



## Tuarscáil an Runaí

## Louth Senior Hurling 2024

*Conor McGurk Cup*

Monaghan 0-10 Louth 2-23

MONAGHAN: Dylan McAree; Jack Guinan, Emmet Walsh, Jamie Guinan; Cormac McNally, Kieran McGuirk, Cathal Power; Rowan McMahon 0-1, Oran Kiernan 0-1; Leo Moloney, Shane McNally, Conor Boyle; James Brady, Niall Arthur 0-8 (5f), Pauric Malone. Subs: Paddy Bermingham for J Guinan (HT) Conor Gernon for S McNally (55).

LOUTH: Conor Clancy; Andrew Smyth, Adam Plunkett, Jake McNamara; Stephen Kettle, Peter Fortune, Aaron McGuinness-Smith; George Allen, Thomas McCreesh; Paddy Lynch 0-6 (3f), John Casey 1-3, Darren Geoghegan 0-6 (2f, 1 65); James Costelloe 1-0, Conor Murphy 0-6, Seán Hodgins. Subs: Kyle Rafferty for McNamara (35), Sam Phelan 0-1 for Hodgins (35), Gareth Hall 0-1 for Costelloe (49), Conor Higgins for McCreesh (53), Tadhg Dowdall for Geoghegan (55), Cathal Ryan for McGuinness-Smith (58), Dan O'Neill for Clancy (61), Ciarán Brennan for Smyth (64).

REFEREE: Gerard Fox (Tyrone).

Down 2-22 Louth 3-18

MONAGHAN: Dylan McAree; Jack Guinan, Emmet Walsh, Jamie Guinan; Cormac McNally, Kieran McGuirk, Cathal Power; Rowan McMahon 0-1, Oran Kiernan 0-1; Leo Moloney, Shane McNally, Conor Boyle; James Brady, Niall Arthur 0-8 (5f), Pauric Malone. Subs: Paddy Bermingham for J Guinan (HT) Conor Gernon for S McNally (55).

LOUTH: Conor Clancy; Andrew Smyth, Adam Plunkett, Jake McNamara; Stephen Kettle, Peter Fortune, Aaron McGuinness-Smith; George Allen, Thomas McCreesh; Paddy Lynch 0-6 (3f), John Casey 1-3, Darren Geoghegan 0-6 (2f, 1 65); James Costelloe 1-0, Conor Murphy 0-6, Seán Hodgins. Subs: Kyle Rafferty for McNamara (35), Sam Phelan 0-1 for Hodgins (35), Gareth Hall 0-1 for Costelloe (49), Conor Higgins for McCreesh (53), Tadhg Dowdall for Geoghegan (55), Cathal Ryan for McGuinness-Smith (58), Dan O'Neill for Clancy (61), Ciarán Brennan for Smyth (64).

REFEREE: Gerard Fox (Tyrone).





### Allianz National Hurling League Division 3A

Louth 4-14 Monaghan 1-20

LOUTH: Conor Clancy; Stephen Kettle, Adam Plunkett, Andrew Smyth; Thomas McCreesh 0-1, Peter Fortune, Kyle Rafferty; George Allen, James Costelloe; Paddy Lynch 0-2, Darren Geoghegan 1-5 (1-0p, 0-3f), Aaron McGuinness-Smith; John Casey 2-4, Dylan Carey 0-1, Conor Murphy 1-1. Subs: David Stephenson for Carey (47), Ronan Mulholland for Rafferty (69).

MONAGHAN: Hugh Byrne 0-1 (1f); Jack Guinan, Brian Minogue 0-1, Conall McHugh; Pauric Malone, Colin Merrick, Declan Hughes; Martin Murphy, Rowan McMahan 0-1; Ethan Flynn, Conor Gernon 0-1, Leo Moloney 0-1; Niall Garland, Niall Arthur 0-13 (10f), Thomas Hughes 1-2. Subs: Kevin Crawley for Flynn (HT), Pádraig McGahon for Moloney (62), Emmet Walsh for Minogue (62), Patrick Bermingham for Malone (70).

REFEREE: Ciarán McCloskey (Antrim).

Cavan 3-19 Louth 1-19

Cavan: Niall Clerkin; Shane Briody, Gavin Fitzpatrick, Philip McCabe; Diarmuid Carney, Thomas Leonard 0-2, Liam Óg Cooke; Canice Maher 0-1, Dillon Mulligan; Liam O'Brien 1-12 (0-9f), Jack Barry, Mark Moffett; Rian Delaney 1-0, Matthew Hynes 1-1, Nicholas Kenny 0-3. Subs: John Carney for Leonard (55), Seán Keating for Delaney (67), Jack McGuinness 0-1 for Hynes (67), Rory Farrell for Moffett (68), David Adams for Óg Cooke (73).

Louth: Conor Clancy; Kyle Rafferty, Stephen Kettle, Adam Plunkett; Andrew Smyth, Peter Fortune, Aaron McGuinness-Smith; James Costelloe 0-1, George Allen; Paddy Lynch 0-3, Conor Murphy 0-2, Darren Geoghegan 1-10 (0-5f, 0-1 65, 0-1s); Ricky McKeown, John Casey 0-1, Cathal Ryan. Subs: Seán Hodgins for Ryan (26), David Stephenson 0-2 for McKeown (30), Conor Quigley for McGuinness-Smith (51), Jake McNamara for Plunkett (57), Sam Phelan for Allen (61).

REFEREE: Tarlach Conway (Derry).

Louth 3-17 Sligo 5-19

LOUTH: Conor Clancy; Stephen Kettle, Andrew Smyth, Kyle Rafferty; Thomas McCreesh, Peter Fortune, Jake McNamara; Paddy Lynch, James Costelloe 0-1; Aaron McGuinness-Smith, Darren Geoghegan 0-14 (13f), Conor Quigley 0-1; John Casey, George Allen 1-0, Conor Murphy 2-1. Subs: Adam Plunkett for Rafferty (17), Mattie Fee for Smyth (36), David Stephenson for McGuinness-Smith (51), Seaghan Conneely for Costello (56), Seán Hodgins for McNamara (64).

SLIGO: Declan Reidy; Donal Keaveny, Gavin Connolly, Kevin O'Kennedy; Joe McHugh, Rory McHugh 1-0 (1p), James Weir; Fionn Connolly, Tony O'Kelly-Lynch; Michael Munnelly 0-2, Eddie O'Donoghue 0-2, Liam O'Kelly-Lynch; Thomas Cawley 1-2, Conor Hannify 1-1, Gerard O'Kelly-Lynch 2-12 (0-10f). Subs: Niall Feehily for McHugh (39), Shane Brennan for O'Donoghue (56), Eoghan Rua McGowan for Weir (59), Daragh Flynn for L O'Kelly-Lynch (68).

REFEREE: Matthew Farrell (Roscommon).



## Mayo 0-28 Louth 0-13

MAYO: Bobby Douglas; Oisín Greally 0-1, Eoghan Collins 0-3, Danny Hill; Luke Connor, David Kenny, Conal Hession 0-1; Daniel Hulme, John Heraty; Adrian Phillips 0-1, Cormac Phillips 0-11 (7f, 3 65s), Seán Kenny 0-1; Eoin Delaney 0-1, Matthew Connor, Liam Lavin 0-6. Subs: Michael Farrell 0-2 for M Connor (45), Shane Boland 0-1 for S Kenny (61), Diarmuid Phillips for A Phillips (69), Brendan Sheridan for Delaney (70).

LOUTH: Conor Clancy; Stephen Kettle, Adam Plunkett, Andrew Smyth; Seán Hodgins, Peter Fortune, John Casey 0-1; James Costelloe, Thomas McCreesh 0-1; Conor Quigley, David Stephenson, Conor Murphy; George Allen 0-1, Paddy Lynch 0-1, Darren Geoghegan 0-9 (9f). Subs: Seaghan Conneely for Costelloe (HT), Ronan Mulholland for Stephenson (44), Aaron McGuinness-Smith for Quigley (49), Kyle Rafferty for Lynch (56), Conor Higgins for Smyth (68).

REFEREE: James Connors (Donegal).







## Armagh 0-19 Louth 2-10

ARMAGH: Fintan Woods; David Ryan, Paudie Lappin, Niall Lennon; Kieran McKernan, Barry Shortt 0-1, Tiarnan Nevin; Stephen Renaghan 0-2, Connor Renaghan 0-2; Paul Gaffney 0-1, Alex O'Boyle 0-11 (9f), Liam O'Flaherty; Fionntán Donnelly, Danny Magee, Seán Óg McGuinness 0-1. Subs: Aaron Fox 0-1 for O'Flaherty (54), Tom McKavanagh for Magee (55), Dillon Fox for C Renaghan (63), Peadar McBride for S Renaghan (70).

LOUTH: Conor Clancy; Andrew Smyth, Adam Plunkett, Stephen Kettle; Peter Fortune, Conor Quigley, Thomas McCreesh; John Casey, Conor Murphy 1-2; Seaghan Conneely, Darren Geoghegan 0-8 (7f), James Costelloe; Paddy Lynch 1-0, George Allen, Aaron McGuinness-Smith. Sub: David Stephenson for Conneely (HT).

REFEREE: Aidan McAleer (Donegal).

## ALLIANZ HURLING LEAGUE ROINN 3A

POSITION	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	POINTS
1	 Mayo	5	5	0	0	125	65	10
2	 Sligo	5	3	1	1	126	112	7
3	 Cavan	5	3	0	2	109	105	6
4	 Armagh	5	1	1	3	86	97	3
5	 Louth	5	1	0	4	103	132	2
6	 Monaghan	5	1	0	4	91	129	2



## Nicky Rackard Cup

ROSCOMMON 1-20 LOUTH 1-14

ROSCOMMON: Enda Lawless; Mark Ward, Declan Leonard, James Dillon; Jack Donnelly, Conor Cosgrove, Jack Dowling 0-1; Darragh Finn 0-2, James Hardiman 0-2; Cian Murray 0-2, Adam Donnelly, Brian Lawlor; Brendan Mulry 1-5, Jack Martin, Paddy Fallon 0-8 (7f, 1 65). Subs: Seán Canning for Donnelly (HT), Conor Mulry for Martin (HT), Liam Óg Coyle for Lawlor (67), Thomas Fleming for Donnelly (68).

LOUTH: Conor Clancy; Andrew Smyth, Adam Plunkett, Ronan Mulholland; Stephen Kettle 0-1, Conor Quigley, Aaron McGuinness-Smith; James Costelloe, George Allen; Paddy Lynch 0-3, Darren Geoghegan 0-6 (6f), Seaghan Conneely; Conor Murphy 1-1, John Casey, Peter Fortune. Subs: Kyle Rafferty for Plunkett (11), Thomas McCressh 0-1 for Costello (51), David Stephenson 0-2 for Connelly (55), Ricky McKeown for McGuinness-Smith (64), Dylan Carey for Casey (70).

REFEREE: Ciarán O'Regan (Cork).

Louth 0-17 Armagh 0-18

LOUTH: Conor Clancy; Andrew Smyth, Adam Plunkett, Ronan Mulholland; Seán Hodgins, Conor Quigley, Aaron McGuinness-Smyth; Stephen Kettle, George Allen; Paddy Lynch 0-1, Darren Geoghegan 0-14 (8f, 1 65), Ricky McKeown 0-1 (1s); Peter Fortune, James Costelloe, Conor Murphy 0-1. Subs: John Casey for Hodgins (30), Thomas McCreesh for McKeown (HT), David Stephenson for Costelloe (45), Kyle Rafferty for Mulholland (50), Dylan Carey for McGuinness-Smith (64).

ARMAGH: Fintan Woods; David Ryan, Paul Gaffney 0-1, Niall Lennon; Kieran McKernan, Liam O'Flaherty 0-1, Tiarnan Nevin; Barry Shortt, Aaron Fox 0-2; Dillon Fox, Stephen Renaghan 0-1, Alex O'Boyle 0-10 (8f); Joe O'Connor, Seán Óg McGuinness, Ciarán Duffy 0-2. Subs: Fiontann Donnelly 0-1 for O'Connor (23), Tam McKavanagh for O'Flaherty (70), Kane Laverty for McGuinness (70).

REFEREE: Nicky O'Toole (Waterford).

Louth 0-17 Mayo 3-22

SCORERS – Louth: D Geoghegan (4f) 0-5; D Carey (2f) 0-3; S Kettle, J Casey, P Lynch (1f) 0-2 each; P Fortune, A McGuinness-Smyth, R McKeown 0-1 each. Mayo: C Phillips (0-4f, 0-1 65) 2-5; S Boland (2f) 0-5; E Delaney 1-1; B Douglas (3f) 0-3; E Collins, K Feeney, S Regan 0-2 each; O Grealley, D Kenny 0-1 each.

LOUTH: C Clancy; R Mulholland, C Quigley, A Smyth; A McGuinness-Smyth, A Plunkett, G Allen; T McCreesh, S Kettle; S Hodgins, D Geoghegan, P Lynch; P Fortune, J Casey, C Murphy. Subs: C Higgins for McCreesh (51), C Ryan for Hodgins (57), D Carey for Murphy (61), D Stephenson for Casey (63).

MAYO: B Douglas; C Murray, O Grealley, D Kenny; L Connor, C Hession, E Collins; S Kenny, J Heraty; L Lavin, A Phillips, S Regan, S Boland, C Phillips, E Delaney. Subs: B Sheridan for Delaney (46), K Feeney for A Phillips (46), B Lane for Douglas (51), S Mulroy for Hession (55), Shane Crinnigan for S Kenny (63).

REF: C Daly (Kildare).



## MONAGHAN 2-17 LOUTH 4-12

MONAGHAN: Hugh Byrne 0-2 (2f); Conall McHugh, Aaron Kenny, Jack Guinan; Martin Murphy, Kevin Crawley 1-0, Declan Hughes 0-1; Colin Merrick, Emmet Walsh; Oran Kiernan, Niall Garland 0-3, Thomas Hughes 0-1; Pauric Malone 0-1, Niall Arthur 0-8 (2f, 1s), Conor Gernon. Subs: Leo Moloney 1-1 (1-1f) for Arthur (53), Rowan McMahon for Malone (61), Conor Boyle for Walsh (63), James Brady for Merrick (70).

LOUTH: Conor Clancy; Andrew Smyth, Conor Quigley, Kyle Rafferty; George Allen, Adam Plunkett, Peter Fortune 0-1; James Costelloe, Stephen Kettle; Paddy Lynch 0-1, Darren Geoghegan 1-7 (0-5f, 1-0p, 0-1 65), Thomas McCreesh; John Casey, Conor Murphy 2-1, Aaron McGuinness-Smyth 1-1. Subs: Seán Hodgins 0-1 for Lynch (39), Ricky McKeown for Costelloe (62), Ronan Mulholland for Rafferty (70), David Stephenson for Murphy (70).

REFEREE: Ciarán McCloskey (Antrim).



## DONEGAL 4-19 LOUTH 1-20

DONEGAL: Luke White (0-1 f); Oisín Kelly, Ciaran Bradley, Padraig Doherty; Cormac Finn (0-1), Cathal O'Brien, James Monagle (0-1); Dean Harvey (0-1), Conor Griffin; Ryan Hilferty (0-1), Danny Cullen (0-1), Peter Kelly (1-1); Daire O Maoileidigh (0-5, 4f), Oisín Grant, Ruairi Campbell (2-2). Subs: Ronan McDermott (1-2) for R Hilferty (44), Stephen Gillespie (0-1) for C Griffin (44), Liam McKinney (0-1) for D O Maoileidigh (49), Brian McIntyre (0-1) for C Finn (51), James Hartnett for J Monagle (60).

LOUTH: Conor Clancy; Andrew Smith, Conor Quigley, Kyle Rafferty; George Allen, Adam Plunkett, Peter Fortune; James Costello (0-1), John Casey (0-1); David Stephenson, Darren Geoghegan (0-13, 12f), Paddy Lynch (0-1); Aaron McGuinness Smith (1-1), Conor Murphy (0-2), Cathal Ryan. Subs: Sean Hodgins for C Ryan (half time), Ronan Mulholland for K Rafferty (56), Sam Phelan (0-1) for A Plunkett (59), Dan O'Neill for C Clancy (65), Conor Whyte for D Stephenson (65).

REFEREE: Nicky O Toole (Waterford)

## NICKEY RACKARD CUP

POSITION	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	POINTS
1	 Donegal	5	5	0	0	141	83	10
2	 Mayo	5	3	1	1	144	93	7
3	 Roscommon	5	3	1	1	111	106	7
4	 Armagh	5	2	0	3	100	119	4
5	 Louth	5	1	0	4	98	126	2
6	 Monaghan	5	0	0	5	89	156	0

**Louth GAA Under 17 Football 2024 - Leinster Minor Football Championship****LOUTH 1-10 WESTMEATH 0-11**

LOUTH: Senón Connolly; Donnacha Skinnader, Ciarán Devine, Rian Hickey; Michael McGlew, Ben McKeown, Conor Clinton; Tom Maguire, Micheál O'Shaughnessy; Tadhg Devanney, Luke Keenan 0-2 (1f), Cillian McQuillan 0-3; Fionn Coyle, Andrew O'Reilly 1-3 (0-2f, 0-1m), Joe Hanlon. Subs: Shane McMahon for Hickey (HT), Emmet Duffy 0-1 (1f) for O'Shaughnessy (41), Brendan Cassidy 0-1 for Hanlon (41).

WESTMEATH: Paul Keating; Ben Sheerin, Cian Whitney, Ben McNamee; Jack Carroll, Adam Smyth, Cormac McKeogh; Mikey Weir, Dáire O'Brien; Andrew Henson, Ryan Flynn, Michael Moloney; James McHugh 0-6 (4f), Daragh Lough 0-2, William Scahill 0-3 (1m). Subs: Peadar Glennon for Moloney (HT), Dáire Burke for McNamee (42), Darragh Madden for Weir (60).

REFEREE: Kieran Olwell (Meath)

**LOUTH 1-10 MEATH 0-11**

LOUTH: Senón Connolly; Ben McKeown, Fionn Coyle, Ciarán Devine; Conor Clinton, Donnacha Skinnader 0-1, Michael McGlew; Tom Maguire, Micheál O'Shaughnessy 0-1; Tadhg Devanney, Joe Hanlon 0-4 (3f), Cillian McQuillan 0-2; Shane McMahon, Andrew O'Reilly, Luke Keenan 0-2 (1f). Subs: Emmet Duffy for Devanney (46), Brendan Cassidy 1-0 for O'Reilly (50), Ewan Hoban for Hanlon (56), Flynn Markey for Keenan (60).

MEATH: Cian Murphy; Cillian Yore, Seán McLoughlin, Thomas Sheridan; Cian Tobin, Conor Black, Eoin McCrudden; Cathal Barron, Jack Doyle; Cormac Smith 0-1, Patrick Yourell 0-1, Cormac Murphy 0-1 (1f); Evan Kelly 0-3, Ciarán Sheridan, Pat Crawley 0-4 (3f). Subs: Conal Diggins for Tobin (22), Andrew Brien 0-1 for Nugent (38), Seán McQuillan for Yore (44), Charles McCarthy for Yourell (44), Evan Demange for McCrudden (54).

REFEREE: Enda Kelly (Westmeath).

**KILDARE 0-12 LOUTH 0-6**

KILDARE: Conor McDonnell; Ollie Deller, Finn Dowling, Liam McDonald; Brian Caffrey 0-2, Ruaidhrí Lawlor 0-3, Rian Beagan; Evan Boyle 0-1, Mick O'Toole; Paddy Ryan, Luke Murray 0-1, Liam Kenny 0-1; Tadhg Donlon 0-1, Harry Donnelly 0-1 (1f), Ronan Kelly 0-2 (1f). Subs: Austin Donegan for O'Toole (HT), Dylan O'Dwyer for Murray (43), Peter Fagan for Donnelly (50), Adam Poole for Ryan (58), Oisín Molloy for Kenny (60).

LOUTH: Senón Connolly; Shane McMahon, Ben McKeown, Ciarán Devine; Conor Clinton 0-1, Donnacha Skinnader, Michael McGlew 0-1; Tom Maguire, Micheál O'Shaughnessy; Tadhg Devanney 0-1, Luke Keenan 0-1, Cillian McQuillan 0-2; Fionn Coyle, Andrew O'Reilly, Joe Hanlon. Subs: Ruairí Carpenter for McMahon (HT), Emmet Duffy for Maguire (36), Brendan Cassidy for Hanlon (43), Flynn Markey for Keenan (55), Ryan Nugent for O'Reilly (58).

REFEREE: Shay Farrelly (Dublin)



## Og Sport Forum

In advance of the Óg Spórt Lú main playing season beginning the Óg Spórt Lú Forum was held on Thursday 21st March. Although well enough attended with 21 coaches from 17 clubs we would like to see a bigger attendance in 2025. This forum is an important opportunity to discuss any changes, ideas or issues for the season ahead. The topics on the night included:

- Master Calendar
- Main Playing Rules
- 5 Golden Rules
- U11 Fixtures
- Regional & All County Blitzes
- Communication
- Number of Teams
- Club Contacts
- Give Respect Get Respect

## Og Sport Review

Our Óg Spórt Lú Review of 2024 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 27th November to discuss the past season and any issues that were experienced. It will also provide a good opportunity for early planning ahead of the 2025 season.

