



# Cumann Lúth-Chleas Gael Coiste Chontae Chorcaí



## Tuarascáil an Rúnaí Cómhdháil Bhliantúil

*Dé Máirt 12ú Nollaig 2023*



# COMHDHÁIL BHLIANTÚIL 2023

The Annual Convention of the Cork County Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association will be held Tuesday, December 12th, 2023.

## CLÁR

1. Miontuairiscí an Comhdhála 2022 (Minutes of Convention 2022 and matters arising)
2. Tuarascáil an Rúnaí (Secretary's Report)
3. Tuairiscí na bhFo-Choistí (County Officer Reports)
4. Tuarascáil an Chisteóra (Treasurer's Report)
5. Óráid an Chathaoirligh (Chairperson's Address)
6. Toghachán - Ceapachan na nOifigeach (Election of Officers)
7. An Rúin (Motions)
8. Aon Ghnó Eile (Any Other Business)

## BUNÓRDAITHE

In order that the proceedings of the Convention be carried out without delay the following Standing Orders will be observed.

1. The proposer of a motion or an amendment thereto may speak for five, but not more than five minutes.
2. A delegate speaking to a resolution or an amendment must not exceed three minutes.
3. The proposer of a resolution or amendment may speak for a second time for five minutes before a vote is taken, but no other delegate may speak for a second time to the same resolution or amendment.
4. The Chairman may at any time he considers a matter sufficiently discussed call on the proposer for a reply, and when this has been given a vote must be taken.
5. A delegate may with the consent of the Chairman move 'that the question now be put' after which, when a proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. Convention shall not be entitled to consider any matter not on the Agenda, except with the consent of a majority comprising two-thirds of the votes of those present, voting and entitled to vote.

# CLUB AFFILIATION AND GAMES 2023

The details on Affiliation and Games are as outlined hereunder:

Number of Affiliations:	255
Number of Independent Minor Teams:	23
	278
<b>Number of Teams:</b>	
Adult (including Under 21)	649
Under Age (Minor downwards)	2967
	3616
<b>Number of Games:</b>	
Adult (including Under 21)	2685
Under Age (Minor downwards)	11320
	14005

These figures exclude Tournaments, Challenge Games, Inter Firm, Second Level Colleges/Schools, and Parish/Street Leagues Competitions, which would represent an estimated further 2,000 matches

Names of Committee	Number of Games Played																				
	Snr	Inter	Jun	Div1	Div2	Div3	Div4	Div5	Div6	Div7	TCC	Jun.	U21	U18	U17	U16	U15	U14	U13	Under 12 & Younger	Total
County Committee C'ship	118	96	130																		344
County Committee Leagues				90	88	85	87	91	55	58	11										565
Duhallow												161	20								181
City												235	27								262
East												276	54								330
Beara												19	3								22
South West												243	26								269
South East												155	20								175
North												201	25								226
Mid												290	21								311
Rebel Og Coiste														143	253	329	366	394	414	224	2123
Rebel Og North														118	170	100	175	38	158	230	989
Rebel Og Mid South														99	147	111	72	160	95	311	995
Rebel Og East														138	223	200	367	398	391	350	2067
Rebel Og West														77	160	80	117	127	142	283	986
Coiste Sciath na Scol N/P																				4160	4160
	118	96	130	90	88	85	87	91	55	58	11	1580	196	575	953	820	1097	1117	1200	5558	14005

# COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2023

Competition	No. of Teams	No. of Games	Winners	Runners-up	Score	Venue	Date	Referee	Relegated
Premier Senior Football	13	27	Gleann Bharracháin	Raonuithe Nemo	0.11 to 0.09	Páirc Uí Chaomh	10/29/2023	Pádraig Ó Drisceoi	Carrag Uí Leighin
Premier Senior Football Divisions/Colleges	6	7	Du Falla	Coláiste na hOiscoil	2.14 to 0.14	Páirc Uí Rinn	8/27/2023	Seamus Riagáin	N/A
Premier Senior Hurling	13	25	Na Sáirséalai	Mainistir na Corann	0.21 to 0.19	Páirc Uí Chaomh	10/15/2023	Ciarán Ó Riagáin	Fanáithe na Ghleanna
Premier Senior Hurling Divisions/Colleges	7	9	Uí Mac Coille	Abhann Dubh	0.25 to 0.20	Páirc Uí Rinn	8/26/2023	Seán Ó Scannláin	N/A
Senior 'A' Football	12	24	Baile Nuis	Na Dubhchonnaigh	0.13 to 0.08	Páirc Uí Chaomh	11/11/2023	Seán Ó Riain	Fanáithe Aithleann
Senior 'A' Hurling	12	26	Baile Nuis	An Bhama	3.17 to 0.24 (Replay)	Páirc Uí Chaomh	10/28/2023	Cathal Mac Alastair	Maghealla
Premier Intermediate Football	12	24	Cill na Martra	Gorma Beanntraí	3.11 to 2.13	Páirc Uí Chaomh	10/29/2023	Cormac Ó Duinní	Na Píarsaigh
Premier Intermediate Hurling	12	24	Gaisleain Uí Liatháin	Cill Uird	0.19 to 0.17	Páirc Uí Chaomh	10/15/2023	Wayne Mac Anrí	Droichead na Bannan
Intermediate 'A' Football	12	24	Achadh Bolg	Baile Misteála	2.13 to 1.15	Páirc Uí Chaomh	11/5/2023	Briain Ó Conaire	Gleann an Phléachain
Intermediate 'A' Hurling	12	24	Achadh Bolg	Mainistir na Corann	3.17 to 2.19	Páirc Uí Chaomh	10/22/2023	Pádraig Ó Mathúna	Dubhglas
Premier Junior Football	12	24	Barra Naofa	Cill Mhuire	3.06 to 1.11	Páirc Uí Chaomh	10/28/2023	Uistín Ó Murchú	Mhíchil Naofa
Premier Junior Hurling	12	24	Rogha Eireann	Naomh Catrionaigh	1.14 to 2.09	Páirc Uí Chaomh	10/14/2023	Aodhán Ó hAoláí	Mainistir Bán
Junior 'A' Football Inter Divisional	8	6	Ceannamhui	Baile na mBocht	4.14 to 1.11	Páirc Uí Rinn	11/26/2023	Liam Ó Sé	N/A
Junior 'A' Hurling Inter Divisional	7	6	Raonuithe Nemo	Fanuithé an Cuan	1.14 to 1.12	Páirc Uí Rinn	11/26/2023	Briain Mac Suibhe	N/A
Junior 'B' Football (Confined)	14	25	Naomh Óilbheir Pluincéad	Baile Featháin	1.10 to 1.09	Páirc Uí Rinn	7/15/2023	Diarmuid Ó Céileachair	N/A
Junior 'B' Hurling (Confined)	10	15	Naomh Óilbheir Pluincéad	Baile na gCloch	2.20 to 0.13	Páirc Uí Rinn	7/22/2023	Niall Ó Fathaigh	N/A
Junior 'B' Football Inter Divisional	8	7	Dubhglas	An Góllin	1.12 to 2.07	Páirc Uí Rinn	12/3/2023	Arthur Ó Murchú	N/A
Junior 'B' Hurling Inter Divisional	7	6	Mainistir Fhéar Muí	Cillíath	4.11 to 1.09	Páirc Uí Rinn	12/3/2023	Gaioimhin Ó Ó Súilleabhain	N/A
Junior 'C' Football (Confined)	10	17	Lios Maghair	Baile na Corra	2.09 to 0.13	Páirc Uí Rinn	7/14/2023	Seán Ó hAragáin	N/A
	199	344							

# TUARASCÁIL AN RÚNAÍ



Any report on the wide and varied activities of Cork GAA over the past twelve months must be prefaced by clear recognition of and indeed tribute to the many individuals who continue to serve our games across several levels. To our players, mentors, officers, officials, staff and supporters we say a sincere thank you. To those who completed terms in 2023, we say a brief goodbye and look forward to welcoming you back to a new role at the earliest opportunity. As usual we are reluctant to mention individual names, as the strength of our association remains in the collective approach and the inclusion of one would simply mean the exclusion of another.

## **County Teams**

### *Senior Football*

A bight start to the Senior footballer's campaign, with victories over Kerry, Clare and Limerick, secured the McGrath Cup in January. A marked improvement in players' fitness was evident, giving a clear confidence boost to all involved. Hopes were high for the opening league fixture at home to Meath in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, but a second-half slump and the concession of three goals over the hour meant defeat (3-14 to 0-19). This upped the stakes significantly for the remainder of the competition.

The spirit of the team was obvious though, just a week later, when they bounced back in travelling to Kildare to claim a deserved 2-14 to 0-7 win. Two weeks later saw the visit of Dublin to Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Again the team continued on an upward curve despite a two-point defeat when a finger-tip save and the woodwork deprived the home side of a last-gasp win. Final score 0-18 to 2-10.

Limerick were the visitors a week later when a 6-18 to 0-12 home-win was secured. Momentum continued with an away win versus Clare a week later on a 3-10 to 1-9 score-line as the team moved to the upper echelons of the table. Unfortunately, so much progress was undone in an away defeat to Louth when a red card and a series of missed goal chances could not be overcome. This result put participation in the Sam Maguire back in jeopardy as hopes of promotion faded. With Derry fielding a weakened team in Páirc Uí Chaoimh in the next game, a mixed performance was rescued by a last-minute goal when a draw was secured (1-14 to 1-14).

With Sam Maguire involvement still not secured, the pressure mounted ahead of the Munster Championship opener versus Clare in Cusack Park. Perhaps the two wins over the same opposition earlier in the year led to the favourites tag being overtly expressed and the team never reached the heights of the League performances. Yet, the pure spirit of the group dragged them to level terms in the closing moments, however a late breakaway point ultimately saw the home team gain a merited victory (0-14 to 0-13).

This defeat now put Sam Maguire participation in doubt for a short period and the group were ultimately left to assess the damage for a full seven weeks without a game before ironically facing fellow survivors Louth in a game played in Tailteann Park. This game marked another D-Day for the team and this time they rose to the occasion when a breath-taking finale led to a 1-19 to 1-17 victory. To see the small but vociferously loyal Cork support rewarded with such an honest win was a just reward for the player's toil to that point.

There was further irony in the next round's opponents Kerry, when a possible trip to Killarney for the Munster Championship was instead replaced by a home game in the Sam Maguire. On this occasion, a 47<sup>th</sup> minute penalty and a sin bin, allowed the visitors emerge victorious on a 1-14 to 0-15 score-line.

Two weeks later Cork faced Mayo in a make-or-break game in Limerick. A good start saw Cork gain a strong foothold throughout and a barnstorming finish secured victory by the necessary 3-point margin to finish second in the group (1-14 to 1-11). Again, the growing confidence of the team and the further engagement with supporters was evident.

The reward was a 'Home' preliminary quarter-final versus Roscommon in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Having relinquished a five-point lead in the closing stages, it was left to Kevin O'Donovan to secure a late point and ensure a second consecutive victory over top-flight opposition (1-14 to 0-16).

Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> saw Cork face Derry in an All Ireland quarter-final at Croke Park. A strong third quarter-performance by the Derry men and wastefulness in front of goal by our own team meant that we were kept at arms-length in a 1-12 to 1-8 defeat.

Ultimately, the season was a positive one with clear progress made. While blemished by a few isolated substandard performances, for example against Meath and Clare, the fact that the side faced high level opposition such as Mayo, Roscommon, Kildare, Kerry, Dublin and Derry (twice) throughout the season and recorded three victories, a draw and three defeats on an average margin of less than three points shows that the team is clearly on an upward curve.

## **Senior Hurling**

The Hurling season opened with the Munster Hurling League when victory over Kerry was followed by one-point victories over Limerick and Tipperary ensuring that the competition was won for the first time since 2017.

The unbeaten run continued with a last-gasp win over Limerick in the National Hurling League on February 4<sup>th</sup> (2-17 to 0-22) in front of a crowd of over 19,000 in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. This was followed by an away win versus Galway on a score-line of 4-24 to 3-22. A common theme across both games was a welcome return to goal scoring. A rather flat performance followed at home to Westmeath a fortnight later when emerging as victors on a 2-21 to 0-21 score-line.

The 100% record was maintained with a 2-14 to 0-18 win against an understrength Wexford side in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, but performances were not improving as the championship season approached. That said, the League group stages were completed with a good away performance against Clare when a draw was secured on a score-line of 2-18 apiece. This left Cork sitting at the top of the table with nine points from a possible ten.

Worryingly, much of the good work throughout the League was undone by a tame exit in the semi-final when defeated 2-22 to 0-22 in Nowlan Park. When Kilkenny themselves were comprehensively beaten by Limerick a fortnight later, some warning signals were now apparent.

Of course, part of the reason for some of the inconsistency throughout the league was the team attempting to transition to a more direct style. As this was clearly to be welcomed, patience was forthcoming from supporters as the work ethic also increased.

The championship began in positive fashion with a clear-cut win over Waterford in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on April 30<sup>th</sup> (0-27 to 0-18), with the visitors clearly showing the effects of an epic battle with Limerick, just seven days previously. That said, Cork had done all that was required on the day.

Just six days later, a lightening start versus Tipperary in Páirc Uí Chaoimh was followed by a period of dominance by the visiting team. The die appeared cast approaching the final quarter, but much as they did throughout the season the team showed a renewed spirit in battling back for a well-deserved draw. While the result looked like a positive for both teams, it left Cork facing two away games versus Clare and Limerick with a requirement to get a result in at least one game.

A fortnight later saw Clare in control for most of the game in Ennis before a stunning comeback saw Cork edge closer as the final whistle approached. A regrettable incident followed by an unjustified throw-in near the finish left the visiting team short of some vital seconds and ultimately time ran out with a 2-22 to 3-18 defeat.

Seven days later saw a trip to the Gaelic Grounds and an epic encounter. In a stark contrast to recent championship encounters between the sides, Cork went toe-to-toe with the All Ireland champions throughout, providing a worthy match in all aspects of the game. Unfortunately, an agonising 3-25 to 1-30 defeat saw us exit the championship in devastating circumstances.

All-in-all, despite failing to emerge from the new Munster championship format for the first time, there were clear signs of progress throughout the season. The team is clearly working harder and a second season for the management will see the game plan develop further, as the successful U20 sides continue to be integrated.

## **U20 Football**

The U20 Football season began with the John Kerins Cup with a draw versus Laois in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on February 11<sup>th</sup> (1-14 to 1-14). This was followed by a defeat away to Galway on a score-line of 1-11 to 0-7. Our interest in the competition ended despite a one point victory over Roscommon in the final group game in Páirc Uí Chaoimh (1-10 to 0-12).

The vagaries of the championship format saw Cork face Limerick in a Munster semi-final for their opening game, emerging victorious on a score-line of 2-14 to 0-6.

This was followed by a disappointing Munster Final defeat to Kerry in Páirc Uí Chaoimh (2-12 to 0-6). On this occasion Cork were rocked by two early goals and never recovered despite battling courageously throughout. While the team did not play to their potential on this occasion, their successors in 2024 will benefit from a more appropriate championship format.



## **U20 Hurling**

The Munster U20 Hurling championship saw Cork emerge from the group stage with an unblemished record with victories over Waterford (1-17 to 1-13), Tipperary (1-28 to 1-19), Clare (1-24 to 0-22) and Limerick (1-19 to 0-21). This was followed by another win over Clare in the Munster Final, on a 1-23 to 0-21 score-line.

It was six wins from six when the Rebels secured the All Ireland title for the third time in four years beating Offaly in Thurles on a score-line of 2-22 to 3-13.

This team combined a rough edge with the expected skill levels as they navigated a highly competitive grade. One hopes that they continued this trend individually as they graduate to the Senior squad.

One unsatisfactory aspect of the U20 Hurling campaign was the constant noise around the availability / eligibility of players. Hence, a motion is now before Convention which will hopefully bring a sense of clarity to this area with a defined 60-hour window being proposed.

## **Minor Football**

The Minor Football campaign began with a quarter-final victory over Kerry in Páirc Uí Chaoimh (2-12 to 0-14), followed by a semi-final win away to Tipperary on a score-line of 5-9 to 1-11.

Defeat was tasted in the Munster Final versus Kerry in Tralee (2-10 to 0-11), when despite drawing level in the third quarter after a period of dominance, missed chances during this period cost the side dearly.

An All Ireland quarter-final followed versus Dublin in Nowlan Park on June 10<sup>th</sup>. On this occasion, a stunning performance for 50 minutes saw Cork well in control. However, some late lapses and a bizarre late refereeing decision lay at the root of a heart-breaking 2-12 to 1-18 defeat.

## **Minor Hurling**

The Minor Hurlers followed their U20 counterparts in emerging from the provincial group stage. A win over Waterford (3-19 to 0-15) was followed by victory over Tipperary (2-12 to 1-8) and defeat to Clare (0-17 to 0-12). An outstanding away win versus Limerick (0-20 to 1-14) in the final game was enough to secure progression.

Clare were clear winners in the Munster Final on a score line of 1-19 to 0-15 on a night when the Cork lads lost nothing in defeat. This was followed by defeat to Galway in the All Ireland quarter-final on a score-line of 3-18 to 1-10 when a battling performance was not enough to prevent a final quarter surge by the Tribesmen putting a big gap between the sides.

Given circumstances which prevailed off the field, these young boys showed bottomless pits of courage throughout the summer and we look forward to seeing them graduate further over the coming years

## The State of Our Games

In advance of any commentary on the current state of both football and hurling it must be first acknowledged that the Senior All Ireland champions in both codes, namely Limerick and Dublin stood head and shoulders above all others and rightfully gained their crowns. Any analysis of the manner in which our games are now played must be separated from their success, as all teams obviously enter the various competitions under the same terms.

That said, one cannot allow the opportunity to pass without making some comment on the current state of Gaelic football. Constant analysis and review by the respective coaching units has led to 'death by percentages' during games. Possession is king, conservatism is rife. Yet to expect any coaching team to just send their team out to play naively is simply counter-intuitive in a must-win environment. Therefore, the focus must be placed upon current playing rules rather than appealing to the ethos of the same coaches from whom we ultimately demand success.

However, it is encouraging to now see an overwhelming desire for change. It is clear that individual contests must be nurtured within our games and that teams must be either rewarded for keeping players in advanced positions or punished for maintaining overtly defensive positioning. We must switch our approach from tinkering around the edges and instead introduce clear, simple, yet dramatic rule changes.

Any of the possible approaches suggested for consideration below are clearly long-since in the public domain and simply require some courage for them to be introduced on an experimental basis. The manner in which they would be introduced is also worth considering, however. It may be a step too far to trial such rule changes in Third Level competitions given the importance of the respective grades and the ground-breaking rule changes required. A period of experimentation in laboratory-like conditions would be required whereby the committee involved would engage with coaching and games development expertise to play out the respective scenarios in a non-competitive environment, before then trialling in a competitive one.

Perhaps the most obvious and simple rule change relates to the role of the goalkeeper. It might be claimed that to limit the functions of any player is a regressive step, however the emergence of the goalkeeper as an extra outfield player combined with the continuous improvement in ball-keeping skills by teams has removed the contest from so much of our games. Preventing the back pass to the goalkeeper is certainly worth considering.

In addition, the bland, uncontested short kick out does absolutely nothing for our games. Yes, there is merit in enforcing kick outs past the 45m line, but we would caution against any such rule without an accompanying requirement being placed on the positioning of players. In order to avoid the obvious outcome of overcrowding underneath the dropping ball under such circumstances, it is essential that the fifteen players take up assigned positions to allow the ball land in a non-congested area, thus ensuring the contest between high fielders which remains a glorious part of our game.

Any rule changes which place an onus on the attacking team or team in possession bring a high degree of risk if not accompanied by a requirement on the defending team in terms of positioning. We would support any change that would encourage teams to kick the ball forward at the earliest opportunity, but must at all times be mindful of counter-productive possibilities in terms of the opposing teams simply sitting back and welcoming the return of possession from a stray kick.

In terms of required positioning, having fifteen players in their regular 1-15 positions for kick outs would be a start and easy to implement. For example, requiring the six forwards and backs and the respective sides to be to maintain three-on-three inside the 20m line and a further three-on-three inside the '45 could be considered. At least this would challenge the fitness levels of the corner forward who wished to plant himself on his own defensive D for the majority of a game.

Such a rule change should be experimented with but may require further elements given how defensive teams have set up over the last few seasons. Most other invasion field sports have some form of offside rule. It appears that the time has now come for Gaelic football to go down the same road with its own distinct version. The calls for a requirement that teams keep three to four players inside the opposition 45m are worth listening to and should be trialled.

Of course, such experimentation would need to be combined with a consultation with referees to avoid the game being dragged into constant decisions in relation to someone's foot being on the wrong side of a line. Only experimentation could confirm its true value. One was worried by this year's County Senior Football final when both teams regularly had three-on-three inside the '45 and yet the collective defensive abilities from their respective teams, combined with modern day fitness levels meant that an eleven-on-eleven stalemate still ensued inside the other '45.

Therefore, a huge task now faces the Association in devising a simple yet dramatic set of rule changes to encourage attacking and creativity with a clear reward for teams that wish to 'speculate to accumulate'. That said, it is hardly an unachievable task, given the overwhelming consensus that we need to increase the number of individual contests as well as the ratio of kicking to hand passing. Limiting the number of outfield players to fourteen by excluding the goalkeeper, ensuring that the kickout goes long to an uncongested area in the centre of the field and restricting the movement of players to limit congestion in the final third would go a long way.

Given the decreasing attention span of all viewers, combined with the increased competition for hearts and minds in terms of sporting options, we simply now have no choice but to support the evolution of Gaelic Football in to a more vibrant, unpredictable and creative version.

While it is common practise nowadays for Gaelic football to be criticised at every opportunity, there appears to be a fear factor around any reasonable analysis of the game of hurling. Given its status as an unparalleled sporting spectacle when played at the highest level, any question around its modern-day characteristics is usually met by accusations of old-fashioned, closeted thinking. "Keep your hands off hurling", they proclaim. And yet any clear analysis would surely indicate that hurling is embracing many of the traits which has led to the decline of Gaelic football as a spectacle.

The obsession with possession and the short passing game has led to many boring encounters in recent seasons. This combined with the ease of scoring from distance have drained the game of so many of its qualities, reducing man-on-combat in the final third. The novelty of the long-range point has long since passed. This tactic is again governed by the percentage-play. Shoot enough times and it will provide a better return than playing a long pass to a sealed-off forward unit.

Stopping the obvious and constant throwing of the sliotar would be a start here, as would penalising of players who take the ball into contact in pursuit of a free, having had prior opportunity to play it. Then, we might consider tackling the sweeper, limiting the scoring zone and reactivating the battle of the square.

Ultimately, it is rather sad that while our players in both codes are more skilled than ever, the modern 'percentage game' seeks to limit the skills on display. Retain and recycle rather than risk. Sit back rather than attack. Therefore, the terms and conditions simply must change. The playing rules must evolve.

## **Continued Professionalisation and Spiralling Costs**

The continued pursuit of excellence at inter county level within an environment where winning is everything has resulted in a clear increase in standards in so many aspects of our games. Our players have never been more skilled, fitter or tactically astute. This is clearly an outcome of the hours of dedication exhausted by the players and their support teams. Cheap shots in relation to the size of backroom teams and the respective merits of the professional personnel involved have little value. These are highly qualified people bringing clear value to our games on a professional basis.

But, therein lies the rub and the inherent shroud of hypocrisy under which we all now function. We demand success from our teams, we require that each inter county manager leaves no stone unturned in the pursuit of victory and yet we rail against the continued professionalism of our games and the unsustainable costs associated with same. And on we go, each county continuing to invest resources that many simply do not have. On the field it is a race to the top, while paradoxically at the same time we all race to the bottom in terms of financial reserves.

As with playing rules changes, correction here must come from a collective, national approach. Efforts by headquarters to implement budgetary controls may face opposition, but must be supported. The dogs on the street know which current GAA policies are or are not abided by in this regard, but which county would realistically choose to put their own team at a disadvantage? The time has come to form a national review group to take an accurate and true perspective of where we now are and bring forward realistic proposals which allow a progressive, yet sustainable approach. Most importantly, this would require totally honest engagement by us all at county level with regard to current custom and practice.

## **The Split Season**

The split season continues to serve the masses despite being maligned for the various ills of the GAA games programme. Of course, no system is perfect, but many of the criticisms of the split season show a degree of amnesia with regard to how the club player was treated previously. While the negatives are constantly highlighted on the airwaves, the silent consensus amongst the membership and playing population is that it was a clear step in the right direction.

Yes, there have been sacrifices, such as the restrictions placed on both county and club calendars, but these are worth making in the pursuit of a fair and balanced programme. A lack of balance may be inherent within the inter-county programme, yet, despite observations to the contrary the inter-county window has sufficient length. Its unbalanced nature simply prevails due to the excessive number of inter-county games. Despite the recommendations of CCCC we continue to retain pre-season competitions and Football League Finals and then all cry foul at the week-on-week activity.

One can only hope that the crammed inter-county programme is resolved not by the lengthening of the window, but by the removal of less meaningful games from the programme. Further reform of the inter-county calendar and further consideration of the positioning of the respective competitions must surely be considered once more.

## **Age Grades and Eligibility**

The past year finally saw some degree of resolution with regard to standardised underage grades at club level. While we continue to assert that a return to U18 at inter-county level is desirable, at least a return to Minor at U18 has been achieved at club level. Obviously, the more desirable outcome in this space would

have been full decoupling from adult competitions. While there was majority support in Cork for this model previously, it was decided to instead pursue a hybrid decoupling model with differentiation between adult grades. This appears to have been the only middle ground to appease the smaller clubs that indicated that the relevant players were required to field adult teams, while the fixtures committees were adamant that a return to U18 without some form of decoupling would be impossible in a dual county of our scale.

## **Club Competitions**

The reformed Club Championship competitions continue to be a major success. Attendances have increased significantly over the past three years and more importantly, all players are guaranteed a high quality programme of games. The closeness of competition was clear from the statistic that all bar one of the eleven county finals played from Premier Junior upwards had an average scoring difference of just two points.

