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The plan in 2020 was to change the format of the competitions and have the main championship and league competitions at U13, U15 and U17 in Louth. However, after a motion carried to keep main competitions at U-14, U16 and U18 following the 2019 convention, Coiste na nOg set up competitions in February 2020 as such. The plan was to run Leagues at these ages from March to July and then following this to run championships. We would then run off the U13, U15 and U17 following completion of U14, U16 and U18 competitions.

All these plans came to a halt in March 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions and it looked unlikely we would complete any competitions in 2020. This changed in June following government guidance and in line with GAA guidelines, we had a three-month window where we decided to run competitions at U14, U16 and U18 and combine the league and championship.

We set up competitions by grading the teams based on previous finishes in both league and championships over the previous two years, forming two divisions of 12 teams. Divisions 1 and 2 in leagues and championship. We then divided teams in two groups in an open draw in each division. This guaranteed each team 5 games where we felt each game would be competitive given that we combined league and championship. Group winners went straight in to league finals and the top two from each group qualified for semi-finals of championships. The format worked extremely well and for the most part, games were closely contested all the way through



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Competition	Matches Scheduled	Matches Conceded	Winners
LMFMU18 A Championship Knockout 2020	3	0	Cooley Kickhams/Cuchulann Gaels
LMFMU18 B Championship Knockout 2020	3	0	Oliver Plunketts
Cullen Autoparts U16 A Championship Knockout 2020	3	0	Mattock Rangers/Hunterstown Rovers
Cullen Autoparts U16 B Championship Knockout 2020	3	0	Roche Emmetts
Drogheda Independent/Argus U14 A Championship Knockout 2020	3	0	Ardee, St Marys
Drogheda Independent/Argus U14 B Championship Knockout 2020	3	0	Dreadnots
Drogheda Independent/Argus U18 A League Final 2020	1	Final TBC	
Drogheda Independent/Argus U18 B League Final 2020	1	Final TBC	
Drogheda Independent/Argus U16 A League Final 2020	1	0	Mattock Rangers/Hunterstown Rovers
Drogheda Independent/Argus U16 B League Final 2020	1	0	Roche Emmetts
Drogheda Independent/Argus U-14 A League Final 2020	1	0	Newtown Blues
Drogheda Independent/Argus U14 B League Final 2020	1	0	Oliver Plunketts
Drogheda Independent/Argus / LMFMU-18 League Division 2 2020 Group A U-18 Division 2 2020 Group A	15	2	
Drogheda Independent/Argus / LMFMU-18 League Division 1 2020 Group B U-18 Division 1 2020 Group B	15	4	
Drogheda Independent/Argus / LMFMU-18 League Division 1 2020 Group A U-18 Division 1 2020 Group A	15	6	
Drogheda Independent/Argus / LMFMU-18 League Division 2 2020 Group B U-18 Division 2 2020 Group B	15	2	
Drogheda Independent/Argus / Cullen Autoparts U-16 League Division 1 2020 Group A U-16 Division 1 2020 Group A	15	1	
Drogheda Independent/Argus / Cullen Autoparts U-16 League Division 1 2020 Group B U-16 Division 1 2020 Group B	15	0	
Drogheda Independent/Argus / Cullen Autoparts U-16 League Division 2 2020 Group A U-16 Division 2 2020 Group A	15	0	
Drogheda Independent/Argus / Cullen Autoparts U-16 League Division 2 2020 Group B U-16 Division 2 2020 Group B	15	2	
Drogheda Independent/Argus U-14 League Division 1 2020 Group A U-14 Division 1 2020 Group A	15	0	
Drogheda Independent/Argus U-14 League Division 1 2020 Group B U-14 Division 1 2020 Group B	15	0	
Drogheda Independent/Argus U-14 League Division 2 2020 Group A U-14 Division 2 2020 Group A	15	3	
Drogheda Independent/Argus U-14 League Division 2 2020 Group B U-14 Division 2 2020 Group B	15	2	
Total	204	22	



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We did have issues with walkovers and ultimately, we had withdrawals by three clubs, two from U18 and one from U14. These scenarios are not ideal; we really like clubs to see what numbers they have before entering competitions to avoid these situations. It is unfair on both their own players and on other teams where teams give walkovers or withdraw. Coiste na nOg will be working with the Senior management committee to see if we can eliminate such issues going forward.