## Og Sport Silent Sidelines

The Silent Sidelines initiative was rolled out at U7 and U8 All County Blitzes and has been warmly received by all clubs in attendance with coaches understanding and appreciating the merit of Silent Sidelines. Yvonne Quigley from the Health & Wellbeing Committee along with staff from Dundalk Credit Union – who were sponsoring the initiative were on hand during the July blitzes to promote and publicise the idea to coaches and supporters.

The initiative aims to create an environment where children can play GAA free of criticism or critique.

Clubs, coaches and parents are encouraged to 'Just let them play.' The guidelines are as follows:

- One designated coach per team to provide instruction and will be wearing a Silent Sideline bib.
- No shouting at players from parents or non-designated coaches.
- No instructions to players from parents or non-designated coaches.
- Positive encouragement for all players on the pitch is encouraged.
- Let the children make mistakes.
- Let the children concentrate on the game.



## Louth 1-12 Wicklow 1-7

Louth: Senón Connolly; Ewan Hoban, Fionn Coyle, Ciarán Devine; Michael McGlew, Donnacha Skinnader 0-1, Conor Clinton 0-1; Ben McKeown, Micheál O'Shaughnessy; Tadhg Devanney, Luke Keenan, Cillian McQuillan 1-3 (0-3f); Andrew O'Reilly 0-2 (2f), Brendan Cassidy 0-3, Tom Maguire. Subs: Joe Hanlon 0-1 (1f) for Devanney (39), Ryan Nugent 0-1 for Keenan (42), Flynn Markey for O'Shaughnessy (55), Jack Long for O'Reilly (57), Shane McMahon for Maguire (60).

Wicklow: Joseph Jacob; Matthew Fox, Cormac Murphy, Ronan Smyth; Ryan Kinsella, Max Keogh, JJ Brady; Mark Kinsella 0-1, Patrick Small 0-2 (2f); Luca Nolan, Leon Reynolds 0-1, Conor Doody 0-1; Pat Keogh, Thomas Tisdell 0-2 (1m), Simon O'Brien. Subs: Corey O'Brien for Brady (37), Eoghan Ward for Smith (46), Jim Corrigan for Reynolds (46), Tom Doyle 1-0 for Keogh (57), Seán McLoughlin for Nolan (60)

Referee: Ian Howley (Dublin)

## Longford 0-11 Louth 0-10

Longford: James Ross; Alan Mimmagh, Conor McHugh, Darragh Mulligan; Conor Doherty 0-1, Mark Cooney, Ben Blessington; Seán Fagan, Peter Farrell; James Shannon, Cian O'Donnell 0-5 (3f), Cormac Flynn; Karl O'Hara, Joshua Marsh, James Hagan 0-5 (3f). Subs: Liam Greene for O'Hara (HT), Luke Donnelly for Farrell (43), Oisín Kane for Shannon (43), Keelan Hudson for Mulligan (53).

Louth: Senón Connolly; Ben McKeown, Ciarán Devine, Fionn Coyle; Conor Clinton 0-1, Donnacha Skinnader 0-1, Michael McGlew 0-1; Tom Maguire 0-1, Micheál O'Shaughnessy; Tadhg Devanney, Luke Keenan 0-1, Cillian McQuillan 0-3 (2f); Andrew O'Reilly 0-2, Brendan Cassidy, Ewan Hoban. Subs: Joe Hanlon for O'Reilly (37), Ryan Nugent for Keenan (49), Flynn Markey for Cassidy (60).

Referee: Eamon O'Connor (Offaly)

**All-Ireland B - Louth 1-9 Cavan 4-14**

LOUTH: Ciarán O'Hanlon; Dan McArdle, Ciarán Devine, Fionn Coyle; Conor Clinton, Ben McKeown, Donnacha Skinnader 0-1; Tom Maguire, Micheál O'Shaughnessy; Andrew O'Reilly 0-1, Flynn Markey, Jack Long 0-1; Shane McMahon, Cillian McQuillan 1-3 (0-2f), Joe Hanlon. Subs: Luke Keenan for Long (HT), Michael McGlew for Maguire (HT), Ewan Hoban for McMahon (HT), Tadhg Devanney 0-3 (2f) for O'Shaughnessy (HT), Cian Rooney for Clinton (44).

CAVAN: Cian McConnell; Aaron Dowd, Conor Doyle, Senan Macken; Fiachra Brady, Oisín Maguire 0-3, Andrew Hill; Jamie Clarke, Thomas Gilsean; Odhrán Madden 0-1, Ryan Nwaneri 1-1, Nathan Quigley 3-4 (0-1f, 0-1m); Seamus O'Reilly, Shane McCabe 0-1, Finn Crowe 0-3. Subs: Tadhg Shiels for Macken (37), Cian McCrystal for Hill (47), Freddie McGuigan 0-1 for Clarke (51), Charlie Fallon for Quigley (57), Paddy Putnam for Crowe (57).

REFEREE: Christopher Brady (Monaghan).





## Louth GAA Under 20 Football 2024 - Leinster Under 20 Football Championship

### Louth 1-11 Offaly 2-6

LOUTH: Cian O'Donoghue; Ronan Deery, Cameron Maher, Shane Halpenny; James Maguire 0-2 (1f), Fionn Tipping, Tadhg McDonnell 0-2; Seán Callaghan, Dara McDonnell; Liam Flynn, Seán Reynolds 0-1, James Rogers; Darragh Dorian 0-1 (1m), Kieran McArdle 1-3 (0-1f), Aaron McGlew 0-1. Subs: Cormac McKeown for Halpenny (41), Pearse Grimes-Murphy 0-1 for Deery (52), Adam Gillespie for Dorian (56).

OFFALY: Conor Melia 0-2 (2f); Diarmaid O'Neill 0-2, Christian McKeon, Dylan Kilmurray; Luke Bourke, Geordi O'Meara, Dylan Byrne; Cillian Bourke 1-0, Marcos Dalton; Ross Kellaghan 0-1, Niall Furlong, Steven Doran; Seán Afolabi-Joseph 1-0, Robbie Gallagher 0-1 (1f), Luke Kelly. Subs: Cillian Foran for Kellaghan (48), Cameron Egan for L Bourke (52), Ben Kennedy for Gallagher (52), Eoin Smith for C Bourke (58).

REFEREE: Patrick Coyle (Meath).

### Longford 2-12 Louth 3-14

LONGFORD: Oisín McManus; Eoghan Williams, Ruairí O'Toole, Conor Smith; Ronan Courtney, Andrew Flynn 1-0, Gavin Farrelly; Ross Shields, Aaron Smyth; Caolan Lynch, Matthew Carey 0-6 (3f), Matthew Flynn; Michael Flynn 1-3 (0-2f), Paddy Moran 0-1, Brian Mulvey. Subs: Oisín Flynn for Smyth (26), Jamie Brady-Hynes for Mulvey (42), Jonathan Burke 0-1 for Shields (45), Pádraig Boyle for Courtney (45), Harry Kiernan 0-1 for Flynn (57).

LOUTH: Cian O'Donoghue; Cormac McKeown, Cameron Maher, Ronan Deery; Tadhg McDonnell 0-1, Fionn Tipping, James Maguire 0-2 (1f); Seán Callaghan, Dara McDonnell; Liam Flynn 1-1, Seán Reynolds 0-3, James Rogers; Darragh Dorian 0-1 (1m), Kieran McArdle 2-3 (0-1 45), Aaron McGlew. Subs: Keelan Martin 0-1 for Deery (24), Pearse Grimes-Murphy 0-2 for Rogers (35), Adam Gillespie for Dorian (47), Conor McGinty for Reynolds (57).

REFEREE: Eamon O'Connor (Offaly)

### Louth 0-11 Kildare 2-6

LOUTH: Cian O'Donoghue; Cormac McKeown, Cameron Maher, Fionn Tipping; Tadhg McDonnell, James Maguire 0-3 (2f), Keelan Martin; Dara McDonnell 0-1, Seán Callaghan 0-1; Liam Flynn 0-1, Kieran McArdle 0-3 (2f, 1 45), James Rogers; Aaron McGlew 0-1, Seán Reynolds 0-1, Darragh Dorian. Subs: Pearse Grimes-Murphy for Rogers (26), Ronan Deery for Tipping (38), Adam Gillespie for Dorian (38), Conor McGinty for Martin (53), Tadhg Kellett for McGlew (60)

KILDARE: David McPartlin; Rob Fitzgerald, Eoin Lawlor, Ethan Mointaine; Mark Gibbons, James Harris, Oisín Grufferty 1-0; Dara Crowley 0-1, Fionn Cooke; Ryan Sinkey 0-1 (1f), Killian Browne 0-1, Colm Dalton 0-2; Sam Savage 1-0, Ross Harris, Niall Dolan 0-1 (1f). Subs: Josh O'Donoghue for Sinkey (50), Ben Loakman for Savage (54), Seán Mahon for Grufferty (60).

REFEREE: Kieran Olwell (Meath)



## Louth 2-11 Wicklow 1-9

LOUTH: Cian O'Donoghue; Fionn Tipping, Cameron Maher, Keelan Martin; James Maguire, Cormac McKeown, Tadhg McDonnell; Dara McDonnell, Seán Callaghan; Liam Flynn, Kieran McArdle 1-7 (0-4f, 0-1 45), Pearse Grimes-Murphy 1-1; Aaron McGlew, Seán Reynolds 0-1, Darragh Dorian 0-2. Subs: Conor McGinty for Flynn (49), Ronan Deery for Tipping (50), DD Reilly for Dorian (54).

WICKLOW: Adam O'Leary; Chris O'Brien, Lorcan Smith, James Fleming; Adam Kinsella, James Boland 0-1, Adam Byrne; Austin Brennan, Cathal Baker 0-1; Páidí Kavanagh 0-2 (2f), Aaron O'Brien, Cian Deering 0-1; Conor Fee 0-2, Brian Hurley 0-2 (1f), Alex Kavanagh. Subs: Joe Heathy 1-0 for Kavanagh (HT), Pádraic Birmingham for A Kinsella (50), Jack Hardy for Kavanagh (54), Éanna Nolan for Deering (56).

REFEREE: Alan Coyne (Westmeath)

## Louth 1-13 Dublin 1-9

Dublin: D Leonard; F Bruton, S Kirwan, E Nugent; J Smith, G McEaney, M Gardiner; C McMorrow, D Murphy; L O'Boyle, P Reynolds-Hand, C Burke; J McCarville, J Quigley, M McNally. Subs: C Duggan for Smith (40), S Ryan for McMorrow (47), Karl Flynn for Jamie McCarville (48), E O'Connor-Flanagan for Reynolds-Hand (55).

Louth: C O'Donoghue; F Tipping, C Maher, K Martin; T McDonnell, C McKeown, J Maguire; D McDonnell, S Callaghan; D Dorian, L Flynn, P Grimes-Murphy; A McGlew, S Reynolds, K McArdle. Subs: R Deery for Tipping (47), D Reilly for Dorian (51), C McGinty for D McDonnell (60).

Referee: David Hickey (Carlow)

## Louth 0-12 Meath 3-13

LOUTH: Cian O'Donoghue; Cameron Maher, James Maguire 0-3 (2f), Fionn Tipping; Tadhg McDonnell, Keelan Martin, Cormac McKeown; Dara McDonnell, Seán Callaghan; Pearse Grimes-Murphy 0-4, Seán Reynolds, Liam Flynn; Aaron McGlew, Kieran McArdle 0-5 (3f), Darragh Dorian. Subs: Ronan Deery for Tipping (18), James Rogers for Dorian (46), Conor McGinty for Flynn (50), Fionn Cumiskey for Callaghan (53), Shane Halpenny for Maguire (59), Tadhg Kellett for Martin (60).

MEATH: Oisín McDermott; Conor Ennis, Seán O'Hare, John O'Regan; Eamonn Armstrong 1-2, Liam Kelly 0-2, Killian Smyth; Jack Kinlough 0-1, Charlie O'Connor; Rían McConnell, Rían Stafford 0-1, Shaun Leonard; Hughie Corcoran 0-2 (1f), Conor Duke, Jamie Murphy 1-5 (0-2f). Subs: Conor McWeeney for Stafford (34), Tadhg Martin 1-0 for Leonard (47), John Harkin for Corcoran (57), Seímí Byrne for O'Hare (60), John Mannion for Smyth (60).

REFEREE: Dan Stynes (Dublin)



### O'Byrne Cup

Meath 2-13 Louth 1-10

MEATH: Seán Brennan; Michael Flood, Adam O'Neill, Michael Murphy; Ciarán Caulfield, Ronan Jones, Seán Coffey 0-1; Jack Flynn 0-1, Dáithí McGowan; Cathal Hickey, Eoghan Frayne, Darragh Campion; Adam Lynch 1-1 (0-1f), Mathew Costello 1-3 (1-0p, 0-2f), Jack O'Connor. Subs: Donal Keogan for Jones (HT), Adam McDonnell 0-1 for Caulfield (HT), Dáire Rowe for Lynch (HT), Ruairí Kinsella 0-3 for Campion (HT), Diarmuid Moriarty 0-1 for Frayne (HT), Billy Hogan for Brennan (HT), Conor Gray for Flynn (46), Shane Walsh for Costello (46), Conor Farrelly for Coffey (52), Keith Curtis 0-1 (1f) for O'Connor (54), Cathal Finnegan 0-1 (1f) for Flood (61).

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Cameron Maher, Peter Lynch, Dan Corcoran 1-0; Conall McKeever, Dermot Campbell, Oisín McGuinness; Conor Early, Wayne Campbell 0-1; Peter McStravick 0-1, Tom Jackson, Jonathan Commins 0-1; Ryan Burns 0-3 (1f, 1 45), Dylan McKeown, Kyle McElroy. Subs: Ciarán Murphy for McKeever (40), Chris O'Neill for Corcoran (44), Leonard Grey for W Campbell (44), Seán Marry 0-1 for McElroy (48), Ben Collier for Commins (53), Tom Gray for Jackson (53), Donal McKenny for D Campbell (67)

REFEREE: Ian Howley (Dublin).

### O'Byrne Shield

Westmeath 0-16 Louth 2-16

WESTMEATH: Jason Daly; Jack Smyth 0-1, Kevin Maguire, Jamie Gonoud; Nigel Harte, Andy McCormack, James Dolan; Ray Connellan, Jonathan Lynam 0-1; Conor Dillon 0-1, Luke Loughlin 0-6 (4f), David Lynch; Ronan O'Toole 0-1, Senan Baker 0-1 (1f), Lorcan Dolan. Subs: Eoin Mulvihill for Connellan (17), Kieran Martin for Baker (HT), Stephen Smyth 0-1 for L Dolan (HT), Matthew Whittaker for Dillon (47), Daniel Scahill for J Smyth (53), Trevor Martin for Daly (53), Darragh Seery for J Dolan (61), David Giles for Maguire (63).

LOUTH: Martin McEneaney; Dan Corcoran, Dermot Campbell, Oisín McGuinness; Leonard Grey, Anthony Williams, Craig Lennon 0-1; Conall McCaul, Tommy Durnin 0-2; Paul Mathews 0-1, Ciarán Keenan 1-0, Conor Grimes 0-1 (1m); Ryan Burns 1-0, Sam Mulroy 0-6 (5f), Ciarán Downey 0-1. Subs: Josh Finlay for McEneaney (HT), Peter Lynch for Corcoran (HT), Conor Clarke for McGuinness (47), Seán Reynolds for Burns (66), Ciarán Murphy for Grey (66), Liam Flynn for Downey (69), Kyle McElroy for Grimes (70).

REFEREE: Paddy McDermott (Kildare).

Louth 1-18 Wicklow 2-10

LOUTH: Martin McEneaney; Oisín McGuinness, Chris O'Neill, Cameron Maher; Leonard Grey, Niall Sharkey, Conall McKeever 0-1; Conall McCaul, Wayne Campbell; Peter McStravick 0-3 (2f), Seán Marry 1-1, Jonathan Commins 0-2; Kyle McElroy 0-3, Dylan McKeown 0-4 (1f), Jay Hughes 0-2 (1f). Subs: Craig Lynch for McEneaney (HT), Tom Gray 0-1 for McElroy (HT), Donal McKenny for McGuinness (HT), Ciarán Murphy for Sharkey (HT), Ben Collier 0-1 for McCaul (39), Tom Jackson for Grey (47), Liam Flynn for McKeever (47), Seán Reynolds for Hughes (47).

WICKLOW: Cathal Fitzgerald; Jack Treacy, Liam O'Neill 0-2, Fintan O'Shea 0-1; Karl Furlong, Eoin Murtagh, Zach Cullen; Jack Kirwan, Declan Doyle; Gavin Fogarty, Conor Fee 0-1, Cillian McDonald; Eoin Darcy 1-3 (1-0p, 0-2f), Oisín McGraynor 0-2 (1f), Darragh Fee. Subs: Malachy Stone for Furlong (HT), Gearóid Murphy 0-1 for C Fee (HT), Adam Arslan for D Fee (42), Martin Cullen for Z Cullen (47), Pádraig O'Toole 1-0 for Doyle (50), Dan Cooney for Darcy (55).

REFEREE: Ian Howley (Dublin)



### Allianz National Football League Division 2

Armagh 0-12 Louth 0-11

ARMAGH: Blaine Hughes; Peter McGrane, Aidan Forker 0-1, Paddy Burns; Barry McCambridge, Greg McCabe, Ciarán Higgins; Ben Crealey, Ciarán Mackin; Conor O'Neill, Rory Grugan 0-2 (1f), Joe McElroy; Stefan Campbell 0-3, Conor Turbitt 0-5 (3f), Oisín Conaty 0-1. Subs: Shane McPartlan for Higgins (47). Jarly Óg Burns for McCambridge (54), Jemar Hall for McCabe (67), Oisín O'Neill for Crealey (69), Jason Duffy for Forker (70).

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Donal McKenny, Peter Lynch, Dermot Campbell 0-1; Craig Lennon, Anthony Williams, Ciarán Murphy; Conor Early, Tommy Durnin 0-1; Paul Mathews 0-1, Ciarán Keenan 0-1, Conor Grimes 0-1; Ryan Burns 0-1, Sam Mulroy 0-3 (3f), Ciarán Downey 0-2. Subs: Leonard Grey for Murphy (37-42, temporary), Conall McCaul for Early (54), Grey for Murphy (63), Dylan McKeown for Burns (63), Wayne Campbell for Mathews (69), Kyle McElroy for Keenan (70).

REFEREE: Thomas Murphy (Galway)

Louth 2-9 Cork 0-13

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Dermot Campbell, Peter Lynch, Donal McKenny; Ciarán Murphy, Anthony Williams, Craig Lennon 0-2; Conor Early, Tommy Durnin; Paul Mathews 0-1, Ciarán Keenan 1-0, Conor Grimes; Ryan Burns 0-1, Sam Mulroy 0-5 (4f, 1 45), Ciarán Downey 1-0. Subs: Conall McCaul for Mathews (50), Leonard Grey for Campbell (58), Conall McKeever for Murphy (58), Dylan McKeown for Burns (62), Wayne Campbell for Keenan (65).

CORK: Patrick Doyle 0-1 (1 45); Maurice Shanley, Daniel O'Mahony, Tommy Walsh 0-1; Luke Fahy, Seán Meehan, Mattie Taylor; Ian Maguire 0-1, Colm O'Callaghan 0-1; Eoghan McSweeney 0-2, Ruairí Deane, Brian O'Driscoll; Chris Óg Jones 0-2, Brian Hurley 0-4 (3f), Mark Cronin 0-1 (1f). Subs: Darragh Cashman for Fahy (HT), Steven Sherlock for Hurley (56), Rory Maguire for Meehan (56), David Buckley for Deane (59), Blake Murphy for Óg Jones (69).

REFEREE: Martin McNally (Monaghan)

Meath 1-11 Louth 1-9

MEATH: Seán Brennan; Donal Keogan, Adam O'Neill, Michael Murphy; Ciarán Caulfield, Darragh Campion, Seán Coffey; Ronan Jones, Cian McBride; Dáithí McGowan 0-2 (1m), Eoghan Frayne 0-2, Jack O'Connor 0-2; Ruairí Kinsella, Mathew Costello 1-2 (0-2f), Shane Walsh 0-3. Subs: Cathal Hickey for Kinsella (HT), Brian O'Halloran for Murphy (48), Aaron Lynch for O'Connor (63), Danny Dixon for McGowan (63), Adam McDonnell for Campion (70).