Despite the success of the current formats, we must continue to recognise the pressures placed on dual clubs. While the success of both Newcestown and Aghabullogue in winning double counties was noteworthy, we will continue to strive to find any available gaps in the programme to give a weekend's grace where possible. Our first objective will of course be to preserve the current club window and avoid further congestion. It will also be worthwhile in the coming seasons to review the number of league games in the programme as the group stage championships are now providing significant games activity as the year proceeds

We pay tribute to the teams that emerged victorious from our nineteen County Championships are encouraged by performances at provincial levels. While all are rightfully concerned at the lack of success in the Munster Senior Club Hurling championship over the last decade, we must also acknowledge the success of Castlelyons and St. Catherine's in winning Munster Intermediate and Junior titles last weekend. At the time of writing we look forward to three Cork teams contesting the respective provincial football finals at Senior, Intermediate and Junior level. Best of luck to Castlehaven, Cill na Martra and Kilmurry.

## **Games Development**

The significant increase in national and provincial funding allocated to coaching allowed a major increase in staffing in Cork over the past few months. The appointment of a Head of Games Development was followed by the appointment of fourteen GDCs. This represents a significant increase on the previous staffing level of six GDAs. The new GDC's are currently in training and will be allocated to their regions in the near future, hitting the ground in January.

The increase in staffing will reduce the ratio from one GDA for each twenty-five clubs to one GDC per eleven clubs. The appointment of a Head of Learning will now follow as we seek to continue to improve the quality of coaching a grassroots level. Of course, all of the above staffing is complemented by the previous appointments of a head of high performance and football project manager meaning that by the start of the 2024 season there will be a total of eighteen full time staff employed in coaching in the county. Of course, we are grateful for the continued commitment at national and provincial level to resource coaching in the county and this will continue to be supplemented by our own contribution from local funds.

One key element of the new approach to coaching will be continued visibility on the ground. To this end, a monthly meeting with all clubs in a particular cluster will be hosted by the local GDC. It will be essential that the coaching officer from all clubs would attend such meetings to ensure that all are kept fully up-to-speed on relevant coaching matters. The primary focus of our GDC's for the initial period will be the

promotion of the game at grassroots level with many tasks related to coach education and academies, among other areas, being centralised. The opportunity to put such levels of personnel on the ground should represent the dawn of a new era for coaching in the county and we hope that all clubs and schools will embrace it fully.

## **Schools**

We enjoyed four brilliant weeks of action with Sciath Na Scol in 2023 with an army of boys and girls descending on the Páirc across the spring and autumn periods. This, of course, is a mere snapshot of the wide range of games promotion ongoing in primary schools and we will continue to support in any way possible. We look forward to the schools returning for the parade of champions at a Cork fixture in 2024 and recognise the endless hours of work carried out by teachers in the promotion of our games at primary level.

Likewise, Cork Post Primary Schools oversee a mammoth programme of games at second level and we welcome continued integration of their fixture programme with Rebel Óg. We hope that the increased coaching staff on the ground will also have a positive effect on our games at post primary school level and that additional coaching resources in schools may relieve some of the requirements for development squad activity.

## **Rebel Óg**

Once again Rebel Óg probably oversaw the most significant programme of games nationally in 2023 and the administrative load carried by its respective officers cannot be overstated. We hope that the recent partial decoupling of Minor games from Adult level combined with return to minor at U18 will help them to develop this programme further. The efforts of Rebel Óg to compile such a wide programme of activity in such a concise and clear master plan is duly recognised

## **Integration**

The efforts of the association at national level to pursue integration with Camogie and Ladies Football are noteworthy and we will continue to support in any way possible. However, given the huge success of the One Club model it is now worthwhile to consider steps towards a 'One County' model as we await the required governance changes to allow it at national level. To that end, the support of One Cork is important as it will provide the structure to allow such integration in terms of the sharing of facilities, coaching resources etc.

Indeed, on the recent One Cork trip to the US on which the four codes were represented amongst the travelling party it was heart-warming to see the common ground shared by the respective parties. A draft 'heads of terms' is currently being developed which will be put to the respective organisations in Cork so that a way forward can be considered, sooner rather than later. The Holy Grail that is a centre of excellence with several playing fields available to the four codes will ultimately represent the true embodiment of equal access for all and we will continue to pursue that initiative despite the obvious financial challenges facing the board currently.

## **Governance**

We continue to rely on the support of our Audit and Risk committee as they guide us to a stronger place in terms of strategy and governance. A new strategic plan will emerge in 2024, with best practice now in place across several areas in terms of financial controls and reporting. That said there's still much work to be done to meet the highest levels of strategic endeavour, organisational controls, committee reforms and communication and we look forward to their further advice to that end.

## **Regulations & Bye Laws & Ongoing Reform**

A major body of work was completed in 2023 with the reform of our competition regulations and the alignment of our eight divisional committees. Indeed, our championship regulations have stood the test this year despite the various permutations which emerged from the group stage of our county championships amidst confusion elsewhere with regard to play-off standings. These regulations are tightened even further for 2024 and we are confident that all players no matter their level nor location will have a fair and clear set of regulations to play under.

Our revised County Bye-Laws go to County Convention for approval and we hope that clubs will be in a position to support them. The main element of these reforms is to redraft our laws in a more concise, clear and easy-to-read manner

## **Páirc Uí Chaoimh**

Notwithstanding its financial challenges Páirc Uí Chaoimh stadium continuous to grow and develop. Yet, major challenges which are a legacy of its early growing pains continue to prevail. While issues such as the pitch works and various disputes have been resolved, there remains more to do in other areas. Access and parking at the stadium and the surrounding areas is now reaching crisis point. The pedestrianisation of the Marina has taken place without any due regard for access to the stadium. Indeed, the signage on view there prevents entry to the stadium by car although this is rightfully ignored by most visitors to the stadium as there is simply no other means to access the venue.

While we welcome the wonderful initiatives that the Marina promenade and the Marina Park development represent, there seems to be little recognition that a state-funded, €100m asset on a sporting site which has been in place for over a century requires appropriate access and parking. We repeat recent calls the Cork City Council engage with us at the earliest opportunity to finally resolve issues which now threaten the viability of the stadium.

A positive aspect of the recent period had been in the increase in sale of premium seats at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The number of seats sold has doubled over the last 18 months and a small number of seats now remain. The discounted pricing model based on location has proved a major success and we are indebted to the support team working under One Cork which helped push the recent sales drive.

2024 will see the return of rugby and concerts to the stadium as it seeks to fulfil a municipal agenda. Such high scale and indeed expensive physical assets simply must be utilised at every part possible opportunity and as we do not have access to a sufficient number of games in our own Association, we must look elsewhere at every opportunity. Yes, there may be sacrifices along the way in terms of scheduling, but all commercial opportunities must be strongly considered if we are to continue to financially support our teams in the manner required.

## **Páirc Uí Rinn**

It is widely accepted that Páirc Uí Rinn has served as a key infrastructural unit in our organisation over many decades. It has served as an essential matchday venue, a key training venue for county teams and is a vital support facility for Páirc Uí Chaoimh. However, the current Busconnects proposals now raise a major question mark over its viability as a match venue. The removal of parking Booreenmana Road will simply mean that the stadium cannot facilitate the needs of any competitive fixture in terms of access and parking. Therefore, major decisions will soon arise as we consider the future of the stadium.

## **One Cork**

The One Cork initiative continues to support Cork GAA on many fronts. In 2023, the focus of the group mainly related to the sale of premium seats and various stadium projects. Towards the latter end of the year the approach to connecting with the diaspora was rejuvenated across two trips to the United States during which various supporters' groups were assembled. The latter trip included a host of GAA legends across the four codes and took in Dublin, Boston, New York and San Francisco. Chicago and London will hopefully be added in the near future.

A four-pronged strategy is now in place uniformly across the six cities. Firstly, all initial meetings will incorporate clear information sharing and communication on the current state of Cork GAA. Secondly, this will be followed by a focus on networking and establishing relationships. Thirdly, this will in turn be followed by the establishment of formal committees in the various cities. And finally, only then will the focus switch to fundraising, membership and events. We are extremely grateful to the existing committees, some of whom are in place with many years, and we look forward to playing a bigger part in supporting their work. One Cork Worldwide membership has now been launched for 2024 and details can be found at [gaacork.ie](http://gaacork.ie)

## **Refereeing**

The past year has seen major advances in the organisation of refereeing in the county thanks to the great work of the referees committee. The referee remains the forgotten man of the GAA and it were it not for a small group of dedicated individuals who take up the whistle across all fields each week, we simply could not continue to roll out the significant games programme now in place at all levels.

We were delighted to note the recent awards night and refereeing conference, all of which will help to increase the profile of the referee. The increased profile of individual referees at national level can only be a good thing also and allowing officials to give reasoning and context behind their decisions will help to educate the masses and perhaps reduce the shameful levels of abuse prevalent across the Association. We can only add our support to any recent changes which increased sanctions on those who continue to abuse officials.

## **Discipline & Canvassing**

Once again, we recognise the arduous task faced by hearings committees at various levels. The decrease in cases lost due to technicalities is encouraging and while all players and team officials are obviously entitled to a fair hearing, one hopes that all outcomes are reached based on the merits of each case. Constant rumours of canvassing of hearing committees by clubs are worrying and any members that are susceptible to the same have no place on our committees. When such canvassing of individuals is followed by a positive outcome for the player, irrespective of whether the outcome is correct or not, it paints the



whole process in a poor light. It also leaves other players asking themselves if they should have targeted individuals in advance of their own hearing. Any canvassing of any hearings committee members should be met with the firmest possible penalty available under rule.

## **Rebels' Bounty**

While the introduction of Rebel's Bounty was met with significant opposition in late 2020, this particular fundraising project has certainly proven its merits. Gross revenues of over €8.5m has seen almost €6m rightfully harvested by clubs. Meanwhile, the €1m million accrued by the county board has been essential in returning positive financial results over the last three years. It is encouraging that the format has now been approved by County Committee for a further three years and we hope that the current numbers of 30,000 members can be grown further to ensure a key financial lifeblood of all our clubs be maintained.

## **Rebels Online**

2023 marked a new departure in terms of online streaming of our games with the introduction of Rebels Online. After a successful partnership with the Irish Examiner over the last three seasons, it was decided to bring the rights back in-house in an effort to develop the format further. The partnership with TVM which followed has seen up to almost fifty games streamed at the highest quality. With the model now proven and a clear market established, the focus for 2024 would be on expanding the number of members and increasing profitability.

A false narrative surrounds the availability of club games to broadcasters during to 2023. Both TG4 and RTE retain rights to our club fixtures. TG4 were offered the opportunity to broadcast either / both Senior finals. They chose not to do so and broadcast only one Cork fixture in 2023.

## **Finance & Commercial Performance**

Detailed financial reports are included elsewhere in the convention report. Key results include Cork County Board activities once more generating a healthy surplus of €500,000 (EBITDA) before depreciation of €32,000. A significant jump in commercial income, along with increased returns from Rebels' Bounty contributed to increased revenues. The recent signing of a new 5-year deal with Sports Direct is a major positive in this regard, as is a long-term extension of our partnership with O'Neills. Meanwhile, the return from club gates remained high at close to €1.5m despite a slight drop due a seasonal adjustment in relation to final dates and costs associated with the new streaming model.

Costs associated with inter-county teams increased from €1.614m to €1.995m which reflects the national trend. However, it is worth pointing out that this number includes all six county teams and unlike most counties, reflects and equal investment across both codes.

Meanwhile, the Páirc Uí Chaoimh Stadium Company made a loss of €331,000 (EBITDA) before depreciation of €2.845m, capital grant credit of €1.343m and interest of €0.855m. The lack of concerts during 2023 had a major effect on income and with one concert on the books for 2024, returning to profitability will be a major goal. Crippling energy costs, along with fixed charges such as rates present major obstacles.

Current stadium debt levels, now resting at over €30m, continues to present a major challenge. In this regard a major positive from 2023 was the signing of a 25-year loan agreement with CLG which will allow a more long-term sustainable approach to repaying debt.

Also, the sale of Kilbarry will have a significant effect on current debt levels and it is hopeful that the delays in An Bord Pleanála can be overcome to allow a sale in early 2024. Finally, with a range of new and exciting commercial partnerships about to be announced at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, naming rights remains on the agenda and there are positive signs here also.

### **Finally... Teddy McCarthy (RIP)**

The 2023 season will culminate in fitting style with the tribute to the late Teddy McCarthy in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on December 9<sup>th</sup> when our Senior teams host Meath and Galway in Football and Hurling respectively. This unique occasion will see us host the McCarthy family, the historic double-winning 1990 teams and of course all true Cork supporters who wish to pay tribute to an iconic figure.

Indeed, the occasion is a timely reminder of the historic tapestry of Gaelic Games in the county and the heroes that inspire us all to grow it further in our own small ways. The day will be a reminder of all that once was and still is good about our great sporting county.

Is mise,

Le mór mheas,



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*Caoimhín Ó Donnabháin,*

*Rúnaí / Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin,*

*CLG Coiste Chontae Chorcaí .*

*Kevin O'Donovan,*

*Secretary / CEO,*

*Cork GAA.*

# INTER COUNTY RESULTS

(Cork Scores First)

<b>Senior Hurling</b>				
<b>Canon O' Brien Cup</b>				
Final	1/10/2023	UCC	0.25 to 0.15	Mardyke
<b>Co-Op Munster Hurling League</b>				
R1	1/5/2023	Kerry	2.30 to 2.17	Austin Stack Park, Tralee
R2	1/15/2023	Limerick	0.20 to 1.16	Páirc Uí Rinn
Final	1/22/2023	Tipperary	3.14 to 1.19	Páirc Uí Rinn
<b>National Hurling League</b>				
R1	2/4/2023	Limerick	2.17 to 0.22	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R2	2/12/2023	Galway	4.24 to 3.22	Pearse Stadium, Salthill
R3	2/26/2023	Westmeath	2.21 to 0.21	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R4	3/12/2023	Wexford	2.14 to 0.18	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R5	3/19/2023	Clare	2.18 to 2.18	Cusack Park, Ennis
R6	3/26/2023	Kilkenny	0.22 to 2.22	Nowlan Park, Kilkenny
<b>Munster Senior Championship</b>				
R2	4/30/2023	Waterford	0.27 to 0.18	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R3	5/6/2023	Tipperary	4.19 to 2.25	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R4	5/21/2023	Clare	3.18 to 2.22	Cusack Park, Ennis
R5	5/28/2023	Limerick	1.30 to 3.25	Gaelic Grounds, Limerick
<b>Senior Football</b>				
<b>McGrath Cup</b>				
R1	1/4/2023	Kerry	5.11 to 0.14	Páirc Uí Rinn
R2	1/15/2023	Clare	2.10 to 0.08	Cooraclare
R3	1/20/2023	Limerick	0.19 to 2.07	Mallow
<b>National Football League</b>				
R1	1/29/2023	Meath	0.19 to 3.14	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R2	2/5/2023	Kildare	2.14 to 0.07	St.Conleth's Park, Newbridge
R3	2/19/2023	Dublin	2.10 to 0.18	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R4	2/26/2023	Limerick	6.18 to 0.12	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R5	3/5/2023	Clare	3.10 to 1.09	Cusack Park, Ennis
R6	3/19/2023	Louth	0.10 to 1.10	Ardree
R7	3/26/2023	Derry	1.14 to 1.14	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
<b>Munster Senior Championship</b>				
Q-Final	4/9/2023	Clare	0.14 to 0.13	Cusack Park, Ennis
<b>All-Ireland Senior Championship</b>				
R1	5/27/2023	Louth	1.19 to 1.17	Páirc Tailteann, Navan
R2	6/3/2023	Kerry	1.14 to 0.15	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R3	6/18/2023	Mayo	1.14 to 1.11	Gaelic Grounds, Limerick
Prelim Q-Final	6/24/2026	Roscommon	1.14 to 0.16	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Q-Final	7/2/2026	Derry	1.08 to 1.12	Croke Park

<b>U20 Hurling</b>				
<b>Munster U20 Championship</b>				
R2	3/29/2023	Waterford	1.17 to 1.13	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R3	4/5/2023	Tipperary	1.28 to 1.19	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R4	4/19/2023	Clare	1.24 to 0.22	Cusack Park, Ennis
R5	4/28/2023	Limerick	0.20 to 1.14	Gaelic Grounds, Limerick
Final	5/15/2023	Clare	1.23 to 1.21	Gaelic Grounds, Limerick
<b>All-Ireland U20 Championship</b>				
Final	6/4/2023	Offaly	2.22 to 3.13	Semple Stadium, Thurles
<b>U20 Football</b>				
<b>John Kerins Cup</b>				
R1	2/11/2023	Laois	1.14 to 1.14	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R2	2/18/2023	Galway	0.07 to 1.11	Kinvara
R3	3/4/2023	Roscommon	1.10 to 0.12	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
<b>Munster U20 Championship</b>				
Semi Final	4/17/2023	Limerick	2.14 to 0.06	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Final	4/24/2023	Kerry	1.06 to 2.12	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
<b>Minor Hurling</b>				
<b>Munster Minor Championship</b>				
R2	3/28/2023	Waterford	3.19 to 0.15	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R3	4/4/2023	Tipperary	2.13 to 1.08	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
R4	4/18/2023	Clare	0.12 to 0.18	Sixmilebridge
R5	4/25/2023	Limerick	0.20 to 1.14	Gaelic Grounds, Limerick
Final	5/9/2023	Clare	0.15 to 1.19	Semple Stadium, Thurles
<b>All-Ireland Minor Championship</b>				
Semi Final	20/05/23	Galway	1-10 to 3-18	Semple Stadium, Thurles
<b>Minor Football</b>				
<b>Munster Minor Championship</b>				
Q-Final	5/11/2023	Kerry	2.12 to 0.14	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Semi Final	5/18/2023	Tipperary	5.09 to 1.11	Semple Stadium, Thurles
Final	6/2/2023	Kerry	0.11 to 2.10	Austin Stack Park, Tralee
<b>All-Ireland Minor Championship</b>				
Q-Final	6/10/2023	Dublin	2.12 to 1.18	Nowlan Park, Kilkenny

# COISTÍ

## Coiste Bainistí

### 1.

Marc Ó Siocháin (Cathaoirleach)  
Caoimhín Ó Donnabháin (Rúnaí/ Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin,)  
Padraig Ó hArgáin (Leas Cathaoirleach)  
Diarmuid Mac Gabhann (Cisteoir)  
Proinnsias Ó Chinnfhaolaidh(O.C.P.)  
Nollaig Ó Ceallacháin(Oifigeach Sábháilteachta agus Saoráidí)  
Diarmuid Breatnach (Oifigeach Oiliúna)  
Donal Mac Suibhne(Oifigeach Gaeilge/Cultúr)  
Eoghain Ó Conchúir(Oifigeach Leanaí)  
Risteard Ó Murchú (Oifigeach Pleanála & Sábháilteachta)  
Mícheál O Mathuna (Rebel Óg)  
Seán Ó Donnabháin  
Seán Ó Mathúna  
Tomás Mac Liam  
Deiric Ó Conghaile

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Diarmuid Mac Gabhann  
Proinnsias Ó Cinnfhaolaidh  
Tomas Mac Liam  
Dónal Ó Laighín (Riarthóir)  
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### 3. County Hearings Committee

Liam Ó Rinn (Cathaoirleach)  
Proinnsias Mac Carthaigh Leas-Cathaoirleach)  
Traolach Ó Bradaigh (Rúnaí)  
Seán Ó Motherbhui  
Mícheál Ó Broin  
Roibeard Ó Riain  
Donal Ó Murnáin  
Seán Ó Tuama  
Diarmuid Ó hEochaidh  
Liam Ó hÓidnéid  
Breandán Ó Drisceoil  
Donal Ó Caoimh

### 4. Divisional Hearings Committee

Seán Ó Diolúin(Cathaoirleach)  
Donal Ó Laocha(Rúnaí)  
Seán Ó Crion  
Seán Ó Matharbhui  
Seamus Ó Murchú  
Seamus Ó hÁinle  
Seán Ó Cárthaigh  
Déaglán Breathnach  
Aubert Ó Tuama  
Mícheál Ó Briain  
Proinnsias Ó Longain  
Maire Ní Briain  
Mícheál Ó Laighin

### 5. Rebel Óg Hearings Committee

Seán Puirseil (Cathaoirleach)  
Dónall Ó hÚallaigh (Leas-Cathaoirleach)  
Seamus Ó hEalaíthe(Rúnaí)  
Gearóid Ó Coileáin  
Éadbhard Ó Maolomhnaigh  
Dónall Ó hÉigheartaigh  
Gearóid Ó Buacháin  
Daithi de Barra  
Stiofán Ó Loingsigh  
Nollaig Ó Reannacháin  
Míah Ó Muíneacháin  
Seán Ó Súilleabháin

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Nollaig Ó Ceallacháin(Cathaoirleach)  
Ciarán Mac Cana  
Éamonn Ó Laidí  
Ciarán Ó Leannacháin  
Donal Mac Suibhne  
Risteard Ó Murchú  
Deiric Ó Conghaile

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Diarmuid Breatnach (Cathaoirleach)  
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Rónán Ó Duáin  
Pádraig Ó Cinnaolaidh  
Conchur Ó Cuanacháin  
Eoghan Ó Conchúir

## **8. Coiste Gaeilge agus Chultúrta**

Donal Mac Suibhne,  
Gearóid Ó hEaluighthe  
Mairead Ní Fhaoláin  
Liam Ó Laocha  
Gaibriél Ní Chruaílaoidh  
Diarmuid Ó Dalaigh  
Pádraig Ó Laoire  
Antóin Mac Amhlaoibh  
Mairéad Uí Cadhla  
Tracey Ní Chróinín  
Risteard Ó Murchú

## **9. Coiste Chaidreamh Poiblí**

Proinnsias Ó Chinnfhaolaidh (Cathaoirleach)  
Cian Ó Briain (Runaí)  
Ruairí Ó Riain  
Seán Ó Suipéil  
Míchéal Ó Murchú  
Seosamh Ó Ciniféic  
Caoimhín Ó Murchú  
Toirealach Ó Brádaigh  
Martina Ní Bhroin  
Ruairí Ó Nuanáin  
Ciaran Ó Riogáin  
Eibhlín Ní Chluámháin  
Seán Ó Toráin  
Dónal Ó Laocha  
Seosamh de Bláca  
Gearóid Ó Colmáin  
Fionbarra Mac Cárthaigh  
Ciaran Mac Cana

## **10. Coiste Eolas Teicneolaíochta**

Toirealach Ó Brádaigh(Cathaoirleach)  
Cian Ó Briain  
Proinnsias Ó Chinnfhaolaidh  
Donal Ó Laocha  
Enda Ní Leannacháin  
Seosamh de Bláca  
Sinéad Ní Cuiv  
Ciaran Ó Riogáin  
Ruairí Ó Nuanáin  
Padraig Ó Maolchathaigh

## **11. Coiste na Leanaí**

Máire Ní Cheallaigh  
Imelda Ní Chonaill  
Gearóid Ó hÉilighthe  
Seán Puirséal  
Dónal Ó hUallaigh

## **12. Referees Sub-Committee**

Niall de Baróid (Cathaoirleach)  
Seamus Mac Fhíobhuí  
Colm Ó Liathain  
Diarmuid O Ciarubháin  
Cormaic Ó Duinnín  
Padraig Ó Corca  
Seamus Ó Laighín  
Cathal Ó Murchú  
Seán Ó Donnabháin  
Seán Enright  
Briain Ó Conaire  
Eamon Mac Síthigh  
Dónal Ó Duineacha  
Míah Ó Muíneacháin  
Séamas Ó Deargáin  
Iaroim Ó Briain

## **13. Coiste na nÓg**

Míchéal Ó Mathúna (Cathaoirleach)  
Seagháin Ó Suipéil (Runaí)  
Peadar Mac Uait (Leas Cathaoirleach)  
Stiofán Ó Loingsigh (Leas-Rúnaí)  
Eoghan Ó Conchubhair (Cisteóir)  
Mairtín Ó Briain (Clarathóir)  
Ruairí Ó Núnáin (PRO)  
Seamus Mac Fhiodhbhuaidh (Réiteoir Rúnaí)

#### **14. Rebel Óg Thoir**

Áine Ní Laoire (Cathaoirleach)  
Eoghan Ó Mathúna(Rúnaí)  
Míchéal Mulry (Cisteoir)  
Máirtín Ó Laocha (Clarathoir)  
Michelle Smidí (PRO)

#### **15. Rebel Óg Thiar**

Eamonn Ó hAodha(Cathaoirleach)  
Donal Ó Laocha(Rúnaí)  
Fearghal Ó Ceochain (Leas-Cathaoirleach)  
Bríd de Burca (Leas-Rúnaí)  
Fin Ó Domhnaill (Cisteoir)  
Caoimhín Ó hUaine (Leas-Cisteoir)  
Pádraig Ó Cruaioich (Oifigeach Poiblíochta)  
Diarmuid Ó Riordáin (CCC)  
Antóin Murnain (CCC)  
Colm Ó Ceallacháin (CCC)

#### **16. Rebel Óg Thuaidh**

Ciaran Ó Luinneachain (Cathaoirleach)  
Seán Mac Amhlaoibh(Leas Cathaoirleach)  
Donnacha O Tuama (Rúnaí)  
Pádraig Ó Mathúna (Cisteoir)  
Donal MacGiollanarth (PRO)  
Mícheál Ó Siocháin (Referees Coordinator)  
Myria Nic Gabhann (CCC)  
Daithi Ó Se (CCC)  
Evonne de Roiste(CCC)  
Donncha Ó Geibheannaigh (CCC)

#### **17. Rebel Óg Mid-South**

Gearóid Ó hEalaíthe (Cathaoirleach)  
Mícheál Ó Lordáin(Leas Cathaoirleach)  
Liam Mac Coitir (Rúnaí)  
Seán Ó Braonain (Cisteoir)  
Luc Mac an Ridir (PRO)  
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#### **18. Grading Sub-Committee (Rebel Óg)**

Donal Ó Laocha  
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Eoin Ó Mathúna  
Mícheál Ó Mathúna  
Peadar Mac Uait  
Seagháin Ó Suipéil  
Stiofán Ó Loingsigh

#### **19. Stadium Events Sub-Committee**

Risteard O Murchu  
Leo Ó Leamhna  
Ciaran Ó Luineachain  
Traolach Ó Bradaigh  
Cian Ó Briain  
Iain Ó Floinn

#### **20. Rebels' Bounty Committee**

Marc Ó Siocháin  
Caoimhín Ó Donnabháin  
Padraig Ó hArgáin  
Nollaig Ó Ceallacháin  
Donal Mac Suibhne  
Toirealach Ó Brádaigh  
Risteard Ó Murchú

#### **21. Health & Wellbeing Sub Committee**

Eoghan Ó Conchubhair Cathaoirleach  
Seamus Mac a'Bhuí Rúnaí  
Deasún Ó Cuilleánán  
Eilís Ní Eathairn  
Sinéad Ní Chruaiaíoch  
Diarmuid Lester  
Dr Wesley Ó Briain  
Padraig Ó Dúgáin  
Valerie Ní Chiarba  
Ceith Ricken  
Padraig Ó hArgáin

# An Choiste Bainistí 2023



## **Back Row, left to right.**

Tomás Mac Liam, Seán Ó Mathúna, Deiric Ó Conghaile, Séan Ó Donnabháin, Dónal Mac Suibhne (Oifigeach Gaelige agus Cultúr), Micheál Ó Mathúna (Cathaoirleach Rebel Óg), Eoghan Ó Conchúir (Oifigeach na Leanaí), Risteard Ó Murchú (Oifigeach Pleanála agus Oiliúna), Nollaig Ó Ceallachain (Oifigeach Sáibhálteachta and Saoráidí). Missing from photo, Diarmuid Breathnach (Oifigeach Oiliúna).