A large portion of the finals were held in Darver in 2020, however we did need to ask clubs to facilitate us in hosting finals and any club we asked, where they could, they were only too happy to help. Coiste na nOg would like to thank, Stabannon Parnells, Lannleire and John Mitchells for facilitating finals.

We would also like to thank O'Raghallaighs, St Marys, Naomh Martin, Dreadnots and Newtown Blues for hosting semi-finals. 2020 saw the introduction of Independent Teams within the county, where clubs that needed to join with other clubs to form a team to facilitate their underage players, needed to form a committee for these teams, in essence a separate club in such situations. This is something clubs will need to keep in mind in 2020 if they need to look to other clubs to join and facilitate football for their underage players. Coiste na nOg sent out all documents advising of details of what needs to be done in these situations. These procedures will be in place again in 2021.

In many ways 2020 is a year we all want to forget, but at least we were able to provide some football for underage teams. Definitely not as much as we would have liked, but we tried where we could to facilitate games.



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We set up a “non-competitive” U12 competition were Coiste na nOg set up the fixtures and clubs ran the games. Og Sport too were able to organise blitzes in difficult circumstances, again with clubs support.

We would like to thank our sponsors, Drogheda Independent/Argos, LMFM, and Cullen Autoparts for their continued support. Maurice Murphy in Coiste Iomana for organising the hurling competitions once again. John Byrne and Declan Byrne in Darver for all their help with finals, all club delegates, juvenile and club secretaries. David Fedigan for organising referees. To the parents who probably had to go beyond the normal this year travelling to and from training/games and staying within the COVID-19 guidelines thank you too.

We are trying to promote games and in 2020 we worked with the local press in getting our underage games exposure, this was successful initially but we found we had to send out chasing emails to get PROs and clubs to send in photos and reports in the latter stages of the competitions. We will be following on with this in 2021, with the aim being to give our players and clubs as much exposure as we can. We would ask clubs to continue with this and more clubs to take part as it is great way to promote our games. A county board strategic review is taking place and is currently a work in progress. Coiste na nOg will advise clubs as soon as he review is complete with any changes forthwith.



HEALTH and WELLBEING 2020

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All our usual club officer training was delivered from Croke Park, this year, through webinars. We were able to continue with our plans, as set out at the start of the year, to promote integration within our clubs, in line with GAA manifesto

Our first aim is to make all our clubs accessible to children with additional needs. With the support and advice of Roche Emmets club, who have such a facility in place, and by working with Louth Sports Partnership and Cara, sports training organisation for people with disability, this plan will become a reality at start of GAA season, next year, or as soon as we are restriction free. Interested clubs have commenced the necessary training on line and this will continue in New Year.

The second aim, of our Integration Programme, is to promote Social GAA. Social GAA is non competitive Gaelic football for men over 35 years of age who no longer play or men who have never played Gaelic football.

A recent survey of immigrants into this Country were asked what organisations they would like to be part of, and the GAA was in the top five answers. Social GAA may help clubs recruit some of those "New Irish"

Louth GAA want to play its part in reducing our carbon foot print and early this year "Louth says No to single use plastic" campaign started and will be ongoing. We appeal to all clubs to support this and encourage re useable water bottles. Those are now available with Club crests!

All clubs should have an up to date Critical Incident Response Plan in place.

All Club Policy templates are available on line.

A huge Thank You to all clubs who are participating, with our committee, to enrich our GAA communities

Rath Dé ar an obair,
Is mise,
Aine Ó hEochaidh, Chair, Health and Wellbeing