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Peter Lynch, Dermot Campbell, Donal McKenny; Ciarán Murphy, Anthony Williams, Conall McKeever; Conor Early 0-1, Tommy Durnin; Paul Mathews, Ciarán Keenan 0-1, Conor Grimes; Ryan Burns 0-4, Sam Mulroy 0-3 (2f, 1m), Ciarán Downey. Subs: Niall Sharkey for Murphy (HT), Dylan McKeown for Downey (54), Leonard Grey for Williams (63), Tom Jackson 1-0 for Keenan (68), Wayne Campbell for Early (68).

REFEREE: Liam Devenney (Mayo).



## Louth 3-9 Cavan 2-13

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Donal McKenny, Dermot Campbell, Peter Lynch; Leonard Grey, Anthony Williams, Conall McKeever; Conor Early, Tommy Durnin 0-1; Paul Mathews, Ciarán Downey 0-1, Conor Grimes 0-2; Ciarán Keenan 0-2, Sam Mulroy 2-2 (1-0p, 0-2f), Ryan Burns 1-0. Subs: Tom Jackson 0-1 for Mathews (44), Niall Sharkey for Grey (57), Ciarán Murphy for Williams (62), Conall McCaul for Early (62), Kyle McElroy for Burns (67).

CAVAN: Gary O'Rourke; James McLoughlin, Killian Brady, Oisín Kiernan; Pádraig Faulkner, Niall Carolan, Brian O'Connell; Killian Clarke, James Smith 1-0; Ciarán Brady, Cian Madden 0-2, Gerard Smith 1-0; Caoimhín O'Reilly (0-2, 1m), Paddy Lynch 0-8 (6f, 1 45), Oisín Brady. Subs: Cian Reilly for Kiernan (HT), Cormac O'Reilly 0-1 for Caoimhín O'Reilly (HT), Conor Rehill for Clarke (62), Ryan O'Neill for Madden (64).

REFEREE: Niall Cullen (Fermanagh)

## Donegal 1-17 Louth 0-15

DONEGAL: Shaun Patton; Mark Curran, Jeaic Mac Ceallabhuí 1-0, Peadar Mogan; Caolan McGonagle 0-1, Ciarán Moore, Dáire Ó Baoil; Michael Langan 0-1, Ciarán Thompson; Odhrán Doherty, Ryan McHugh, Shane O'Donnell 0-2; Paddy McBrearty 0-8 (7f), Oisín Gallen 0-4, Jamie Brennan. Subs: Hugh McFadden for O Doherty (49), Aaron Doherty 0-1 for Brennan (49), Luke McGlynn for Ó Baoil (60), Stephen McMenamin for Mac Ceallabhuí (70), Domhnall Mac Giolla Bhríde for McGonagle (70)

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Donal McKenny 0-1, Dermot Campbell, Peter Lynch; Leonard Grey, Anthony Williams, Conall McKeever; Conor Early 0-1, Tommy Durnin; Paul Mathews, Sam Mulroy 0-7 (3f, 1m, 1 45), Conor Grimes 0-2; Ciarán Keenan 0-1, Ryan Burns 0-2, Tom Jackson. Subs: Liam Jackson 0-1 for Mathews (41), Kyle McElroy for Burns (56), Séan Marry for T Jackson (63), Niall Sharkey for Williams (63), Jay Hughes for Keenan (70).

REFEREE: Paddy Neilan (Roscommon)

## Louth 6-17 Fermanagh 0-11

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Peter Lynch 1-1, Dermot Campbell 0-1, Donal McKenny; Leonard Grey, Anthony Williams, Conall McKeever; Tommy Durnin 0-1, Ciarán Downey 1-3; Conor Grimes 1-2, Sam Mulroy 2-5 (0-2f), Ciarán Murphy; Ryan Burns 0-1, Ciarán Keenan 0-3, Tom Jackson 1-0. Subs: Dan Corcoran for McKenny (51), Liam Jackson for T Jackson (51), Wayne Campbell for Murphy (59), Jay Hughes for Burns (63), Niall Sharkey for Grey (66).

FERMANAGH: Ross Bogue; Lee Cullen, Ché Cullen, Oisín Smyth; Declan McCusker 0-1, Shane McGullion 0-1, Ronan McCaffrey; Brandon Horan, Joe McDade; Conor McGee, Conor McShea, Josh Largo-Elis; Ultan Kelm 0-1, Garvan Jones 0-3 (3f), Seán Cassidy 0-3 (1f). Subs: Fionán O'Brien 0-1 for Largo-Elis (HT), Diarmuid King 0-1 for McCaffrey (44), Conor Love for Jones (50), James McMahan for McCusker (50), Jonathan Cassidy for Smyth (68).

REFEREE: Seán Hurson (Tyrone)











## Kildare 0-12 Louth 1-12

KILDARE: Mark Donnellan; Mick O'Grady, Shea Ryan, Ryan Houlihan; Paddy McDermott 0-1, Eoin Doyle, Brian Byrne; Aaron Masterson 0-3, Luke Killian; Shane Farrell, Shane O'Sullivan, Alex Beirne; Paddy Woodgate 0-4 (2f, 1 45), Daniel Flynn 0-1, Kevin Feely 0-2 (2f). Subs: Jack Sargent for Doyle (18), Ryan Burke for Houlihan (27), Darragh Kirwan 0-1 for O'Sullivan (50), Barry Coffey for Flynn (64), Rian Teahan for Farrell (67).

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Dermot Campbell, Peter Lynch, Donal McKenny; Conall McKeever, Anthony Williams, Leonard Grey 0-1; Tommy Durnin, Ciarán Murphy; Conor Grimes 0-1, Ciarán Downey 0-1, Tom Jackson 0-2; Ryan Burns 1-2, Sam Mulroy 0-5 (4f, 1 45), Ciarán Keenan. Subs: Craig Lennon for Murphy (39), Liam Jackson for T Jackson (65), Dan Corcoran for Keenan (70), Niall Sharkey for Burns (70).

REFEREE: Joe McQuillan (Cavan).

## Allianz Football League Roinn 2

POSITION	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	POINTS
1	 Donegal	7	6	1	0	128	83	13
2	 Armagh	7	5	2	0	132	86	12
3	 Cavan	7	3	1	3	103	117	7
4	 Cork	7	3	1	3	119	125	7
5	 Meath	7	2	2	3	86	105	6
6	 Louth	7	3	0	4	121	101	6
7	 Fermanagh	7	2	1	4	94	129	5
8	 Kildare	7	0	0	7	82	119	0



### Leinster Senior Football Championship

Louth 4-10 Wexford 0-15

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Peter Lynch, Dermot Campbell, Donal McKenny; Leonard Grey, Anthony Williams, Conall McKeever; Tommy Durnin 0-2, Ciarán Downey 2-0; Conor Grimes 0-1 (1m), Sam Mulroy 2-4 (2-0p, 0-4f), Ciarán Murphy; Ciarán Keenan, Tom Jackson 0-1, Ryan Burns 0-1. Subs: Liam Jackson 0-1 for T Jackson (46), Niall Sharkey for Grey (46), Bevan Duffy for Murphy (46), Dan Corcoran for Campbell (61), Paul Mathews for Durnin (68).

WEXFORD: Rory Turbitt; Eoin Porter, Gavin Sheehan, Páraic Hughes 0-2; Glen Malone 0-2, Darragh Lyons, Dylan Furlong; Liam Coleman 0-2 (1 45), Niall Hughes; Kevin O'Grady 0-1, Eoghan Nolan, Mark Rossiter 0-2; Graeme Cullen 0-3, Seán Nolan 0-3 (2f), Ben Brosnan. Subs: Tom Byrne for E Nolan (49), Conor Kinsella for Brosnan (49), Richie Waters for Cullen (61), Shane Pettit for Rossiter (66), Jonathan Bealin for O'Grady (70).

REFEREE: Seamus Mulhare (Laois).

Kildare 0-13 Louth 0-17

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Donal McKenny, Dan Corcoran, Peter Lynch; Niall Sharkey 0-1, Conall McKeever, Anthony Williams; Tommy Durnin 0-2, Ciarán Downey 0-1; Conor Grimes 0-2, Ciarán Keenan, Craig Lennon 0-2; Paul Mathews 0-1, Sam Mulroy 0-7 (4f, 1 45), Ryan Burns 0-1. Subs: Leonard Grey for Sharkey (51), Conor Early for Burns (55), Bevan Duffy for Corcoran (57), Ciarán Byrne for Mathews (68), Ciarán Murphy for Downey (70).

KILDARE: Mark Donnellan; Ryan Burke, Shea Ryan, Eoin Doyle; Paddy McDermott, Mick O'Grady, Jack Sargent; Aaron Masterson, Kevin O'Callaghan; Shane Farrell 0-3 (3f), Niall Kelly, Alex Beirne; Kevin Feely 0-4 (2f), Darragh Kirwan 0-2, Daniel Flynn 0-1. Subs: Barry Kelly for Beirne (41), Paddy Woodgate 0-2 (2f) for Kelly (50), Tony Archbold 0-1 for Burke (55), Luke Killian for O'Callaghan (59), Shane O'Sullivan for Masterson (68).

REFEREE: Conor Lane (Cork).

Louth 2-12 Dublin 1-19

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Dan Corcoran, Peter Lynch, Donal McKenny; Niall Sharkey, Anthony Williams, Conall McKeever; Tommy Durnin 0-1, Conor Grimes 0-4; Leonard Grey, Ciarán Downey 0-1, Craig Lennon 1-0; Ciarán Keenan 1-0, Sam Mulroy 0-6 (5f), Bevan Duffy. Subs: Dermot Campbell for Sharkey (49), Conor Early for Williams (56), Ciarán Byrne for Durnin (59), Ryan Burns for Keenan (59), Liam Jackson for Grey (65).

DUBLIN: Stephen Cluxton; Seán Bugler 0-1, Eoin Murchan, Michael Fitzsimons; Cian Murphy, John Small, Tom Lahiff 0-1; Brian Fenton 0-3, James McCarthy; Niall Scully, Cormac Costello 0-6 (4f), Ciarán Kilkenny 0-1; Paul Mannion 0-1, Con O'Callaghan 1-4 (0-1m), Colm Basquel 0-1. Subs: Jack McCaffrey for Scully (49), Paddy Small 0-1 for Basquel (49), Brian Howard for Lahiff (64), Ross McGarry for Seán Bugler (64), Killian McGinnis for Mannion (70).

REFEREE: Noel Mooney (Cavan).



### All-Ireland Senior Football Championship

Louth 3-10 Meath 0-9

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Dan Corcoran, Peter Lynch, Donal McKenny; Niall Sharkey, Anthony Williams, Craig Lennon 2-1; Tommy Durnin, Conor Grimes; Ciarán Keenan 0-1, Ciarán Downey 0-1, Conall McKeever; Ryan Burns, Sam Mulroy 1-6 (0-6f), Bevan Duffy 0-1. Subs: Ciarán Byrne for Duffy (54), Leonard Grey for Lennon (60), Paul Mathews for Burns (63), Conor Early for Keenan (67), Dermot Campbell for Corcoran (70).

MEATH: Billy Hogan; Donal Keogan, Adam O'Neill, Ronan Ryan; Harry O'Higgins, Darragh Campion, Seán Coffey 0-1; Ronan Jones 0-1, Cian McBride; Ciarán Caulfield 0-1, Cillian O'Sullivan 0-1 (1m), Cathal Hickey 0-1; Eoghan Frayne 0-3 (2f), Mathew Costello 0-1, James Conlon. Subs: Conor Gray for McBride (HT), Brian O'Halloran for O'Higgins (HT), Jack O'Connor for O'Sullivan (45), Jordan Morris for Conlon (45), Michael Murphy for Coffey (55).

REFEREE: Paul Faloon (Down)

Monaghan 2-10 Louth 2-10

MONAGHAN: Rory Beggan 0-1 (1f); Ryan Wylie, Killian Lavelle, Ryan O'Toole 0-1; Conor McCarthy 1-0, Kieran Duffy 0-1 (1m), Jason Irwin; Gary Mohan 0-1, Joel Wilson 0-1; Michael Hamill, Micheál Bannigan 1-1, Stephen O'Hanlon; Ryan McAnespie, Jack McCarron 0-1 (1f), Ciarán McNulty 0-1. Subs: Karl O'Connell for Duffy (HT), Conor McManus 0-2 (2f) for McCarron (46), Andrew Woods for O'Connell (54), Seán Jones for Hamill (63), Micheál McCarville for Wilson (70).

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Donal McKenny, Dan Corcoran, Peter Lynch; Niall Sharkey, Anthony Williams, Conall McKeever; Tommy Durnin, Conor Grimes 1-0; Ciarán Downey 0-1, Bevan Duffy, Craig Lennon 1-0; Ciarán Keenan, Sam Mulroy 0-7 (6f, 1 45), Ryan Burns 0-2. Subs: Leonard Grey for Lennon (55), Ciarán Byrne for Downey (55), Paul Mathews for Sharkey (66), Tom Jackson for Burns (67).

REFEREE: Fergal Kelly (Longford)

Kerry 2-21 Louth 1-10

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Dan Corcoran, Dermot Campbell, Donal McKenny 1-0; Bevan Duffy 0-1, Conall McKeever, Anthony Williams; Tommy Durnin, Ciarán Byrne 0-1; Paul Mathews 0-1, Ciarán Keenan 0-1, Craig Lennon 0-1; Ryan Burns, Sam Mulroy 0-3 (2f), Conor Grimes 0-2. Subs: Leonard Grey for Lennon (50), Conor Early for Mathews (52), Tom Jackson for Burns (60), Liam Jackson for Byrne (67), Peter McStravick for Duffy (67).

KERRY: Shane Ryan; Tadhg Morley 1-0, Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan 0-1; Brían Ó Beaglaíoch 0-3, Paul Murphy 0-1, Gavin White; Diarmuid O'Connor 1-1, Joe O'Connor 0-2; Tony Brosnan 0-1, Paudie Clifford 0-2, Dara Moynihan 0-1; David Clifford 0-7 (5f), Seán O'Shea 0-2 (1f), Paul Geaney. Subs: Killian Spillane for Geaney (56), Cillian Burke for Brosnan (56), Mike Breen for Morley (67), Barry Dan O'Sullivan for O'Connor (67), Dylan Casey for Foley (67).

REFEREE: Conor Lane (Cork)





## Louth 1-9 Cork 1-8

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Dermot Campbell, Dan Corcoran, Donal McKenny 1-0; Bevan Duffy, Anthony Williams, Conall McKeever; Tommy Durnin, Ciarán Byrne; Conor Early, Ciarán Keenan, Craig Lennon 0-2; Ryan Burns 0-2, Sam Mulroy 0-4 (4f), Conor Grimes. Subs: Paul Mathews 0-1 for Byrne (27), Leonard Grey for Early (63), Liam Jackson for Burns (69).

CORK: Christopher Kelly; Maurice Shanley, Daniel O'Mahony 1-0, Kevin Flahive; Rory Maguire 0-1, Tommy Walsh, Matty Taylor; Ian Maguire, Colm O'Callaghan 0-3; Ruairí Deane, Mark Cronin, Brian O'Driscoll 0-1; Chris Óg Jones 0-2, Brian Hurley 0-1, Steven Sherlock. Subs: Thomas Clancy for Walsh (24), Eoghan McSweeney for Deane (51), Seán Powter for Sherlock (57), Conor Corbett for Cronin (60)

REFEREE: Noel Mooney (Cavan).

## Louth 0-18 Donegal 1-23

LOUTH: Niall McDonnell; Dan Corcoran, Dermot Campbell, Donal McKenny; Bevan Duffy, Anthony Williams, Craig Lennon 0-1; Tommy Durnin 0-4, Conor Grimes; Leonard Grey, Ciarán Murphy, Conall McKeever; Ciarán Keenan, Sam Mulroy 0-6 (4f), Ryan Burns 0-2. Subs: Conor Early 0-1 for McKeever (17, blood), Paul Mathews for Grey (43), Tom Jackson 0-1 for Murphy (43), Liam Jackson 0-1 for Burns (43), Ciarán Byrne 0-2 for Williams (68), Tadhg McDonnell for Corcoran (70).

DONEGAL: Shaun Patton; Eoghan Bán Gallagher 1-0, Brendan McCole, Peadar Mogan 0-5; Ryan McHugh 0-2, Caolan McGonagle, Ciarán Moore 0-2; Ciarán Thompson 0-2, Michael Langan 0-3; Shane O'Donnell, Conor O'Donnell 0-2, Dáire Ó Baoill; Paddy McBrearty 0-1 (1m), Oisín Gallen 0-4 (1f), Niall O'Donnell. Subs: Aaron Doherty 0-1 for N O'Donnell (HT), Caolan McColgan for Ó Baoil (46), Jeaic Mac Ceallbhúí for C O'Donnell (49), Jamie Brennan 0-1 for McBrearty (59), Hugh McFadden for S O'Donnell (66).

REFEREE: Joe McQuillan (Cavan).

Le gach dea ghuí,

Roibeard ó Duchonna,  
Bob Doheny,  
Rúnaí,  
Coiste Chontae Lú.



2024 PWC All-Star Nominees

Sam Mulroy



Craig Lennon



Tommy Durnin



Donal McKenny



## 100 - Not Out



**Bevan Duffy (St Fechins)** registered his 100th senior appearance for the county in the Leinster quarter-final win over Wexford in April



## Competitions Control Committee Report 2024

A Chairde

Please find a breakdown of CCC season 2023, as a committee we meet many times both face to face and on TEAMS to deal with transfers, disciplinary issues, fixtures, match official appointments etc.

### Competitions

In 2023 the CCC continued with previous years competition structures with the addition of an U19 development league, this development league was played following the decision to keep minor football at U17, in the development league teams were able to name players over the age of 19 to allow clubs fulfil fixtures. The weather at the start of the year played havoc with early fixtures and it's a testament to all clubs that we were able to work together and get all fixtures played.

The one area which caused concern/frustration is postponing and moving matches to later dates, in 2024 this had a knock-on effect to other competitions, teams and indeed match officials, we urge clubs going forward to only move matches when necessary and in 2025 the CCC will be implementing regulations around refixing matches.

### U19 Football Development League

The U19 Development league commenced at the end of February; most group stage finished in May but some back fixtures were not completed until June delaying the finals of these three leagues.

### Subsidiary Football Competitions

The subsidiary competitions in 2023 were played midweek to enable the U19 Development league to play matches at the weekends, this caused some issues with pitch availability, and I would like to thank the clubs, and the persons involved in pitch allocation in Darver for helping us get these competitions completed. In both the secondary competitions in these subsidiary leagues there were a high number of concessions, I believe this should be looked at for 2025 and in a recent questionnaire to clubs the common theme submitted to the CCC that there are too many matches in these early competitions.

### Adult Football Leagues

In 2023 like previous years the CCC submitted to clubs a fixture calendar/planner, the aim of the planner is to give all players a look ahead to matches, this year due to the intercounty season being extended following Louths magnificent run unfortunately it did affect the planner, matches being pushed out as within the current Bye Laws for the split league county players must be available to play. I would urge clubs to look at this going forward for two reasons, in the first rounds where intercounty players were available to play less than 8% of the players actually played with their clubs and also following a review of the finishing league places the extra points for the split league fixtures in most cases did not affect the finishing positions had all matches been played for 2 points. We really need to look at this for 2025, club players appear to want the extra matches, but the reality is to give a definite fixture planner which is also what club players want we need to look at the split league rules.

At this point in time all the league matches have been completed apart from the division 3A/3B promotion/relegation play-off.



The Division 4, 5 and 6 league matches were played as per planner for most of the year, it is still difficult the right balance between the end of the league matches and the start of the 2A and 2B matches, the gap for some teams was many weeks and given the condensed calendar around June/July the finals of these leagues were pushed out. The CCC will look at this for 2025 but will need the support of the clubs involved to make some changes at this grade to allow a more consistent flow of matches.

### Hurling Competitions

In 2024 following a review of the proposed fixture with the hurling clubs in Louth it was proposed to play the Senior Hurling Championship before the Senior Hurling League, I believe this has worked in a positive manner and the CCC will meet with the Hurling clubs early next year to review 2024 and implement any lessons learned. I would like to thank Dowdallshill hosting the Senior Hurling Championship matches in 2024.

### Adult Football Championships

The Adult Championships followed a similar format to previous years, a big thank you to all the clubs who put forward their clubs as venues for hosting championship matches, without these venues the championships would not be as successful as they are currently.