## **Front Row, left to right.**

Proinsias Ó Cinnfhaolaidh (Oifigeach Poiblíochta), Diarmuid Mac Gabhann (Cisteoir), Caoimhín Ó Donnabháin (CEO/Runaí), Marc Ó Síocháin (Cathaoirleach), Padraig Ó hArgáin (Leas-Cathaoirleach).



**Padraig Ó hArgáin**  
**Leas-Cathaoirleach**



**Marc Ó Síocháin**  
**Cathaoirleach**



**Diarmuid MacGabhann**  
**Cisteoir**



# Coiste Chaidreamh Poiblí agus Foilseachán

*Proinnsias Ó Cinnfhaolaidh (Oifigeach Poiblíochta)*



## **Allianz National League**

The split season sees the Inter county season take up the opening seven months of the year. The Allianz National League began in late January once the McGrath Cup & Munster Hurling league were complete.

Programmes were produced for the home Allianz league ties as follows;

Hurling;

Cork v Limerick, Cork v Westmeath, Cork v Wexford

Football;

Cork v Meath, Cork v Dublin, Cork v Limerick, Cork v Derry.

The Hurling tie v Westmeath & Football v Limerick were played as a doubleheader with the team Jersey and programme cover given over to support Cork ARC.

The initiative was spearheaded by Brian Herlihy, former Cork minor football manager and current liaison officer to the Cork Senior Football team.

It would not be possible to produce match programmes which are informative, with articles of interest without the contributions of various members of the media.

A deep depth of gratitude is due to Finbarr Mc Carthy (C103/96FM), Rory Noonan (Echo), Denis Hurley (Echo), John Colman (Examiner), Liam Mac an Mhaoir (RNG) for their assistance in this regard.

## **MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

Programme requirements for the various Munster Inter county championships include provision of Player Profiles and Team Management photographs to be provided for all championship games, with Juvenile Club profiles and Club Development Grant profiles submitted for inclusion for Senior championship games only.

My thanks to the liaison officers of our intercounty teams for their assistance in meeting the various deadlines set to provide the required content to Ed Donnelly in Munster GAA. Thank You to George Hatchell for his dedication to providing photographs including those of team management as required.

The launch of the Munster Senior Championships took place at Pairc Uí Chaoimh on April 5th. Thank You to both Senior managers and their player representatives

for their attendance and undertaking media duties in an exemplary manner.

The county PRO is responsible for the sale of programmes when Cork host Munster inter county & club championship ties along with Croke Park fixtures such as All Ireland qualifiers and the National Hurling League final.

Cork Senior Hurling home championship ties against Waterford & Tipperary required a team of a minimum of six supervisors along with up to sixteen programme sellers.

A special Buíochas to Geraldine Larkin for her assistance and leadership along with Steven Lynch (Duhallow), Cathal Cronin (Kanturk) and county executive members Tom Wilson (Newcestown) and John O'Mahony (Macroom) for their assistance when it was more enticing to watch the game from the stands.

Thank You also to Denis Calnan (Cork GAA Finance manager) for his expertise, good humour and assistance.

## **Red FM & Cork Credit Union Leagues;**

The Red FM hurling leagues were launched in Premium Level on March 12th prior the home Allianz hurling league tie v Wexford. My thanks to Blackrock, Courcey Rovers & Aghabullogue for having players in attendance for the launch.

Prior to the Cork Credit Unions football league finals, a photo call was held in Páirc Uí Chaoimh with players from the various finalist attending ensuring maximum exposure ahead of the respective games.

I extend congratulations to the victorious clubs across the fourteen leagues in hurling and football and thank you sincerely for your co-operation and assistance when requested to provide representatives for the various promotional initiatives.

Thank You to both Red FM & Cork Credit Unions for their valued sponsorship which enhances our leagues in hurling and football.

## **County Championships;**

Media briefings & Photo calls took place ahead of the Co Op Superstores County Hurling championships, with

the Bon Secours Hospital choosing to hold their photo call ahead of the knockout stages of the competition. Promotional photo calls were held when the Premier senior hurling semi-finalist were known and hosted at the Midleton branch of our competition sponsors, Co Op Superstores.

The Bon Secours Hospital choose to host their finalist photo at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Members of the local media were invited to all events.

A special Thank You to the clubs & their player representatives for attending the numerous photo calls over the season and giving of their time so readily. Thank You to Sinead O'Keeffe (Commercial Manager Cork GAA) for her assistance in running the various events.

From mid-July to date programmes have been produced for county championship ties at Páirc Uí Chaoimh and Páirc Uí Rinn on approximately twenty out of twenty-two weekends. The success or otherwise of the programmes are dependent on the important contribution of the Rúnaí & PRO of the many clubs who's teams graced our stadia for county championship ties from the opening group games to the prestigious finals of recent weeks.

I am indebted to each club Rúnaí & PRO for their timely contributions in providing player profiles, team line-ups and articles of interest related to their club, be it a tribute to a recently deceased member, focus on club development, and providing photograph and names of mini games teams.

I acknowledge and thank you sincerely for your contribution and assistance in the preparation of county championship programmes.

Thank You to our loyal referees who supply details of their team of officials for inclusion in the match programmes.

Buíochas also goes to Denis Hurley (Echo), Rory Noonan (Echo), Finbarr Mc Carthy (C103), John Colman (Irish Examiner), for articles along with George Hatchell, Denis O'Flynn, John Tarrant, Tadgh Hurley and Paddy Feen for assistance with photographs.

Thank You to Richard, Allied Print for your patience, understanding, guidance and professionalism in the production of the numerous match programmes.

The programmes don't sell themselves, and a sincere Thank You to Geraldine Larkin for her assistance in this regard and to our loyal band programme sellers. Thank you to Joe Blake who has assisted on sourcing sellers throughout the season. A special word of thanks to Denis Calnan for his guidance, and assistance.

Thank you to Derek Connelly & Paul McCarthy for assistance throughout the year.

## **Jubilee Teams**

The Cork U21 Hurling team of 1997/78 who won the county's 100th All Ireland title and the Bantry Blues side which took the 1998 Senior Football championship title after a replay victory over Duhallow were the Jubilee teams celebrated on County Premier Senior final day.

## **1973 Remembered;**

The wonderful success of Cork Senior Footballers in Munster and All Ireland in 1973 were remembered when members of this outstanding Cork team were feted in Páirc Uí Chaoimh and presented to patrons on the occasion of the home All Ireland senior football qualifier against Roscommon in June.

Members of the 1973 side were also honoured at the GPA Football legends lunch in Croke Park on Friday 28th July. It was an honour to attend the event with the members of this great Cork side.

## **MEDIA**

We in Cork are indebted to the local media for their extensive coverage of our games at club and county level.

The team at C103 led by Michael Scanlon, including John Cashman, Finbarr Mc Carthy, Jim Nolan, Tom Kenny, John F Daly bring the stories of our games into the homes across the county.

Thank You to Red FM for their contribution both as a sponsor of our hurling leagues and giving updates and after match interviews and sound bites which are so important.

In an age of digital media, the Irish Examiner, Echo, The Corkman, Southern Star, The Avondhu, Vale Star and others play a vital role in bringing news of our games to our patrons online through the various social media channels and through the old-fashioned newspaper which is read from cover to cover especially by our elderly supporters. The penmanship (laptop keyboard) of Eoghan Cormican, Denis Hurley, Barry O'Mahony, Thérèse O'Callaghan, John Colman, Kieran Mc Carthy, John Tarrant, Paddy Ryan and others plays a key role in the promotion of our games. They follow a rich legacy of their predecessors such as Jim O'Sullivan and the late Michael Ellard whose shoes they fill with a wonderful sense of responsibility and commitment.

It is important to acknowledge the contribution of Mark Woods of the Irish Examiner/Evening Echo who hung up his pen & closed his laptop for the last time after reporting on Cork's All Ireland qualifier victory over Louth at Páirc Tailteann, Navan. Mark was balanced and fair in his reporting of our games. Cork Senior Football team & management presented Mark with a Cork jersey

after the game to acknowledge and thank him for his service.

The many photographers such as Eddie O'Hare, Jim Coughlan, John Tarrant, Denis O'Flynn, John Ahern, Paddy Feen and George Hatchell to mention but a few add colour and excitement to match reports either in print or online with their photographic skill. Thank you one and all for your service to Cumann Luthchleas Gael Chorcaí in your profession with the camera.

## **WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA**

The Cork GAA website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are our means for getting our message to our patrons.

Twitter which is now known as "X" has 124,700 followers with 36,000 on facebook and 42,700 on Instagram.

It is important to exercise social inclusion and to promote those with physical disabilities. In this regard, Donal Desmond fulfils this criterion and his wonderful work for CLCG in assisting me via social media platforms of Instagram & 'X' (Twitter) deserves a special mention.

I am indebted to my son, Cathal, for his unstinting support looking after our website & social media platforms.

The Páirc Uí Chaoimh Facebook, Twitter and Instagram run by Cian O'Brien has 21,000, 12,700 and 5194 followers respectively. Thank You to Cian for looking after these accounts and his valuable contribution to the promotion of Cork GAA via social media.

It is important to acknowledge the contribution of Rory Noonan and his team in Rebel Og with their website being an important resource for underage affairs throughout the county.

A special Buíochas to each and every club who tweet score updates from their league and championship ties throughout the year.

## **YEARBOOK**

The unstinting dedication of Denis Hurley (Echo) and George Hatchell who supplies most of the photographs plays no small part in the success of the annual which covers all aspects of the Gaelic Games family.

My thanks & appreciation to all who contribute articles for inclusion in the yearbook. Your commitment and co-operation is deeply appreciated.

It is hoped to have the Cork GAA Yearbook 2024 available for clubs to collect at convention.

## **REBELS ONLINE**

Cork GAA executive under the guidance of CEO Kevin O'Donovan took the bold and exciting decision to form REBELS ONLINE to live stream our county championship. The fledgling venture has been well received with excellent quality, commentary and presentation.

REBELS ONLINE, Cork GAA's own TV can only go from strength to strength and assist the county in being a most important platform to promote our games, and the GAA brand of our county in the years ahead.

## **Paudie Palmer RIP;**

It would be remiss of me not to pen a few words of tribute to the late Paudie Palmer. When I took over as PRO, in the fledgling opening weeks of my term, there were many occasions of doubt in my own ability to complete the many tasks the portfolio of my office required. The understanding ear, words of encouragement and the many phone calls, text, WhatsApp messages from the wily Kerry man, intermingled with roguery and laughter on both sides in those early days and throughout 2022 were a source of strength which helped me along the winding road of a county PRO. The last contact I had with Paudie was when he phoned me before Christmas 2022 to wish me the compliments of the season and he said "well, your first year is down now, well done" and we chatted for a few minutes.

Little did either of us know it was to be the last time his dulcet tones would brighten the conversation. News of Paudie's accident was greeted with great sorrow, and his ultimate passing saw an outpouring of sympathy.

Whenever I have occasion to pass through Innishannon, I take the right turn up the hill to the church car park and visit my friend.

The greatest tribute I could make to Paudie Palmer is to say that, in my estimation, he was the best unofficial PRO, Cork GAA ever had. Thank You Paudie.

## **Contacts & Mentors Portal;**

Across the month of January 2023, there was a wonderful response to updating the Contacts and Mentors portal.

There are over 1400 officers & mentors in clubs across the county, and it is the responsibility of Club Runaí's to keep it up to date.

With possible changes in club officers & mentors over the coming weeks, it is vitally important that all club secretaries check and update the details relating to their club when the portal opens again in early January 2024.

A sincere Thank you to our IT officer, Terry Brady for his guidance and assistance which is most valuable.

### **Conclusion**

As stated last twelve months ago, the role of a county PRO is hugely challenging and time consuming for a volunteer. When one is self-employed, trying to balance running ones business alongside ones volunteer commitments for Cork GAA is onerous.

Thank you to my wife, Marie, and family for their understanding and encouragement. A very special word of thanks to my son, Cathal, my "wing man" for his help & support and guidance.

Thank you to Sinéad & Cian for your support. Thank You to Daniel, Mairead, Trina and Denis in Pairc Ui Chaoimh for your support and encouragement.

Thank You to each member of the CCC and Executive for your help, support and friendship.

A Special "Buíochas" to Marc Ó Síocháin as he completes his term as Cathaoirleach. His stewardship of Coiste Chontae Chorcaí was exemplary.

Thank You to Diarmuid Breathnach who also completes his term of office as Coaching officer. Your friendship is most valued.

I wish many congratulations to Padraig Ó hÁrgáin & Nollaigh O'Ceallacháin on their election to the office of Cathaoirleach & Leas Cathaoirleach respectively and wish both every success and happiness in their new roles.

In conclusion I hope the Christmas message of Peace & Joy fill each of your homes and may the year ahead be one of success in furthering the ideals of Cumann Luthchleas Gael. Corcaigh Abu.



# Oifigeach Gaeilge/Cultúr

*Dónal MacSuibhne*



Tá áthas orm an tuaraisc seo leanas a chur ós bhúr gcomhair ag crinniú chinn bhliana de Choiste Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Chorcaí 2023.

## **History Committee**

A history committee was formed in 2022 to look at GAA members who should be commemorated on the 100th Anniversary of the foundation of the State. The Committee consisted of:

John Arnold Bride Rovers, Dermot Collins Kinsale, John Twomey Shamrocks, Gabriel Doherty UCC history department, Richard Murphy Planning and Training officer, Donal McSweeney Irish & Cultural officer.

The committee continued in 2023.

We had a very informative and successful night, when Gabriel Doherty enthralled us with the impact the GAA had on the foundation of the State and the activities of GAA members in the War of Independence and subsequent Civil War. We found new heroes, many men and women who protected and promoted the GAA despite their political differences.

## **Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha**

Is scéim tacaíochta de chuid Glór na nGeal agus de chuid an Cumann Lúthchleas Gael I Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha, atá dinithe ar chlubbanna ar mhaith leo ról a chinntiú don Ghaeilge i saol an club.

The promotion of the Foundation was launched by Aidín Ní Bhrian Oifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge CLG Mumhan at our June monthly meeting.

There are 70 actions set out in the Foundation.

Medals are awarded to clubs completing, 18 actions for Bronze, 35 for Silver, 56 for gold.

Following the launch, several clubs have applied for awards. An Gaeilge Fó-Choistí

Comhghairdeas to Cill Úird who were awarded silver in 2023.

It is hoped that in 2024 we will have more clubs seeking awards.

## **Scoláireachtaí Gaeilteachta**

Chuir Coláiste na Mumhan tús lena garbhchriocha samhraidh arís i mbliana. Thugamar tacaíocht do 53 dalta.

It was possible to give the bursary to all applicants this year, however it may be necessary to restrict it to only one per club in 2024.

The available funding is for a maximum of 150 applicants in the year.

## **Traith na gCeist as Gaeilge**

Bhí tráth na gceist ag Comhairle na Mumhan i Mala do Chontaetha uile na Mumhan Dé hAoine 10ú lá Mí na Samhaine – le 3 fhoireann le hionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar chúige Mumhan i gcluiche ceannais na hÉireann, a bheidh ar siúl i bPáirc an Chrócaigh i Mí Eanáir 2024

Ba iad Baile an Easpaig, Baile an Maibistir na Corann, Sráid an Mhuilinn agus Eochaill a rinne ionadaíocht ar Chorcaigh.

Ba maith liom buíochas mór a gabháil do na Clubbanna a glac páirt.

Beidh Sráid an Mhuilinn (buaiteoirí ar an oíche), agus Mainistir na Corann chomh maith le foireann ón gClár i gChluiche Ceannais na hÉireann

## **Scór**

While numbers remain high in Scór na bPáistí and Scór na nÓg, the number of clubs competing in Scór Sinsear has remained low despite the efforts of a very hard-working committee. The split playing season has not helped, with scór and our county championships taking place at the same time. A country wide poll took place during the year with alternative dates being proposed but the majority preference was to remain at the current dates.

The quality of those competing in all grades has remained high.

We had 2 clubs winning Munster titles in scór sinsear, Clann na nGeal in Ceol Uilise and Stráid a Mhuilinn in Tráth na gCeist.

Stráid a Mhuilinn went on to great success in winning the All-Ireland final. Comhghairdeas to the team members John Tarrent, Jerry Doody, Pat Sheehan, and Con Healy on their wonderful achievement.

Mairead Uí Fhaoláin continues to serve in the National Executive of Scór.

<b>Buaithoirí Chorcaí 2023</b>			
	<b>Scór Sinsear</b>	<b>Scór na NÓg</b>	<b>Scór na bPáistí</b>
<b>Rince Foirne</b>	Bóher Buí	Cill Mhuire	Boher Bui
<b>Amhránaíocht Aonair</b>	Anna Moynihan Cuileann Uí Chaoimh	Isabel Moore Raonuithe Cairbre	Kate O Connell Naomh Caitríonaigh
<b>Athriseoireacht</b>	Joe Ahern Cill Uird	Katy O Donovan Cill Min Cill Bré	Muireann Hurley Beal atha an Chásaigh
<b>Bailéad Ghrúpa</b>	Cuileann Uí Chaoimh	Raonuithe Cairbre	Goggins Hill N.S
<b>Tráth na gCeist</b>	Sraid a Mhuillinn	Cloch na Coillte	Ath Fhada Camogaíochta
<b>Nuachleas</b>	Raonuithe Cairbre	Naomh Séamus	Ballygown N.S
<b>Ceol Uirlise</b>	Clann na nGeal	Diarmuid O Mathuna's	Cloch Na Coilte
<b>Rince Set</b>	Bóher Bui	Gleann Bhearracháin	Bóher Bui
<b>Ceol Aonir</b>			Ava Thornton Derrinagree N.S
<b>Rince Sean-Nós</b>			Stephanie Carr Naomh Caitríonaigh
<b>Rince Aonair</b>			Rebecca Twomey Boher Bui

Ba mhaith liom Buiochas le mo chomhoifigigh ar an gCoiste.

Rúnai an Chontae, Mairéad agus Dónal, Coiste Scór Chorcaí, Coiste Gaelige agus gach éinne a chabhraigh liom l rith na mbliana.

Guím Nollaig fé shéan agus athbhliain fé mhaise oraibh go léir.

# Coiste Oiliúna

*Diarmaid Breatnach,*



## Staff Recruitment

A comprehensive recruiting process in conjunction with Munster GAA and Croke Park HR has resulted in the hiring of 9 new Games Development Coordinators, to supplement the previous existing staff of 5 full-time coaching personnel. The full list of Cork GDCs is as follows:

Colm Crowley	Killeagh
Paudie Crowley	O'Donovan Rossa
Colm Finnan	Ballyhooly
Mick Daly	Nemo Rangers
Brendan Delaney	Killeagh
Sean Gleeson	Tallow
Mick Hennessy	Fermoy
James McCarthy	Castlehaven
Niall McIntyre	Newcestown
Ciaran O'Brien	St Ita's
Paudie O'Brien	Midleton
Cian O'Connor	Grenagh
Fachtna O'Connor	Cullen
Pat Spratt	Buttevant

These GDCs will be working across all the regions in the city and county, with each GDC responsible for 10 clubs in a specific geographic area.

## Induction training:

GDC training commenced on Monday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pairc Uí Chaoimh, and will continue until early December, covering areas such as coach and player development, coaching projects, reporting systems, first aid, school and club liaison, communication skills, youth development, leadership and teamwork.

This training will run in tandem with the implementation of games programmes at primary and secondary school level, as well as regional academy coaching and the running of Go Games blitzes at U7, U8 and U9 levels.

## Games Development Coordination:

Meetings have been held with the key appointment holders across the range of games administration and coaching activities in Cork GAA.

These have included:

- Rebel Og Games Administration
- Sciath na Scoil Primary School Games
- Cork PPS Coordinator Post Primary School Games
- County U20 and U17 management teams
- Cork GAA Academy U16 and U15 management teams

The overall aim of these meetings is to streamline and coordi-

nate the approach to games and player development at club, school, and county level.

A secondary objective is to increase participation levels at club and school levels, and to ensure higher rates of retention among our youth players.

## Coaching Projects:

It is planned to initiate a student placement programme with MTU Cork in early 2024, with the aim of employing Sports and Leisure faculty students in 3<sup>rd</sup> year as primary school coaches in large urban areas of Cork City and County. This will involve set hours of school coaching, as well as running club camps during mid-term and Easter breaks, and coordinating Cul Camps for clubs during the summer months.

In 2024 there will also be a template available for clubs to make a business case for funding in their own club and school's catchment area, to allow development of a long-term plan which will be jointly financed by the club and Cork GAA.

## Funding Model for Cork County GAA

Increased funding from Croke Park for the hiring of additional coaching staff and the provision of dedicated funding for coaching projects is broken down as follows:

Coaching Staff payroll	€570,900
Club coaching support	€122,300
Funding for coaching projects	€122,300
Total: Cork GAA Games Development Budget	€815,500

## County Head of Games

Recently, a significant and welcome appointment was made by Cork GAA. Niall Twomey has taken on the role of Head of Coaching and Games Development. Niall and his team of 14 Games Development Coordinators will soon be in contact with clubs throughout Cork City and County to assist with coaching and player participation. As outlined above, each coordinator will have 10 clubs to look after, with extra support provided for clubs in greater need of help. I wish Niall every success in his role, and I'm sure that he will be of tremendous benefit to Cork GAA.

Finally, I wish to thank my fellow officers on the Executive, and the many people who guided and assisted me during my term as Coaching Officer. Guím Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise oraibh go léir.

Jerry.

# Coiste Na Leanaí

*Eoghan Ó Conchubhair Oifigeach Leanaí*



Tá áthas agus bród orm mar Oifigeach Leanaí don Chontae mo thuarisc deireanach a chur ós chomhair Comhdháil Chinn Bhliana de Choiste Chontae Chorcaí 2023. Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le gach éinne a chabhraigh liom agus a d'oibrigh liom sa phost seo i rith na bliana go mór mór oifigeach na leanaí ós na cumainn go léir sa chontae.

It is my great privilege to present my final report as Children's Officer to the Annual Convention of Coiste Chontae Chorcaí 2023. I would particularly like to thank my fellow officers, the staff of Cork GAA, the officers and county representatives of the Munster Children's Officers Committee and particularly the Children's Officers in all of our clubs who are really committed to keeping our children safe. The expertise and guidance of Gearóid Ó Maolmhíchil, Michelle Harte and Kayleen Iwasaki in Croke Park was a tremendous support during the year. Gearóid retired during the year as National Children's Officer and has been replaced by Michelle. I would like to thank Gearóid for all of his support to me as County Children's Officer and to so many in the county over many years. I would also like to thank Des Cullinane of the National Child Welfare Committee for his invaluable advice and support throughout my term.

Clubs should at all times support their club children's officers in their work and ensure that any safeguarding issues and non-compliance with the Code of Behaviour are handled sensitively, promptly and in a fair manner at club Executive meetings. Do not leave the club children's officer on their own. Child Welfare is the responsibility of the whole club. Check in regularly with them. It can be a lonely role. All clubs are legally obliged to be fully up to date with child welfare requirements. Our children's officers should be fully supported and resourced and Child Welfare should be on the agenda at every club executive meeting and at all underage committee meetings.

It would greatly improve the ease of communication on Child Welfare issues if all club Children's Officers are using the official GAA email address for children's officers. I appeal to all club executives to ensure that your children's officer has access to this GAA email. Club secretaries only via their official email address can use the link to request this access.

