

**Statement issued on behalf of Mick Bohan –
November 23rd 2024**

Since 2002, I have been involved with Dublin Football teams in some capacity, whether that be development squads, minor/U21s, DCU Sigerson and senior men and ladies teams. I am so thankful to have had such a fulfilling coaching career with so many great players, mentors and coaches but more importantly so many special people.

However, I have now taken the decision to resign as Dublin manager. I have been honoured to represent Dublin during this time and the standards that we set were equally about how we represented our county as it was about winning silverware.

These past eight years I have found myself in the privileged position as manager of the Dublin Senior Ladies Team, an incredible group of young women who show such pride in the blue and navy. I do believe they have changed the landscape of how ladies football is played for the better and I am so proud of how the players carried themselves both in victory and defeat. This city means a lot to all of us and our games are special.

The team and I took all of this on board every time we got the opportunity to represent. I have so many people to thank. Firstly, my family, for affording me the time to follow my passion at this level of sport. There is a bit of selfishness in us all and somebody has to carry the load, so thank you. Secondly, the management teams with whom I worked with. They showed complete and utter drive for and behalf of Dublin, so thank you.

Thirdly, the county board whose support and faith in me was unwavering right from the beginning. I look forward to repaying this back by offering my experience and expertise in the area of development.

To, our sponsors, some of you are friends or personal acquaintances who I have enjoyed working with. There is a cost involved in running an elite female sports team and your support in bridging the gap was invaluable. Next, our supporters, clubs, and the band of loyal people who travelled the roads near and far. Your commitment in following and supporting us didn't go unnoticed.

Finally, the players, you are mentioned last as you are the most important. Every healthy team is player centred and driven but management led. You have represented our town and our people with such high values and I will forever be grateful for that. However, I leave in the knowledge that you are in a healthy place. You have been loyal, honest and will carry the standards embedded into you long into the future.

To sign off, to the captains during my time; Martina Farrell, Sinéad Aherne, Niamh Collins and Carla Rowe - you are special people who carried the fight and the flag and our county will forever be indebted to you.

Le meas mór,
Mick Bohan.
BÁC Abú