### Congratulations to all the competition winners listed below

<b>Competitions</b>	<b>Winners</b>
Senior Football Championship	Ardee St Marys
Senior Hurling Championship	St Feicins
Intermediate Football Championship	Dundalk Gaels
Junior Football Championship	Wolfe Tones
Senior Hurling League	St Feicins
Division 1 Football League	Ardee St Marys
Division 2 Football League	Hunterstown Rovers
Division 3A Football League	Oliver Plunketts
Division 3B Football League	St Nicholas
Division 4 Football League	Ardee St Marys
Division 5 Football League	St Feicins
Division 6 Football League	Roche Emmets
Maurice Murphy Cup (Hurling)	Knockbridge Hurling
Colm Geary Cup	Naomh Moinne
Junior 2A Football Championship	St Patricks
Junior 2B Football Championship	Kilkerley Emmets
Paddy Sheelan Cup	Mattock Rangers
Paddy Sheelan Shield	St Mochtas
Kevin Mullen Shield	O'Connells
Kevin Mullen Plate	Glyde Rangers
U19 Football Championship	TBC
U19 Development Football League Division 1	St Mochtas/St Joseph
U19 Development Football League Division 2	Mattock Rangers/Hunterstown Rovers
U19 Development Football League Division 3	Kilkerley Emmets/Naomh Malachi



Sincere thanks to all the match officials who made these matches possible, unfortunately with the number of matches being played at all codes in Louth we currently do not have enough active match officials, this must change before we start having difficulties in playing matches. In 2024 probably due to the good work carried out by previous CCCs abuse towards match officials is not reported as much, the CCC will continue to hold clubs accountable for abuse aimed towards the match officials by any club members going forward. Ahead of the 2025 season can we please ask that all clubs have a changing room with shower facilities available to match officials, if these are not available clubs will be held accountable in some way, this will be built into county by laws for 2025.

### Transfers

In 2024 there were a total of 50 transfer requests in football, 44 were granted and 6 were refused following hearings with all concerned. There was also 7 Hurling approval forms submitted in 2024 all were sanctioned.

Sincere thanks to all the clubs for their help and assistance on many different occasions throughout the year, the club members are the life and soul of the GAA and without you all we would not have been able to fulfil all the fixtures. A particular word of thanks to the club secretaries, when we set out fixtures and these get moved for many different reasons you are always the first port of call and in most cases one fixture change can lead to many phone calls and emails.

Condolences to all club who have lost members and loved ones throughout 2024.

Finally, a big thankyou to the CCC members, you were always at the end of a phone and ready to meet at short notice when required.

On behalf of the CCC Committee



St Patricks, 2024 Junior 2A Championship Winners



## Coaching & Games

### Óg Sport Lú Annual Report

The Óg Spórt Lú season provides Go Games opportunities for U7-U11 underage players from March to November each year. This year once again has seen fantastic numbers participating in all the various activities with over 4000 children playing football and 250 playing Hurling at Go Games level within the County.

Huge praise must go to the clubs and club coaches across the county who continue to promote Go Games and help develop their underage players. Thank you is also due to the County Coaching and Games Staff who supported delivery of these games in particular Mairead Monahan, Paddy Lynch and Ger Malone.

Despite a slow start which was caused by the poor weather in the early part of the year there was a comprehensive programme of games provided for our young players. See below summary of our Óg Spórt Lú schedule and the number of blitz opportunities provided at each age group:

<b>Óg Spórt Lú 2024 Schedule</b>					
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Age Group</b>				
<b>Pre-Season DKIT Sport (Feb-Mar)</b>	<b>U7</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U11</b>
Number of Blitz Opportunities		5		5	
<b>Main Season (Apr-Sept) Football</b>					
<b>Main Season (Apr-Sept) Football</b>	<b>U7</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U11</b>
Number of Regional Blitz Opportunities	10	10	10	10	
Number of All County Blitz Opportunities	1	2	2	1	
Number of Games Opportunities					11
<b>Main Season (Apr-Sept) Hurling</b>					
<b>Main Season (Apr-Sept) Hurling</b>	<b>U7</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U11</b>
Number of Regional Blitz Opportunities	9		9		9
Number of All County Blitz Opportunities	2		2		2
<b>Autumn Games (Oct-Nov)</b>					
<b>Autumn Games (Oct-Nov)</b>	<b>U7</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U11</b>
Number of Blitz/Games Opportunities			5		5
Total	22	17	28	16	27
<b>TOTAL BLITZ/GAMES OPPORTUNITES</b>	<b>127</b>				



## Post Primary Schools/Leinster A Project

Coaching and Games staff continue to support the development of our games within post-primary schools through a combination of schools coaching and the delivery of post-primary blitz days which take place monthly.

In September 2024 we launched the Leinster A Project in De La Salle Dundalk, Marist Dundalk, Ardee Community School & St Joseph's Drogheda. The program provides a grant from Louth GAA towards GAA promotion and in return the schools must complete 2-3 sessions a week with their 2nd year team. One session with an external coach, one session with a Louth GAA staff member and one session with teachers. Ardee CS currently compete at A level while the other schools are B & C level, but the aim is to have all four schools competing at A level over the next few years.

In May, we hosted a 15-a-side blitz in Darver to allow our schools to play against other A grade schools from across Ulster and Leinster. We had 5 schools from Louth (Bush, Marist, Ardee CS, St Marys Drogheda and De La Salle) competing against top tier schools from Armagh (St Ronans, Lurgan), Cavan (St Patricks, Cavan). Kildare ((Naas CBS), Monaghan (St Macartans, Monaghan) & Tyrone (St Patricks, Dungannon). Naas CBS defeated St Marys Drogheda in the final of the cup and St Ronans, Lurgan defeated Bush in the final of the shield. All Louth teams competed well on the day.

Gavin Devlin has also been actively involved with coaching in schools who are not currently within the Leinster A Project. His work and that of all the staff in Coaching & Games is complementing the hard work of post-primary school teachers across the county who continue to promote our games.

## Louth GAA Coach Education

There was a total of 14 Formal Coach Education Courses run this year by Louth GAA Coaching and Games. They included one Award 2 Football Coaching Course, two Award 1 Football Coaching Courses and 11 Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games Courses. Of those Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games Courses, 8 of them were for Football coaches, two of them were for dual Football and Hurling Coaches, and one was for Hurling and Camogie Coaches.

This year we had 10 participants undertake the Award 2 Football Coaching Course. This course is aimed at experienced coaches that have progressed through the Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games/Foundation and Award 1 programmes. There are 8 different modules, both practical and theory that the coaches attended and when completed they must submit their assessments and logbook to Leinster Council. All 10 coaches have invested an enormous amount of time and effort into completing their Award 2 Course of which they must be commended for. The knowledge and experience they have gained will be of huge value to their club and the teams they are involved with.

A total of 25 coaches completed the Award 1 Football coaching course this year. In order to attend this course coaches must have their Introduction to Coaching Games Certificate and have at least 1 year experience of coaching with a team. With having more coaches with the Award 1 Coaching qualification the greater the opportunity that players and teams are coached in a way to enable them to achieve their full potential. In 2025 we would be optimistic that more clubs will encourage their coaches to attain this qualification for the benefit of their teams.





The Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games Courses remains the most sought-after course for club coaches to complete. Not only is it necessary for every person involved with coaching underage children, along with Garda Vetting and GAA Safeguarding, it provides all new coaches with the foundation, knowledge and confidence required as they begin their coaching journey.

Looking ahead to 2025, the Louth GAA Coach Education schedule will be circulated in January with more Award 1 and ICGG courses planned. If any club would like to host an Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games Course in their club, please contact their respective Games Development Coordinator for more information.

The GAA will also be launching a new Nursery Course which coaches who are only starting off with the nursery age group in their club can take. This course will be certified and as with the other courses it will be visible on their Tobar account.

<b>Formal Coach Education Courses</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>Total Number</b>	
<b>Award Two</b>			
Football Course (Feb-Nov)	10	10	
<b>Award One</b>			
Award 1 (Football) <u>Darver</u> February	11	25	
Award 1 (Football) November	14		
<b>Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games / Foundation Award</b>			
<b>Dual Courses</b>			
Dual Football & Hurling (Cul Camp Coaches)	30	151	
Dual Football & Hurling (Clubs)	TBC		
<b>Football Courses</b>			
Cuchulainn Gaels (April 2024)	7		
<u>O'Raghallaighs</u> (March 2024)	23		
All Clubs, <u>Darver</u> (January)	14		
Clan na Gael (February)	9		
Naomh Malachi (February)	22		
All Clubs, <u>Darver</u> (January)	10		
<b>Hurling Course</b>			
<u>Knockbridge Hurling Club</u> (January)	11		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Level Institutes</b>			
Drogheda Institute of Further Education	11		
<u>O'Fiach College</u>	12		
DKIT	Deferred		



## Informal Coach Education

Following the winding up of the Games Promotion Officer scheme the County was divided into 7 areas and each Games Development Coordinator was allocated a number of clubs to work with to provide coaching support. See below:

- Dundalk – Ger Malone
- Drogheda – Anthony Courtney
- Hurling – Paddy Lynch
- North Louth – Brian Og Corr
- South Louth – Aoife Gregory
- East Louth – Barry Teather
- West Louth – Mairead Monahan

At the time of this report staff had delivered 27 Club Development sessions including Coaching and Games Reviews and assisting clubs with forming 12-month action plans for C&G. They have also delivered 92 Club Coach Mentoring Sessions with club coaches and 20 Club Coaching sessions with teams. Engagement from some clubs has been excellent, however, we would like to see more of our clubs engage on a more consistent basis.

Additionally, we provided four Coaching Workshops during the Spring to help prepare club coaches for the forthcoming season:

- Back to the Basics of Goalkeeping – Liam Swift
- Games to help coach Nurseries – Paul Carvill, Healthy Kidz
- The Basics of Striking in Hurling – Conor Clancy, Louth Hurling Goalkeeper
- Speed Development for GAA Athletes – Ciaran Sloan, Louth GAA Performance & Talent Lead

Attendance at these workshops were mixed, with many coaches registering for the events and then failing to attend, going forward we would like to see greater uptake from clubs and club coaches.

## Cúl Camps 2024

Once again 2024 proved to be another great year for Cúl camps across the county, although the national average has decreased due to changing demographics, Louth once again seen an increase in participants with 39 camps taking place, with Clan na nGael camp running for the first time in 2 years with over 40 boys and girls taking part. In all 3670 children took part. This year we also ran a very successful GAA Inclusion camp which proved very popular, with great feedback coming from it.

This year there was 120 coaches employed. All coaches had to be over the age of 17 however those over 18 got first preference on ensure with the correct ratio between coaches and players. Once again, all coaches did the appropriate training days, were safeguarded and all had completed their Introduction to Gaelic Games.

In general, the camps ran very successfully and with greater numbers playing our games and the feedback has been very positive, preparation for next year has already started. The challenge for 2025 will be to support all clubs in the County to host a camp and maintain the current participation numbers given the forecasted demographic reduction across the County next year.

Thank you to all Coaching & Games staff who coordinated and managed to camp with particular thanks to Brian Og Corr who led out in this area and did an excellent job.



## Louth GAA Talent Academy 2024

### Overview

During 2024 Louth GAA fielded the following squads:

<u>Squad</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>No of Players</u>	<u>No of Teams</u>	<u>No of Clubs Represented</u>
<b>U13 Sub Academy</b>	Hurling	25	1	5
<b>U14 F</b>	Football	52	2	25
<b>U15 H</b>	Hurling	25	1	2
<b>U15 F</b>	Football	40	2	17
<b>U16 F</b>	Football	30	1	21
<b>U17 H</b>	Hurling	25	1	3

There has been some fantastic work undertaken by both C&G staff and volunteer coaches to develop the next generation of players. It is important to note that the aim of our Academy is not only to produce future inter-county players but also to develop players who can go on to play with their clubs and schools at the highest levels.

The addition of Gavin Devlin as Underage Football Development Coordinator has added considerable knowledge and experience to the staff. He has been working consistently with all squads and squad coaches to develop a 'Louth Way' of playing football and this curriculum is now being rolled out across all squads.

One area that was identified from previous years, was that players needed additional support and position specific training. As a result, we have had Blaine Hughes deliver goalkeeper specific training to all Academy football goalkeepers over the past 4 months.

During the Summer months players attended Darver one day per week to be provided with additional training and support in areas such as performance analysis, nutrition and athletic development. This was a huge success with hugely encouraging feedback. With this extra commitment comes a greater workload for parents and we thank them for their continued support.

In November, as part of our ongoing emphasis to support our players as young men, we hosted a 'Better People = Better Players' welfare conference. This was well attended with over 90 squad players present. On the day there were guest speakers to deliver workshops in key areas identified to support our young people. The speakers included:

- Stephen Murphy, Louth GAA Coaching Officer provided an overview of the Academy structure with Louth GAA
- Oisín McConville, Former Armagh player and Gambling Care Ambassador delivering a 'Gambling Awareness Workshop'



- Maura McMenamín, Ulster GAA & Garda Síochána delivering 'One Punch' workshop warning of the dangers of one punch attacks on and off the pitch
- Dundalk Credit Union delivered a workshop around 'Protecting Young People from Financial Fraud'
- Q&A with Peter Fortune (Louth Hurling Captain), Peter Lynch (Louth Footballer) & Oisín Conaty (Armagh Footballer and 2024 Young Player of the Year)

Feedback was very positive, and this is something we hope can be rolled out incorporating other key messages and workshops.

#### U13 Hurling Sub Academy Squad

2024 saw the formation of our under-13 skills school which was made up of players from five clubs & proved to be a huge success. Sincere thanks to David Andrews, Ricky McKeown and David O'Connor for their assistance throughout the year.

#### U14 Football Academy Squad

- 7 aside Blitzes Trial Phase 1

In February 2024 over 2 weekends, we ran a 7 aside blitzes where all clubs had the opportunity to enter a team, some clubs entered 2 teams due to playing numbers that they had at that age group.

These small, sided games were played in Darver, Div 1 teams came in the morning slot to play, Div 2 teams in the afternoon and Div 3 teams' late afternoon. All teams played 3 matches at their own level, in a comfortable environment with their own teammates.

The club coaches would send across a team sheet in advance to the U14 development squad mentors with the players jersey number, and if a player was performing well, they'd be highlighted and asked to attend phase 2 of the trial.

- March 2024 Phase 2 Regional Trial

Anyone who got a call back from phase 1 attended regional trials, these were 15 aside games and all players got 2 games to impress. By the end of March, the U14 mentors put a squad of 52 players together.

Thank you to Louth coaching and games staff for helping oversee phase 1 and 2 of the trials and to the referees who refereed the games during the trial period.

- Main Season

Once assembled, this squad trained once a week for 60 minutes, due to large numbers the group would be split into 3 groups and each mentor would take a group and every 12 minutes the groups would rotate. One mentor would focus on skill development, one on scoring and one on small, sided games.

Our 1st outing was on May 4th against Meath in Dunganny & 25th May was our 2nd outing against Wicklow in Darver. These Games gave the players the opportunity to play at a high level and the coaches got the opportunity to learn and develop content for the upcoming session to help improve players.



During the summer break the squad trained twice a week, Ciaran Sloan took the group for gym and pitch sessions during the day on Tuesday and the u14 coaches took the session on the Wednesday evening.

The next round of fixtures was played on the 13th July, 3rd August and the last round of fixtures on the 17th August. Teams played on above dates were Kildare, Meath and Longford. To end the year we had challenge games organised for the group where we played against Armagh, Sligo and Monaghan.

Credit must go to the players, volunteer mentors David Woods and Martin Morgan and staff member Anthony Courtney for their hard work over the season where there has been considerable progress made. Thank you also to the parents/guardians for the efforts put in and for their support for any fundraisers held during the year.

#### U15 Hurling Academy Squad

Our under-15 academy hurling squad made good progress this year despite working off just two clubs at this level. Over the course of the season the team played competitive fixtures against Mayo, Longford, Leitrim, Cavan and Fermanagh with the highlight of the season being a brilliant comeback win against Mayo in Darver when the team rallied from an eight-point deficit. The team trained from February all the way through to September with their season concluding with a four-team blitz in Breffni Park.

The players were also introduced to Strength & Conditioning for the first time through gym sessions in Darver. Special thanks to Ronan Mulholland, Ronan O’Gorman, Ricky McKeown and Anthony Reynolds for their assistance with the squad throughout the season.

#### U15 Football Squad

From the beginning of the year our Louth U15 squad have progressed very well under the guidance of Ger Malone, Paul Crewe, Peter Duffy, Brendan Tuite and Sean Smith. Throughout the year we have engaged in games against Down, Roscommon, Antrim, Clare and Westmeath, all of which have been competitive and beneficial towards the lad’s development.

Training sessions have been a constant throughout the year taking place once or twice a week, apart from the occasional weeks break where there were clashes with club activity.

The quality of coaching and deliverance of sessions, which has been based around both developing skills and tactical knowledge, has been reflected by the lad’s development as the year has progressed.

At this current time the team has just recently completed their Fitness Testing over the Halloween break which saw all players improve on their previous scores around strength, power, speed and endurance. This is another indication of the benefit of the work that is being done within the squad to help improve these players with the hope of breaking through into the older and senior county squads.

The first initial phase of trialling has just come to an end, with some potential players been given an opportunity to come in and train with the squad with the hope of impressing as some changes to the squad will be made before the new U16 season begins. Feedback forms have been filled out by all players with an insight into seeing what players believe to be their strengths, weaknesses and what their areas for improvement may be so to further dial in and focus on the development of the team. Individual meetings have also taken place with both player and parent so to give them further insight as to what areas they are exceeding in and what areas may need focusing on for further development so that even if the player is released from the squad, he knows the door is not always closed and has an idea of what areas need improved on.



## U16 Football Squad

This year's Louth U16 season commenced in mid-January with several players called in to the squad on a 6-week trial period. We also organised challenge matches against Armagh in February followed by another challenge with Down in Burren. This provided plenty of opportunities for players to claim a spot on the panel. The management of Oliver Ginty, Ronan Greene and Brian Og Corr also took the opportunity this season to have one on one meetings with players and their parents as a goal setting exercise which proved very beneficial.

This year the group competed in the Gerry Reilly competition and was drawn in a group alongside Antrim, Cavan and Fermanagh. First up was Antrim in Dunsilly which was played in tricky conditions despite this Louth ran out 4 point, next up was Fermanagh in Darver again Louth proved too strong running out 4-16-to-7-point winners. Our final group game came against Cavan, as expected this to be a much more difficult task and despite putting a solid performance the cession of 3 poor goals made an all-ready difficult task even more challenging with Cavan running out 1-point winners. Despite the defeat the team still qualified for the semi-final stage of the competition where Kildare proved to be the challengers. On the day the group did not perform anywhere near their potential and Kildare ran out comfortable winners. The teams final game came against Meath in the shield Final played in Oldcastle, again despite a much-improved performance from the Kildare game, Meath ran out 3-point winners bringing an end to the season.

Although a very enjoyable year the management did find it challenging with so many players involved with the minor squad and no doubt integrating them players back into the fold was a challenge, however despite the disappointing end to the year there is great potential in this group and I look forward to seeing the, develop further as minor footballers next year.

## U17 Hurling Academy Squad

2024 represented a momentous year for Louth underage hurling with our under-17 squad achieving a breakthrough by becoming the first Louth team to win the Celtic Challenge, defeating Monaghan in the showpiece event with a brilliant display of hurling.

Our season began in earnest in January having been accepted into the Ulster League which played a huge role in developing the team. An initial defeat to Tyrone was followed by four victories over Cavan, Fermanagh, Monaghan and Armagh, with our campaign ending with defeat in Donegal.

Our Celtic Challenge group campaign saw the team come away with victories over Cavan, Longford, Monaghan and Leitrim. With our sole defeat coming against Fermanagh the team had already done enough to qualify for the final against Monaghan where Louth swept to victory on a scoreline of 1-18 to 3-8.

Sincere thanks to Ronan O'Gorman, Ronan Mulholland, Dermot Plunkett, Alan Browne and Anthony Reynolds for all their assistance with the squad throughout the season.





## Academy Squad Athletic Development Summary 2024

### Louth U14:

Introduction to Athletic Development took place in April and they had a 6-week training block over the Summer holidays. The focus of the training block is to introduce players to functional movements. We have four main movements patterns we focus on squat, hinge, push & pull plus our plyometric progressions. Alongside the athletic development session, we had nutrition lectures with Aine Breen. Fitness testing for all squads takes place during the Halloween & Easter Mid Term. The players will progress to U15s in January and in the early part of the season the players will complete 2 conditioning and 2 gym session a week so it's important we lay a good foundation at 14s. For the remainder of the year, they will have 1-2 exposures a week in the gym pending club competitions.

### Louth U15 & U16:

The U15s & 16s started in January and carried out 2 athletic development sessions and 2 pitch sessions every week. During the gym sessions we focused on building upon what we started at U14s. We will progress our main movement patterns accordingly mainly by increasing load to specific exercise and introducing more unilateral work. During the Summer holidays we ran a high-performance camp for 6 weeks. This consisted of athletic development sessions, nutrition modules with Aine Breen and pitch sessions with Gavin Devlin. We took a break when school returned in September as there was lot of demands placed on the players. Athletic development session will start back in October. During testing over the Halloween midterm some of the leading U15 scores were 20.1 for the yoyo, 3.00 sec for 20m & 42.5cm for counter movement jump and for the U16s some of the leading score were 19.6 for the yoyo, 2.92 sec for the 20m & 39.3cm for counter movement jump. The 16s will progress to U17s in January and their training volume will increase so between now and January it's important we best prepare the players for the increase in volume.