Legally all coaches/ mentors of players under 18 years of age must be fully compliant with GAA Child Welfare Regulations and with the GAA Code of Behaviour Underage. In order to be fully **compliant with GAA Child Welfare requirements** all of the above coaches must be **Garda Vetted**, have completed **Safeguarding 1 training** *within the last three years* and have at least completed **the Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games course**. **Otherwise you are not legally permitted to be involved with non-adult players**. There is also an onus on all clubs to ensure that all mentors/coaches of

non-adult players are made fully aware each year of the Child Safeguarding procedures as well as the Association's **Code of Behaviour** in particular **Section 3 of the Code on Maintaining Good Practice**. **I would urge all clubs to set some time aside before playing activity recommences for 2024 to review and to discuss this section and to refer to it during the year as issues arise.**

**Garda Vetting:** Garda Vetting recognition has to be renewed every **3 years** via the Foireann System. Remember your Club Children's Officer (CCO) is required to be provided with Club Administrator access to Foireann and then to vetting admin access in order to approve GV applications before they can be processed at National Level. Those who were vetted prior to or during 2021 will need to be re-vetted in 2024. Don't wait until validation expires to reapply. This process takes time particularly at busy times of the year. It's best to do so at the beginning of the year. All new coaches/mentors need to be garda vetted before they can commence working with underage players. Don't forget to get your Kelloggs Cúl Camp Coaches and Helpers vetted in a timely fashion

## Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding1 (for all coaches/mentors) has to be completed every three years – face to face followed by online refresher followed by face to face..... Clubs should contact the Safeguarding Tutors themselves to arrange the SG1 course. A list of tutors has been circulated to all club secretaries recently. I would like to thank our SG1 tutors for their work as tutors throughout the year. They may be small in number but they are really efficient and highly organised. If your club has a small number for SG1 training please combine with a local club so as to ensure that that tutors have a full group each time they present this module.

We organised a number of Safeguarding 2 modules (for Club Children's Officers) and Safeguarding 3 modules (for Club and County Designated Liaison Persons) in Páirc Uí Chaoimh during the year. These sessions were facilitated by Des Cullinane.

## Child Welfare Risk Assessment & Safeguarding Statement 2023

All clubs completed the GAA Child Welfare Risk Assessment earlier this year. Sincere thanks to all clubs for their work in completing this assignment particularly the club Children's Officers who facilitated this assessment in their clubs. Please ensure that the **2023 Safeguarding Statement** is displayed in a prominent place in your club. Child Welfare agencies who may visit your club will always look for this.

## GAA Code of Behaviour (Underage)

This invaluable document is a great reference point for all clubs. I refer you in particular to Section 3 of the Code **"Maintain Good Practice and Behaviour"**. It would be well worth



spending some time on this section of the code, before the playing season begins so as to ensure that the policies, practice and procedures of your underage section are fully compatible with the code. I would also refer club children's officers and club officers to Section 4 **"Dealing with Breaches of the Code"**

A work of thanks to the County Code of Behaviour Hearings Committee- Gearóid Ó hÉilighthe (Cill na Martra), Imelda O'Connell (St. Catherine's), Maria Kelly (Clyda Rovers), Donal Whooley (St Finbarr's) and John Purcell (Ballincollig) who handled a number of difficult cases during my term in an efficient yet sensitive manner.

### **Cork Health & Wellbeing**

County Health & Wellbeing Committee

Jim McEvoy Blarney, Des Cullinane Glen Rovers /St Nicks, Sinead Crowley Clonakilty, Liz Aherne Carrigtwohill, Diarmuid Lester Bishopstown, Paddy Duggan Bandon, Dr Wesley O'Brien UCC, Valerie Kirby Blarney, Keith Ricken MTU, Eoghan O'Connor

I would like to thank the members of the County Health & Wellbeing Committee for their involvement in developing this initiative in the county. Most of our meetings to date have been held virtually but the commitment, enthusiasm and knowledge of the committee is energising.

The year began on a high note when our County Health & Wellbeing Committee was awarded County Health & Wellbeing Committee of the year for 2022 by the National Committee in recognition of the work undertaken by the committee in 2021 and 2022.

The highlight of our year was undoubtedly our **Health & Wellbeing Conference** on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Our main topics were **"The Bystander Intervention Programme"** (Professor Louise Crowley UCC & Bishopstown GAA), **The Healthy Club Project** (Brid O'Dwyer Croke Park, Claire Harrington St.Finbarrs, Valerie Kirby Blarney and Irene Murphy Bandon), **GAA for All** (Diarmuid Lester Bishopstown, Sinéad Crowley (Clonakilty), Alan Craughwell (Director of Mixed Ability Sports Ireland), Gerry McNamara (Munster Wheelchair Hurling) and Mairéad Beausang (Midleton All Stars) The topic of **Well Being and Mental Health** featured our keynote speaker Clare Shine in conversation with Keith Ricken.

We had a fine attendance and we feel that we have developed a solid template for such events in the future.

### **Partnerships**

Last December we launched a partnership with Cork Sports Partnership which now gives all GAA clubs access to the many programmes which Cork Sport Partnership organises. I would like to thank Maurice O'Sullivan of Cork Sports Partnership for his help and encouragement. The work of Cork Sports Partnership centres around four core values which are Partnership, Collaboration, Facilitation and Inclusion. The Cork Sports Partnership team engage with communities to deliver inclusive, impactful and sustainable sport and physical activity opportunities tailored to local needs. The main target groups of Cork Sports Partnership include children, youth, men, women, older adults, disadvantaged areas, minority groups, unemployed, people with disabilities and the

inactive. I would encourage clubs to engage with the Sports Partnership and avail of the many courses they organise. We are currently working other partnerships which we feel will be of benefit to healthy clubs going forward.

### **Healthy Clubs**

Thirty-one clubs are now fully involved in this initiative and are recognised as Healthy Clubs.

During the year a new national accreditation ranking system was initiated and I am delighted to report that three Cork Clubs achieved Gold Standard, 8 achieved Silver and 17 achieved Foundation Level. The remaining three clubs have deferred accreditation until 2024.

***New applications for Phase 6 of the Healthy Club Project opened on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 and will close on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2024.***

The benefits to these clubs, their members and their communities are many and varied. Obviously a healthy club has exclusive access to resources and supports through engagement with the County Health & Wellbeing Committee and the Health & Wellbeing Department in Croke Park. Healthy Clubs are actively engaged with their communities and have succeeded in bringing their clubs out into the community and have brought the local community into their clubs. The main areas of involvement are Physical Activity, Healthy Eating, Community Development, Mental Fitness, Substance Use & Gambling, Diversity & Inclusion.

Clubs generally see health benefits for its members, an increase in its membership as well as finding it easier to attract new volunteers. They usually witness increased community goodwill as well as a more positive media coverage. Clubs who put an emphasis on Health & Wellbeing find that this involvement has great benefits from a funding & sponsorship point of view.

Most clubs, healthy clubs and non-healthy clubs, are already actively involved with their communities and are carrying regular worthwhile community activities. By registering for Phase 6 you will be supported in the community activities your club wishes to be involved in.

***What are the benefits to your club by becoming a Healthy Club?***

The Health & Wellbeing Department in Croke Park has commissioned an evaluative study on the impact of the Healthy Club Project. This study was carried out over an eighteen month period by Dr Eilís Lawlor of Just Economics Research Centre. Dr Lawlor has put an annual value of €50million euro on the benefits of the programme from HSE Health & Wellbeing perspective. The study shows that clubs reported that 40% of its non-playing members had adopted healthier lifestyles for themselves and their families, 51% of non-playing members had made new friends and taken up a new hobby, 92% believed that their clubs are more inclusive and welcoming, 11% of participants had no previous involvement with the GAA, 77% of healthy club members went on to do other activities of value to the GAA.

### **Critical Incident Response Plans**

Unfortunately a number of GAA Clubs in Cork have had to deal with tragic accidents affecting their members or mem-

bers of their communities in the past twelve months. This was without doubt a difficult challenging time for their club officers and club members. **Knowing WHAT to do, WHO should do it and WHEN to act** was a great support for clubs who have to deal with these Critical Incidents.

On October 25<sup>th</sup> the Community & Health Department in Croke Park ran a **Critical Incident Response Training Webinar** to help clubs to prepare for the challenges such critical incidents present. Many clubs tuned in on the night to this online webinar. Hopefully your club has now developed a Critical Incident Response Plan.

It goes without saying that all clubs should have a Critical Incident Response Plan in place. Hopefully your club will never need to use it but having a plan in place is a great comfort in the event of a tragedy in your club or in your community.

A number of clubs missed this webinar. For those clubs I attach below a link if you wish to view the webinar as you prepare to put this plan in place for your club

[https://youtu.be/\\_v9PHi6xxCY](https://youtu.be/_v9PHi6xxCY)

### Area Code

I would ask all clubs to display their **Area Code** in a prominent place within their club grounds in the event of having to access the emergency services

### Defibrillator

If your club has a defibrillator, please have it checked regularly to ensure that it is in perfect working order. Make sure it is easily accessible in case it is needed. Ensure that you have a number of people trained in using the Defibrillator and those trained complete refresher training when their original training certification expires.

If your club hasn't a Defibrillator perhaps it is time that you considered investing in one. These machines save lives regularly.

Don't forget **Ireland Lights Up** in January. This is a great opportunity to walk and talk with your community in a safe environment during the dark winter evenings and help those participating improve their physical, mental and social well-being.

Finally I would ask clubs to make 2024 a year where we value the more senior members of our clubs, those who helped greatly to make our association what it is today. Be mindful of them as they face the challenges of older life in a very modern world. Invite them to our club grounds, to our events, to our matches. Let's live the GAA Manifesto **"Where We All Belong"** and ensure that our seanóirí still feel that they belong.



# IT Officer Report

*Terry Brady, IT Officer*



It is my privilege to put before our Annual Convention my report and observations in 2023. Effective use of Information Technology and appropriate management of data and information is critical to the success of GAA Clubs. Online activity continues to grow in use and have become vitally important in terms of communication of events and results to our members and supporters. In 2023, we continued the officer training on the GAA platforms with online training. Rebel Og had an information workshop on technology which also went down well

The Cork County Board digital transformation journey continued in 2023 with online ticket sales for matches and enhancements to the website. Clubs can update their Club Officers and Club mentor's information through a portal which will feed the updated information to the Cork GAA websites in real time.

Cork County Board are now firmly on a digital transformation journey which the goal to reduce workloads on officers and making sure information is secure and protected and backed up. This is an ongoing journey with further developments in 2024 planned. The Rebelsbounty application was enhancing giving each Club a portal to access their own information, which proved

a remarkable success with online sales reaching over 60% of total sales. Also, we finally resolved the spam issue with the results and made improvements to the renewal process to make it easier for the end-user to renew and cut down on the administration at board level.

The discipline application was taken up by most of the divisional board and hopefully we will get 100% buy in for 2024.

It is vital for the maintenance of the profile of Cork G.A.A. that every club continuously embraces all forms of communication, maintain, and develop its links within the community it serves. The centralised roll out of Foireann continued with online vetting integrated with membership rolled out. Further updates will be rolled out in the coming weeks and months. The IT support is available to clubs and officers to assist them in this digital age.

I like to thank the Cork County Board for their continued commitment to the Digital transformation journey and further developments are planned for 2024. I would also like to thank the IT committee for their input, commitment, and hard work over the year.



# Oifigeach Sábháilteachta & Áiseanna

*Nollaig Ó Ceallachain*



Is Mór an onóir dom mo thuairisc mar Oifigeach Sabháilteachta agus Saoraidí don bhain 2023 a chur i láthair díobh.

It is a great honour for me to present my report as Safety and Facilities Officer to you for the year 2023.

Development in clubs have increased a lot over the last twelve months, and the amount of work being carried out on our facilities is a credit to all the clubs in the county. The number of clubs now with adequate lighting and AstroTurf area is increasing all the time, allowing for the club team to train in inclement weather conditions. With the new split season in operation these facilities are always in use.

## **Development Grants (Munster Council)**

The grants from 2022 were allocated in January of 2023. Over fifty clubs benefitted throughout the County to the value of €590K. The grants for this year are now being processed and again a large number of clubs in the county have applied (Over 50 appox.). We would hope to have these grants allocated before the end of 2023. The large amounts of applications again are a testimony to the clubs of the county and the great work being carried out to improve our facilities. Our clubs in Cork are the envy of the country with their facilities and they are constantly improving on them. Well done to all.

## **Croke Park Loans**

This loan is very attractive for Clubs as the interest rate is as low as 1.9%. A number of clubs in the county applied again this year and were successful. The ceiling on the application is €100,000. I would appeal to clubs that are applying to have commenced these works and have a deadline on finishing these projects as there is a draw down time on these loans. The downside of not being ready to draw down the loan is that it is not carried over so the loan is cancelled, and you will have to reapply the following time. This facility will re-open in January of 2024 for new applications.

## **Health and Safety Audits**

This year the clubs of Imokilly were audited. The Health and Safety Officer from Croke Park & a team from Allianz, the insurance company, visited the clubs of East Cork over a number of days. They were very impressed with the safety on all sites, and issued all clubs with a report on their findings. A presentation night was held on October 4<sup>th</sup> in the Middleton Park hotel and each club was presented with their certificate, and prizes were awarded to the top four clubs.

Well done to all the Clubs.

It is hoped to visit another division in 2024 and to have all divisions audited over the next two years.

Patrick O'Brien is the National Health and Safety Officer based in Croke Park and he is more than willing to visit any club or answer any questions that clubs may have on their Issues. Our own Kieran McGann is also a member of the national committee and always willing to help.

## **County Grounds**

Cork is lucky to have two very fine facilities in both Páirc Uí Rinn and Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The amount of work that is needed to keep these facilities in pristine condition is enormous. We are lucky to have a grounds man of the calibre of Colm Daly to maintain these facilities. A very big thank you to Richard Murphy, our Event Controller, who is working tirelessly for the county and is putting huge work into the facility at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. To Derek Connolly, our chief steward in Páirc Uí Chaoimh and Event Controller in Páirc Uí Rinn, a big thank you for all the work he does. Derek is always available to both stadiums.

To all the stewards a big thank you as without your help it would not be possible to stage any event.

A number of new stewards were trained this year by Kieran McGann but we are always looking for more stewards to help out. I would appeal to anybody who is willing to assist in a stewarding capacity to contact either Richard, Derek or Kieran.

A big thank you to you all.

## **Míle Buíochas**

I would like to thank Kevin, Mairead, Triona and Daniel for all their help throughout the year. It definitely made my job a lot easier to have somebody on the other end of the phone to answer any queries I have.

To John Brennan of the Munster Council and Patrick O'Brien from Croke Park a big thank you for all of your help.

Finally, as this is my last year in this role, I would like to thank all the Clubs of the County for all their help and wish them well for the future.

As I now move on to take up the position of Vice Chairman, I am honoured and humbled to accept this prestigious position.

Finally, a big thank you to my wife Ann and my Family, as without their support this would not be possible.

I wish you all the best for 2024.

# Oifigeach Pleanáil agus Oiliúint

Risteard Ó Murchú



Tá áthas agus bród orm an tuaraisc gairid seo leanas a chur ós bhúr gcomhair ag Chruinniú Chinn Bhliana de Choiste Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Chorcaí 2023.

The training process for club officers and indeed all those functioning in the many disciplines within Cumann Lúthchleas Gael has changed dramatically in the past few years. In 2023 the vast majority of help, to all units of the Association, was provided, via webinars, under the direction of the Foireann team. In Cork large numbers registered for the information webinars on the working of the main officers within clubs. It's imperative to note that there is very informative and relevant information available readily on many other topics. I urge clubs to make members aware of up to date policies on a number of items:

- (1) Financial Procedures
- (2) Player Welfare
- (3) Racism and discrimination
- (4) Garda Vetting
- (5) Coaching
- (6) Registration
- (7) Governance

The formulation of plans within clubs has been very successful over the past number of years. Help is always available to units, who wish to renew their plans. The movement towards the One Club model is gathering momentum and a small number of Cork clubs have already completed the process.

At the moment the GAA, Ladies Gaelic Football and Camogie are separately constituted organisations each having their own set of rules.

It's critical that in forming the One Club that a clearly defined structure of governance is put in place. The GAA Club Constitution forms the cornerstone of the overall governance of the One Club. All properties vested in the GAA will remain as vested. I'm convinced, that in the near future, funding to clubs from sources other than Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, will demand a One Club model before grant aid is made possible. I'm available to provide advice to any clubs wishing to plan for a One Club model going forward.

2023 began with a Stewards Training programme in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. While a large number expressed interest, the attendance fell short of expectation. Voluntary stewards are vital, to the efficient management of matches, in Páirc Uí Chaoimh and Páirc Uí Rinn. I urge all clubs to put people forward for training in 2024.

## Training

A training event for CCCs took place in Páirc Uí Chaoimh in February.

This proved very informative and successful. I would like to thank the Munster Hearings Officers who attended and gave freely of their time.

I'm grateful to the St. John's Ambulance team, who ran a successful training event on wheelchair evacuation procedures, in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. While the St. John's team are familiar with the evacuation process it is great to have a number of our voluntary supervisors fully trained as well.

I would like to thank the following people who have been available as facilitators, for the strategic planning process in clubs, over a number of years, and hopefully will be needed again in 2024, Leo Lowney, Kieran McGann, John Quirke, Michael Byrne, Jim Hanley and Don Hegarty.

A committee of Leo Lowney, Kieran Linehan, Terry Brady, Cian O Brian and Iain Fynn advise me on many matters and I'm most grateful for their help.

Kieran Linehan of the Ayrton Group has given freely of his time with advice on safety aspects of both Stadia. He has also been involved in the setting up of staff training programmes.

## Event Control in Páirc Uí Chaoimh

As Event Controller in Páirc Uí Chaoimh I'm indebted to the many people who help out on match days. The voluntary efforts of so many, in performing a wide range of duties, to ensure a huge match programme is successfully completed is phenomenal. I'm grateful to the Event Team, the Chief Steward Derek Connolly, the Safety Officer Iain Flynn, the Admission Team of Anne O Riordan, Leo Lowney and Michael O'Brien, the voluntary stewards, office staff, security staff, the pitch stewards, stiles operators, Announcers, scoreboard operators I.T. and many others who all contribute so much at all times.

Buíochas:

Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le mo chomh hoifigigh ar Bhord an Chontae, Rúnaí an Chontae, an fhoireann san oifig i bPáirc Uí Chaoimh agus gach éinne a chabhraigh liom i rith na bliana.

Gúim Nollaig faoi Shean agus Athbhliain fé mhaise oraibh go léir.

Risteard Ó Murchú,  
Oifigeach Pleanáil agus Oiliúint

# ROINN OIR DHEISCEART

Cathaoirleach	Miles de Barra
Leas Cathaoirleach	Caoimhín Ó'Donobháin
Runaí	Tomás Ó'Súileabháin
Cisteoir	Deaglán Ó'Neíll
Oifigeach Cultura	
Oifigeach Forbatha	Pádraig Ó'Deasúnaigh
Oifigeach Poiblí	Seán Ó'Niatháin

## CORK PLAYERS

Congratulations to all our players and mentors who represented Cork teams during the year. May 2024 bring improved success.

## REFEREES

Thank you to all our referees and their officials who helped to make our competitions happen in 2023. Your efforts to officiate all the championship games played in a condensed time-frame is not given thought by administrators.

## CARRIGDHOUN SENIOR HURLING TEAM

Carrigdhoun entered the 2023 Inter-Divisional championship hoping to build on their efforts of 2023. Many of the 2022 panel were back along with some new players. They faced Muskerry in Round 1 but did not perform to their full potential, losing by 1-16 to 0-11. Round 2 saw the squad square up to Duhallow in Mallow. In an enthralling encounter, our men eventually succumbed to a 3-29 to 4-19 defeat. Carrigdhoun still had a chance of advancing in the championship if they could defeat Carbery. Looking likely winners as the time drew to a close, 2 late goals by Carbery won it for them. As disappointing as the result was, our players could all take a lesson for themselves and their clubs that the game-plan should not change even if time is almost up. We are very grateful for your performances in 2023 and welcome you all back in 2024.

## JUNIOR A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

*Sponsor Ross Oil*

9 clubs entered a 3 group, 3 team round-robin format. The top 2 group winners would advance to the semi-final with the other group winner and the 3 group runners-up playing in 2 quarter finals. Ballinhassig, Ballymartle, Belgooly and Valley Rovers put down early markers of their intentions to win the title. With the round-robin complete, it was Valley Rovers and Belgooly that advanced to semi-finals with Ballymartle as Group 1 winner and Kinsale, Ballinhassig and Shamrocks advancing to quarter-finals. Ballymartle defeated Shamrocks and Ballinhassig defeated Kinsale (after extra-time) to advance to semi-finals with Valley Rovers and Belgooly respectively. The form shown in the earlier round-robin was maintained with Valley Rovers (2022 champions) and Belgooly (debutants) advancing to a final scheduled for Ballinaspittle on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Storm Babet saw the game moving to Tracton's very fine old pitch. A finely-tuned

Belgooly held the lead from gun to tape to win their first Junior A hurling title. Subsequently they were defeated by Nemo Rangers in the Co. quarter-final.

## JUNIOR A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

*Sponsor Huntsman Bar & Restaurant*

Kinsale's promotion to Premier Junior for winning the 2022 Divisional title and Tracton's request to play at Junior B level saw a 7 team championship with a group 1 of 4 clubs and group 2 of 3 clubs. Ballygarvan and Shamrocks advanced to semi-finals with Valley Rovers and Ballinhassig respectively. Fellow parishioners Ballinhassig and Ballygarvan advanced to the final on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Again, the inclement weather saw the venue changed from Riverstick to Minane Bridge. A fancied Ballygarvan led all the way through to win the championship for the first time since 2014. They subsequently defeated Killavullen but unlucky to lose to Mayfield in the Co. semi-final by just 1 point.

## JUNIOR B HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Similar to the B football championship, the championship consisted of 8 clubs in 2 groups. Tracton and Ballinhassig emerged from Group 1 and Valley Rovers and Carrigaline from Group 2. Tracton defeated Carrigaline and Valley Rovers defeated Ballinhassig to set up a divisional final on 29<sup>th</sup> October. Valley Rovers won the title on score-line of 1-20 to 2-13. Subsequently a strong Killeagh outfit defeated the Rovers in the Co. quarter-final.

## JUNIOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

8 clubs entered a championship consisting of 2 groups of 4. Valley Rovers and Tracton emerged from Group 1 with Ballygarvan and Belgooly from Group 2. Tracton defeated Ballygarvan and Valley Rovers defeated Belgooly to set up repeat of the 'B' hurling final scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>. Tracton were nominated by the Board to represent the division in the County but were defeated by Douglas.

## CARRIGDHOUN A FOOTBALL

This competition for the stronger Under 21 outfits saw a straight final between football power houses Carrigaline and Valley Rovers. Played in Ballygarvan on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Carrigaline winning on a score of 3-09 to 1-09 to repeat their 2022 success.

## CARRIGDHOUN B FOOTBALL

Belgooly/Shamrocks combination and Valley Rovers second U21 outfit contested Group 1 with Ballymartle, Ballinhassig and Tracton contesting group 2. Valley Rovers and Ballymartle contested the final in Belgooly on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Ballymartle were convincing winners on the evening by 2-18 to 2-03.

## CARRIGDHOUN A HURLING

Currently under-way, this U21 competition consists of 2 groups of 4, seeded by each clubs entries and form in preceding years. Clubs from the 'weaker' group still advance to the semi-finals. Subsequently a Belgooly/Crosshaven/Shamrocks combination have had to withdraw from Group 2 owing to numbers.

## JUNIOR A HURLING LEAGUE

Contested by the 9 championship teams, Belgooly and Kinsale met in the final on July 16<sup>th</sup> at a packed Ballinhassig.

On this occasion Kinsale played superior hurling all through to win by 3-19 to 1-17.

### JUNIOR B HURLING LEAGUE

Contested by Ballinhassig, Ballygarvan, Ballymartle, Carrigaline, Crosshaven and Tracton, Tracton were victors over Ballinhassig by 2-20 to 1-18.

### JUNIOR A FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The same 7 'A' championship teams contested with Ballygarvan and Valley Rovers contesting the final in Belgooly on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Ballygarvan franked their form and supremacy within the division all season, winning by 1-17 to 2-08.

### JUNIOR B FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The same 8 clubs as championship played. There is one outstanding game between Ballygarvan and Valley Rovers to be played before a final pairing between those 2 clubs and Kinsale can be decided.

### GAMES PLAYED

Junior A Hurling 37 league (2 conceded) , 14 championship

Junior A Football 21 league (3 conceded) , 12 championship

Junior B Hurling 17 league (1 conceded) , 13 championship (2 conceded)

Junior B Football 26 league (1 conceded) 2 o/s , 12 championship (2 conceded) final o/s

Carrigdhoun A Football 1 championship

Carrigdhoun B Football 7 championship

U21 Hurling 6 played, 6 o/s

### AWARDS

Thanks to Paddy & Cormac Fitzgerald (Insurance and Financial Services) Kinsale for sponsoring the Man of the Match Award in the divisional football final and the Hunstman Bar & Restaurant for sponsoring the Junior A football championship.

Thanks to Procure.ie for their sponsorship of the Man of the Match Award in the divisional hurling final and Ross for sponsoring the Junior A hurling championship.

### SCÓR

Scór na bPáistí was held in Innishannon Community Centre for the primary-school going children from the Division on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This competition was resurrected for the first time in a few years. This follows on from our former Oífig Culthúra Pat O'Leary successfully holding Scór na nÓg in 2022. Many thanks to the pupils for their participation and their parents/guardians and clubs/schools for your encouragement. Thanks to the judges on the night, Elaine Hurley, the Cogan family and John Newman for their help in making the competition a **success**.

### MEDIA

I express particular thanks to our PRO Sean Nyhan, reporter JJ Hurley, photographer Howard Crowdy, Michael Scanlon (103FM), Barry O'Mahony (Irish Examiner & Evening Echo), Carrigdhoun and Southern Star publications and 96 and 103FM broadcasting for their efforts in covering and promoting our games during the year.

### CONDOLENCES

It is important to remember in our thoughts at this time of year our Gaels that have gone to their Eternal Reward over the past twelve months. May they be forever in our thoughts.

Is mise le meas

Tomas Ó'Súileabháin

Rúnaí

### Finances

<b>Income</b>	<b>€30,818</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>€32,330</b>
<b>Deficit of Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>€ 1,512</b>



# ROINN IAR DHEISCEART

This has been a magnificent year for Carbery with five County titles already garnered by clubs from the South-West Division and possibly a sixth. Castlehaven are once again kingpins of Premier Senior Football in the county and following a draw in their opening game against Carbery Rangers, they defeated Valley Rovers, Clonakilty, Ballincollig, St. Finbarr's and Nemo Rangers to bring the Andy Scannell Cup back west for a historic sixth time and their first since 2013.

