Award 2019
Saoirse Kiernan, Cavan



Hall of Fame
Christina Heffernan



TG4 Senior Player's Player of the Year
Siobhan McGrath, Dublin



TG4 Intermediate Player's Player of the Year
Aishling Moloney, Tipperary



TG4 Junior Player's Player of the Year
Eimear Smyth, Fermanagh



The Croke Park Player of the Month Award
March: Aimee Mackin, Armagh



The Croke Park Player of the Month Award
April: Eimear Smyth, Fermanagh



The Croke Park Player of the Month Award
May: Orla Finn, Cork



The Croke Park Player of the Month Award
June: Geraldine McLaughlin, Donegal



The Croke Park Player of the Month Award
July: Grace Kelly, Mayo



The Croke Park Player of the Month Award
August: Emma Duggan, Meath



The Croke Park Player of the Month Award
September: Lyndsey Davey, Dublin



The Croke Park Player of the Month Award
October: Lauren Garland, Donaghmoynce



**The Croke Park Player of the Month Award
November: Rena Buckley, Donoughmore**



**GAA President's Award
Kathleen Colreavy**



Volunteer of the Year Award 2019



Ladies Gaelic Football Association President Marie Hickey, front and centre, with award winners, back row, from left, George Leetch, representing the St Nathy's club in Sligo, winner of the Club Coach of the Year award, Galway's John McDermott, winner of the PRO of the Year award, Shirley Doody from the Kerins O'Rahillys club in Kerry, winner of the Club Committee Officer of the Year award, Eoin Delaney from Crettyard, Co. Laois, winner of the Young Volunteer of the Year award, Ger McCarthy, Co. Cork, winner of the Local Journalist of the Year award and Michael Ryan, from Ballymacarbry in Co. Waterford, winner of the Volunteer Hall of Fame award. Front row, from left, Ciara Marley, representing St Catherine's, Co. Armagh, winner of the School Coach of the Year award, Galway's Geraldine Heverin winner of the County/Provincial Officer of the Year award, Maggie Skelton, from Aghyaran in Co. Tyrone, winner of the Lulu Carroll award for the Overall Volunteer of the Year, and Ciara Lane from Louth, and representing the Calgary Chieftains Club in Canada, winner of the International Volunteer of the Year award during the 2019 LGFA Volunteer of the Year awards night at Croke Park in Dublin.

Lidl NFL Manager of the Month Winner (February)
Gerry McGill, Carlow



Lidl NFL Manager of the Month Winner (March)
Eamon Murray, Meath



Lidl NFL Manager of the Month Winner (April)
Tim Rabbitt, Galway



Lidl NFL Manager of the Month Winner (May)
Ciaran Curran, Waterford



Lidl NFL Manager of the League
Ephie Fitzgerald, Cork



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The Central Council of Cumann Peil Gael na mBan wishes to place on record its appreciation of the help in the promotion of our games received from the following:



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OFFICIAL LICENSEES

The Ladies Gaelic Football Association have Official Licensees and only these companies have permission to use our logo on merchandise. It is important that you are aware of this when sourcing playing or leisure gear for your Club or county.

Currently Licensees are as follows



Azzurri Sport



Balon Sportswear



Bodibro



Defy Sports Apparel



DS Sports



Gaelic Armour



Intosport



KC Sports



Masita



McKeever Sports



MFC



O'Neills Sportswear



Playr-fit

LGFA ANTI-DOPING

Education/Awareness

Wallet Cards are distributed to all County Boards at LGFA Congress in March for distribution to all county teams.

Inter-County Anti-Doping Educational Workshops in line with Government Grant Funding were run for Senior Teams in 31 Counties.
874 players and team management completed training.

County Secretaries and Team Management are emailed on a regular basis with Anti-Doping updates.

Further information and education available on Sport Ireland website & to report instances of doping;
<https://www.sportireland.ie/anti-doping/athlete-zone/athlete-zone>
and
LGFA Website
<https://ladiesgaelic.ie/resources/anti-doping-guidelines/>

Sport Ireland Analysis of LGFA Players Tested 2019

Total LGFA Players subjected to In-Competition Tests = 4

All 4 Players were confirmed as negative for the presence of a prohibited substance or the use of a prohibited method.