Over the last few months along with Gavin Devlin we have developed a coaching curriculum that the coaches within the academy can follow in the new year. Alongside this we are hoping to rebrand and relaunch the academy squads.

### DKIT Report

DkIT kicked off the year in January, with all teams preparing for the championship that began the week of January 15th. The hurling team, managed by Brian Brady, faced tough competition in their group and unfortunately did not make it out.

Our men's Gaelic teams, managed by Shane Lennon and Eamonn McEnaney, had an impressive run. We fielded four men's teams, all of which competed at a high level and made their mark for the college. The senior team reached the Trench Cup Final against MTU Kerry but were narrowly defeated by a strong Kerry side. It was a particularly challenging day, with the semi-final played the day before, a delayed start due to pitch conditions, and the uncertainty about whether the final would go ahead. Despite these setbacks, the team displayed great resilience.

Both Freshers' teams also had strong performances, with Division 2 team reaching the final, but ultimately losing to University of Limerick, and the Division 3 team finishing as runners-up to University of Ulster Jordanstown.

On the women's side, coached by Karl O'Connor, Jack McNamee, and Dalton McNamee, the team moved up a division to compete in the Lynch Cup after last year's All-Ireland victory. They made it to the semifinals in Cork, where they faced the home side, MTU Cork, who emerged victorious on the day.



Overall, it was a highly successful year with significant achievements across all teams. As we look ahead to the coming semester, we have set new targets and goals, while also bidding farewell to many of our students and management who contributed to this year's success

We hosted the Lennon Cup All-Star evening at DkIT, where 30 outstanding young men were recognized with All-Star awards for their schools and clubs, along with new DkIT shorts and socks. Thanks to our new sponsor, Ganson, we were also able to award the Player of the Tournament with a voucher for their school, club, and themselves. We are thrilled to have Ganson on board as our sponsor and deeply appreciate their generous support.

Throughout the summer we had conducted interviews for scholarship students both new and present to determine the best candidates for the scholarship opportunities. It's been a rewarding experience to meet so many talented and driven individuals. In addition, we began Interviews for a new senior coach to assist Eamonn due to Shane Lennon's departure. We interviewed several highly qualified candidates for the position, which led us to expand our search and ultimately decide to hire two successful coaches. This will allow us to better support both the Freshers and Senior teams, ensuring a more balanced workload.

The new semester has begun, and we're excited to welcome many new scholars to the college, all proudly representing their teams in our league competitions. With six teams vying for spots in the semifinals and quarterfinals over the next few weeks, the competition is sure to be interest.

### **Pierce Caherty**

Head of Games, Louth GAA / Ceannasaí na gCluichi, CLG Lú







# Darver Inclusion Cúl Camps



2024



## Coiste na nÓg Report 2024

A Chairde,

2024 has been another great year for underage Club football in Louth. We are maintaining the number of Teams entering our competitions and this can only benefit our clubs, with hopefully greater player numbers joining Club teams and participating in our games.

### Competitions

The basis of our juvenile games programme is the regular, competitive games for all ages reflected in our juvenile Master Fixture Planner. Football in 2024 was provided for U12,13,14,15,16 & 17 ages. Competitions were set out to provide football all year round for players, with the possibility of playing at different age grades if required. Coiste Na Nóg competitions began on Saturday March 2nd (week 9) with the start of U14 Leagues and will finish in December with the U16 League Finals.

### Competitions Review

The beginning of the season was disrupted by periods of inclement weather, resulting in many fixtures postponed and refixed at later dates. While it is understandable that pitches were unplayable during the poor weather, unfortunately some of these fixtures were not played until the backend of the competitions which led to fixture congestion and even some match concessions, which was disappointing. U14 began on March 2nd with finals on June 3rd, over a month behind the planned schedule.

The number of walkovers and withdrawals have dropped considerably in juvenile football, with 2024 being the lowest number in the past number of years. All primary age competitions were completed with the Finals fixed as per schedule set out in the Coiste Na Nóg Fixture Planner.

However, the increasing concern is the number of postponement requests that we have had throughout the year, predominantly in the League fixtures played during the summer months. Postponement requests will have to be addressed going into 2025 as the GAA Fixture Planner is very congested without having to add juvenile re-fixtures into the plan. Our focus is on ensuring that our juvenile players have a comprehensive regular games program that keeps them engaged for as long as possible.

The U13/U15/U17 Championship competitions were run very successfully as per Coiste Na Nóg Planner. It was encouraging to see 6 different Clubs/Independent Teams winning the 6 underage Championships in 2024. Congratulations to all Championship and League winners to date.



## 2024 Coiste na nÓg Championship and League winners

2024 Coiste na nÓg Finals				
Grade	Winners		Runners Up	Final Date
<b>Under 12</b>				
Division 1	St Patricks	v	Ardee St Marys	20-Jul
Division 2	Newtown Blues	v	Naomh Mairtin	20-Jul
Division 3	Mattock Rangers/Hunterstown Rovers	v	Oliver Plunketts	02-Aug
Division 4	Geraldines B	v	St Brides	20-Jul
<b>Under 13</b>				
Division 1	Clan Na Gael	v	Mattock Rangers/Hunterstown Rovers	13-Jul
Division 2	Wolfe Tones	v	St Josephs	06-Sep
Division 3	O'Raghallaighs	v	Newtown Blues	13-Jul
Division 4	Dundalk Young Irelands	v	St Mochtás	31-Aug
"A" Championship	Mattock Rangers/Hunterstown Rovers		Naomh Mairtin	31-Aug
"B" Championship	Geraldines		Ardee St Marys	31-Aug
<b>Under 14</b>				
Division 1	Glyde Rangers	v	Cooley Kickhams	03-Jun
Division 2	Kilkerley Emmets/Naomh Malachi	v	St Nicholas	03-Jun
Division 3	Wolfe Tones	v	O'Raghallaighs	03-Jun
Division 4	St Kevins	v	St Mochtás	03-Jun
<b>Under 15</b>				
Division 1	Naomh Mairtin	v	St Josephs	13-Aug
Division 2	Sean O'Mahonys	v	Baile Talun	15-Aug
Division 3	St Kevins	v	Cooley Kickhams	10-Aug
"A" Championship	Naomh Mairtin	v	Geraldines	13-Oct
"B" Championship	St Michaels/Lannleire	v	St Nicholas	19-Oct
Feile A	Naomh Mairtin	v	Geraldines	11-May
Feile B	Ardee St Marys	v	Baile Talun	11-May
Feile C	St Kevins	v	Kilkerley Emmets/Naomh Malachi	11-May
<b>Under 15</b>				
Division 1	December Final			
Division 2	December Final			
Division 3	December Final			
Division 4	December Final			
<b>Under 17</b>				
Division 1	Ardee St Marys	v	Geraldines	17-Aug
Division 2	St Josephs	v	St Fechins	16-Aug
Division 3	Sean O'Mahonys/Dundalk Young Irelands	v	Kilkerley Emmets/Naomh Malachi	18-Aug
"A" Championship	St Patricks	v	Cooley Kickhams	20-Oct
"B" Championship	Roche Emmets	v	Sean O'Mahonys/Dundalk Young Irelands	27-Oct
North Regional	St Patricks	v	Cooley Kickhams	22-May
East Regional	St Fechins	v	Geraldines	27-May
West Regional	St Brides/St Mochtás	v	St Kevins	27-May
South Regional	Newtown Blues	v	Naomh Mairtin	27-May



- Total Juvenile games played 819 (not including Feilé).
- Across all ages, Coiste Na Nóg will have held 34 finals (incl. Feilé) in 2024.
- There are 37 football clubs competing in Coiste Na Nóg competitions. 30 different Clubs, whether stand alone or part of an Independent Team, were represented in these finals, which is another fantastic achievement following on from a similar number in 2023.
- Including Feilé Competition, 51 (78%) Stand-alone club Teams reached these finals while 11 (22%) Independent Teams competed. Figures exclude U16 Competition as it had not concluded before report submitted.
- Of the 31 competition winners to date (including Feile), 25 (81%) were stand-alone clubs with 6 (19%) being Independent Teams.

## Concessions 2024

Leagues 2024			
	Number of Matches	Concessions	Withdrawals
U12	124	7	1 Team
U13	124	5	0
U14	86	5	0
U15	117	9	3 Teams
U16	64	/	0
U17	93	3	2 Teams
U17 Regional	64	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>

Championships 2024			
	Number of Matches	Concessions	Withdrawals
U13 A	19	0	0
U13B	28	0	0
U15A	22	0	0
U15B	31	0	0
U17A	19	0	0
U17 B	28	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>



Total Underage Matches 2024			
	Number of Matches	Concessions	Withdrawals
<b>Total</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>34 (4%)</b>	<b>6</b>
		<b>2023: 59 (7%)</b>	

### Independent Teams

There will always be the need for clubs to form Independent Teams at certain age groups. However, this number has fallen considerably over the past few years with more Clubs fielding teams on their own.

In 2024 we had 165 teams enter our competitions from U12 to U17. 142 (86%) were Stand-Alone Teams and 23 (14%) were Independent Teams. It is important that we provide football for all children and Coiste Na Nóg will always encourage clubs to look at the option of forming an Independent Team with a club in a similar situation, to ensure the children get football.

2023	2024
Total Teams 169	Total Teams 165
Stand Alone Teams 144	Stand Alone Teams 142
Independent Teams 25	Independent Teams 23

### Juvenile Finals

Our juvenile finals at all ages throughout the year have been very well supported with great numbers in attendance. In 2024, We have brought all our Finals to Club grounds around the County, and this has been a fantastic success. The exception being U16 which are played in Darver in December.

Without the support of the below list of clubs, we would not be able to complete our competitions.

We thank these Clubs for their continued support in hosting our underage League finals, Championship semi-finals & finals. All Club grounds used as Coiste Na Nóg neutral venues for fixtures, will be paid for the use of their facilities and floodlights.

Dowdallshill	St Patricks	Glyde Rangers
St. Mochtas	Newtown Blues	Clan Na Gael
Ardee St Marys	Stabannon Parnells	Naomh Fionbarra
Oliver Plunketts	Newtown Blues	Hunterstown Rovers
St Kevins	Sean O Mahonys	Naomh Mairtin
Wolfe Tones	St Brides	
Lannleire	Geraldines	
John Mitchels	Kilkerley Emmets	



Coiste Na Nóg PRO: Susan Mc Shane

Coiste na Nóg PRO is like many other jobs within the GAA, an increasingly challenging voluntary job due to the number of fixtures and finals throughout the year.

At the start of this year, I set out to try and start a promotion of all teams throughout the county as I felt it was important to give coverage to all teams not just those that reach finals, I had requested team photos from all teams but with only 2 clubs replying, this didn't follow through.

The juvenile finals have been very well promoted once again, with match previews & reports in The Argus/Drogheda Independent, along with social media coverage of our games.

Social media is currently one of the main areas for promotion and many thanks to Mark Byrne for his help in promoting all finals during the year.

A special word of thanks to all clubs who helped with gathering all details needed for match day programmes for the finals, there can be a lot involved in composing the programme within a short period of time and clubs were very helpful in making this process a lot easier.

I would also like to thank Caoimhin Reilly for his help through the year with promoting underage games, he would always have been one step ahead in promoting all matches and was a massive help in composing reports and organising previews for the finals.

Thanks also to Paul Welsh, The Argus/Drogheda Independent, for his help in the last few weeks, and for the coverage and support of our underage games.

Finally, thanks to Kevin, Stephen, Dermot and the rest of the committee for their help throughout the year.

Susan Mc Shane,  
Coiste Na Nóg PRO.

## Referees

A huge thanks to the panel of referees who officiated at our games in 2024, and welcome to all the new referees who started this year, and to those who will come on board for 2025. Without the referees, our juvenile games program could not exist.

I thank our referee's administrator, David Fedigan, for managing the allocation of referees, and for helping to ensure that all our games were completed on schedule.



### **Meeting: Darver 28/02/24**

Agenda up for discussion on the night was as follows:

- Childrens Officer, Dermot Clarke, address to delegates.
- PRO, Susan Mc Shane, address to delegates
- Feile 2024
- Masterplanner 2024
- Competitions and Regulations Update
- Independent Teams
- Gradings

### **Meeting: Darver 17/07/24**

- Mid-Season review and discussion with Club delegates on any issues arising from the Season to date.

### **Underage Cups**

A word of thanks to Brian Cafferty, from Tom Duffy Trophies, for maintaining & returning our Cups in such good condition ahead of our juvenile finals throughout the year.

Throughout the past few years, we have replaced any worn or damaged non perpetual Cups for our Juvenile competitions.

Although all winning Clubs from 2023 were notified well in advance of underage Finals throughout the year, unfortunately several Clubs were very slow to return Cups when requested with some only returning them on the day of the Final. Coiste Na Nóg would be grateful if clubs can improve on this going into 2025 and advise that if they could contact An Runaí, Coiste Na Nóg, to say when and to whom the Cups have been given to on their return.

### **Conclusion**

My thanks go to all on the committee of Coiste na Nóg. Your assistance and support have been invaluable with the challenges and successes of the past year. Special recognition is due to An Runaí Coiste Na Nóg, Dermot Clarke, for his exceptional work, guidance and support throughout the year. I must also extend my appreciation to Stephen Murphy for his outstanding contribution to underage football, in arranging nearly 900 fixtures for Coiste Na Nóg. Their work is often thankless and regularly goes unseen but involves a lot of dedication and time, and without them we would not work as efficiently as an organisation.

Thanks to Tony Melia, County Childrens Officer, for ensuring & maintaining the safeguarding of our young players around the County.

Thank you to Susan Mc Shane for all her work over the past 5 years as Coiste Na Nóg PRO. Susan has done an exceptional job in promoting our underage teams and finals throughout her years with Coiste Na Nóg. And thanks to Mark Byrne for all his help and support to Susan and Coiste Na Nóg during his time as County PRO.



I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the dedicated individuals, delegates, mentors and parents within our Clubs who have played a pivotal role in the success and growth of Coiste na Nóg throughout the year. We look forward to all of us collectively making sure that all our young players, are provided with the opportunity to continue playing Football and Hurling.

And finally, thank you to Sean Mc Clean, Bob Doheny, Aidan Berrill, and all on the Management Committee for their continued support to Coiste Na Nóg.

### **Coiste Na Nóg Committee 2024**

Chairperson:	Kevin Gordon (Na Piarsaigh)
Vice Chairperson North:	Declan Byrne (O Connells)
Vice Chairperson South:	Mick Kelly (Wolfe Tones)
Secretary:	Dermot Clarke (Sean Mc Dermotts)
Assistant Secretary & Games Administrator:	Stephen Murphy (Naomh Mairtin)
Treasurer:	Aidan Berrill (Naomh Mairtin)
PRO:	Susan Mc Shane (St Patricks)
Children's Officer:	Tony Melia (John Mitchels)
Referees Co-Ordinator:	David Fedigan (Hunterstown Rovers)
Games Development:	Pierce Caherty (Naomh Malachi)
Óg Sport:	Mairead Monahan
Committee:	Brian Rafferty (Cooley Kickhams)
	Stephen Yore (Naomh Moninne)
	Paddy Oliver (St Patricks)
	Anthony Briscoe (Stabannon Parnells)

Is Mise,

Caoimhín Mac Mhuirneachain.





## Louth Health and Wellbeing Committee Convention Report 2024

A chairde,

The Health and Wellbeing foundation continues to go from strength to strength in Louth. This year we welcomed ten new Healthy Clubs to Phase 6.

Céad míle fáilte to the following clubs who have been accepted into Phase 6 of the Healthy Club Program.

- O'Connell's GFC
- Oilibhear Pluinced CLG
- Mattock Rangers
- Geraldines GFC
- Glyde Rangers
- Cúchulainn Gaels
- Westerns GFC
- O'Raghallaighs GAA
- St. Mochtas GFC
- Kilkerry Emmets

St Fechins were the recipients of the Specsavers GAA Social Initiative and were guests at the last home match against Cavan in Defy Park, Ardee. Huge thanks to Michelle Mooney for all her work in organising the group from the Fechins to join us in Ardee. The group enjoyed the hospitality provided on the day and front row seats. Sincere thanks to Colm Marry and St Marys club for the warm welcome and hospitality on the day.

In April, The National Cancer Control Programme offered 2 Sunscreen dispensers and boards for ONE county ground in Leinster. Louth GAA Protection and Prosperity Training Centre were issued with the dispensers which are now installed. Thanks to Jason and Francie for their help with delivery and installation.

Louth Health and Wellbeing operated the Silent Side Line Campaign at the All County Blitzes for U7 and U8 players. Dundalk Credit Union were in attendance at one of the blitzes as they support this program. Thanks to all the clubs in attendance at the blitzes for their co-operation and support of this initiative. Thanks also to Pierce Caherty for the assistance of Louth Coaching and Games with this.

At the Leinster Health and Wellbeing Committee Meeting took in September, Leinster Chairperson, David Murray reiterated the importance of having the CIRP, Gambling and Smoking Vaping policies implemented in county and clubs following the directive which came from Leinster HWC.

Sadly, our clubs and communities have suffered further tragic losses and we send our deepest condolences to all who have lost loved ones by suicide. The critical incident policy is of vital importance to clubs during tragic events. I would remind clubs that this policy should be adopted annually preferably at the first executive meeting of 2025.

Safe Talk information is forwarded to all club secretaries regularly.

Gaelic for Mothers and Others and Dads and Lads is growing in many clubs and continues to bring new blood and vitality to the clubs.



The All Star Program is one of the most successful aspects of the Healthy Club in Louth. This program is one of the most fulfilling and enriching experiences that clubs can provide. It is a respite for parents, it's also a place where they can find support from fellow parents, a new, fun and safe experience for the children using it. Congratulations to all the clubs and a heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who provide this valuable service to children with additional needs. Please never underestimate the huge impact you make to the children and their families by giving your time to the All Stars.

It was a huge moment of pride to witness the All Stars play at half time during the Junior Final. Well done to all involved who made this happen. What a magnificent occasion for the children and their families!

To all the clubs who are organising Health Checks, Drug & Gambling Awareness Talks, exercise classes, vaping awareness talks, healthy eating programmes and social events that are catering to a wide range of community members, please keep up your great work. You are making a difference to the lives of many.

**County Health and Wellbeing Committee National Forum** took place on November 16th in Croke Park with guest speaker Pat Gilroy. Counties were given a timeline of events to follow for 2025. Louth Health and Wellbeing are looking to organise the following; One Punch, Healthy club Evening and Hidden Harm event.

Colin Regan GAA, Manager of Community and Health informed the meeting that the GAA will be re launching the Give Respect Get Respect campaign, Pat Gilroy stated in their club they have weeded out the loo lahs on the side-line and in the stands which has greatly improved the respect in the club environment, most importantly in the children's matches.

Healthy clubs are reminded to update their status in the Portal and August 9th 2025 is the final day to achieve their Healthy Club accreditation. The Healthy Club Conference will take place on November 22nd 2025.

#### GAA Green Club Programme

Phase 3 (2025-26) is now live for clubs to submit an expression of interest. Apply by midnight Sunday 26th January 2025.

All GAA, LGFA and Camogie Clubs can access the GAA Green Club Programme Toolkit to support their sustainability actions at <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub>.

The "Explaining Drugs and Alcohol Workshop has been designed to support clubs and counties on this subject area and is available to clubs. Uptake from clubs has increase and I strongly encourage all clubs to avail of this valuable resource. Clubs must have a Substance Abuse policy in place to avail of this workshop. Please see the link below for information.

<https://www.gaa.ie/article/explaining-drugs-and-alcohol-workshops-now-available-to-gaa-clubs>

Sincere thanks to Rosaleen Dolan, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention for Louth/Meath, Stephanie Kane; NE Drug and Alcohol Task Force for all the information and support they give to us and Jimmy Cussen and Dermot Clarke for their continued support in the area of Health and Wellbeing.



Another man who must be thanked is County Secretary, Bob Doheny. I am immensely grateful to Bob for all the help and support he has given to me in this area. Bob has done trojan work for the County in his tenure as County Secretary and much of it is unseen and always with a smile on his face. I wish Bob and his family all the very best in the future.

My sincere thanks to all our clubs who have engaged with the Health and Wellbeing Committee this year. Congratulations to all our Healthy clubs on their tremendous work to enhance the wellbeing of their members.

If anyone would like any information on the above mentioned areas or other Health and Wellbeing matters, please feel free to contact me.

Is míse,  
 Aoibheann Ní Coigligh  
 Cathairleach Coiste Sláinte & Folláine, CLG Lú



## Irish Language and Cultural Convention Report 2024

Sincere thanks to all the clubs who have provided singers to perform the national anthem at the Louth home games and all the Adult County Finals. We were treated to stunningly beautiful renditions of Amhrán na bhFiann which were enjoyed immensely by supporters, players and officials on these momentous occasions.