The team of the year are undoubtedly Newcestown who brought off a remarkable double in winning the Co-Op Superstores Senior A Hurling Championship and the Bon Secours Senior A Football Championship. That they achieved this with virtually the same group of players in both codes is nothing short of sensational.

Earlier in the year St. Oliver Plunkett's won the Co-Op Superstores Confined Junior B Hurling title and also the Bon Secours Confined Junior B Football title as well. These victories augur well for the future of gaelic games in the Ahiohill area.

Bantry Blues came within a whisker of winning the Premier Intermediate Football Championship, while Goleen have reached the decider in the Bon Secours Junior B Football Championship, to be played on 2nd December.

Sixteen teams entered the Bandon Co-Op Junior A Football Championship, with last year's winners, St. James, being promoted to Premier Junior. The surprise packet were Barryroe, who defeated Ballinascorthy in one semi-final, while Kilmacabea overcame Tadhg MacCárthaigh in the second semi-final.

The final was fixed for Sam Maguire Park, Dunmanway, on Friday, 27th October, under lights. This turned out to be the game of the year, with both teams attacking at every opportunity. It was played at 100 miles per hour, and kept the large attendance on their toes from start to finish. Damien Gore was in top form for Kilmacabea and scored all his side's points in the opening half as they led 0-6 to 0-5 at the break.

Just minutes into the second-half, a great move ended with Ryan O'Donovan cracking home a great goal for Barryroe. They continued to hold the upper hand but were unable to build on that lead. Kilmacabea gradually recovered and led going into the final minutes until O'Donovan came to Barryroe's rescue to fire over two late points and the game finished all square.

Extra-Time beckoned and at the end of the first period, Barryroe had their noses just in front. Unbelievably, there was no further scoring with Kilmacabea trying might and main for the all important balancing point. Barryroe, home

of the legendary Mick Finn, Seán de Barra and Five Farms Irish Cream Liqueur, had won their first South-West title since the foundation of the Division in 1925 by 1-12 to 0-14 and they celebrated in style.

On the 5th October, they met Castlemagner in the County quarter-final and despite a late goal, just came up short, being beaten 2-10 to 1-11 at the Castle Grounds, Macroom.

The RCM Tarmacadam Junior A Hurling Championship consisted of eleven teams, Kilbrittain deciding to regrade to Junior B. In the semi-finals, the holders, Ballinascorthy, lost to near neighbours Clonakilty in extra-time in a most exciting encounter, while St. James had an easy 1-19 to 1-9 victory over a resurgent Kilbree side.

The final was fixed for Newcestown on 15th October. Clonakilty made all the running in the opening thirty minutes and led 0-8 to 0-5 at the interval. On the restart, Seán White made a sniping run through the middle for Clonakilty, before parting to his brother Mark, who whipped in a delightful goal. After that it was one way traffic as Clonakilty took over and they ran out comfortable winners by 1-17 to 0-11. Carbery Chairperson, Aidan O'Rourke, presented the 'Flyer' Nyhan Cup to David Lowney, the Clon. captain, at the conclusion of the match.

Unfortunately, Clonakilty failed to progress any further in the championship as Muskerry champions, Ballinora, inflicted a big defeat on them in the County quarter-final. Nine teams entered the Bandon Co-Op Junior B Football Championship. Goleen and St. Oliver Plunkett's made it to the final, with Goleen edging it by 4-4 to 1-11. In the County, Goleen defeated Dungourney and Garnish to reach the final, which is due to be played on Saturday, 2nd December.

In the Junior B Hurling Championship, Bantry Blues defeated Ballinascorthy 1-17 to 1-12 in the final at Skibbereen on 14th October, before losing to Inniscarra in the first round of the County.

The Junior C/D Football and Junior C Hurling Championships are progressing at the moment and should conclude in early December.

The Clona Milk Under 21 A Hurling Championship saw four teams enter. In the final on 20th July, Newcestown overcame Bandon 0-14 to 1-10 to take the title. Ahán Gaels, Clonakilty, Owen Gaels and Randal Óg entered the Under 21 B Championship, with Randal Óg defeating Owen Gaels in the final after extra-time by 3-17 to 2-17 after a tremendous exhibition of hurling on 24th July.

Rossa/Gabriels, Dohenys and St. Colum's were in the Under 21 C Hurling, and here, St. Colum's captured the title, with a 2-15 to 2-13 victory over a gallant Rossa/Gabriels side on 23rd July, after a great contest.

The Clona Milk Under 21 Football championship is in progress right now and should finish early to mid



December. In the Mícheál Holland Cup, Kilbrittain had a convincing 2-21 to 0-14 win over Ballinascarthy on St. Patrick's Day.

As a result of their exploits last year, Carbery got a bye into the semi-final of the Divisions/Colleges section of the Premier Senior Football Championship. Here they met a Duhallow side with three championship games under their belts and after an epic struggle, Duhallow came out on top this time 0-15 to 0-14. Tim Buckley and his selectors and backroom team deserve great credit for putting Carbery football back on the map again after a few years in the doldrums.

Carbery hurlers were beaten by Avondhu before overcoming Carrigdhoun with two injury time goals and then bowing out to Muskerry in the semi-final of the Divisions/Colleges section of the Premier Senior Hurling Championship.

Martina Burns and David Whyte ran the Leagues in their usual efficient manner. Castlehaven won Division 1 of the Carbery/Beara Football League, while Kilbrittain won Division 2. St. Oliver Plunkett's finished top of Division 3A, with Bantry Blues winning Division 3B. Clann na nGael and Barryroe won Divisions 4A and 4B respectively.

In hurling, St. James won Division 1, St. Oliver Plunkett's Division 2 and Kilbrittain Division 3.

Seán Daly, Randal Óg, was on the Cork Panel that won the All-Ireland Under 20 Hurling Final at Semple Stadium, Thurles, on 4th June, when they defeated Offaly.

Scór Sinsir :Clann na nGael won the Munster Final in the Ceol Uirlise ( Instrumental Music) in Newport, Co. Tipperary, on 28th October. They have qualified for the All-Ireland Final in Killarney on Saturday, 18th November.

#### Finances

Income	€89,999
Expenditure	€63,550
Net Surplus	€26,449



# ROINN UÍ MAC COILLE

## Officers 2023

Cathaoirleach	Avril Bean Uí Ghadhra
Runai	Pádraig Ó Maolcathaigh
Leas-Cathaoirleach	Risteard MacGearailt
Cisteoir	Oilibhéar Lochlainn
Clarathoir	Pádraig Ó Maolcathaigh
P.R.O.	Ciarán MacCana
Oifigeach Cultúir & Gaelige	Liam Ó Rinn
Oifigeach Forbartha	Damien Ó hÉireamhóin

## Number of Games Played 2023

	Football	Hurling
Junior Leagues	69	94
Junior Championships	57	56
Under 21 Championships	21	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>183</b>

A Master Fixture plan published in early February set out that in excess of 300 games would be played in the Imokilly Division between Junior Leagues and Championships, not a mind the arduous task of running Under 21 Competitions in Quarter 4 for a cohort of players who have been badly affected during the pandemic.

Following the restructuring of Leagues in 2022, the CCC went to restructure the Championships to ensure groups of four going forward to guarantee three games for Junior A & B competitions at least. It meant that promotion and relegation in hurling grades, which might have felt as severe, but was well rewarding because of the quality of the games on the field.

Speaking of the on-the-field action, the **Michael O'Connor Motor Factors Junior A Football Championship** was the first trophy up for grabs. The competition was played in a round robin basis once again with all games completed on time. 12 teams entered the group stages in three groups of four and by time those games were completed, it was down to six teams in the knockout stages. The final pair left standing in the competition were Carraig na bhFear and Lisgoold with the final taking place on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. After a very wet day, Glenville produced a brilliant pitch which saw both sides go toe-to-toe early in the game but two late goals for Lisgoold saw them claim the Jim Ryan cup for the first time in their history. Lisgoold will defend this title in 2024.

In the **East Cork Oil Junior A Hurling Championship**, we

had nine teams remaining after Erins Own's County Junior A success in 2022. The CCC were forced into running three groups of three with relegation for two teams to ensure an eight team championship for the 2024 campaign. Following the hard fought group stages, six qualified for the knockout stages. St. Itas defeated Cobh in the opening semi-final while Carraig na bhFear had enough for Killeagh. The final itself was played in Rathcormac on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bride Rovers produced a fabulous pitch considered the flooding in the local village during the previous few days. Carraig na bhFear charged themselves into a six point lead at half time. And despite St. Itas fighting back in a big way during the second period, Carraig na bhFear held out by the minimum to claim Jamesy Kelleher for the third time in their history.

In the **B Championships**, Dungourney came through and defeated Glanmire in the football final by four points, played in horrible conditions on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile, after losing last year's decider, Killeagh's third team won the B Hurling final after defeating Castlemartyr. Both sides will be promoted to the respective A Championships for 2024.

In the **C Championships**, Glenbower Rovers won the Football Final after defeated Ballinacurra in the final and Carrigtwohill defeated Carraig na bhFear in the Hurling final. Both championships saw plenty goals in the competitions throughout and some great games!

After seeing a three hiatus due to the pandemic, the 2023 **Mulcahy Steel Under 21 Championships**, are coming to a conclusion at the time of writing, the three Football deciders were played on the weekend of December 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> while the Hurling Finals are pencilled in for December 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>.

The **Imokilly Senior Football** lined out in the PSFC Division/College opening round in very sad circumstances after the passing of Teddy McCarthy 48 hours previous. The Sars/Glanmire man who two medals with the division in 1984 and 1986. Our footballers played Muskerry in early June in a tight close affair. Despite being behind two points at half time, we took control of the game early in the second half. Despite the minimum between the sides in injury time, a late goal in the game sealed a first victory on the field of play since 2009. In the semi-final, we met Duhallow. Despite a quick 1-1 early on in the game, we found ourselves behind at half time. The early stages of the second half didn't go to plan and Duhallow were worthy winners on the night.

The **Imokilly Senior Hurling** team started their journey in April before an Abernethy Cup game against 2022 Munster Club champions Ballygunner in early July. We entered the Divisional/College section facing Avondhu in the final and after a tough opening 30 minutes, had enough to hold out for the victory in the end to claim the Denis O'Riordan

cup for the second consecutive year. We moved onto the Championship proper as we took on Douglas in the Quarter final. We got a terrific start leading 0-15 to 0-7 at the short whistle. Despite many injuries to the side, we had a comfortable win in the end.

In the semi-final, we faced Sarsfields in a ferocious dogged battle. After a slow start in the opening half, we had took the lead with ten minutes to go and had a four-point lead deep in injury time. Unfortunately, that lead was coughed up and the game was forced into extra time. Despite a disappointing opening ten-minute period, our team dragged themselves back into the game reducing the margin to the minimum on four occasions but it was not enough in the end.

Our sincere thanks to the respective managers Eoin O'Neill and Denis Ring and their selection committees for their superb efforts with both sides during the season and many thanks to jersey sponsors DP Energy for joining us in 2023. The Board would like to congratulate all the Imokilly players who represented Cork team during the 2023 season. There was representation from all clubs across the Division on all inter-county panels.

Our thanks to all the **referees** for taking charge of the games during the season. Congratulations to those involved in finals in both Divisional and County Level, including Pa O'Driscoll, Cathal McAllister and Brian Sweeney on refereeing their respective County Finals this past season.

In 2024, the Imokilly Division will be celebrating 100 years in existence with many plans in the pipeline. There will be a Centenary Mass in April, remembering those from the division, with the first meeting chaired by Ben Purcell of Cobh in April 1924. We will hold a Gala Dinner at the end of the year along with many other events during the year. We hope you can join us during the year for these special events.

Uí Mac Coille abú!

Income = €65,982

Expenditure = €61,602

Surplus = €4,380



## ROINN DÚICHE EALLA

### Uachtarán:

Tomás Ó Duinneacha Coiscéim

### Leas Uachtarán:

Eoin Ó Suilleabháin Maoilinn

### Cathaoirleach:

Stiofán Ó Loingsigh An Bóthar Buí

### Leas Cathaoirleach:

Antón MacAmhlaoibh Lios Maghair

### Runaí:

Liam Ó Buachalla Cill Bhroin

### Cisteoir:

Seosamh Ó Céirín Ceann Toirc

### Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí:

Seán Ó Tórainn Sráid A'Mhuillinn

### Oifigeach Forbartha:

Seán MacAmhlaoibh Cill Bhroin

### Oifigeach Cultúrtha:

Mairéad Ní Chadhla An Bóthar Buí

### Teachtaí do Coiste Chontae:

Antón MacAmhlaoibh Lios Maghair

Seosamh Ó Céirín Ceann Toirc

## PEIL

### Castlecor Potatoes Junior A Football Championship

Six teams competed in the JAFC played on a league basis. Following the completion of the group games and semi-finals Castlemagner and Knocknagree qualified for the final played in Kiskeam. Castlemagner gave a polished performance to win their first Duhallow JAFC title since 1962.

### Ducon Cup Junior A Football League

Ten teams entered the league divided into two groups of five teams. Following the conclusion of the group games, quarter finals the semi-final pairings were Rockchapel V Knocknagree and Kiskeam V Newmarket. Knocknagree and Newmarket contested the final played in Rockchapel. The final was a thriller that needed extra time to separate the sides, with Knocknagree coming out on top by a single point.

### Donagh Hickey Motors Duhallow Football Cup

Seven teams entered the Duhallow Cup football competition. This is open to all football teams in Duhallow and played on a straight knockout basis. Boherbue and Cullen qualified for the final played in

Banteer. Two early Boherbue goals put them in control of the game and they ran out deserving winners claiming their first Duhallow Cup football title.

### Junior B Football Championship

Eight teams divided into two groups of four teams and played on a league basis. Following the conclusion of the group games and the semi-finals Lismire and Dromtariffe qualified for the final played in Rockchapel. This was a very good game with Lismire claiming the title.

### Junior C Football Championship

Four teams. Freemount and St John's qualified for the final of the competition played in Rockchapel. Following a very exciting final Freemount came out on top to claim their first title since 2014.

### Nevin Cup Junior B Football League

Eight teams played in one group. Following the conclusion of the group stages the semi-final pairings were Knocknagree V Freemount and Ballydesmond V St. John's with Knocknagree and Ballydesmond qualifying for the final played in Kiskeam. This was a keenly contested game with Knocknagree coming out on top by a single point to claim the spoils.

### Central Sports Store Kanturk U21 Football Championship

Seven teams divided into two groups and played on a league basis, The Competition is ongoing at the moment as it did not start until November 4<sup>th</sup>. All games being played on the Banteer's 4G pitch.

## IOMAINT

### E. Tarrant & Sons Skoda Junior A Hurling Championship

Eight teams competed in the JAHC, divided into two groups and played on a league basis. Following the conclusion of the group games, the semi-final pairings were Dromtariffe V Millstreet and Newmarket V Kilbrin with Dromtariffe and Newmarket qualified for the final played in Meelin. In the final Newmarket gave a superb display winning their first Duhallow JAHC title since 2019.

### Twohigs Super Valu Junior A Hurling League

Seven entered the league played in one group. Following the conclusion of the group games the semi-final pairings were Newmarket V Millstreet and Banteer V Dromtariffe, with Newmarket and Banteer qualifying for the final played in Kilbrin. The final was an exciting game with little separating the sides, but a strong finish from Newmarket helped them to claim the title.

## **Hannon's Mace/Maxol Newmarket Duhallow Hurling Cup**

Five teams entered the Duhallow Cup hurling competition, this is open to all hurling teams in Duhallow played on a straight knockout basis. Banteer and Kilbrin qualified for the final played in Rathcoole. This was a good contest with Banteer coming out on top claiming their first Duhallow Cup hurling title.

## **Junior B Hurling Championship**

Four teams entered the competition played on a league basis. Newmarket and Dromtarriffe qualifying for the final played in the Banteer's 4G pitch. This was a very lively competitive game with Newmarket going on to claim the title.

## **Singleton Cup Junior B Hurling League**

Five teams entered the league with Newmarket and Meelin qualifying for the final played in Tullylease. A good first half performance set Newmarket on their way to claiming the title.

## **Central Sports Store Kanturk U21A Hurling Championship**

Kanturk and Newmarket have qualified for the A final. This is yet to be played.

## **Central Sports Store Kanturk U21B Hurling Championship**

Newmarket and St. Mark's qualified for the final of this competition. The final was a very exciting high scoring game with Newmarket claiming the title.

## **County Championships 2023**

Congratulations to Lismire on winning the County Junior C football Championship defeating Ballinacurra in a thrilling final played in Pairc Uí Rinn.

## **Duhallow Teams**

The **Duhallow senior hurlers** were narrowly defeated by Avondhu in the semi-final of the Division/College unseeded section.

The **Duhallow senior footballers** won the Division/College section of the Championship thus qualifying for the county Championship quarter final. They defeated Douglas in the County quarter final but were defeated by Nemo Rangers in the County semi-final.

Thanks to the players and management of both teams for their commitment.

## **Cork Teams**

Congratulations to all the Duhallow players that played with the various Cork teams in 2023, especially all involved with the Cork U20 hurlers who won All Ireland honours.

## **FUNDRAISING**

### **Golf Classic**

A very successful golf classic was organised by the Duhallow senior football management team on Friday May 26th and Saturday May 27th, at Kanturk Golf Club. Over 80 teams participated in glorious weather. Thanks to the organising committee and all who supported the fundraiser.

### **tUachtarain CLG**

At the invitation of CLG Tulach Leis, Larry McCarthy an tUachtarain CLG visited his ancestral home in Tullylease on June 26<sup>th</sup>. This was a great occasion, and complements to Tullylease GAA Club and Community for the arrangements they in place on the night.

### **Referee's**

Congratulations to Jerry Kelleher St. John's and Wayne King Banteer/Kilbrin who both refereed County finals in 2023. Thanks to all the Duhallow referees for their commitment and dedication to the Division during the year.

**Congratulations** to our Vice Chairman Tony McAuliffe Lismire who has been appointed as County Board's Safety and Facilities Officer.

## **List of Sponsors for 2023**

**Junior A Football Championship**, Castlecarr Potatoes.

**Junior A Hurling Championship**, E. Tarrant & Sons Main Skoda Dealers.

**Junior A Football League**, Ducon Concrete.

**Junior A Hurling League**, Twohig's SuperValu Kanturk.

**U21 Football & Hurling**, Central Sports Store Kanturk.

**Duhallow Football Cup**, Donagh Hickey Motors Rathmore.

**Duhallow Hurling Cup**, Hannon's Mace/Maxol Newmarket.

**Duhallow Senior Football Team**, North Cork Co-Op Creameries.

**Duhallow Senior Hurling Team**, Ayrton Group Newmarket.

## Competition Winners 2023

E. Tarrant & Sons Skoda Junior A Hurling Championship	<b>Newmarket</b>
Twohigs SuperValu Kanturk Junior A Hurling League	<b>Newmarket</b>
Junior B Hurling Championship	<b>Newmarket</b>
Singleton Cup Junior B Hurling League	<b>Newmarket</b>
Hannon's Mace/Maxol Duhallow Hurling Cup	<b>Banteer</b>
Central Sports Store Kanturk U21BHC	<b>Newmarket</b>
Central Sports Store Kanturk U21AHC	
Castlecor Potatoes Junior A Football Championship	<b>Castlemagner</b>
Ducon Cup Junior A Football League	<b>Knocknagree</b>
Junior B Football Championship	<b>Lismire</b>
Junior C Football Championship	<b>Freemount</b>
Nevin Cup Junior B1 Football League	<b>Knocknagree</b>
Donagh Hickey Motors Duhallow Football Cup	<b>Boherbue</b>
Central Sports Store Kanturk U21AFC	
Central Sports Store Kanturk U21BFC	

**Income** €74,545.00

**Expenditure** €74.159.00

**Income over Expenditure** €386.00



# ROINN SEANDÚN

It is my privilege as Runai to present the report on the activities of the Seandun Division for the 2023 season.

It was a very successful season for the clubs and players of the division, with all our competitions successfully completed on time. Though we were affected by the very bad weather at the latter end of some of our competitions, but with the kind cooperation of the Bishopstown GAA Club who facilitated the Board with the use of their 4G pitch and the Brian Dillons GAA Club for allowing us the use of their floodlight facilities we would have found it very difficult to complete our program of games on time.

## Sponsorship:

This year we were delight to have AOS SECURITY LTD. come on board as the main sponsor for all our competitions and this has been a tremendous partnership in helping in the financial wellbeing of the division.

McSwiney and McCurtain Cups competitions:

This year we eventually got to run these competitions, which were to be part of the centenary commemorations of the death of both Lord Mayors but had to be postponed because of the covid pandemic. This year these competitions were kindly sponsored by the Lord Mayor and Cork City Council.

The finals were played together on a glorious day in Ballinlough in the presence of the Lord Mayor Cllr. Deirdre Forde who presented the trophies to the winning captains. The McSwiney cup(football) was won by Douglas who defeated Delanys in the final, and the McCurtain cup(hurling) was won by Passage who defeated Na Pairsaigh in the final.

The specially designed medals, sponsored by Cork City Council, were recently presented to the winning teams at a special ceremony in the Cork City Council chambers by the current Lord Mayor Cllr. Kieran McCarthy.

## Championships:

The championships this year were of a very high standard across all the grades. 95% of all our championship games were played at our divisional grounds at Ballinlough which was in magnificent condition throughout the summer due to the excellent work done by our groundsman.

**JA.H.C.** This was a keenly contested competition with Nemo Rangers, retaining their title, defeating Whitechurch in the final.

**JA F.C.** This was probably our most exciting competition with Mayfield winning out over Nemo Rangers in an exciting final.

**JB H.C.** Douglas defeated Mayfield to win this competition.

**JB F.C.** Douglas defeated St. Finbarrs to complete the double at Junior B.

**JC F.C.** Nemo Rangers defeated Lough rovers to capture the Junior C Championship.

Nemo Rangers and Mayfield have progressed to their respective county finals after hard fought campaigns in the County section.

At the time of writing the outcomes of these games have yet to be decided.

Douglas have also progressed, in both hurling and football, to the semi-final stages of both County B Grade competitions.

## U.21:

At the request of the clubs we ran an u.21 competition in hurling and football at A/B grades. These games were to be run through the month of November. U.21A. hurling. Glen Rovers captured this championship by defeating Douglas in a very closely fought contest.

**U.21B hurling.** Glen rovers B. Glen Rovers captured the B title defeating St. Vincents in a thrilling final played in Ballinlough.

At the time of writing, the finals of the U.21 football championships, both A/B finals, are fixed to be played and will be finished within the allotted time of the month of November. I wish to thank the clubs who took part for their complete cooperation in running this competition in such a compressed period of time.

## REFEREES :

I wish to put on record our appreciation of all the referees who officiated at our games, without them we could not operate. They are the unsung heroes of our association.

I would also like to acknowledge the work done by our treasurer Brian Twomey who coordinated the appointment of those referees to our games.

## OFFICERS:

This year a number of our officers are stepping down from their positions. I wish to thank them for their time and commitment given to the running of the affairs of the division over past number of years.

## ROINN BHEARA

In March Beara lost a great servant of the game with the sad passing of Padraig Crowley. Padraig was goalkeeper with the Beara senior football team that won the county championship in 1997. The Castletownbere club man won numerous county titles at underage level with Beara in the 1980's and was only 50 when he died. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Gemma, his children James and Molly and his extend family and many friends. May he rest in peace.

In the Beara Junior B championship 4 teams took part. In the semi finals Adrigole defeated Castletownbere while Garnish defeated Glengarriff. In the final Garnish defeated Adrigole 1-10 to 2-5. In the county championship Garnish defeated Lismire in the quarter final but were defeated by Goleen in the semi final.

In the Premier Intermediate Football Championship, Castletownbere topped their group and got a bye into

the semi final. In the Semi final they were defeated by Cill na Martra . In the Intermediate football championship, Adrigole finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group and headed into the Quarter finals. There they beat St Vincents. In the semi final Adrigole were defeated by Mitchelstown in extra time. In the Premier Junior Championship Urhan emerged from their group as winners and headed into the quarter finals. Here Urhan defeated Millstreet. In the county semi final Urhan were defeated by St Finbarrs. In the County Junior B open championship both Garnish and Glengarriff took part . Glengarriff did not get out of their group while Garnish lost out to Oliver Plunketts in the Quarter final. In the Beara Junior C championship final Castletownbere defeated Bere Island 3-19 to 1-11 in a game played on Bere Island.

### Finances

Income	€5,557.00
Expenditure	€3,621.12
Surplus	€1,935.88





## ROINN MHÚSCRAÍ

These are the activities of Roinn Mhúscraí for the year of 2023.

Our first divisional board meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> commenced with plenty of items on the agenda, Championship & League entries and formats for 2023 were discussed and agreed. Draws for championship would be made at the next meeting. At this meeting board delegates were disappointed that the U21 football championship at least could not be played at the start of 2023 the same as other years. Many delegates in attendance felt it was vital in their clubs for the retention of young players coming out of minor as it was a way of getting them started for the season ahead. As it turned out the U21 championship for football & hurling was given a timeline of July to December for divisions. It was decided that we would revive the Muskerry Cup in 2023 and we had two grades with wins for Naomh Abhán & Macroom respectively.

In the county championship we had teams involved in county finals – Aghabullogue dual winners in Intermediate A Hurling & Football, Cill na Martra Premier Intermediate Football both winners. Congratulations to all clubs on your success. We also had Blarney in Senior A Hurling, Kilmurry in Premier Junior Football in county finals, Canovee have reached the Junior A football final & Ballinora are in semifinal of Junior B Football. Ballinora (JAH) & Inniscarra (JBH) both lost out in their semifinals to a last-minute goal. The highs and lows of sport. A fantastic performance by all our divisional clubs in 2023.

In our Divisional competitions we had 22 and played 311 games.

Our Junior A Football Championship commenced on the last weekend of July and Junior A Hurling Championship a week later. We had a round robin competition and played the codes (hurling & football) as per the county board fixtures plan. This worked well for dual clubs and with an advance programme clubs and players could make plans. Junior B grades were played on the Monday nights and our Junior C commenced in September. U21 football & hurling has commenced since the last weekend in October and will run right into December. Pitches are a major issue for running the U21 games this time of the year.

With so many competitions and games we would not be able to proceed with them without the help of our Muskerry Referees panel. We had an addition of 9 referees in our division this year and I am sure with more experience they will progress further in 2024. On no occasion this year did we have to postpone any league or championship games due to unavailability of referee.

Also our competitions could not be completed without our divisional competitions sponsors: Muskerry Senior Teams – The Auld Triangle, Championships: Junior A Hurling – MJK Oils Ltd, Junior B Hurling – Oriel House Hotel, U21 Premier,

A&B Hurling – Farho Intelligent Heating Ltd, Junior A Football – Ross Oil, Junior B Football – Ballincollig Credit Union, U21 A,B & C Football – Macroom Motors. Leagues – Junior A Hurling – Cumnor Construction, Junior B Hurling – Ernside Engineering, Junior A, B & C Football – EPH Controls.

Our Muskerry Sports Stars awards were revived for 2023 – A new sponsor EPH Control has come on board for a 3-year period. This is an award for our sports stars on the field of play and we will have our overall winner on January 20<sup>th</sup> @ Oriel House Hotel. Award winners – Jack Murphy Eire Óg( captain of UCC Singerson team), Tadhg O'Connell Ballincollig(U21 All Ireland Hurling winner), Clionagh Healy Aghabullogue & Meadhbh Murphy Ballinora( All Ireland Camogie winners), Shane Kingston Ballinora( Mid Cork JAH winners), Jack Kelleher Canovee( Mid Cork JAF winners), Matthew Bradley Aghabullogue( Intermediate A Hurling winners), John Corkery Aghabullogue( Intermediate A Football winners), Seay Furey Cill na Martra ( Premier Intermediate Football winners),

Congratulation to all our divisional players who were involved in our intercounty teams this season especially our Cork Senior Hurling captain Sean O'Donoghue Inniscarra and the players on the winning U20 All Ireland Hurling team.

Finally, a word of thanks to all the clubs in the division who helped in making it a very successful season in completing our games and for making their venues available for games.

### Muskerry Teams-

We entered both hurling & football teams in the County Senior Championship 2023. Divisional teams must compete in the first few rounds without their inter county players being available until after the inter county championship. Our Muskerry Hurlers played their first-round game v Carrigdhoun on June 6<sup>th</sup> and had a good win this qualified them for the semifinal where we met Carbery and once again had a good win but in the final, we came up against a better Avondhu team on the night. Our Muskerry Footballers played the first round on June 8<sup>th</sup> v Imokilly with a loss and a week later played Duhallow who beat us well, we had another chance due to the withdrawal of one of the divisions and in the semifinal we played Avondhu who we beat and had another chance to overturn the result of the Duhallow game but once again Duhallow prevailed. Compared with 2022 our season in 2023 was much better for our senior hurlers & footballers and the interest shown by clubs and their managements making players available to the division was fantastic. In both clubs 40 plus players were made available to us in both hurling & football.

Management: Hurling – Diarmuid Kirwin Eire Óg Manager, Brendan O'Driscoll MTU Coach, Barry Holland Donoughmore, Niall Buckley Aghabullogue.

Management: Football – Danny Buckley Aghabullogue

Coach, Conor Hurley Macroom, Diarmuid O'Riordan Uibh Laoire, Pat O'Leary Kilmurry.

### Leagues:

With a restructured league for 2023 to give teams more game time. We had Div 1, 2 & 3 in hurling – Div 1, 2(E&W), 3(E&W). Winners of leagues were – Hurling Div1 – Inniscarra, Div 2 – Aghabullogue, Div 3 – Gleann na Laoi. Football Div 1 – Canovee, Div 2 – Ballingearry, Div 3 – Ballingearry.

### Championship:

MJK Oils Ltd Junior A Hurling: - We had 10 team entries with some entertaining games. After the Round Robins quarter finals Grenagh v Blarney & Kilmichael v Eire Og – Ballinora & Dripsey awaiting the winners in the semifinal. Semifinal pairings had the favourites going into the competition Grenagh & Ballinora in one semifinal and after an entertaining game and extra time Ballinora prevailed. In the other semifinal again a very good game between Dripsey & Kilmichael Dripsey progressed. The final took place in Cloughduv but at times the quality of the hurling in this final was not supreme. Ballinora won and headed to the county round where they were unlucky to be defeated in the semifinal.

Oriel House Hotel Junior B Hurling: - Eleven teams entered and again this year we ran a plate competition for the losers of Round 1. This was a very good competition and we had Aghabullogue who regressed in 2023 taking on the 3<sup>rd</sup> team of Inniscarra. It took a replay and extra time to separate both these teams. Inniscarra lost in the semifinal of the county. In the plate competition we had Blarney v Donoughmore with Blarney coming out on top.

Farho Intelligent Heating Ltd U21 Hurling P, A & B: - This competition started during the month of November and due to some clubs being involved in county competitions they withdrew. Premier final Ballinollig winners, A final –

Aghabullogue v Grenagh, B final – Donoughmore winners.

Ross Oil Junior A Football: - We had 12 team entries again a round robin and then quarter finals Eire Og v Kilmichal & Aghinagh v Grenagh. Semifinal pairings had Inniscarra v Eire Og a hard-fought game by Inniscarra who progressed & in the other semifinal Canovee v Aghinagh, Canovee had a comprehensive win on the day. The final played in Ovens where it looked like after 10 mins that Inniscarra would take it but then Canovee upped a gear and went on to have a good win. They are now in the county final v Mayfield.

Ballinollig Credit Union Junior B Football: - 14 teams and we also held a plate competition here. The final had Inniscarra v Ballinora where Ballinora emerged after playing with 13 men for most of the game. In the plate competition Aghabullogue beat Uibh Laoire.

Rochestown Park Hotel Junior C Football: - 7 entries here and the final pairings were Inniscarra v Ballingearry. A very entertaining game where Ballingearry won by a single point.

Macroom Motors U21 A, B & C Football: - A winners – Ballinollig, B grade – 3 teams – Aghabullogue, Inniscarra & Naomh Abhan, C grade – Donoughmore await winners Aghinagh/Ballingearry in final.

### Financial Statement:

Expenditure:	68957
Income:	69123
Profit:	166



# ABHANN DUBH

## Officers 2023

Cathaoirleach; Arthur O Caoimh  
Runai; Micheal Ó Murchu  
Leas-Cathaoirleach; Sean O Curnain  
Cisteoir; Sean de Róiste  
P.R.O.; Ciarain O Riagain  
Cultural Officer; Barra OhEachtighearna  
Development Officer; Sean O Donnabhain  
Children's Officer; Tomas O Sionnaigh  
Coaching Officer; Nollaig O Riagain  
County Board Reps Michael Beecher, John Courtney

## Competitions Summary 2023

### Hibernian Hotel Junior Hurling C'ship

Winners; Harbour Rovers  
Runners up; Kilshannig  
Game's Played; 22

### Fitzgerald Hurley's Junior B 1 Hurling C'ship

Winners; Castletownroche  
Runners up; Doneraile  
Game's Played; 5

### McAuliffe Hurley's Junior B 2 Hurling C'ship

Winners; Fermoy  
Runners up; Newtownshandrum  
Game's Played; 4

### Shreelawn Oil Junior C Hurling C'ship

Winners; Newtownshandrum  
Runners up; LiscarrollChurchtown Gaels  
Game's Played; 6

### Hibernian Hotel U21 A Hurling C'ship

Winners; Newtownshandrum  
Runners up; Charleville  
Game's Played; 3

### Country Clean U21 B Hurling Championship

Winners LiscarrollChurchtown Gaels  
Runners up Clyda Rovers  
Games played 7

### Transeuro U21 C Hurling Championship

Winners St Dominics  
Runners up Ballycastle Gaels  
Game's Played 5

### Cavanagh's Of Fermoy Div 1 Hurling League

Winners Clyda Rovers  
Runners up Dromina  
Games played 40  
Cavanagh's Of Fermoy Div 2 Hurling League  
Winners; Mallow  
Runners up; Araglen  
Game's Played; 38  
Cavanagh's Of Fermoy Div 3 Avondhu Hurling League  
Winners; Clyda Rovers  
Runners up; Charleville  
Game's Played; 14

### Synergy Fermoy Credit Union Junior A Football C'ship

Winner; Killavullen  
Runners up Charleville  
Game's Played; 17

### Walsh's Pharmacy Junior B 1 Football C'ship

Winner; Shanballymore  
Runners up; Ballyhea  
Game's Played; 9

### Ballylough Milling Junior B 2 Football C'ship

Winner; Kildorrery  
Runners up; LiscarrollChurchtown Gaels  
Match's Played; 7

### Barnes Jewellers U21 A Football C'ship

Winners Clyda Rovers  
Runners Up Kilshannig  
Games played 3

### O Sullivan Lewis U21 B Football C'ship

Not complete Final fixed for Dec 15th  
Buttevant V Kilavullen or Mitchelstown

### Ballylough Milling U21 C Football C'ship

Not complete  
Final Kildorrery V St Kevins Dec 8th

### Cavanagh's Of Fermoy Div 1 Football Avondhu League

Winner; Ballyhoolu  
Runners up; Killavullen  
Game's Played; 30

### Cavanagh's Of Fermoy Div 2 Football Avondhu League

Winners Deel Rovers  
Runners up Shanballymore  
Games played 22  
Cavanagh's Of Fermoy Div 3 Football Avondhu League  
Winner; Buttevant  
Runners up; Mitchelstown  
Match's Played; 19

### Number of Games played in Avondhu for 2023

Junior Hurling League & C'ship	137
Junior Football League & C'ship	97
U21 Hurling & Football C'ship	26
Total	260

### Avondhu Financial Report 2023

Income	€68,967
Expenditure	€66,935
Surplus	€2,032

The Avondhu board ran 19 competitions in 2023, 13 championship and 6 leagues. Income has decreased slightly on the previous the years figures, but the board are still showing a small surplus.

Harbour Rovers captured the Hibernian Hotel junior A hurling championship defeating Kilshannig in the final on a score of 1-16 to 0-16. Wins over Newmarket and Carrignavar saw them reach the county final where they agonisingly went down to Nemo Rangers. Killavullen bridged a twenty-year gap to capture the the Synergy Fermoy Credit Union Junior A Football champions defeating Charleville on a score of 0-14 to 0-06. In the county championship they went under by the narrowest of margins. The under 21 hurling

championship was played in three grades A,B and C, The A grade saw Newtownshandrum take the spoils from Charleville. The B final saw Liscarroll Churchtown Gaels defeat Clyda Rovers and the C final saw St Dominics emerge victorious over Ballycastle Gaels. In u21 football only the A competition has been completed with Clyda Rovers defeating Kilshannig. Both the A and B competitions are scheduled to be completed mid-December. Deel Rovers are the JBI Football champions with Castletownroche winning the hurling equivalent. Kildorrery were worthy JB2 Football winners but lost out to a strong Ballinora team in the county championship. Fermoy defeated Newtownshandrum in the Junior B 2 hurling championship and captured the county championship with a win over Killeagh. The Avondhu senior hurlers and footballers once again competed in the senior championship. The hurlers who had five championship games began their campaign on June 6th and with victories over Carberry 1-24 to 2-13, Duhallow 1-26 to 3-19 and Muskerry 2-23 to 1-15 in the unseeded final. UCC were next up in the open Colleges Divisions final and a 0-28 to 1-18 win saw them progress to the final. Once again Imokilly were the opponents on Saturday August 26th and despite an excellent hour we went under on a score of 0-25 to 0-20. in the Colleges Divisional final The footballers received a walkover from Beara, before going under to Muskerry.



# COISTE NA NOG

## Officers 2023

Cathaoirleach: Mícheál Ó Mathúna

Leas Cathaoirleach: Peadar Mac Uait

Cisteóir: Eoghan Ó Conchubhair

Cúntóir Cisteoir: Mairtín Ó Briain

PRO: Ruairí Ó Núnáin

Runaí: Seagháin Ó Suipéil

Cúntóir Runaí: Stiofán Ó Loingsigh

Runaí na Reiteoirí: Séamus Mac Fhionhbhuide

Oifigeach Oiliúna: Diarmuid Breatnach

Oifigeach Leanaí: Eoghan Ó Conchubhair

2023 has been a busy year for Rebel Óg on the fields of play around the county, as we endeavour to develop the skills and enjoyment of our younger players in our Gaelic games. The commitment of clubs, players, club mentors and parents ensured that games in the age-bracket 12 to 18 were played countywide under the auspices of the Rebel Óg regions, in addition to various blitzes and fun-days from U11 downwards run by the GDC's.

With the clubs still getting used to the change in our main age groups to 13, 15 & 17, this year Rebel Og ran a fixtures program for under 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 including C3, first and second teams, even though this did cause a major scheduling headache but a welcome one for all involved.

**Games Development Coordinators.** It was great to see the number of GDC's increase this year under our Games Manager, Niall Twomey who replaced Kevin O'Callaghan, who had given countless years' service to Cork GAA. We would like to welcome all the new GDC's and wish them well in their roles around the county.

**Coach Education :** From October 2022 to June 2023 under organiser GDC Colm Crowley the following courses took place - 57 Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games. 7 Award 1 Courses. 1 Award 2 Course. 6 Workshops for Talent Academy Coaches. 4 Coaching Conferences at Nursery Child Youth/ Adult and Athletic Development along with 6 stand alone workshops.

**IT.** Our thanks to Terry Brady IT Officer with Cork GAA for all of his help and assistance during the year on our website and overall web development of Cork GAA which will continue going forward.

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Teams at Fe 15 & Fe17.** The purpose of this policy was twofold; to encourage the broadest possible participation in our games and to avoid player burnout. The proposed format allowed maximum flexibility for clubs, enabling them to provide a suitable games programme for all their players. It is hoped that this initiative will encourage

more players to continue playing and reduce the "fall off" in player numbers from mid-teens that has been very evident in recent years. Coiste na nÓg will continue to monitor and review these competitions over the next two years.

**Cul Camps** It was great to see our Cul Camps numbers return to pre pandemic levels this year which saw camps being run under strict guidelines from Croke Park, where our clubs ran camps in the various regions very successfully

**John West Féile** 2023 saw a lot of clubs participate this year. And to our winners who went forward to represent Cork at national level we say well done to Carrigtwohill, Kiltilla Og & Cloughduv in the hurling. And Glanmire, Carrigtwohill and St Kevins in the football with Carrigtwohill completing a double. A huge thank you must go to the Feile committee, working alongside our Coiste officers, for all the hard work involved in arranging games and organising the Féile tournament in Cork for 2023.

**Referee recruitment/retention;** This year, Jim McEvoy in the role of Rebel Og Referee Administrator, doing stellar work in recruitment of referees where we saw several new batches of referees complete the courses to allow them to officiate at our games going forward, however there are many clubs who do not have a referee on their list and we need this to change.

A rising problem in recent times and continues to be a worrying trend and something that must be removed from our game, is the abuse of referees from side lines. A lot of our disciplinary matters involved mentors, supporters and parents rather than players and this trend must cease. We should be setting examples to our young players and not have adults on the sidelines roaring and shouting at our referees.

We lost many good people this year who passed on to their eternal reward, who will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all family members of deceased loved ones. Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow officers, of both Coiste and the Regions, for their invaluable support, assistance and sharing of the workload throughout the year. Their work regularly goes unseen and is often thankless but involves a lot of dedication and a lot of time. The workload of fixtures has increased over the last number of years and without these boards, who all volunteer countless hours each week we could not continue to function as an organisation. We are lucky in Cork, that Rebel Og have a good working relationship with our county board, so we wish to thank the Cork County Board for all their assistance during the year. To all the staff in Pairc Ui Chaoimh we say thank you for the various roles they carry out behind the scenes in our organisation, allowing us to concentrate on juvenile affairs each week.

Míle buíochas díbh go léir.  
Seagháin Ó Suipéil.  
Rúnaí

# COLAISTE IARBHUNSCOILEANNA CHORCAÍ

<b>Cathaoirleach:</b>	Séan Ó Brien
<b>Rúnaí:</b>	Éadbhard Ó Croinín
<b>Leas Cathaoirleach:</b>	Padraig Palmear
<b>Cisteoir:</b>	Liam Ó Dúgáin
<b>Oifigeach Seirbhíseach:</b>	Niall Ó Chaoimh

Buíochas do gach duine idir oifigeach agus múinteoirí a chabhraigh le Coiste Choláistí i mbliana chun ár comórtaisí a chuir cinn agus a thabairt chun chríoch.

The 2022/2023 season was once again both productive and rewarding. A high level of skill and sportsmanship was evidenced on the field of play. As a committee we would like to thank our servicing officer Neally O'Keeffe for the extraordinary work load he gets through in organising all our games throughout the year, without his commitment our competitions would not take place.

The breakdown of the various games fixed by the Cork PPSB development officer are as follows:

<b>Hurling</b>	<b>Games Played</b>	<b>Football</b>	<b>Games Played</b>
Senior 'A'	9	Senior 'A'	10
Senior 'B'	12	Senior 'B'	12
Senior 'C'	11	Senior 'C'	11
Senior 'D'	5	Senior 'D'	9
16'A'	7	16'A'	7
16'B'	14	16'B'	11
16'C'	16	16'C'	15
16'D'	5	16'D'	9
14'A'	8	14'A'	9
14'B'	12	14'B'	14
14'C'	12	14'C'	8
14 <sup>1/2</sup> 'D'	3	14 <sup>1/2</sup> 'D'	3

We would like to extend the sincerest thanks of Colaiste Iarbhunscoileanna Chorcaí to all the teachers who give up their time voluntarily to prepare teams for our various competitions. Without this honourable commitment we would not have an organisation at all, so thank you. Secondly, I would like to thank my fellow committee members who work tirelessly to ensure the smooth running and completion of our competitions and the safeguarding of our organisation in what can only be described as unsure times for our schools.

A special word of thanks must go to Neally O'Keeffe our development officer. The work load that Neally gets through is immense and without a doubt we would not complete our expansive programme of

fixtures without his input and expertise.

The continuing situation of Club games being played throughout the week under floodlights right through November coupled with their training and challenge matches leaves little time for the College panels to train. Furthermore, this overload of training and games is seriously manifesting itself in the issue of player burnout and exhaustion. In addition, the fact that the Munster Minor Hurling championship started in March and the Football Championship started in April, placed further pressure on the completion of our competitions. Several of our members have even questioned the viability of continuing the Colleges competitions if the current situation continues. It is simply not practical to continue within the existing constraints. A decision must be made at County Board level to provide a definite window for our competitions with no Club games being played during that window.

This coupled with the changing landscape of education as evidenced with the introduction of the new JCPA and the requirement for Class Room Based Assessments in each subject will only add to the difficulty of getting games played on time and indeed competitions completed.

The work of the GDAs across the county in organising First Year hurling and football blitzes throughout the county is a welcome development. It allows schools to get all the first years that want to play with their school games and not just a select few that make the 'A' team. We would encourage such blitz days for first years who may not be getting games in Cork or other competitions such as the Rice Cup.

On a sad note, we lost our Vice-Chairperson, Paudie Palmer in tragic circumstances in January. Paudie's death was felt far and wide across the GAA and we have strongly felt his loss in the Cork PPSB. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



## COISTE LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE

Cork Handball enjoyed another successful year in 2023 with both our adult and juvenile players enjoying success at both provincial and national level. It was great to be back with the full programme of championships and competitions up and running having lost almost three seasons due to the Covid Lockdown restrictions. Our adult players set the ball rolling with Ballydesmonds Catriona Casey winning 60/30 Softball Ladies Senior Singles title. Catriona partnered by Ballydesmond clubmate Aishling O Keeffe also brought home the Senior Ladies Softball Doubles title their ninth Senior Doubles in a row. Liscarroll pair Daniel Relihan/Michael Hedigan putting in some very good performances were crowned Senior Hardball Doubles champions. Mallow pair David Walsh3/Tadgh O'Neill continued the run of success winning 40/20 Intermediate Doubles title. In Masters grades a number of Cork players won All Ireland titles. Brendan Fleming. Ballydesmond won Masters A Singles, Partnered by clubmate Donnacha O Connor they retained the Masters A Doubles title. Donnacha O Dea. also Ballydesmond won 60/30 Masters B Softball Singles. Philip O Carroll. Glenville won 40/20 Golden Masters B Singles. 40/20 Golden Masters B Doubles also came to Cork courtesy of Ballydesmond pair Michael Linehan/Paul Kerins. In 60/30 Masters B Doubles Philip O Carroll, Glenville

teamed up with Donnacha O. Dea, Ballydesmond they beat some Strongly fancied pairings along the way improving with every game running out comfortable winners in the All Ireland Final. In 60/30 Silver Masters B Doubles Enda Aherne, Boherbue teamed up with Ray Griffin, Macroom to win 60/30 Silver Masters B Double title. Cork also won Under 21 60/30 Softball Singles title with Ballydesmond player Daly putting in some very good performances to be crowned U21 Singles champion. In Juvenile championships in 40/20 Cork Girls excelled Winning three All Ireland titles, Amy Brosnan, Ballydesmond won Girls U14 Singles, Carmel Kelleher, Boherbue won U16 Singles, Norma Kerrisk, won Girls U17 Singles. Later in the year Amy Brosnan achieved the U14 Double By also winning Girls U14 60/30 Singles. Carmel Kelleher also won Girls U16 One Wall title. Cian Dunning, Conna also enjoyed some success winning Loughmacrory Ulster One Wall 17 & U title. Cork had a very reformed successful County championship the standard was good which was later borne out by the level of success enjoyed by Cork players in both Provincial and All Ireland championship. At Juvenile level Cork players performed well. Losing in some Singles and Doubles and team finals. At the moment in conjunction with Cork Sports Partnership a well supported promotion is underway in our clubs which hopefully will yield significant benefit for handball in the county.





# CORK GAA REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present the referees committee report for this past year. It has been a year of many firsts and I'm delighted to report that a lot of progress has been made this past year.

## New Referee Development Committee

The Cork GAA Referee Development Committee was sanctioned at the July County Board meeting this year. The committee shall be responsible for the recruitment, training, development, support, and retention of referees within the county.

Referee Development Committee consisted of Niall Barrett (Chairperson), Jim McEvoy (Secretary), Colm Lyons (Recruitment), Diarmuid Kirwan (Mentoring), Cormac Dineen (Retention), Paddy Corkery (Umpires), Jamie Lane (Equipment), Cathal Ó Murchú (PRO), John O'Donovan (Avondhu), John Enright (Beara), Brian Coniry (Carrigdoun), Eamon Sheehy (Carbery), Dan Dennehy (Duhallow), Miah Moynihan (Muskerry/Advisors), James Dorgan (Seandún) and Jerome O'Brien (Imokilly).

## Referee Recruitment

This year was another great success regarding recruitment with 43 new referees attending the Foundation Level 1 Referee Course. Last year 42 referees did the course. For the County to run-off its Games Programme from juvenile to adult level we need to reach a target of 350 active referees. Thankfully, we are in a great position to hold our own courses within the County with tutors, namely, Colm Lyons, Conor Lane, Michael Collins and Diarmuid Kirwan who can now deliver the Foundation Level 1 Referee Course. Along with the courses above a further course was held for the first time in conjunction with Cork College of Further Education, Tramore Road, for students completing Coaching and Physical Education Courses. All new recruits will receive a referee buddy in 2024 as they begin their refereeing journey. This season we also trained up Referees Advisors to assist with Referee development. They were there to give some guidance and help build confidence in referees by offering feedback. This year we had over 80 referees advised during the championships, we currently have 30 active advisors. The aim is for all referees to be advised in 2024.

## Referee Conference

On November 25th we held our first Cork Referee Conference at Páirc Uí Chaoimh to assist match officials with information and support performance and preparation with over 120 referees, linesmen and referee administrators in attendance. The highlight of the event was our well renowned guest speakers who engaged and captivated the audience. Rugby referee, George Clancy, gave a great account of his own experience of refereeing International rugby games at two World Cups, Six Nations and European Club Games. While, four-time All-Ireland hurling referee,

Barry Kelly's keynote, highlighted the enjoyment of refereeing Gaelic games. Another aspect of the event was the panel discussion featuring the five All-Ireland referees from Cork, namely, Frank Murphy, Michael Collins, Diarmuid Kirwan, Conor Lane and Colm Lyons. They all talked about their time refereeing an All-Ireland Final and the life of a referee. This was followed by a Q&A afterwards. The County Referee Development Plan was also launched at the Conference and sets out the roles of responsibilities of all on the new Referee Development Committee as well as targets in relation to referee recruitment, development, supports and retention for the coming years. Thanks to Finbarr McCarthy for a fantastic job as MC on the day. Cork GAA Chairman, Marc Sheehan, closed the Conference expressing his gratitude to all referees and umpires within the county for their dedication and commitment to refereeing and to the high standards of officiating that exist within the county. Medal Presentation Night and Lifetime Awards  
The dinner and medal presentation at Páirc Uí Chaoimh for Cork GAA referees was a great success. Medals were presented to Championship Final referees for the 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 seasons. Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to six attendees to recognise their significant contribution to refereeing in the County. The recipients included Donal O'Connor from Na Píarsaigh, Jim Healy from Blackrock, Michael Keane from Cloughduv, Frank Murphy from Blackrock, Danny Warren from St Mary's and John Motherway from Aghada. The Willie Horgan New Referee Award was also launched by the Horgan Family. This will be a perpetual award in memory of Willie Horgan of the Brian Dillons Club and will be presented to a new referee who has impressed during their first full year of refereeing. The inaugural winner was Kevin O'Sullivan of Valley Rovers. Thanks to Patrick Mulcahy for a fantastic job as MC for the event.