A special word of thanks to Mark Byrne, Grace Cullen and Clodagh Mc Clean for their assistance with this initiative on match days. Their support and promotion has been invaluable to the promotion of our Irish Language and Culture. Míle Buíochas

### Pop Up Gaeltacht

We hosted our first pop up Gaeltacht in Inniskeen before the match against an Mhí and it was very well received. Go raibh míle maith agaibh uilig.

### Scór na nÓg 2024

Comhghairdeas ollmhór to all our participants for an outstanding 2024 Scór na nÓg. Go raibh maith agaibh to Naomh Bríd for the warm welcome and excellent facilities they provided as host venue.



The following went on to represent Louth in Leinster

Rince Seit/ Set dancing – Naomh Mairtin)  
 Amhránaíocht aonar/Solo singing –Shawn Gregory Naomh Fionnbarra  
 Bailéad Ghrúpa/Ballad Group – Naomh Bríd  
 Ceol Uirlise/ Instrumental Group – Raonaithe Maiteoige  
 Tráth na gCeist/ Question Time – Naomh Bríd  
 Aithriseoireacht/Recitation - Fiannaith King: Naomh Caoimhín

Congratulations to all the participants. There was an abundance of talent on display. Maith sibh.

Congratulations to Mattock Rangers who won their Leinster Semi Final and will Compete in the Leinster Final alongside the St Brides quiz team on November 30th. Commiserations to our acts who didn't get through the semis however you should be very proud of your performance.

### **Gaeltacht Scholarships.**

Over 60 students were interviewed for scholarships. Louth GAA awarded 12 scholarships valued at €350 each and Rannafast College awarded an extra scholarship on the day valued at €350. Thanks to Joe Mc Kenna, Niall Sloane, Aisling Sloane and John Mc Carthy for interviewing the candidates. They did an excellent job as always!

### **Scór Sinsir 2024.**

Comghairdeas le Ann Ni Chormaic who represented our county with distinction in the Leinster Scór Final. Go raibh maith agaibh to our quiz team from Knockbridge Hurling Club who also took part in the Leinster Final.

### **Charlie Mc Allister Bursary**

The Charlie McAllister Bursary will be awarded in early 2025. Applications are currently being processed and successful candidates will be invited to a presentation in Darver.

I would like to say a heartfelt and sincere thanks to Bob Doheny for his help and support to me during his tenure as secretary. He has been a pleasure to work with, he has always made me feel very welcome and he has been generous and patient with his time to me and helpful with all queries I brought to him. He has devoted so much of his life to Louth GAA and I wish you and your ever supportive family my very best wishes for the future.

Le gach dea-ghuí,  
 Aoibheann Ní Coigligh  
 Oifigeach Cultúrtha agus Teanga CLG Lú



## Louth GAA Children's Office 2024 Report

In the first month of 2024, Louth County Board Ratified County Children's Committee in line with national policy. The purpose of this committee is to assist the County Children's officer with the implementation of the GAA Code of Behaviour, when working with underage or vulnerable players, including setting up and running training nights to educate various clubs on this code.

The committee for 2024 were as follows

Chairperson Tony Melia Children's Officer

Louth GAA Chairperson Sean McClean (DLP)

Louth GAA Secretary: Bob Doheny

Louth GAA Assistant secretary Dermot Clarke

Coiste Iomama - Jim Cussen

An Bord Peil Mionuir – Kevin Gordon.

Assistant Referees Administrator - Peter Bannon.

Óg Sport - Mairead Monahan

Also, on as per official guidelines we ratified the 'Code of Best Practice Hearings Committee' the committee consists of the following members.

Louth GAA – Declan Byrne – O'Connell's

Louth Camogie Association - Eileen Moynagh – St Annes Camogie club

Louth LGFA – Johann Fedigan – Hunterstown Rover's

Renewing Safeguarding certificates

Safeguarding training requires renewal every 3 years unless specified below.

N.B .If you do not hold a \*valid safeguarding training certificate, you cannot continue in your role until you refresh your training.

The Club & individual are both responsible to ensure that appropriate training has been completed and is valid.

*\*Valid certificate refers to a Gaelic Games certificate issued in respect of attendance at a Child Protection in Sport (Safeguarding 1) programme or the Sport Ireland or Sport NI equivalent certificate or the certificate issued following satisfactory completion of the Gaelic Games Safeguarding 1 Online Refresher programme. All Safeguarding certificates 1,2 and 3, are valid for a maximum of three years*



### Roles that require safeguarding training

<b>Role</b>	Safeguarding 1 Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshop)	Safeguarding 1 E-learning Module (refresher only)	Safeguarding 2 (Children's Officer Workshop)	Safeguarding 3 (Designated Liaison Person Workshop)	Cul Camp Assistant	Referees Workshop
Team Management & Backroom	√	√				
Committee Member	√	√				
Designated Liaison Person/Deputy DLP/ Chairperson	√	√	√ (optional)	√		
Club Children's Officer	√	√	√	√ (optional)		
Staff	√	√				
Mandated Person	√	√		√		
Scor/Cultural	√	√				
Code of Behaviors Hearings Committee	√	√				
First Aiders	√	√				
Other Volunteers	√ (optional)					
Parent	√ (optional)					
Referee						√(when available)
Cul Camp Assistant					√	



## **IMPORTANT APPENDIX 12: from the New Code of Behaviour.**

Gaelic Games Associations' Adult - Child Supervision and Coaching ratios for all age groups, up to and including minor level.

The Gaelic Games adult - child supervision ratio agreement forms part of the Code of Behaviour (Underage) and applies as a minimum ratio to all Club and Camp activities up to and including the minor level grade and to Cumann na mBunscol Gaelic Games activities.

### **Ratios**

- Playing and training activities must abide by a minimum ratio of 2 adults to 10 children, (2:10). This ratio level requires at least one qualified coach and at least one other responsible adult to be present at all times
- Ratios of 2:10 apply to each group of ten children or up to ten children in a group.
- Groups of 10-20 children must have a minimum of 3 adults present at all times.
- Any group that exceeds 20 in number must abide by the minimum ratios as per above.
- The number of coaches and or responsible adults required, will depend on the number of children attending a training session, a camp or game, with consideration also given to the nature of the activity as required and the needs of the children.

### **Coach.**

- Coaches, as a minimum, must have achieved a Foundation level coaching qualification, must be satisfactorily vetted and have attended relevant Child Safeguarding Training .
- Club and Camp Coaches must be in membership of one of the Gaelic Games Associations.
- Coaches must be at least 18 yrs. of age.

### **Responsible adult**

- The responsible adult, i.e. a person over 18 yrs of age, if not a qualified coach, shall be deemed a Supervisor of Children. He/she must also be satisfactorily vetted and must have attended relevant Child Safeguarding Training.
- Club and Camp Supervisors must be in membership of one of the Gaelic Games Associations.
- When appointing a person as a Supervisor or 'responsible adult' to work at underage level Clubs have a responsibility to appoint persons of the highest standards who shall be recognised as role models to work with children.
- Persons appointed as Supervisors of Children shall be obliged to be satisfactorily vetted and must have attended relevant Child Safeguarding Training.



### **Camp and Activity Assistant**

- The role of Camp and Activity Assistant is that of assisting and not coaching or supervising.
- The following applies to a Camp Assistant:
  - Camp/Activity Assistants must be at least 16 yrs. of age
  - Must be vetted by their Association in accordance with the GNVB or AccessNI process.
  - Must complete the Camp Assistant Safeguarding Training Programme or acceptable and equivalent safeguarding training programme if working at camps.

<https://learning.gaa.ie/safeguardingvirtual>

- May choose to attend additional Child Safeguarding training e.g. Safeguarding 1 workshop.
- May not act in a coaching or supervisory role, which are two other distinct roles..

### **Gender requirements**

- Where a team or training group consists of both boys and girls, the supervision and coaching personnel, must also comprise of both male and female personnel.
- In the case of an all-female team, at least one of the adults (coach/supervisor) must be female and similarly in the case of an all-boys team, at least one of the two adults (coach/supervisor) must be male.

I wish to thank the following:

- The GAA's National Children's Officer, Michelle Harte and Kayleen Iwasaki, their office, as always have been readily available on the end of a phone line to assist when needed.
- The children's officers and Juvenile committees of all the clubs within the county. I look forward to working with you all in 2025.
- Louth County Board Chairman Sean McClean who took the role of Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
- The Louth County Board Secretary Bob Doheny who as always provided assistance when needed.
- Louth GAA Operations Manager Francie McMullen
- Code of Best Practice Hearings Committee.
- The County Children's Committee.
- The Louth County Board Treasurer Aidan Berrills the IT Officer Declan Byrne, the PRO Mark Byrne, Steven Yore, Susan McShane and Stephen Murphy.
- Kevin Gordon, Dermot Clarke and the Minor Board Committee.





- Jim Cussen and Coiste Iomana.
- Stephen Murphy Pierce Caherty, Mairead Monahan and the Coaching & Games committee.
- Tutors Stephen O'Connor and Tom Flynn

I would like to offer my congratulations to the Wolfe Tones, Dundalk Gaels, Ardee St Mary's and St Fechins hurling, championship winners in 2024.

I would like to wish all Louth Gaels a Happy Christmas and I look forward to a successful 2025 for all involved with every club within the County.

Is mise le meas,  
 Tony Melia  
 Oifigeach Na Nóg, Coiste Chontae Lú

## **Coiste Iomana Co Lu report for Annual Convention 2024**

### **County Success**

The Louth U17's won the 2024 Celtic Challenge beating Monaghan in a fiercely contested final. This was a great achievement and a lot of credit must go to the players and management for the hours of work put in.

### **Competitions**

The McCreesh U11 competition was held in September with 5 teams participating, Knockbridge won the shield and Na Piarraigh/Blackrock were the winners of the plate. Thanks to Knockbridge for hosting.

The U12 O'Broin Shield competition also took place in September with 5 teams participating, the 'A' Shield final was won by Na Piarraigh/Blackrock, Knockbridge winning the 'B' final. Thanks to St Fechins for hosting.

Four teams competed in the U13 League/Championship.

Knockbridge won both the League and Championship with Na Piarraigh / Blackrock-St Kevins winning the league plate.

The U15 2023 and 2024 competitions have not been completed after a number of efforts to arrange the games.

The U17 championship final was played before our senior hurling final and this was a great platform for both teams to show off their skills, congratulations to St Fechins on winning. We hope that we can provide a similar occasion for the final in 2025.



## **Hurling Resources**

Again. Paddy Lynch is putting in trojan work with the clubs particularly those struggling with coach availability. He will also be coaching in the schools that provide players to the clubs with key focus on those clubs struggling for numbers. There is only so much one man can do and it is a battle just to maintain the status quo never mind increasing numbers or clubs. If hurling is to survive more resources are required and those at the top table are the only people that can assist in this either at County level or putting pressure on those who pull the purse strings.

## **Future Plans**

There is consideration among the clubs to revert back to even age groups for the 2025 season. The primary factor for this consideration is to bridge the year gap that at present prevents players having completed minor competing at adult level. At the moment there is a big danger that many players will be lost with no meaningful competitive hurling available for them. The alternative is to have an u19 competition like Gaelic but I don't think we will get the players committed at that age with college etc and their focus would be more on playing at adult level. It would be good at this stage to get an indication on the plans the Minor Football Board have for their age structures going into 2025.

## **In Conclusion**

I would like to thank the following clubs Dowdallshill, St Fechins, St Brides and St Josephs for making their pitches available for our finals this year. I would like to express my appreciation to Francie McMullen our County Operations Manager, Bob Doheny County Secretary, Peirce Caherty County Games Manager, Stephen Murphy CCC and Kevin Gordon chairperson of Coiste na nOg. The staff in Darver Centre of Excellence, Referrers Administrator David Fedigan and those referrers who help us from outside the county and my Coiste Iomana Chairman Jim Cussen and fellow officers for all their assistance throughout this year.

Also not to be forgotten is Fra Kieran's for his guidance and help this past year.

Is mise

Seamus O'Cuisin  
Cathaoirleach Coiste Iomana Chontae Lú  
Diarmuid O'Cleirigh  
Runai, Coiste Iomana Chontae Lú



## PR & IT Report 2024

A chairde,

As I step away from the role of the Public Relations Officer (P.R.O) of Louth GAA after five years I would like to present to you my report for 2024.

The role of PRO is hugely demanding, time consuming but ultimately very rewarding. The role is ever evolving and has become much bigger than one person. There is much discussion among county PROS as to having a designated assistant PRO role added to county executives, similar to that of chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

### Social Media

Social media plays a massive role in the promotion of our games and other events and activities. We have many new followers on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and due to our success on the field at intercounty level our numbers of followers have grown across all platforms. We have also introduced the Louth GAA App along with Clubforce and this has provided us with a platform for providing News Updates, Ticket Sales and Fundraising Events.

Our numbers of followers have grown throughout the year and are now as follows

Instagram 13,300 followers (up 3000 from last year)

Facebook 23,000 followers (up 2000 from last year)

Twitter 33,000 (up 1000 from last year)

Tiktok 2,400 followers (Up 500 from last year) and 25,000 likes.

I would like to remind all clubs to be aware of dangerous and targeted material being spread on social media. Unfortunately it had to be said at a Co.Board meeting earlier in the year that levels of abuse towards match officials, co.board officials and players had significantly increased. This behaviour is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. I ask all clubs to monitor their members social media use if it is in anyway derogatory towards the association. This unwanted material can and will be followed up by the GAA in Croke Park and if necessary will be followed up on by an Garda Siochana.

### Intercounty Season

I would firstly like to congratulate Ger Brennan and his coaching team on a fantastic year all round. Securing Division 2 safety, reaching a Leinster Final and reaching the Quarter Final of the All Ireland Series was a fantastic achievement. Ger has been a pleasure to work with, organising press conferences prior to games and being very approachable when asked to participate in any PR activities. I would like to wish Ger and his team the very best of luck in the season ahead.

On the hurling front I would also like to congratulate Trevor Hillard and his team on securing Division 3A status, and Nickey Rackard Hurling for 2025. I would also like to commend Peter Fortune, David Stephenson and Paddy Lynch on all they have done to help promote hurling in the county. Hurling needs a designated PRO, who will be available for all games. We as one of the smaller hurling counties in the country also need to be assisted by Croke Park and the fixture makers by playing games at different times and days to our football fixtures. I would like to wish them well in 2025.

I would also like to congratulate Fergal Reel of the U20s and Johnny Clerkin from our U17s on fantastic season. I would like to thank them again for being very approachable throughout the season and wish them well in 2025.



### Club Season

Firstly I would like to congratulate Ardee St.Marys, Dundalk Gaels,Wolfe Tones and St.Fechins on winning their respective championships this season.

Our club championship season ran off very smoothly and I must thank Francie McMullen, Stephen Murphy and Sean Carroll for ensuring fixtures, venues and ticketing ran without a hitch.

I would like to thank all clubs for providing team lists on time and ensuring all teams lined out as per programme. Many thanks to Jason Hoey in Darver for printing programmes for all group games and games leading to the finals. To those teams who competed in the county finals again I thank you for providing me with the information needed to produce a match day programme. To Jolene in Anglo Printers your assistance was greatly appreciated in compiling all the information and helped produce fantastic publications for all finals.

Louth GAA are now going into their final year with streaming partner Clubber and there service has been an excellent addition to our club games.I would like to thank Mark in Clubber with whom I have liased with on a very regular basis providing team information and graphics. I think this year has been a wonderful success and their professional service has been a wonderful addition to Louth GAA.

### Local Media

We have continued to have a good working relationship with local newspapers and local radio station LMFM. I would like to thank them for all the work they do in promoting Louth GAA. We hope this positive working relationship continues in the future. I would also like to thank Ciaran Culligan, Joey Afonso and Elisha McGuinness for his photographs throughout the year which have kept websites and social media full of content.

I would like to thank Clodagh McClean, Grace Cullen, Stephen Yore, Susan McShane, Stephen Murphy and juvenile chairperson Kevin Gordon for their work throughout the year. They have provided me with much needed assistance on match days when one person simply isnt enough to complete all tasks that are needed. Also to John Haughney in Leinsterand Alan Milton who was always at the end of the phone when a concern or question needed answering.

Finally, I would like to thank all in Louth Co.Board who I have worked with over the last years but particularly, Francie McMullen, Bob Doheny, Sean McClean and Peter Fitzpatrick with whom I have had a fantastic working relationship with. I have whole heartedly enjoyed my five years in this role. It has allowed me see venues, games and players in action at very close quarters, the sort of access I have never previously experienced. To all the club PROS, it has been a pleasure to work with you and it is fantastic to see all the exceptional work being done at club level to promote our wonderful games.

I would like to wish all incoming officers the best of luck in their roles and hope to see progress on our stadium in the not too distant future.

I do hope I have left the position of PRO in a good place and with many good people still around I can only see it going from strength to strength. I am always at the end of the phone if help is ever needed.

I would also like to acknowledge my wife Carmel, children Senan and Paidi for allowing me the time and space to fulfil these duties over the last 5 years to the very best of my ability.

I would like to wish all committee members, delegates here tonight and their families and all clubs a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Is mise,

Marc O'Broin, PRO Coiste Contae Lú



## **Ard-Chomhairle – 2024**

### **February**

Members appointed by An Coiste Bainistíochta to the Central Competitions Control Committee, the Development Competitions Control Committee, the Central Hearings Committee, and the Central Appeals Committee were noted. Members were appointed to the Central Hearings Committee and the Central Appeals Committee as recommended by An Coiste Bainistíochta.

The implementation date of Motion 5 was deferred until 1ú Eanáir 2025

The implementation date of Motion 26 was brought forward to 26ú Feabhra 2024

### **Central Referee Appointments Committee 2024-2027**

Gearóid Ó Riain (Tiobraid Árann) was appointed as chairperson of the Central Referees Appointment Committee and Seán Ó Duibheannaigh (National Referees Committee) was appointed as a member pursuant to Rule 3.49 (ar mholadh P. Ó Foghlú (Luimneach) agus T.Ní Cheinneide (Iontaobhaí). Both appointments were made on behalf of An Coiste Bainistíochta on foot of recommendations from the Nominations Committee. It was noted that Brian Ó Cearúil (CCCC Chairperson) was an ex-officio member.

### *The National Referee Development Committee 2024-2027*

The following members were appointed to the National Referee Development Committee (ar mholadh T. MaMathúna (Fear Manach) agus T. Ó Fiach (Iar Mhí) ag cuidiu leis: Peadar Ó Finneagáin (Corciagh); Muiris Ó Duíginn (Laois); Roibeard Ó Duchonna (An Lú); Stiofán Ó Donghaile (Tír Eoghain); Siobhán Uí hAonasa (Nua Eabhrach); Conchur Ó hÓgain (Tiobraid Árann) agus Barra Ó Ceallaigh (Iar Mhí)

### **March**

#### **Cursáí Airgeadais:**

A financial overview of the 2024 year-to-date results was delivered and a full year consolidated surplus of €2.5m was forecasted. The Allianz league revenues to the 17th March were marginally down on 2023 by 1.9% with attendances down 12.9%. Discounted ticketing for GAA members will be trialled for the upcoming Allianz League Finals via Foireann.

### **April**

Based on a recommendation from the Rules Advisory Committee having consulted with the Development CCCC, Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach was granted Deviation from Rule 6.11 – Age Grades Inter County-Minor U-17 - to allow six players born in 2009 to play on the 2024 Celtic Challenge team

### **Football Review Committee**

Séamus Ó Gabháin, Chairperson of the Football Review Committee presented the committee's Terms of Reference, Plan of Action and proposed timelines; see Appendix 1 for details.

### **May**

B. Ó hEairil (Tír Eoghain) suggested that it be put to the floor that any surplus money arising from hosting Rugby/Soccer games in Croke Park be ringfenced for Club development. The Ard Stiúrthóir advised that such a proposal needed to be considered by the Finance Committee and An Coiste Bainistíochta. It was put to the floor, and the majority of delegates favoured the proposal.



## **2024 Allianz League Accounts**

G. Ó Maoilriain reported on a number of factors that potentially contributed to the Allianz Leagues gate income being down 7% on 2023. These included 2024 match pairings and the inclement weather across March and April. Overall attendances were back in line with 2022 and 2019 at 602k. He reported that the increased rate of travel grants to counties had resulted in a reduced pool distribution; the minimum distribution to a dual county for 2024 was €45k. He explained in detail how the league gate income is collected and dispersed. The 2024 Allianz League Accounts were approved

## **June**

Detailed debate pursued during which it was noted that Féile na nGael would be hosted by Coiste Contae Loch Garman on Saturday, 22nd June; the same day as the Hurling Quarter-Final between An Clár and Loch Garman is scheduled to be played causing issues for volunteers and officers. It was noted that the teams participating in the Tailteann Cup had travel/hotel arrangements in place in advance and players had arranged personal commitments around the pre-agreed fixtures schedule. Great emphasis was placed on the promotion of hurling during the debate.

After numerous contributions were made to both sides of the argument, the Uachtarán called for a vote; he thanked the delegates for contributing to the debate.

B. Ó hÉarail (Tír Eoghain) sought clarification regarding a communication which had been circulated regarding an increase of €5m in club grants for 2025 and a ticket price increase.

He questioned how the increase in club grants from €4.5m to €5m in 2025 could be known at this stage. He argued that the decision to allocate surplus monies arising from the hosting of rugby/soccer games in Croke Park should positively impact the club grants allocation. The Ard Stiúrthóir explained that the 2025 budget was not available as yet but that the club grant increase of €5m for 2025 had been previously agreed in line with the strategic plan.

The Ard Stiúrthóir also confirmed that An Coiste Bainistíochta had taken the decision to increase ticket prices in December 2023, but the decision had not been publicly announced until a marketing plan was ready.

## **September**

T. Ó Raghallaigh explained that the warmup show aimed to attract supporters into the stadium earlier and to provide them with enhanced entertainment. He compared 2024 with 2023 in terms of attendance figures from 1.15pm to 3pm which showed that supporters arrived earlier to the stadium. He noted that a suitable curtain raiser had yet to be identified. A number of members congratulated the workgroup on its achievements but reported that the quality of sound in the stands had been extremely poor

M. MacGiolla Rua (Gaillimh) congratulated Ard Mhacha on winning the All-Ireland Football Championship and M. Ó Siocháin (Corcaigh) congratulated An Clár on winning the All-Ireland Hurling Championship.

## **Football Review Committee Progress Report**

The following members of the Football Review Committee: Séamus Ó Gabháin (Cathaoirleach), Malachy Ó Ruairc, Alec MacUilín, Colm Mac an Fhailghigh agus Eamonn MacMuiris were welcomed by the Uachtarán. S. Ó Gabháin presented a detailed report on progress to date and answered questions posed by the members; see Appendix 4 for details. The Uachtarán complimented the committee on its diligence and enthusiasm.



## Coiste Éisteactacha Chontae Lú | Louth Hearings Committee Annual Report 2024

The Louth Hearings Committee for 2024 was:

Cathaoirleach : Michael Boylan, Runaí: Gerry Stewart ; John Kieran ( Legal ) Joe Whyte, Ronan Lynch, Gerard O'Hare, Dermot Plunke , Paddy Clarke, Pdraig Califf, Shane Darcy, Thomas McQuillan, Tom Dooley.

The Committee began the year dealing with hearings in relation to the transfer of players in accordance with Rule 6.4 T.O 2024 and the relevant bye laws.

These Hearings took place on 19th February where a total of five hearings were heard.

In summary the decision of the CCC regards two of the cases was upheld on the basis that there was no infringement or misapplication on of rule by the CCC and that the CCC afforded all parties a fair hearing and in relation on to three of the cases the committee referred to the CCC for re-processing.

As the playing season got under way in February, the first Hearings request took place in May arising from disciplinary reports, seven cases were heard in May, three in July, one in August , six in September (with one taken to Leinster), and one in October.

A total of 18 cases were heard in 2024 (with one outstanding at the time of writing). This compares to 26 in 2023 and 10 cases in 2022.

One request for a hearing was ruled out of order due to been outside the agreed time frame for submission.

The majority of the cases were held face to face, but when necessary were held on-line.

The one appeal to Leinster Council, resulted in Leinster council ruling in favor of the hearings committee citing no rules or codes were infringed or misapplied.

Disciplinary incidents included:

- Striking or attempting to strike with arm, elbow, hand or knee with minimal force.
- Abusive language towards a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official.
- Contributing to a melee.

All hearings were heard in accordance with T.O. 2024 16.1.

Most cases related to decisions arising from referees' reports and relied upon the provision of the Hearings Committee as to what the defendants considered compelling evidence to contradict a referee's report in accordance with Rule 16.1 (aa) (vi) extract below.

"A Referee's Report, including any Clarification thereto, shall be presumed to be correct in all factual matters and may only be rebutted where unedited video or other compelling evidence contradicts it."

The Hearings Committee adjudicated on all cases in accordance with the rules as laid down in T.O 2024 and specifically applied Rule 16.1 on decisions considering the evidence as presented in all cases:



(bb) The Hearings Committee has the final power to determine all matters of fact and all sources of evidence submitted to the Hearing shall be considered. An Infraction shall be treated as proved if, in the opinion of the Hearings Committee, the Infraction alleged is more likely to have occurred than not to have occurred.

(cc) Where the Infraction alleged is proven to the satisfaction of a Hearings Committee, the Hearings Committee shall be entitled to impose such penalties as it deems fit, subject to Rule, and with due regard, where appropriate, to Rules 7.2(b) and (c) (as these relate to 'Repeat Infraction') and/ or 7.5(b), and without being bound in any respect by the terms of the Proposed Penalty.

(dd) Subject to the Rules of Evidence above, the Hearings Committee may make a finding that the facts proven disclose an infraction but either:

(i) One less serious than that alleged in the Notice of Disciplinary Action

or

(ii) One that differs from that alleged in the Notice of Disciplinary Action but is in the same Category of Infraction. And may make a decision accordingly.

The Hearings Committee would like to thank the players, the CCC (notably Secretary Stephen Murphy and Chairperson Sean Carroll), the referees, the County Board, the videographers, the clubs (and their officers) for their courtesy and cooperation over the past year.

In my capacity as Secretary, I wish to thank the all-committee members of the Hearings Committee, for their work, often at short notice over the past year.

My thanks too to Bernard Smith in Croke Park for his guidance throughout the year.

Thank you all again for your help over the year and we wish the conventi on every success.

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Gearoid Stiobhard (Gerry Stewart)

Runaí( Secretary)

Coiste Eisteachta

Chontae Lú







## Safety & Facilities Officer Report 2024

Safety & Facilities Committee (Coiste Sábháilteachta & Saoráidí)

The Role of the Safety and Facilities Officer and Committee is to provide advice and support to clubs on best practice in several key areas including Ground Health & Safety, the Protection of Association Property (including title), Trusteeship, Insurances and the development of Grounds and Facilities (including funding available for these developments). If any club has any queries or issues regarding Health & Safety, Protection of Association Property, Trusteeship, Insurances or the development of Grounds and Facilities please do not hesitate to contact Colm on [safetyandfacilities.louth@gaa.ie](mailto:safetyandfacilities.louth@gaa.ie) or 087 9793339.

The Safety and Facilities Officer is Colm Holmes and the current committee consists of David Hearty, Pdraig Fallon, Pat Toner Bob Doheny and Aidan Berrills where collectively they are familiar with all aspects of the role.

Over the last year we have worked with Leinster council in relation to acquisition of property and grant applications where we have helped in the preparation of paperwork and applications for a number of clubs all I hope are happy with the outcome. We have also helped in carrying out safety audits for some clubs around the country.

We have been also been working hard on some grant applications for the Centre of Excellence in Darver where we are planning some major works, energy upgrades, new dressing rooms with ball wall and spectator stand. While some of these will require grant aid, we are about to move forward with energy upgrades to the entire facility.

This includes replacement of the floodlighting with LED to all 6 pitches, replacement of all light fitting in clubrooms to low energy lighting, installation of 500m<sup>2</sup> of PV Panels, battery storage, upgrade of ESB supply, insulation upgrades to clubrooms and replacement of the current heating system with Heat Pumps. As you can imagine this is a huge undertaking and with the help, guidance and expertise of the committee and Francie McMullen, we plan to commence this development in the coming weeks.

Earlier this year we arranged and run a Stewarding course for all clubs in the county. We were delighted with the uptake where we trained and certified over 50 GAA stewards for the next 3 years. If there is sufficient interest, we can arrange further training to enhance our steward numbers.

As Event Controller all our inter county matches in 2024 I would like to thank all those helped in anyway over the year with these matches. Especially to our stewards who are always there for us, Mickey Rooney of Ardee St Mary's and Gemma Woods of Inniskeen Grattans who helped with our national league matches and to Brian Caffrey of St Geraldines who hosted our Minor and Senior football finals.

So, to finish off can I thank the management committee and my own club St Patricks GFC for their help during the year, the GAA community are truly a great group of people who are only willing to help once asked. Thank you also to each and every club for all their help when asked.

Is mise,

Colm Holmes



## Planning and training report

The GAA Planning & Training Forum took place in Sept 2024 and included :

- A review & summary of Club Officer training highlighting current availability in the following areas ----- Preparation for AGM / Role handover / Foireann
- A review & summary of upcoming training availability in the new year in the areas of ---Role Induction / Club Executive Training and other relevant hot topics
- Club accreditation is due to launch in the coming months / Club Compass Programme –leading your club to the next level. Why have Club Compass ? -----encourages better planning / promotes a rounded approach to club development / improves governance standards / lightens workload / enables evidence – based decisions / recognizes good practice
- Volunteer Survey & Focus Groups

Survey completed by 1300 people / 5 regional focus groups formed / data analysis on survey ongoing through SETU Waterford / interim reports of findings are available / presentation on findings made to Central Council and priorities and actions to be determined.

- One Club Research

1. Research started to understand the lived experiences of those operating under the ONE CLUB model
2. Focus groups will be organised to gather feedback from 75 clubs
3. Cross – association project led by Ulster University.
4. Recommendations to be formulated for the integration project and enhanced ONE CLUB guidelines.

- Succession Planning

What is it ?

1. Being able to identify and develop new leaders who can step into the relevant role should one become available.
2. Ensuring that if particular personnel were no longer involved that the unit will not be left with a void but will have someone capable & willing to step into the role
3. It will allow particular units to review their current status and plan for where they would ideally like to be in the future.

Padraig Mac Domhnaill  
Planning & Training officer.



## Sponsorship & Fundraising 2024

2024 was strong year on the sponsorship and fundraising front. As always we cannot achieve the success on the field without the support of these initiatives.

We welcomed a number of new sponsors on board in 2024 with Uniquely supporting us as a new corporate partner, Anglo Print kindly sponsored the U19 league & championship, Wuxi Biological joined us as sponsors of our walkway in Darver. 2024 seen a change in sponsor for our leagues as we welcomed the support of John O'Neill Sand and Gravel. 2024 also seen renewal of sponsorship agreements with Dundalk Credit Union and Blackstone Motors. We must extend a massive go raibh maith agat to both our new and existing sponsors who have and continue to support the efforts of Louth GAA over the years.

On the Fundraising front 2024 seen the return of the “Wee County Goes Racing” our first Louth GAA race day in nearly 20 years, the event was a massive success with over 700 gales enjoying a day of fun and laughter while raising vital funds for our county coffers. We are delighted to confirm that we plan a return of this event on the calendar in Oct 2025.

go raibh maith agat

Daimien Mac Cana

Leas Cisteoir



Louth Senior Hurling Team - 2024



## Louth Post-Primary Schools Report 2023/24

As always, it was another busy year for schools on the footballing front. We, as always, are extremely appreciative to all those involved for ensuring that games were played in a timely manner with good co-operation and communication between the competing schools. Thank you to every teacher who gives up their time freely to ensure all children have the opportunity to play Gaelic football in each competing school. Additionally, the school principals and boards of management deserve a mention as they permit schools to enter competitions and provide substitution cover, within their tight budgets, which allows the teachers attend the matches.

Colin Heaphey from Scoil Ui Mhuirí, Dunleer is currently in the third year in the role of chairman while Paul Gallagher from St Mary's College, Dundalk serves as secretary, his second year in the role for the group. The changes made last year in the timing and scheduling of some of the competitions has improved the cohesion with club fixtures and hopefully moving forward the consultation and collaboration with the minor board will continue.

### **1st Year football**

You may have recalled from last year's report that a regular schedule of playing opportunities was not rolled out in 22-23 due to various mitigating factors. This year Louth Coaching & Games have put in place a number of blitz and tournament days running monthly from September to May. The format of these varies from non-competitive small-sided blitzes up to competitive 15-a-side matches against the other Louth schools as well as an invitational day when schools from across Leinster & Ulster also attend.

These 7-a-side blitzes provide a great opportunity for the new intake of pupils in each school to mingle and make friends outside the classroom environment. Additionally, the format allows schools, depending on their numbers, ensure all those interested in playing get gametime by bringing several teams. The 15-a-side tournaments then prepares the lads for the full-size game format played at a more competitive level.

### **Moore Cup & Shield (2nd year competition)**

The Moore competitions took place between February & April with 7 teams competing in the cup and 5 in the shield. Some schools had teams competing in both tournaments. Each team played 4 group games before the knock-out stages.

### **Flood Cup & Shield (Under-16.5)**

The Flood competitions took place between November & February with 8 teams taking part in the cup and 5 in the shield. The Cup consisted of two groups of 4 with the top team in each group progressing to semi while second and third in each group played off in quarter finals. The shield was played in a round robin format of 4 games each with the top two teams progressing straight to the final.

### **Lennon Cup & Shield (Under-19)**

This year's Lennon cup competition has reached the final as this report is written. The competition runs over a longer period from September to December to allow flexibility around colliding club fixtures, Leinster competitions and schools' other events. 11 teams took part in this year's competition, starting off with three groups. At the knockout stage the competition broke into the Shield and Cup. This year DKIT has kindly committed to host the event on Wednesday 11th December. The cup final is between reigning champions Ardee Community School who take on De la Salle Dundalk at 7pm preceded by the meeting of Colaiste Rís and their neighbours The Marist at 5pm.



In addition to competing in the Louth schools' competitions many of our schools also compete in the Leinster competitions so we applaud them for their efforts in their respective competitions.

We are aware that there is a motion in place to revert under-age football to U-18, U-16 & U-14 as the primary age groups. We would support this as we see many young footballers play less football in their final year of school as they are not ready to progress to adult football and another year at underage would greatly aid their development. There are always some who can make the step up but offering those late developers the opportunity to play for another year underage, especially when still at school, can only benefit everybody in the long term.

Finally we show our gratitude to the many people who assist the schools in the running of the various competitions and games; thank you to David Fedigan in helping to appoint the referees for all games; to those referees, who without, we would have no games, to the clubs who permit us to play matches on their fields, to Stephen Murphy who updates fixtures & results on the Louth GAA website, to Pierce Caherty and the Louth C & G staff for their support throughout the year and to Jason Hoey and his team in Darver, who facilitate the majority of matches and always have the pitches in top condition no matter what time of year it is. Thank you to all.

It is really evident that interest from pupils in all things Louth has continued to increase year on year around all schools in the county. The success of our senior team and the increased effort put in at minor and development squad level has increase the desire of our young sports stars to strive too be a part of the Louth footballing family and long may that continue!!

Below is a list of the finalist in all competitions.

2023-24 winners

Lennon Cup – Ardee Community School defeated St Mary's College, Marist, Dundalk.

Lennon Shield – Coláiste Rís, Dundalk defeated St Oliver's Community College, Drogheda

Flood Cup – Ardee Community School defeated Bush Post Primary School

Flood Shield – Scoil Ui Mhuirí, Dunleer defeated Ardee Community School

Moore Cup – St. Mary's Diocesan School, Drogheda defeated Ardee Community School

Moore Shield - Ballymakenny College, Drogheda defeated Scoil Ui Mhuirí, Dunleer

*Thank you*

*Louth Post Primary Committee.*



## Coiste Liathroid Laimhe An Lu

Looking back on 2024 Louth handball enjoyed a relatively active season on and off the courts in both adult and juvenile Leinster championships, and also county players participating in two very successful World Handball Championships events in Wall-Ball which ran for a full week in September at Limerick University Arena, and six weeks later during October/November the 4 wall World championships were staged in 23 venues spread over Kilkenny, Wexford, Laois, Kildare, Carlow, Wicklow and Dublin Croke Park National Handball Centre over a period of 9 days in grades ranging from u11 to over 75s, also taking into consideration that GAA Handball celebrated its Centenary year during 2024 handball season.

### Leinster 4 wall championships

The Leinster 4 wall adult championships commenced in early January both Millmount Handball Club and O'Raghallaighs club had entries in their respective grades in singles and doubles events. Millmount clubmen Charlie and John Kelly were drawn against Westmeath's John Warde and Philip Clarke in the Ruby Masters A doubles at Kells handball club and they played consistent handball on the night to take the tie on a score of 21-10, 10-21, 11-5.

Their semifinal match played at Leixlip against Johnny Brennan and Joe Hennessy from Kilkenny unfortunately ended in defeat for the Louth on the score of 21-6 21-12. In the 4 wall singles Charlie Kelly was defeated by Gerry McGrath from Kildare in two straight games 21-19, 21-19 in a very tight exciting encounter at St Brigid's handball club in Dublin, also at the same venue John Kelly endured defeat in his singles match when he was defeated by John Warde from Westmeath in a very hard-fought game 21-16, 21-12.

O'Raghallaighs clubmen Stuart Heslin and Billy Caddell had a good first round win over Eoghan Calhoun and Johnny Westlake in the Silver Masters B doubles at Leixlip handball club 21-13, 21-15. They went on to play Colin Redmond and James Stanners from Wexford in the second round at Leixlip and were defeated 21-12, 21-16. In the Silver Masters B singles Stuart Heslin had a remarkable run to lift his first Leinster singles championship title.

On route to his success, he defeated Johnny Westlake from Dublin 21-12, 21-15 at Kells, and received a walkover in the second round from Kilkenny opposition Brendan Hosey. At Ballymore Eustace Stuart defeated David Redmond from Wexford 21-14, 21-13 in the semifinal this set him up for the final against another experienced Wexford player James Stanners who he defeated 21-14, 21-18 in a very tough encounter at the Ballymore Eustace club to lift the singles championship title for Louth.

In the All-Ireland semifinal venue at Croke Park National Handball Centre Stuart put in a very courageous performance on the day and was just narrowly defeated by Joe Boyle from the O Donovan Rossa handball club in the tie breaker 21-17, 12-21, 11-4.

O'Raghallaighs clubman Billy Caddell had a good first round win in the same singles event when he overcame Eoghan Calhoun 20-21, 21-15, 11-1. at Kells, unfortunately Billy had to withdraw from the championships due to injury.

### 60x30 Softball championships

Due to a very tight congested calendar schedule the 60x30 Softball championships began directly after the conclusion of the 4 wall championships. This meant that players had no time to adapt for Softball training or arranging challenge matches.



There were only two entries from Millmount handball club who represented Louth in both singles and doubles Ruby Masters A grade. In the doubles John and Charlie Kelly put in some fine performances during their earlier rounds of the tournament and managed to reach the semifinal stages of the competition. They were drawn against tournament favorites Johnny Brennan and Joe Hennessy from Kilkenny at Ballymore Eustace, after some very good exchanges in the first game Kilkenny were the victors 21-12, in the second game the Louth men played much better with some very good exchanges of play but could not find the form to overcome the experienced Kilkenny pair and lost the second game 21-14.

### **Wall Ball Championships**

There were three county entries for the wall ball championships from the O'Raghallaighs club. In the 40s plus singles grade Billy Caddell had a relatively good run to reach the finals with some good outstanding performances. Billy was up against David Stanners from Wexford in a very tough encounter which produced some excellent passages of play from both players throughout the match, but it was to be the Wexford's man's day after a hard-earned victory. Surprisingly in the 60's singles grade Oliver Mc Guire managed to reach the final and he could not find his form needed to upset his opponent who ran out worthy winner on the day. In the senior singles Ben Devlin could not overcome the determined challenge from young upcoming Kilkenny man Kyle Jordan.

### **Juvenile Cumann na mbunscol + 4 was Irish Nationals**

What an incredible year for young Millmount clubman Lorean Matthews. In early January Lorean represented St Mary's primary school Drogheda in the provincial 4 wall Cumann na Mbunscol at Croke Park National Handball Centre, and in doing so he entered the history book as being the first pupil to represent his school for Handball. The tournament was on a round robin basis consisting of three matches. Throughout the tournament Lorean played fairly good consistent handball over his three matches and just narrowly missed out on qualifying for the National Cumann na mbunscol finals by two aces. Remarkably two days later Lorean was back in action at the same venue Croke Park for the 4 wall Irish Nationals in the under 11's doubles event with M Finnegan from the Kingscourt Handball club, after a series of very successful competitive matches throughout the tournament both players were presented with their medals from GAA Handball President Conor Mc Donnell.

### **Juvenile 4 wall B championship**

During the month of April Millmounts Lorean Matthews was the only county representative in the under 12's Leinster juvenile B singles championships held in Leixlip handball club in Kildare. The tournament was on a round robin basis in which each player having to contest six very competitive handball singles matches throughout the day. After his six matches were played Lorean managed to win 4 games to finish joint third in the group of seven players. The standard and performances from all the juveniles on the day was quite remarkable and in particular for the young Louth representative who can build on the experience gained from a tough enjoyable competition.

### **Juvenile Leinster Wall-Ball championships**

In early July the Leinster juvenile Wall-Ball singles championships commenced. Two Louth representatives from the Millmount handball club entered the competition. In the under 13tns singles Jamie Heading on his County debut travelled to the Ballacolla club in County Laois and was up against some very talented players from Leinster and on the day after two great wins he could not manage to defeat his Kilkenny opponent in the semifinal. Young Lorean Matthews had a relatively good run in the under 12's singles held at St Mary's school in Drogheda after defeating opposition from Kildare and Meath in earlier rounds he was eventually defeated by the number 1 seed James O'Brien from Wexford in the semi final.



### **Juvenile interprovincial Team of 6 Centenary Tournament**

Croke Park National Handball Centre was the venue for the juvenile interprovincial Centenary team of six doubles Tournament. Louth's Lorean Matthews was selected to represent Leinster along with Noah Comisky from Kildare in the under 12's doubles. During a very long day of very tough competitive handball matches against Munster and Ulster opposition both Lorcan and Noah were undefeated in the event in which they amazingly contributed to a marvelous victory for Leinster team on aggregate scores to win the juvenile interprovincial Centenary Tournament.

### **The world Wall-Ball championships**

Limerick University Arena was the venue for the world Wall-Ball championships in August. Lorean Matthews from Millmount handball club teamed up with Lorean O Graidh from the Michael Breachnach handball club in Galway to play in the under 11's doubles event.

Both players enjoyed a magnificent tournament playing consistently during their series of five matches which successfully saw them top the group. Both players were awarded their medals from GAA Handball President Conor Mc Donnell.

### **Four wall World championships**

Six weeks on from the World Wall-Ball championships the eagerly awaited 4 wall championships began on the 26th of October until Sunday 3rd of November. Over the course of the championships 23 handball courts were used throughout Leinster venues Kilkenny 8, Wexford 4, Offaly 1, Wicklow 1, Laois 2, Carlow 3, Kildare 1, Croke Park 3. The grades ranged from u11s to Over 75s in both singles and doubles events.

Continuing on from his success in the Wall-Ball world championship young Lorean Matthews was paired up with Noah Healy from Galway in the under 11's doubles at Croke Park Handball centre. Both Lorean and Noah having just met on the day formed a very successful partnership from their first match with consistent patterns of good understanding team work that continued throughout their 4 matches which earned them top spot as group winners. GAA Handball President Conor Mc Donnell presented Lorean and Noah with their medals.

### **Gaa Handball Ireland host two world championships During 2024 Centenary year**

What an amazing year for GAA Handball during the 2024 season having successfully hosting two world Handball Championships in the Wall-Ball code which was held in Limerick University Arena in August and the 4 wall championships in 23 handball venues spread throughout Leinster. Over 900 entered the Wall-Ball championships with leading players from Ireland, France, Spain, Japan, Belgium, Italy, America, Holland, and England. Wall-Ball has become the fastest growing code internationally. The bumper entry indicates that this event really captured the imagination of the handball community around the world. In the 4 wall World championships code 1675 players entered the tournament a record for a standalone event, with grades ranging from u11 to over 75s. In all 1900 matches were played over the course of the tournament. The first World championships began 60 years ago in 1964 New York. Joey Maher of Louth, an icon of the game, represented Ireland. Three years later in 1967 he became world singles champion.

### **Team Ireland Manager.**

It was with great sense of pride and surprise that we heard that our Millmount clubman John Kelly had been appointed by GAA Handball the position of Team Ireland Manager for the world 4 wall handball championships in October. The hard work involved arranging many trainings sessions at Croke Park Handball Centre, getting all team Ireland players fit and ready for their respective matches over the 9 days of the championships proved to be very successful with seven of the team Ireland players winning boys u15 singles, girls u15 and u17 singles, boys u19 singles, girls u19, singles and the men's senior doubles. This was a great honor and achievement from the Louth man who has done so much for the promotion of handball in Louth.

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John Kelly





# CONCUSSION IN GAELIC GAMES CLUB GUIDANCE

**Concussion is a brain injury which results in a disturbance of brain function and can be caused by DIRECT or INDIRECT contact with a player's head or body. It needs to be taken seriously to protect the long and short-term health of players.**

## COMMON SIGNS/SYMPTOMS

- Headache.
- Dizziness.
- Memory Disturbance.
- Balance Problems.
- Fatigue.
- Vomiting.
- Slurred Speech.
- Feeling "in a fog".
- Just not feeling "right".
- Sensitivity to light or noise.
- Vacant Facial Expression.
- Clutching head.

Loss of consciousness occurs in less than 10% of cases

## TIMELINES

Symptoms can present at anytime, but typically become evident in the first 48 hours following injury.

## REPEAT CONCUSSIONS

Players with a history of two or more concussions within the past year are at greater risk of further brain injury and slower recovery.

## KEY MESSAGE

**RECOGNISE** the signs/symptoms of concussion and **REMOVE** a player displaying any of those signs/symptoms from the game/training session immediately.

**RECOGNISE AND REMOVE!**

More Resources:  
[learning.gaa.ie/concussion](http://learning.gaa.ie/concussion)





## Protection and Prosperity Louth GAA Training Centre, Darver.

It was felt that the centre of excellence in Darver was in need of a makeover and following a request from the Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Sean McClean, Jason Hoey and myself proceeded to identify what was required to tidy up the centre.

- A deep clean of the building was undertaken and now the building is cleaned weekly.
- The downstairs of the building was painted and we are presently in the process of painting the upstairs.
- The windows were cleaned and blinds were replaced and now windows are cleaned every couple of months
- The Car Park was cleaned up and all the rubbish which was lying around was removed and new stone was spread which allowed us more room for parking. This was carried out with the help of our Sponsor John O Neill Sand & Gravel.
- Some improvements were carried to the walk way and more are needed.
- The Floodlights are to be changed to LED bulbs and it is hoped to install a solar system which will eventually power all the floodlighting and heat the building. This will do away with the need for diesel generators. All the lighting in the building will be changed to LED bulbs. This will hopefully will cut the costs of heating and lighting. While this work is been undertaken by an expert committee under Colm Homes we are kept updated on the progress
- Repairs were carried out to the playing fields and this work is ongoing. I would like to thank Aidan Ryan for all his work and expertise in this area

We have also identified the need to clean the outside of the building and insulate the roof. The entrance to the car park needs addressing and also the main entrance to the building. There is also the issue of the artificial pitch which is in place since the centre was opened and is in need of replacing.

It is appreciated that there are substantial costs involved with maintaining the excellent facility that we have in Darver but like any building or facility it needs constant maintenance. With the ever-increasing numbers that are using Darver on a daily basis we want a facility that we can be proud of.

I would like to thank the Finance Committee and my fellow Officers and also, I wish to acknowledge our Main Sponsors Protection & Prosperity and Wuxi who came on board during the year with sponsorship of the walk way.

Special thanks to the workers employed in Darver who keep the facility always looking well and all who assist when there are events taking place. Thanks also to Jason and Colm for all their help.

Pat Toner



## Louth County Bye Laws 2024

1. In accordance with rule 3.11(a) T.O. 2023 the County Convention shall elect the following officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Public Relations Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture. It shall also elect the Central and Provincial Council representatives. It shall appoint the Children's Officer and Planning and Training Officer as recommended by the outgoing Co. Committee. Chairperson and Secretary (unless specified as Committee members in Bye Laws) shall be ex-officio members of all committees and sub committees with the exception of the Hearing Committee.

2. The Treasurer is not subject to the maximum period of office of five years as permitted by R 3.11(b) Exception (2) T.O. 2023.

County Committee (as per R 3.18 T.O. 2023) shall consist of Honorary Presidents as nominated by the Management Committee (who shall attend in a non-voting capacity) the Officers, the Central and Provincial Council Representatives (who shall be ex-officio members), one named representative from each affiliated adult club (R. 3.18 T.O. 2023) and one named representative from each of the County Primary Schools Committee and the County Post Primary Schools Committee. The County Referees' Administrator, County Safety and Facilities Officer, Chairperson of the Minor Football Committee and the County Handball Committee representative shall also be members.

A named member may be represented by proxy. All others, except the Officers, Provincial / Central Council delegates and the Referees' Administrator may appoint proxies.

3. The County Committee shall appoint the following Sub Committees whose functions and responsibilities shall be in each case to be as defined in R 3.18. T.O. 2023 All members of sub-committees shall be named.

- **County Management Committee**

It shall consist of the Officers, Provincial Council Representatives, Central Council representative, Coiste na nÓg Chairperson, Safety and Facilities officer and two named members of the County Committee.

- **County Competitions Control Committee**

It shall consist of a Chairperson, and Secretary nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, County Public Relations Officer, Referees' Administrator (who May only vote on the appointment of Referees') One Fixtures Analyst, County Assistant Treasurer and four named representatives from the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Football Clubs and Hurling Clubs.

- **County Hearings Committee**

It shall consist of a Chairperson and Secretary plus 8 other named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. It is recommended that at least one of the Committee shall have legal experience.

- **County Finance Committee**

The Management Committee shall nominate, for appointment by the County Committee, 6 named members of the Finance Committee.

- **Safety and Facilities Committee.**

Shall have six members including County Safety and Facilities Officer who shall be Chairperson, a Qualified Event Controller. The remaining members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in R. 3.20 (v) T.O. 2023.

- **County Coaching and Games Development Committee**

It shall consist of the Coaching Officer, (who shall serve as Chairperson), County Games Development Manager (who shall serve as Secretary), Children's Officer, a named representative from the Minor Football Committee, a named representative from the Hurling Committee, the Football and Hurling Co-ordinators and a named representative from each of the Primary Schools Committee, Post Primary Schools Committee, and the County Handball Committee.



- **County Cultural Committee**

It shall consist of the Irish Language Officer plus three other named members.

- **County Public Relations/Marketing Committee.**

It shall consist of the County Public Relations Officer plus four other named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

- **County Youth Committee**

It shall consist of the Children's Officer, a named representative of Coiste na nÓg, a named representative of Coiste Iomana plus three other named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee

- **County Referees' Administration Committee**

It shall consist of the Referees Administrator plus six other named members.

- **County Technology Committee**

It shall consist of four named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee

- **County Teams Management and Panels Sub Committee**

This committee must meet at least twice each year and otherwise as required. The Sub-Committee shall discharge this function in the context of the Charter for County Committee/Player relationships approved by Central Council from time to time. Membership of this committee shall be detailed in the said charter.

- **Fixture Analysts**

Two fixture analysts shall be appointed on the nomination of the Management Committee.

- **County Health and Well Being Committee**

It shall consist of six named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

- **Planning and Training Committee** shall consist of five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by The National Officer Development Committee and Club and County Planning Committee.

- **Audit and Risk Committee** shall consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member.

#### 4. Attachment to First Club

A person seeking to become a member of the association shall have an unfettered choice as to which Club he wishes to join.

#### 5. (a) Transfers within County:

R 6.5 T.O. 2023 shall govern Transfer Application within the County.

#### **Permanent Residence**

Permanent Residence for the purposes of these Bye-Laws shall be the address at which the players/members family permanently resides. In the case of a dispute as to the permanent residence of a player/member, the County Competitions Control Committee shall require the player/member to submit such documentary evidence as is considered necessary to satisfy the bona-fides of same. In the case of a transfer this evidence must state their new address and must also be dated 3 months prior to the closing date of his transfer request, which is 15th January annually. Any party aggrieved at the decision may appeal in writing to the County Hearings Committee, within three days of the receipt of notification of the decision.



### **Transfers**

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

Applications for transfers, within the county, shall be submitted on a duly completed official

transfer application form. Applications for transfers must be submitted correctly completed and comply with Louth GAA transfer requirements as per rule 6.5, the form must be signed by the player seeking the transfer.

Players who are requesting a transfer must provide a copy of the transfer form to his present club secretary by email before the transfer deadline date.

Transfer period to apply will be 1st January – 15th January. All transfers must be lodged with the Secretary of the County Committee by 6pm on the 15th January. Forms not fully completed will be ruled out of order.

The County Competitions Control Committee (CCCC), when adjudicating and making its decision on a Transfer Application shall, in addition to the requirements of Rule 6.5:

- (a) Be cognisant of the role played by his current Club, in nurturing and developing the individual Player.
- (b) Be cognisant of the Association's Ethos as recited in Rule 6.1
- (c) Be cognisant of the potential impact of a decision to grant the application on his current Club
- (d) Be cognisant of any observations/submissions put forward by the Member in support of his application.

### **Juvenile Transfers;**

The above Bye laws will also apply to Juvenile transfers, with an additional transfer window available in the first week of April to Juveniles who have experienced a change of permanent change, of their family address.

### **Exception;**

An application for a transfer will be considered and granted in exceptional circumstances where a case involving a Juvenile member has come to the attention of both the County Children's officer and the GAA National Child Welfare officer at any time during the year.

The following Directive is issued by Central Council to Competitions Control Committees (under Rule 3.43(b)):

If a transfer request cites child safeguarding as one of the grounds for the request, that ground should only be considered if there has been a prior complaint in relation to child safeguarding to a Children's Officer – Club, County, Provincial or National.

Where such a complaint has been made, the CCC considering the transfer request shall obtain a report of any investigation carried out by the relevant Children's Officer before considering the Transfer request. If there has been no complaint or investigation, then the Transfer request should be adjudicated upon without reference to child safeguarding.

**(a) Additional:** There shall be an additional transfer window for the underage players (up to and including the U18 grade) where after the above closing date (1st to 15th January), the family of an underage player moves residence permanently from one geographical area into another in such cases the onus of proof of the new residence shall be on the applicant for transfer. In the case of the underage players their permanent residence shall be taken to be their permanent address of their parent(s) guardian(s). This additional transfer window shall be from 1st April to 15th April inclusive.

### **(b) Re-grading:**

The CCC shall process and make recommendations/decisions on applications for grading and regrading of clubs and players annually before the February County Committee meeting in accordance with the Championship Regulations. Appeals against decisions of the CCC under the Bye Law shall be governed by rule 6.20 (b) T.O. 2022. There shall be a second re-grading window for players. This special regrading time window shall apply from 14th May to 20th May.

### **(c) Approvals**

A player from a separate affiliated Football Club may be permitted to play Hurling with a dual club (Football & Hurling) within the County provided that the same is approved by the County Committee. The player must apply to the County Committee on the Official form and this form must be signed by the Secretary of each club. In the event of the Club Secretary not signing the form, the County Committee shall consider the application and make a decision. Applications must be submitted in the period 1st to 15th January inclusive and shall be referred to the Competitions Control Committee for consideration and recommendation, in the first instance.



6. In accordance with R3.19 (I)T.O. 2022 the County Committee shall appoint the following subcommittees whose membership, powers and functions shall be as outlined in these Bye Laws. All members of sub-committees shall be named.

### **Coiste na nÓg**

(a) It shall consist of a Chairperson, two Vice Chairpersons (North and South), Secretary, Assistant Secretary nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, County Treasurer, PRO, and one named representative from each affiliated Minor or Youth Football Club, Primary Schools Committee, Post Primary Schools Committee and the Children's Officer.

(b) It shall organise Minor and Youth Club Football Competitions within the County.

(c) It shall operate in accordance with rule 3.19 T.O. 2022 and under regulations approved by the County Committee. It shall have a Competitions Control Committee nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, consisting of a Chairperson, Secretary and three other named members.

Hearings where prescribed and requested, and all appeals shall be heard by the County Hearings Committee.

### **Primary Schools Committee**

It shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, County Committee Representative, a Hurling Officer, a Camogie Officer and ten other named members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, the County Development officer, the delegates to the Leinster Council and Central Council Primary Schools Committees It shall organise Primary School GAA competitions within the county. It shall have a Competitions Control Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Secretary and 3 other named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. Hearings, where prescribed and requested and appeals shall be heard by the County Hearing Committee.

### **Post Primary Schools Committee**

It shall consist of a named representative from each of the Post Primary schools. A Chairperson, Secretary and delegate to Leinster Schools Committee shall be appointed from among the representatives. It shall organise Post Primary School GAA competitions within the county. It shall have a Competitions Control Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Secretary and 3 other named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. Hearings, where prescribed and requested and appeals shall be heard by the County Hearing Committee.

### **Hurling Committee**

It shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, County Treasurer, PRO, County Committee Delegate, County Children's Officer, and one named representative from each affiliated juvenile hurling club. It shall promote hurling up to and including Minor grade. It shall have a Competitions Control Committee nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Secretary and 3 other named members. Hearings, where prescribed and requested and appeals shall be heard by the County Hearing Committee.

### **Demographics Committee**

It shall be responsible for monitoring the impact of population changes and advising the County on the formation of policies to deal with those changes. It shall liaise with the relevant committees within the Association and with relevant bodies outside the Association in carrying out its functions. It shall consist of at least five members to include the Demographics Officer, who shall act as Chairperson. All other members shall be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

### **County Sub-Committees (excepting Audit and Risk Committee.) General**

(T.O 2023 - 3.19)

(i) The Chairperson of each Sub-Committee shall be selected from the Officers or Members of the County Committee or from other personnel deemed qualified by the County Committee.

(ii) The Chairperson of each Sub-Committee shall present a Progress Report on the work of the Sub-Committee at County Committee meetings.

(iii) All County Sub-Committees shall meet with corresponding Sub-Committees at (a)

Provincial and (b) Club levels, at least once annually, with the higher Committee being the convenor.



- (iv) The Terms of Reference of all Sub-Committees, and job specifications of all Officers shall, upon appointment, be documented and distributed.
- (v) Each Sub-Committee shall submit a written Report to County Convention, to be included on the Convention Agenda.



At a meeting in the Victoria Hotel, Cork on December 27th 1884, the first meeting of the Gaelic Athletic Association following the founding meeting in Thurles, the now famous letter from Most Rev. T.W. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel and Emlly, accepting an invitation to him to become a Patron of the Association was read:

## DR. CROKE'S LETTER

THE PALACE, THURLES,  
18th December, 1884

My Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication inviting me to become a patron of the Gaelic Athletic Association, of which you are, it appears, the Hon. Secretary. I accede to your request with the utmost pleasure.

One of the most painful, let me assure you, and at the same time, one of the most frequently recurring reflections that, as an Irishman I am compelled to make in connection with the present aspect of things in the country is derived from the ugly and irritating fact that we are daily importing from England, not only her manufactured goods, which we cannot help doing since she has practically strangled our own manufacturing appliances, but together with her fashions, her accents, her vicious literature, her music, her dances and her manifold mannerisms, her games, also her pastimes, to the utter discredit of our own grand national sports and to the sore humiliation, and as I believe, of every genuine son and daughter of the old land.

Ball playing, hurling, football-kicking according to Irish rules, 'casting', leaping in various ways, wrestling, hand-grips, toe-pegging, leap-frog, rounders, tip-the-hat, and all such other exercises and amusements, amongst men and boys may now be said to be not only dead and buried, but in several localities to be entirely forgotten and unknown. And what have we got in their stead? We have got such foreign and fantastic field sports as lawn tennis, polo, cricket and the like - very excellent I believe, and health giving exercises in their ways, still not racy of the soil, but rather alien, on the contrary to it, as are, indeed for the most part, the men and women who first imported, and still-continue to patronise them.

And unfortunately, it is not our national sports alone that are held in dishonour and are dying out, but even our most suggestive national celebrations are being gradually effaced and extinguished, one after another as well. Who hears now of snap-apple night, pan-cake night, bon-fire night? They are all things of the past, too vulgar to be spoken of, except in ridicule by the degenerate dandies of the day. No doubt there is something rather pleasing to the eye in the get-up of a modern young man, who arrayed in light attire, with parti-coloured cap on and racquet in hand is making his way, with or without a companion, to the tennis ground. But for my part, I should vastly prefer to behold or to think of, the youthful athletes, whom I used to see in my early days at fair or pattern, bereft of shoes and coat, and thus prepared to play at handball, to fly over any number of horses, to throw the 'sledge' or 'winding-stones' and to test each other's mettle and actively by the trying ordeal of 'threeleaps' or a 'hop, step and jump'.

Indeed if we continue travelling for the next score years in the same direction that we have been going for some time past, condemning the sports that were practised by our fore-fathers, effacing our national features as though we were ashamed of them, and putting on, with England's stuffs and broadcloths, her masher habits and such other effeminate follies as she may recommend, we had better at once, and publicly, abjure our nationality, clap our hands for joy at the sight of the Union Jack, and place 'England's bloody red' exultantly above the green.

Deprecating, as I do, any such dire and disgraceful consumption, and seeing in your society of athletes something altogether opposed to it, I shall be happy to do all for it that I can, and authorise you now formally to place my name on the roll of patrons.

In conclusion, I earnestly hope that our national journals will not disdain in future to give suitable notice of these Irish sports and pastimes which your society means to patronise and promote, and that the masters and pupils of our Irish Colleges will not henceforth exclude from the Athletic programmes such manly exercises as I have referred to and commemorated.

I remain, my dear Sir,  
Your very faithful servant,  
T.W. CROKE,  
Archbishop of Cashel

To MICHAEL CUSACK,  
Hon. Sec. of the GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



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