Next year you will notice the new Cork GAA referees' jersey being worn by our officials. This is part of an effort by the County Board and the Referee Development Committee to support our referees and show appreciation for the work they do.

## National Referee and Munster Referee Panels

Congratulations are extended to the Cork referees who are on the National Referees panel, (Conor Lane, David Murnane, John Ryan and Colm Lyons, Ciarán O'Regan) and on the Munster Referees Panel (Mark Maher, Simon Stokes, Shane Scanlon, Cormac Dineen, Alan Long, James Bermingham and James O'Regan). Also to Patrick O'Mahony (Kilbrittain) and Ciarán Murphy (Glanworth) who were recently appointed to the Munster Academy Provincial panel.

We also have four advisors on the Munster panel, Diarmuid Kirwin, Michael Collins, John Geaney and Jim McEvoy. Aims for 2024.

Asking all clubs who don't currently have a referee to provide a suitable candidate to become a referee.

All clubs to invite an established referee into their club to discuss the playing rules.

Re launch the young whistler program in conjunction with



Niall Twomey Head of Games Development.  
Host referee foundation courses in February.  
Host a referee foundation course for third level colleges in January.  
Host umpire training and recruitment.  
I would like to thank all referees and their officials who contributed immensely over the year. I would also like to thank the County Board and executive for their support during the year.

**Niall Barrett**

County Referee Administrator



## Cork GAA

### Financial summary - 30 September 2023

#### Balance Sheet

Fixed assets

#### Current assets

Debtors

Cash and bank

#### Creditors < 1 year

Creditors and accruals

Lease liability

Capital development accrual

Deferred income

BOI loan (< 1 year)

Loan from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael (Croke Park) (< 1 year)

#### Net current assets/ (liabilities)

#### Total assets less current liabilities

Creditors > 1 year

BOI loan (< 1 year)

Loan from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael (Croke Park)

Deferred income

Lease liability

Deferred grants

#### Net assets

#### Total debt

BOI loan (facility to 2028 - with annual capital commitments of €1,000k - €1,100k pa)

Loan from Pairc an Chrocaigh (Croke Park) (facility with annual commitment of €636k pa)

#### Income statement

Revenue

Other Operating Income

Costs (excluding depreciation)

EBITDA

Depreciation

Capital grant credit

Interest

#### Profit/ (Loss) before tax

N1 - Net depreciation and interest totalling €2,068k was recharged from CCB to PUC. This comprises gross depreciation of €2,579k, a grant credit of €1,343k and bank interest of €832k

N2 - Interest on the Croke Park facility of €210k is reflected in its entirety in PUC

	Cork county Board (CCB) €'000	Pairc Uí Chaoimh CTR (PUC) €'000	Eliminate Interco €'000	Total €'000
	94,822	1,361		96,183
	5,280	3,758	(4,639)	4,399
	932	128		1,060
	6,212	3,886	(4,639)	5,459
	(1,827)	(5,793)	4,639	(2,981)
		(40)		(40)
	(358)			(358)
	(413)	(1,074)		(1,487)
	(1,000)			(1,000)
	(318)			(318)
	(3,916)	(6,907)	4,639	(6,184)
	2,296	(3,021)	0	(725)
	97,118	(1,660)	0	95,458
	(19,181)			(19,181)
	(7,608)	(3,185)		(10,793)
		(6,326)		(6,326)
		(161)		(161)
	(49,404)			(49,404)
	20,925	(11,332)	0	9,593
	(20,181)			(20,181)
	(7,926)	(3,185)		(11,111)
	(28,107)	(3,185)	0	(31,292)
	7,831	3,626	(201)	11,256
		244		244
	(7,331)	(4,201)	201	(11,331)
	500	(331)	0	169
	(32)	(2,845)		(2,877)
		1,343		1,343
		(855)		(855)
	468	(2,688)	0	(2,220)

## **Gaelic Athletic Association Cork County Board**

Executive Committee's report and financial statements  
for the year ended 30 September 2023

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2023**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CORK COUNTY BOARD**

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Gaelic Athletic Association Cork County Board ('the Board') for the year ended 30 September 2023, which comprise the Income Statement, the Statement of Financial Position and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is a special purpose framework comprising the financial reporting provisions of the accounting policies of the Gaelic Athletic Association Cork County Board's ('the Board') set on pages 7 to 10 to these financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the Board for the year ended 30 September 2023 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirement to present financial statements to Cork County Committee Convention.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Board in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared to assist the Board in complying with the requirement to present financial statements to Cork County Committee Convention. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Board and for Cork County Committee Convention, in accordance with our engagement letter, and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Board. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CORK COUNTY BOARD (Continued)**

### **Conclusions relating to going concern (continued)**

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Executive Committee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Board's ability to continue as a going concern.

### **Other information**

The Executive Committee are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the schedules to the Income Statement set out on pages 17 to 20, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Respective responsibilities**

#### **Responsibilities of Executive Committee for the financial statements**

The Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies of the Gaelic Athletic Association Cork County Board's ('the Board') set on pages 7 to 10 to these financial statements, and for such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Board's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Board or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Board's financial reporting process.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GAEILC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CORK COUNTY BOARD (Continued)**

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**


Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: [http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description\\_of\\_auditors\\_responsibilities\\_for\\_audit.pdf](http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf).

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

Our report is made solely to the Board's members, as a body, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board and the Board's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Ernst & Young  
Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants

Cork

Date: 6 December 2023

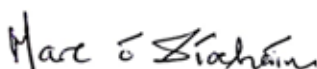
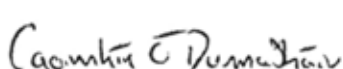
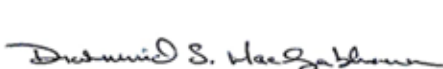
## Gaelic Athletic Association - Cork County Board

### INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 30 September 2023

	<i>Schedule</i>	2023 €	2022 €
INCOME			
Board income	1	5,763,523	5,324,209
Recharge to Pairc Ui Chaoimh	2	2,067,601	1,955,844
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Total income		7,831,124	7,280,053
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EXPENDITURE			
Board expenditure	3	5,296,023	4,644,619
Depreciation and loan interest to be charged to Pairc Ui Chaoimh	10	2,067,601	1,955,844
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Total expenditure		7,363,624	6,600,463
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Total surplus for the year		467,500	679,590
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There are no recognised gains or losses in either year other than the surplus attributable to the members of the Gaelic Athletic Association Cork County Board.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 29 November 2023 and authorised for issue on behalf of the Executive Committee on 6 December 2023 by:

		
Marc Ó Síocháin Cathaoirleach	Caoimhín Ó Donnabháin Runai	Diarmuid S. MacGabhann Cisteoir

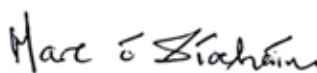
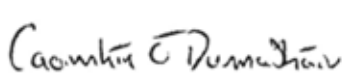
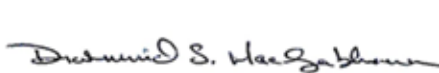


# Gaelic Athletic Association - Cork County Board

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION at 30 September 2023

	Note	30 September 2023 €	30 September 2022 €
NET ASSETS EMPLOYED			
Fixed assets	3	94,815,781	97,532,423
Long term investments	4	5,789	5,789
CURRENT ASSETS,			
Debtors		5,280,401	3,344,379
Cash and cash equivalents		932,019	1,579,562
		<u>6,212,420</u>	<u>4,923,941</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals		(2,915,928)	(2,937,557)
Bank loans	5	(1,000,000)	(875,000)
		<u>(3,915,928)</u>	<u>(3,812,557)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,296,492</u>	<u>1,111,384</u>
Total Assets (including stadia)		<u>97,118,062</u>	<u>98,649,596</u>
Creditors (Amounts falling due after one year)	9	(7,608,438)	(7,263,722)
Bank loans	5	(19,181,000)	(20,181,000)
Capital Grants	6	(49,403,221)	(50,746,971)
NET ASSETS		<u><u>20,925,403</u></u>	<u><u>20,457,903</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY			
Capital account	7	<u><u>20,925,403</u></u>	<u><u>20,457,903</u></u>

Approved by the Executive Committee on 29 November 2023 and authorised for issue on behalf of the Executive Committee on 6 December 2023 by:

		
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**30 September 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Board in the preparation of these financial statements are as follows:

**(a) *Going concern and basis of preparation***

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The re-development of Pairc Uí Chaoimh stadium was substantially completed in 2017, came into operational use during 2018 and certain final accounts are in the process of being agreed with parties in relation to the project.

The Board set up a special purpose company, Pairc Uí Chaoimh CTR ('PUC') to manage the administration, management, promotion, commercial opportunities, the facilitation of club and inter-county games and on-going maintenance of Pairc Uí Chaoimh Stadium. The operations and results of this company is reported separately in its own financial statements.

The stadium re-development has been financed to date by the Board's own finances, a grant of €20 million from CLG, Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport grants and Munster Council grants of €34.64 million, bank loans and sales under long term tickets and other fundraising schemes. These grants were all paid to CCB. In prior years, certain costs relating to the stadium company and the re-development costs have also been met directly by Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR, a Croke Park company.

The stadium asset and cost of the re-developed Pairc Uí Chaoimh stadium have been recorded to date in Cork County Board ('CCB'), which is the ultimate controlling party of the stadium company. It has been agreed by the Executive Committee of CCB to transfer the stadium asset and stadium costs including the related capital grants, amounts owed to Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR (refer Note 9), the remaining capital accruals and bank loans to Pairc Uí Chaoimh CTR, pending other internal GAA approval procedures. This will ensure the stadium asset and related activities will be recorded in the same entity going forward.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**30 September 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(a) *Going concern and basis of preparation (continued)*

The Executive Committee have performed a going concern assessment, incorporating the overall finances and cashflows of Cork GAA that incorporate both trading entities which include future activities, committed and expected funding for a period to 31 March 2025. In preparing these cashflows, the bank debt stands at €20,181,000 at the end of September 2023 (which is recorded in the accounts of CCB) with annual repayments of €1,000,000 to €1,100,000. The bank loan facility will be revisited with our lenders in 2028.

During the year there was an agreement made with Cumann Lúthchleas Gael (CLG) to assist in repaying the bank loan owed to our lender. Following this agreement with CLG, CCB has restructured its loan with CLG and committed to annual repayments of €636,000 to CLG. As a result of this restructuring, CCB has the financial capacity to service the above loans based on financial projections prepared by management for a period to 31 March 2025. CCB will support PUC when surplus funds are available in CCB. PUC has and continues to be reliant on a letter of support from Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR. Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR has confirmed that this letter of support will continue for that period to 31 March 2025.

The main assumptions around the going concern assessment comprise the timing and receipt of revenue from certain of Cork GAA's various income streams in 2023-2025.

The Executive Committee have a reasonable expectation that CCB will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, therefore, the Executive Committee have concluded that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

*Historical cost convention*

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in euro ("€") which is the presentational currency of these financial statements, and all values are rounded to the nearest euro unit except where otherwise indicated.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) *Long term investments*

Long term investments in unlisted shares are carried at cost.

(c) *Income and expenditure*

Income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Interest on long term investments is recognised in the period it is accrued and adjustments in value from cost to maturity value are debited to financial income.

Income from Championship games played within the financial year (30 September) is accrued for in the accounts. Any games played after the financial year end are excluded.

The Executive Committee's policy is to account for gross sponsorship income received in connection with its activities. In the Income Statement, all such income is included in either Commercial or Transfer income and the related disbursements are included in the appropriate category of expenditure. Consistent with this policy, sponsored gear and equipment is included, at cost, in Commercial Income and in Inter County Teams' Expenses.

(d) *Cork GAA members' draw*

The Cork GAA members' draw year ends on 31 December and the policy of the Executive Committee is to include, in its income, the results of the draws which were completed within its financial year. Monies received in the Board's financial year, which relate to the October – December period of the 2023 draw, are treated as deferred income and are included as liabilities in the Board's Statement of Financial Position. Expenditure, including prizes, is matched with related income.

(e) *Capital grants*

Government, Central and Munster Council grants in relation to the re-development of Pairc Ui Chaoimh are credited to a deferred capital grant account and are released to the income and expenditure account over the expected useful lives of the relevant assets by equal annual instalments which commenced in the current year.

Non-repayable Central and Munster Council grants and grants from the government towards the cost of Pairc Ui Rinn and other grounds are credited to a deferred capital grants account and shown separately in the Statement of Financial Position and are not therefore credited to income.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(f) *Fixed assets and depreciation*

Direct costs include personnel, administration and finance costs directly related to the construction of the asset and were capitalised to 31 October 2017. Thereafter, these costs are expensed as the stadium is now complete.

The re-development costs of Pairc Ui Chaoimh are included in the grounds account of Pairc Ui Chaoimh. The Pairc Ui Chaoimh stadium is being depreciated but it is being considered to transfer the stadium to Pairc Ui Chaoimh CTR at depreciated cost post year end. Lands included in grounds are not depreciated.

Depreciation is provided on all fixed assets, except as noted below, at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value, of each asset systematically over its expected useful life, on a straight-line basis, as follows:

Pairc Ui Chaoimh	-	2.5%
Fixtures and equipment	-	5% - 10%
Computer equipment and software	-	20%

The Board's other grounds, including Pairc Ui Rinn, are currently not depreciated. It is the Board's practice to maintain the grounds/stadia in proper operating condition by regular maintenance and upgrading as required. Accordingly, the Board considers that the lives of the grounds/stadia are so long and residual value so high that any depreciation is immaterial.

Fixed assets are reviewed for impairment on an annual basis.

(g) *Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position comprise cash at banks and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.

(h) *Government grant income*

Grants are accounted under the accruals model. Grants of €336,274 relating to the Club Resilience Fund were received from Sport Ireland during the year.

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

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

**2. JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY**

The preparation of financial statements requires the Executive Committee to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the Statement of Financial Position date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

*Amounts capitalised in respect of Pairc Uí Chaoimh re-development*

In determining the amounts to be capitalised in respect of Pairc Uí Chaoimh re-development at year end, the Board has used judgement in identifying the period over which construction and other direct costs should be capitalised.

Whilst the stadium is complete, certain final construction and other costs in relation to the stadium are still being finalised with parties in relation to the re-development along with the recovery of certain costs from other parties. The Executive Committee has exercised judgement and estimated the final amounts to be paid or recovered at the Statement of Financial Position date. Changes to these estimates could ultimately result in the Board paying or receiving on the amounts currently accounted for in the financial statements which would result in a change to the overall project costs and the amounts capitalised as fixed assets.

*Useful lives of fixed assets*

Fixed assets comprising primarily grounds and fixtures and equipment represent a significant portion of total assets. The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. Management regularly reviews these useful lives and change them if necessary to reflect current conditions. In determining these useful lives management consider technological change, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial year. See Note 3 for the carrying amount of fixed assets.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

**3. FIXED ASSETS**

	Grounds			Fixtures and equipment			
	Pairc Ui Chaoimh €	Pairc Ui Rinn €	Others €	Computer equipment & software €	Pairc Ui Rinn €	Pairc Ui Chaoimh €	Total €
<b>Cost:</b>							
At 1 October 2022	99,575,865	4,320,182	1,637,018	135,629	239,771	1,562,264	107,470,729
Additions	-	-	-	-	21,402	-	21,402
Recovery of capital costs	(126,774)	-	-	-	-	-	(126,774)
At 30 September 2023	99,449,091	4,320,182	1,637,018	135,629	261,173	1,562,264	107,365,357
<b>Depreciation:</b>							
At 1 October 2022	9,329,924	-	-	100,347	202,092	305,943	9,938,306
Charge for year	2,501,530	-	-	27,126	4,501	78,113	2,611,270
At 30 September 2023	11,831,454	-	-	127,473	206,593	384,056	12,549,576
<b>Net book value:</b>							
At 30 September 2023	87,617,637	4,320,182	1,637,018	8,156	54,580	1,178,208	94,815,781
At 30 September 2022	90,245,941	4,320,182	1,637,018	35,282	37,679	1,256,321	97,532,423

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

4.	LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	<i>30 September</i> 2023 €	<i>30 September</i> 2022 €
	Unlisted investments	5,789	5,789
		<u>5,789</u>	<u>5,789</u>
5.	BANK LOANS	<i>30 September</i> 2023 €	<i>30 September</i> 2022 €
	Loans repayable, included in creditors are analysed as follows:		
	Wholly repayable within five years	20,181,000	21,056,000
		<u>20,181,000</u>	<u>21,056,000</u>
	Disclosed as:		
	Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	1,000,000	875,000
	Creditors (amounts falling due after more than one year)	19,181,000	20,181,000
		<u>20,181,000</u>	<u>21,056,000</u>

In 2017, the Board drew down bank financing from Bank of Ireland in connection with the re-development of Pairc Ui Chaoimh stadium. The loan facilities were re-negotiated during the prior year and were converted into a term loan facility of €9,342,000 to 2023 and the balance comprised of loan facilities due within the next year.

The bank facilities were updated in September 2021 to extend the facility through to 2028 with annual repayments of €750,000 to €1,100,000 over that period with the remaining loan to be revisited with our lenders in 2028. Repayments on this revised bank loan facility re-commenced in September 2021 in line with the agreement.

The bank loans would be transferred to Pairc Ui Chaoimh CTR if the stadium is to be transferred from the Cork County Board.

The bank loans are secured on the assets of Cork County Board and Pairc an Chroaigh CTR are co-guarantors to the loan agreement.



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

## 6. CAPITAL GRANTS

	<i>Government grants €</i>	<i>Central council €</i>	<i>Munster council €</i>	<i>Total €</i>
<i>Pairc Ui Chaoimh:</i>				
<i>Cost:</i>				
At 1 October 2022	30,063,487	20,355,527	4,577,918	54,996,932
Received during year	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2023	30,063,487	20,355,527	4,577,918	54,996,932
<i>Amortisation:</i>				
At 1 October 2022	2,937,500	1,958,333	367,188	5,263,021
Amortised during year	750,000	500,000	93,750	1,343,750
At 30 September 2023	3,687,500	2,458,333	460,938	6,606,771
<i>Net book value</i>				
At 30 September 2023	26,375,987	17,897,194	4,116,980	48,390,161
<i>Pairc Ui Rinn:</i>				
At 1 October 2022	126,974	63,487	547,599	738,060
Received during year	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2023	126,974	63,487	547,599	738,060
<i>Board's other grounds:</i>				
At 1 October 2022	-	250,000	25,000	275,000
Received during year	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2023	-	250,000	25,000	275,000
At 30 September 2023	26,502,961	18,210,681	4,689,579	49,403,221
At 30 September 2022	27,252,961	18,710,681	4,783,329	50,746,971

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 September 2023 (Continued)

7.	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	30 September 2023 €	30 September 2022 €
	At 1 October	20,457,903	19,778,313
	Total surplus for the year	467,500	679,590
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	At 30 September	20,925,403	20,457,903
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## 8. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no significant capital commitments contracted for at the Statement of Financial Position date.

## 9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Cork County Board transacts with Central Council and Munster Council and with its member Clubs and Divisions. These transactions are reflected in the underlying records and are in the normal course of business.

The Board has and continues to be reliant on the financial support from a related entity, Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR, and balances have been extended into a longer-term loan facility with Cork GAA with annual capital repayments of €636,000 per annum (these payments will be paid monthly from April 2024). The Board owes monies of €7,926,438 (2022: €7,763,722) to Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR at 30 September 2023 which primarily relates to the stadium build of which €318,000 (€500,000) is included in Creditors less than one year and the balance of €7,608,438 (2022: €7,263,722) is included in Creditors greater than one year.

As noted in the Recharge to Pairc Ui Chaoimh schedule below, costs of €2,067,601 (2022: €1,955,844) relating to the Pairc Ui Chaoimh stadium has been recharged to Pairc Ui Chaoimh CTR for the year ended 30 September 2023. An amount of €4,638,780 (2022: €2,671,987) is receivable from Pairc Ui Chaoimh CTR and is included in Debtors at 30 September 2023.

*Key management personnel*

All senior employees who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the entity are key management personnel. Total remuneration for senior employees including pension contributions paid by the two entities of Cork GAA in respect of these personnel amounted to €308,730 (2022: €319,310).

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

10. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS SINCE THE YEAR END

There are no significant events affecting the Cork County Board since the year end.

11. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL

The Executive Committee approved the accounts on 29 November 2023.

# GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION - CORK COUNTY BOARD

## SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 30 September 2023

	<i>Schedule</i>	2023 €	2022 €
<b>SCHEDULE 1 – BOARD INCOME</b>			
Draw income	4	991,629	941,479
Gate receipts	5	1,461,802	1,584,017
National league shares	6	279,037	263,595
Commercial income – gross	7	1,231,440	932,460
Other income	8	1,026,370	913,689
Transfer Income	9	773,245	688,969
		<u>5,763,523</u>	<u>5,324,209</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 2 – RECHARGE TO PAIRC UI CHAOIMH</b>			
Recharge of Pairc Ui Chaoimh related costs	10	<u>2,067,601</u>	<u>1,955,844</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 3 – BOARD EXPENDITURE</b>			
Draw expenditure	11	553,603	544,467
Match expenses	12	679,244	654,407
Intercounty teams' expense	13	1,995,908	1,614,766
Administrative expenses	14	660,901	587,606
Coaching and games development	15	1,276,749	1,129,595
Ground maintenance		129,618	113,778
		<u>5,296,023</u>	<u>4,644,619</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 4 – DRAW INCOME</b>			
Gross income		2,927,566	2,882,784
Less: Commission paid to clubs		(1,932,812)	(1,918,221)
		<u>994,754</u>	<u>964,563</u>
Income net of club commission			
Draw income (October – December 2022) deferred to 2023		247,600	224,516
Draw income (October – December 2023) deferred to 2024		(250,725)	(247,600)
		<u>991,629</u>	<u>941,479</u>
Net income			

**GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION - CORK COUNTY BOARD****SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME STATEMENT  
for the year ended 30 September 2023**

	2023 €	2022 €
<b>SCHEDULE 5 – GATE RECEIPTS</b>		
Club championship	1,461,802	1,499,017
Media rights	-	85,000
	<u>1,461,802</u>	<u>1,584,017</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 6 - NATIONAL LEAGUE SHARES</b>		
NHL	178,191	222,388
NFL	100,846	41,207
	<u>279,037</u>	<u>263,595</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 7 – COMMERCIAL INCOME GROSS</b>		
County commercial income	917,385	723,710
Match programmes	234,055	143,750
Club competition sponsorship	80,000	65,000
	<u>1,231,440</u>	<u>932,460</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 8 - OTHER INCOME</b>		
Other unit levies	13,376	13,174
Memberships and affiliations	103,345	105,126
Publications and productions	4,068	2,515
Rebel Og	-	53,500
Cul camps	752,309	589,374
Contributions	153,272	150,000
	<u>1,026,370</u>	<u>913,689</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 9 - TRANSFER INCOME</b>		
Team expenses	214,645	200,445
Grants (administration and operation expenses)	194,710	273,000
Munster Council: Coaching and games development grants	363,890	215,524
	<u>773,245</u>	<u>688,969</u>

**Gaelic Athletic Association - Cork County Board****SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME STATEMENT  
for the year ended 30 September 2023**

	2023 €	2022 €
<b>SCHEDULE 10 – DEPRECIATION AND LOAN INTEREST</b>		
<b>COSTS TO BE RECHARGED TO PAIRC UI CHAOIMH</b>		
Depreciation -Pairc Ui Chaoimh	2,579,644	2,579,645
Amortisation of capital grants – Pairc Ui Chaoimh	(1,343,750)	(1,343,751)
Loan interest – Pairc Ui Chaoimh	831,707	719,950
	<u>2,067,601</u>	<u>1,955,844</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 11 – DRAW EXPENDITURE</b>		
Draw prizes	496,950	496,450
Administration	56,653	48,017
	<u>553,603</u>	<u>544,467</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 12 - MATCH EXPENSES</b>		
Club team expenses	139,232	214,161
Referees' expenses	56,592	51,902
Rent of club fields	97,517	71,931
Rent of Pairc Ui Chaoimh	104,690	144,802
Medals, prizes, and presentations	70,089	47,694
Match programmes	166,886	91,097
Other match expenses	44,238	32,820
	<u>679,244</u>	<u>654,407</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 13 - INTER COUNTY TEAMS' EXPENSES</b>		
Catering expenses	413,537	361,953
Team travel expenses	421,863	341,525
Travel and overnights	143,580	38,633
Gear and equipment	382,594	392,448
Medical/S&C/Facilities	634,334	480,207
	<u>1,995,908</u>	<u>1,614,766</u>

## Gaelic Athletic Association - Cork County Board

### SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023 €	2022 €
<b>SCHEDULE 14 - ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>		
Office administration costs	351,017	292,692
Postage	12,671	22,611
Audit	54,125	38,118
Conventions and meetings	14,020	17,772
Sundry	86,067	74,415
Postage, printing and advertising	15,374	15,434
Depreciation of fixed assets in Pairc Ui Rinn	31,627	30,564
Rent	96,000	96,000
	<u>660,901</u>	<u>587,606</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 15 - COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT</b>		
Coaching scheme	397,759	404,379
Coaching materials	62,681	52,451
Development grants	64,000	83,391
Grants to units:		
Cul camps	752,309	589,374
	<u>1,276,749</u>	<u>1,129,595</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,276,749</b>	<b>1,129,595</b>

**Pairc Ui Chaoimh Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn  
Rathaiochta ('Pairc Ui Chaoimh CTR')  
*(Company Limited by Guarantee not having a share capital)***

Directors' report and financial statements for the year  
ended 30 September 2023



**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2023**

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**COMPANY INFORMATION**

DIRECTORS	John Horan (Chairperson) John Murphy Tomás de Grae Colin Morgan Diarmuid MacGabhann John Mullins Gerard Mulryan Caoimhín Ó Donnabháin Marc Sheehan Michael O'Flynn
SECRETARY	Proinnsias O'Murchu
REGISTERED NUMBER	611035
REGISTERED OFFICE	Pairc Ui Chaoimh, Ballintemple, Cork.
SOLICITORS	BHK Solicitors LLP, 1 Washington Street West, Cork.
BANKERS	Allied Irish Banks, 66 South Mall, Cork.
AUDITOR	Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, City Quarter, Lapps Quay, Cork.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2023**

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023.

*PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES*

The principal activity of the company consists of the administration, management, promotion and facilitation of club and inter-county games and on-going maintenance of Pairc Ui Chaoimh Stadium.

*BUSINESS REVIEW*

The re-development of Pairc Ui Chaoimh was completed and came into operational use in July 2017. During the year, the company also bore the depreciation costs of €1,501,419 (2022: €1,461,700) and bank and other loan interest costs of €855,149 (2022: €780,341) relating to the re-developed Pairc Ui Chaoimh stadium.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 30 September 2023 are set out on pages 11 and 13. Loss before taxation amounted to €2,688,129 (2022: loss €3,266,384). After deducting taxation of €Nil (2022: €Nil) a loss of €2,688,129 (2022: loss €3,266,384) has been taken to reserves.

The key performance indicators for the company are revenue, profit before tax and EBITDA (Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortisation).

	2023 €	2022 €
Turnover	3,625,720	6,085,632
EBITDA	(331,561)	1,275,530
Operating loss	(1,832,980)	(186,170)

The company's EBITDA amounted to negative €331,561 when depreciation of €1,501,419 (including stadium depreciation recharged from Cork County Board of €1,235,894) and net interest of €855,149 are added back to loss before tax.

*PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES*

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the company are broadly grouped as – operational, competitive, economic, legislative, financial instrument risk and exposure to liquidity and cash flow risk.

*Operational risk*

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect losses due to inadequacy or failure of internal processes, people, or systems.

*Competitive risks*

Loss of revenue, customers and key staff are the main risks that could affect the company's financial position.

*Economic risk*

Economic risk is the risk of direct or indirect losses due to external events. The risk has been minimised by continuous monitoring of the market and competitors, adequate insurance cover and regular management review of the business.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)**

*PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES (Continued)*

*Economic risk (continued)*

The company has insurances and structures to limit these risks and the board of directors regularly review, reassess, and proactively limit the associated risks.

*Legislative risks*

The company operates within a legal framework and consequently faces a requirement to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

*Financial instrument risks*

The company's primary objectives are to protect the company from events that hinder the achievement of the company's performance objectives. These objectives aim to limit undue counterparty exposure, ensure sufficient working capital exists and monitor the management of risk at business unit level.

*Exposure to liquidity and cash flow risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The company aims to mitigate liquidity risk by managing cash generation from its operations and applying cash collection targets throughout the company. The company also manages liquidity risk through a combination of credit facilities and support from Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR.

Cash flow risk is the risk of exposure to variability in cash flows. The company manages this risk as explained re liquidity risk above.

The directors believe that the key personnel and operating procedures are in place to mitigate the risks and uncertainties' above.

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Details of the financial risk management objectives and policies and the exposure of the company to liquidity risk and cash flow risk are provided under 'Principal Risks and uncertainties' above.

**EVENTS SINCE THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DATE**

There were no significant events affecting the company after the Statement of Financial Position date.

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BUSINESS**

The directors plan to maximise the rental of the stadium and all-weather pitch for both match days and other events in the foreseeable future.

**DIRECTORS**

The directors of the company at 30 September 2023 are listed on page 2.

**DIRECTORS' AND SECRETARY'S INTERESTS IN SHARES**

The company is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Therefore, the directors and secretary who served during the period did not have a beneficial interest in the company.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)**

*GOING CONCERN*

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, its financial position and financial risk management objectives are described above in the Directors' Report.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, notwithstanding the loss incurred for the year and the net liabilities as outlined in the Statement of Financial Position.

The stadium re-development has been financed to date by the Board's own finances, a grant of €20 million from CLG, Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport grants and Munster Council grants of €34.64 million, bank loans and sales under long term tickets and other fundraising schemes. These grants were all paid to CCB. During the prior years, a significant portion of the costs relating to the stadium companies and the re-development costs were met directly by Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR, a Croke Park company.

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The company's liabilities exceeded its total assets by €11,332,173 for the year ended 30 September 2023. The company was supported by cashflows from CCB during 2023 and funding continues to be in place through Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR.

The Directors have performed a going concern assessment, incorporating the overall finances and cashflows of Cork GAA that incorporate both trading entities which include future activities, committed and expected funding for a period to 31 March 2025. In preparing these cashflows, the bank debt stands at €20,181,000 at the end of September 2023 (which is recorded in the accounts of CCB) with annual repayments of €1,000,000 to €1,100,000. The bank loan facility will be revisited with our lenders in 2028.

During the year there was an agreement made with Cumann Lúthchleas Gael (CLG) to assist in repaying the bank loan owed to our lender. Following this agreement with CLG, CCB has restructured its loan with CLG and committed to annual repayments of €636,000 to CLG. As a result of this restructuring, CCB has the financial capacity to service the above loans based on financial projections prepared by management for a period to 31 March 2025. CCB will support PUC when surplus funds are available in CCB. PUC has and continues to be reliant on a letter of support from Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR. Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR has confirmed that this letter of support will continue for that period to 31 March 2025.

The main assumptions around the going concern assessment comprise the timing and receipt of revenue from certain of Cork GAA's various income streams in 2023-2025, as well as the receipt of a letter of support from Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that Cork GAA and the company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, therefore, the directors have concluded that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)**

*ACCOUNTING RECORDS*

The measures that the directors have taken to secure compliance with the requirements of sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 regarding the keeping of accounting records are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The company's accounting records are maintained at the company's registered office at Pairc Ui Chaoimh, Ballintemple, Cork.

*POLITICAL DONATIONS*

No political donations were made by the Company during the year, which require disclosure in accordance with the Electoral Acts 1997 to 2012.

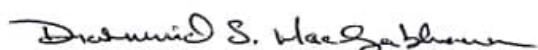
*DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR*

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and the company's auditor, each director has taken all the steps that he is obliged to take as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

*AUDITOR*

The auditor, Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, will continue in office in accordance with section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 5 December 2023 and authorised for issue on behalf of the Board of Directors on 6 December 2023 by:



Diarmaid MacGabhann  
Director



Caoimhín Ó Donnabháin  
Director

**DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2023**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

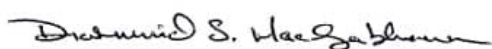
Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, and financial position, of the company as at the end of the financial period, and the profit or loss for the company for the financial period, and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

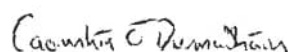
- select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 5 December 2023 and authorised for issue on behalf of the Board of Directors on 6 December 2023 by:



Diarmaid MacGabhann  
Director



Caoimhín Ó Donnabháin  
Director

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PAIRC UI CHAOIMH CTR**

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Pairc Ui Chaoimh CTR ('the Company') for the year ended 30 September 2023, which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Financial Position and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 30 September 2023 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PAIRC UI CHAOIMH CTR (Continued)**

### **Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the directors' report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014**

In our opinion, based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year ended for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the Company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act, which relate to disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions are not complied with by the Company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PAIRC UI CHAOIMH CTR (Continued)**

### **Respective responsibilities**

#### **Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

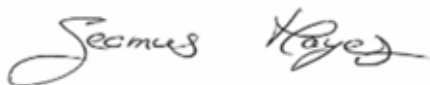
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: [http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description\\_of\\_auditors\\_responsibilities\\_for\\_audit.pdf](http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf).

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

Our report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Seamus Hayes  
for and on behalf of  
Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm

Cork

Date: 6 December 2023

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
for the year ended 30 September 2023

	<i>Note</i>	2023 €	2022 €
Turnover	2	3,625,720	6,085,632
Cost of sales		(2,106,303)	(2,942,711)
Gross profit		1,519,417	3,142,921
Administrative expenses		(2,095,196)	(1,867,391)
Administrative expenses – depreciation		(1,501,419)	(1,461,700)
Other operating income	3	244,218	-
Operating loss	4	(1,832,980)	(186,170)
Interest payable and similar expenses	6	(855,149)	(780,341)
Write off of intercompany balance with SCL		-	(2,299,873)
Loss before tax		(2,688,129)	(3,266,384)
Tax on loss	7	-	-
Loss for the financial year		(2,688,129)	(3,266,384)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(2,688,129)	(3,266,384)

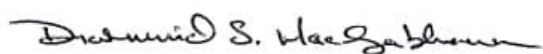
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
for the year ended 30 September 2023

	<i>Profit and loss account</i> €	<i>Other reserves</i> €	<i>Total</i> €
At 30 September 2021	(5,377,660)	-	(5,377,660)
Loss for the financial year	(3,266,384)	-	(3,266,384)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
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At 30 September 2022	(8,644,044)	-	(8,644,044)
Loss for the financial year	(2,688,129)	-	(2,688,129)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
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At 30 September 2023	<u>(11,332,173)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,332,173)</u>


**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**at 30 September 2023**

		2023 €	2022 €
ASSETS EMPLOYED	Note		
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	1,361,367	1,357,272
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	9	1,460,522	1,544,106
Debtors (amounts falling due after more than one year)	9	2,296,855	758,100
Cash at bank and in hand		128,326	542,784
		3,885,703	2,844,990
CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)	10	(6,907,270)	(5,078,687)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(3,021,567)	(2,233,697)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		(1,660,200)	(876,425)
CREDITORS (amounts falling due after more than one year)	11	(9,671,973)	(7,767,619)
NET LIABILITIES		(11,332,173)	(8,644,044)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Profit and loss account		(11,332,173)	(8,644,044)
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Approved by the Board of Directors on 5 December 2023 and authorised for issue on behalf of the Board of Directors on 6 December 2023 by:



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Caoimhín Ó Donnabháin  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**30 September 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) *Statement of compliance*

Pairc Ui Chaoimh CTR is a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 5 September 2017 in the Republic of Ireland. The registered office is Páirc Ui Chaoimh, Ballintemple, Cork, which is also the principal place of business of the company. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' Report.

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

(b) *Basis of preparation*

The statutory financial statements are prepared in euro which is the presentational and functional currency of the company. In accordance with FRS 102, the directors have reviewed the company's accounting policies and consider these appropriate for the company.

The current accounting period being reported commenced on 1 October 2022 and ended on 30 September 2023. The prior accounting period commenced on 1 October 2021 and ended on 30 September 2022.

*Going concern*

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) *Basis of preparation (continued)*

*Going concern (continued)*

The company's liabilities exceeded its total assets by €11,332,173 for the year ended 30 September 2023. The company was supported by cashflows from CCB during 2023 and funding continues to be in place through Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR.

The directors have performed a going concern assessment, incorporating the overall finances and cashflows of Cork GAA that incorporate both trading entities which include future activities, committed and expected funding for a period to 31 March 2025. In preparing these cashflows, the bank debt stands at €20,181,000 at the end of September 2023 (which is recorded in the accounts of CCB) with annual repayments of €1,000,000 to €1,100,000. The bank loan facility will be revisited with our lenders in 2028.

During the year there was an agreement made with Cumann Lúthchleas Gael (CLG) to assist in repaying the bank loan owed to our lender. Following this agreement with CLG, CCB has restructured its loan with CLG and committed to annual repayments of €636,000 to CLG. As a result of this restructuring, CCB has the financial capacity to service the above loans based on financial projections prepared by management for a period to 31 March 2025. CCB will support PUC when surplus funds are available in CCB. PUC has and continues to be reliant on a letter of support from Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR. Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR has confirmed that this letter of support will continue for that period to 31 March 2025.

The main assumptions around the going concern assessment comprise the timing and receipt of revenue from certain of Cork GAA's various income streams in 2023-2025, as well as the receipt of a letter of support from Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that PUC will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, therefore, the directors have concluded that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

(c) *Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty*

The preparation of the statutory financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the Statement of Financial Position date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the period. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(c) *Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)*

The following is the company's key source of estimation uncertainty:

*Useful lives of property plant and equipment*

Long-lived assets comprising primarily of property, plant and equipment represent a significant portion of total assets. The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these useful lives and change them, if necessary, to reflect current conditions. In determining these useful lives management consider technological change, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation charge for the financial period. The net book value of tangible assets subject to depreciation at the financial period end date was €1,361,367 (2022: €1,357,272).

(d) *Deferred term ticket revenue and corporate facilities*

Advance sales of term tickets and corporate packages for the stadium redevelopment programme are initially recognised in the Statement of Financial Position as deferred revenue.

Revenue from corporate facilities is credited to the Statement of Comprehensive Income in equal annual instalments over the term of the packages.

(e) *Revenue recognition*

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents the amount receivable for goods supplied or services rendered, and rental income net of discounts or transaction costs allowed by the Company and net of value added taxes.

Rental income is recognised on an accruals basis and recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in line with underlying contracts.

(f) *Basic financial instruments*

An entity shall recognise a financial asset or financial liability only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

(i) *Trade and other debtors/creditors*

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transactions price less attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example, if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 30 September 2023 (Continued)

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

##### (f) *Basic financial instruments (continued)*

##### (ii) *Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents.

##### (g) *Foreign currencies*

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies relating to revenues, costs and non-monetary assets are translated into euro at the rates of exchange ruling on the dates on which the transactions occurred.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euro at the rates of exchange ruling at the Statement of Financial Position date. The resulting profits or losses are dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

##### (h) *Tangible fixed assets and depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset systematically over its expected useful life, on a straight-line basis, as follows:

Land and buildings	-	4% - 10%
Fixtures, fittings, and equipment	-	10%

##### (i) *Government grant income*

Grants are accounted under the accruals model as permitted by FRS 102. Grants relating to the SI Energy Grant Scheme were received from Sport Ireland during year.

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

##### (j) *Impairments of assets, other than financial instruments*

Where there is objective evidence that recoverable amounts of an asset are less than its carrying value, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount resulting in an impairment loss. Impairment losses are recognised immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Where the circumstances causing an impairment of an asset no longer apply, then the impairment is reversed through the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(j) *Impairments of assets, other than financial instruments (continued)*

The recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment is the higher of the fair value less costs to sell the asset and its value in use. The value in use of these assets is the present value of the cash flows expected to be derived from those assets. This is determined by reference to the present value of the future cash flows of the company which is considered by the directors to be a single cash generating unit.

(k) *Leasing and hire purchase commitments*

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position and are depreciated over their useful lives with the corresponding lease or hire purchase obligation being recognised as a liability. The interest element of the finance lease rentals is charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the period of the lease and represent a constant periodic rate of interest on the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Operating lease rentals are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(l) *Taxation*

Corporation tax is provided on taxable profits of the period. Current tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the Statement of Financial Position date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at Statement of Financial Position date, where transactions or events that result in an obligation to discharge a tax liability or receive a benefit in the future have occurred at the Statement of Financial Position date, except for deferred tax assets.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the year in which the differences reverse based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the Statement of Financial Position date.

2. TURNOVER

All turnovers arose in Ireland. No analysis of turnover by activity and geographical area as required by the Companies Act 2014 has been included in these financial statements as the directors are of the opinion that such disclosure would be seriously prejudicial to the company's competitive position.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

3.	OTHER OPERATING INCOME	2023	2022
		€	€
	Government grants receivable	244,218	-
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

4.	OPERATING LOSS	2023	2022
		€	€
	This is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation	265,525	225,806
	Depreciation – recharged by GAA		
	Cork County Board ( <i>note 14</i> )	1,235,894	1,235,894
	Auditor’s remuneration – statutory audit services	30,000	25,000
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

No directors’ remuneration arose in respect of qualifying services provided by the directors to the company during the year or the prior period.

5. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

The company had no employees during the year or the preceding period.

6.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR EXPENSES	2023	2022
		€	€
	On bank loans and overdrafts	650,767	570,429
	Interest payable to related party	204,382	209,912
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
		855,149	780,341
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The bank loans are currently recorded in the accounts of GAA Cork County Board, but the interest charges are being met by Pairc Ui Chaoimh CTR on the basis that the revenues of the redeveloped stadium are reflected in this company.

7. TAX ON LOSS

On 9 November 2022, Pairc Ui Chaoimh CTR was granted Sporting Exemption status by the Revenue Commissioners in accordance with section 235 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS						
	Land and buildings €	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Leased equipment €	Technology and other equipment €	Bar and catering	Total €
<i>Cost:</i>						
At 1 October 2022	219,386	350,831	-	1,090,063	759,740	2,420,020
Additions	-	30,900	238,720	-	-	269,620
At 30 September 2023	219,386	381,731	238,720	1,090,063	759,740	2,689,640
<i>Depreciation</i>						
At 1 October 2022	75,953	130,882	-	492,058	363,855	1,062,748
Charge for year	21,939	38,713	19,893	109,006	75,974	265,525
At 30 September 2023	97,892	169,595	19,893	601,064	439,829	1,328,273
<i>Net book value:</i>						
At 30 September 2023	121,494	212,136	218,827	488,999	319,911	1,361,367
At 30 September 2022	143,433	219,949	-	598,005	395,885	1,357,272

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

9.	DEBTORS	2023 €	2022 €
	<i>Amounts due within one year</i>		
	Trade debtors	168,540	916,167
	Amounts due from related parties	75,848	-
	Other debtors	196,224	206,369
	Premium ticket debtors	684,825	421,570
	Taxation and social welfare: - VAT	335,085	-
		<u>1,460,522</u>	<u>1,544,106</u>
	<i>Amounts falling due after one year</i>		
	Premium ticket debtors	2,296,855	758,100
		<u>3,757,377</u>	<u>2,302,206</u>

All amounts owed by related undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

The carrying amount of the financial instruments categorised as financial assets measured at amortised cost amounts to €3,226,068 (2022: €2,095,837). The fair value of financial assets approximates their carrying value.

10.	CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)	2023 €	2022 €
	Trade creditors	828,704	970,470
	Accruals and sundry creditors	273,447	216,164
	Amounts due to related companies	4,638,780	2,781,787
	Taxation and social welfare: - VAT	-	71,540
	Deferred term ticket revenue	1,126,103	1,038,726
	Finance lease	40,236	-
		<u>6,907,270</u>	<u>5,078,687</u>

All amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

The carrying amount of the financial instruments categorised as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost amounts to €8,926,844 (2022: €7,175,056). The fair value of financial liabilities did not differ from their carrying values.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 September 2023 (Continued)

11.	CREDITORS (amounts falling due after more than one year)	2023 €	2022 €
	Deferred term ticket revenue	6,325,269	4,560,984
	Amounts owed to related companies	3,185,913	3,206,635
	Finance lease	160,791	-
		<u>9,671,973</u>	<u>7,767,619</u>

Amounts owed to related companies represents a balance due to Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR, as part of a wider loan facility provided to Cork GAA, which carried interest at a rate of 1.9% per annum and is repayable annually by instalments.

## 12. LEASES

The Company has lease contracts for equipment used in its operations. Leases of equipment generally have lease terms between 3 and 5 years.

The Company's obligations under its leases are secured by the lessor's title to the leased assets. Generally, the Company is restricted from assigning and subleasing the leased assets and some contracts require the Company to maintain certain financial ratios.

The carrying amounts of right-of-use assets recognised and the movements during the period can be seen above in the Tangible Fixed Assets note above (Note 8).

Set out below are the carrying amounts of lease liabilities (as included in Note 10 and Note 11 above) and the movements during the period:

	<i>Leasehold equipment</i> €	<i>Total</i> €
<i>Cost:</i>		
As at 1 October 2022	-	-
Additions	217,240	217,240
Interest expense for year	4,066	4,066
Payments	(20,279)	(20,279)
	<u>201,027</u>	<u>201,027</u>
As at 30 September 2023	201,027	201,027
	<u>40,236</u>	<u>40,236</u>
Current ( <i>Note 10</i> )	40,236	40,236
Non-current ( <i>Note 11</i> )	160,791	160,791

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

12. LEASES (Continued)

The following are the amounts recognised in profit or loss:	2023 €
Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets	19,893
Interest expense on lease liabilities	4,066
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Total amount recognised to profit and loss	23,959
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13. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

The directors had no significant transactions with the company during the period within the meaning of the Companies Act 2014.

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company is owed €75,848 (2022: €Nil) from a related entity, Coiste Oiliúna, a related entity by virtue of common officers. The company owes monies of €7,824,693 (2022: €5,988,422) to related entities, Munster Council and Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR, GAA Cork County Board, entities related by virtue of common directors and officers.

The company transacts with Cork County Board and its member Clubs and Divisions, Central Council and Munster Council. These transactions are reflected in the underlying records and are in the normal course of business.

In the current year, depreciation of €1,235,894 (2022: €1,235,894) and bank loan interest of €627,325 (2022: €510,038) relating to the Pairc Ui Chaoimh stadium was charged to the company by Cork County Board. In the current year, interest of €204,382 (2022: €209,912) was charged in full to this company at a rate of 1.9% on amounts advanced to the stadium companies by Pairc an Chrocaigh CTR in relation to amounts advanced to fund the Pairc Ui Chaoimh stadium.

The ultimate controlling party of the company is Cork County Board.

*Key management personnel*

All directors and senior employees who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the company are key management personnel. No remuneration is paid to directors. Total remuneration for senior employees including pension contributions paid by the two entities of Cork GAA in respect of these personnel amounted to €308,730 (2022: €319,310).

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**30 September 2023 (Continued)**

**15. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

There were no material capital expenditure commitments, either contracted for or approved by the directors, at the Statement of Financial Position date.

**16. EVENTS AFTER THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DATE**

There were no significant events affecting the Company after the Statement of Financial Position date.

**17. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements were approved on 5 December 2023 and authorised for issue by the directors on 6 December 2023.



**Pairc Ui Chaoimh CTR Detailed profit and Loss account**

	Year end 30 September 2023	Year end 30 September 2022
	€	€
<b>Turnover</b>		
Sporting activity	1,508,567	961,679
Commercial activity	2,117,153	5,123,953
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<hr/> 3,625,720	<hr/> 6,085,632
<b>Cost of sales</b>	(2,106,303)	(2,942,711)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<hr/> 1,519,417	<hr/> 3,142,921
<b>Administration expenses</b>		
Advertising	-	(7,858)
Office Administration costs	(339,637)	(299,400)
Rates	(211,003)	(115,161)
Insurance	(102,282)	(108,282)
Utilities	(429,525)	(330,206)
Pitch Maintenance	(116,666)	(80,178)
Sundry Expenses	(3,928)	(3,658)
Telephone	(155,010)	(184,268)
Legal and Professional	(402,868)	(264,335)
Repairs and Maintenance	(236,937)	(292,267)
Bank Interest and Fees	-	(10,189)
Licence and Subscriptions	(12,010)	(7,096)
Security	(85,330)	(167,493)
<b>Administration expenses</b>	<hr/> (2,095,196)	<hr/> (1,870,391)
<b>Administration expenses - depreciation</b>	(1,501,419)	(1,461,700)
<b>Other operating Income</b>	244,218	-
<b>Operating profit/loss</b>	<hr/> (1,832,980)	<hr/> (189,170)
<b>Write off of intercompany balance with SCL</b>	-	(2,299,873)
<b>Write back of intercompany balance with PUC</b>	-	2,299,873
<b>Interest payable</b>	(855,149)	(780,341)
<b>Loss before tax</b>	<hr/> (2,688,129)	<hr/> (969,511)
<b>Tax on loss</b>	-	-
<b>Loss for the financial year/period</b>	<hr/> (2,688,129)	<hr/> (969,511)

Note: The prior year figures include the gain on the intercompany write off reflected in SCL and also €3,000 of expenses incurred in SCL in FY22.

## **Motions for approval at County Convention 2023**

### **Motion 1**

That Rule 6.11, Official Guide Part 1 be amended as it relates to Inter-County Under 20 (Hurling) and Under 20 (Football) Championships by the deletion in both instances of the sentence " A player may only play in either..... Thursday night)" and being replaced by the following;

In Hurling; " A player is restricted from playing in both the Inter-County Senior Hurling Championship and the Inter-County Under 20 Hurling Championship within a 60-hour period and Committees in Charge of the latter grade competition shall make such allowance where necessary in its scheduling".

In Football; "A player is restricted from playing in both the Inter-County Senior Football Championship and the Inter-County Under 20 Football Championship within a 60-hour period and Committees in Charge of the latter grade competition shall make such allowance where necessary in its scheduling".

Rules Affected- Rules 3.30 (A) (ii) and 3.45 (b).

*(County Committee)*

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### **Motion 2**

That Code 11.1 (2) - County Championships be amended to read as follows:

(2) The maximum number of teams that may participate in an adult County Championship shall be 16.

Exceptions -

(i) In Counties where Divisional and/or Higher Education College teams are permitted to participate in a County Senior Championship, a separate preliminary competition may be organised as a qualifier for a determined number of such teams to participate in the 16 teams County Championship.

(ii) Junior or lower grade County Championships.

*(County Committee)*

**Bye Laws for Approval at County Convention  
(proposed by County Committee)**

**1. COUNTY CONVENTION (Rule 3.8)**

Nominations for Officer positions on the County Management Committee (excluding the (i) Children's Officer, (ii) Planning and Training Officer, (iii) Safety and Facilities Officer and (iv) Rebel Óg Chairperson who shall be appointed on the recommendation of the outgoing County Committee), as well as Munster Council (2) and Central Council (1) Delegates shall be sent to County Secretary at least four weeks before Convention.

A candidate must receive a nomination, submitted on official form, signed in Irish by a Club Secretary, be a member of the Association in accordance with Rule 2.1 and the Club of which they are a duly registered member must appear after their name on the Ballot Paper.

Two Ballot Papers per affiliation shall be sent to each Club and one to each member of the County Committee two weeks before Convention, to be returned by regular post to County Secretary on or before Friday before Convention. Each Club Ballot paper shall be accompanied by a declaration to the effect that the Ballot paper has been marked in accordance with the decisions taken at a properly convened and constituted Club meeting, and the declaration shall be signed by the Club Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary.

Before the nomination papers being sent out, a small Election Committee shall be appointed to make all the necessary arrangements in connection with the County Convention and to deal with the scrutiny of votes.

The Officers on the County Management Committee, Munster Council (2) and Central Council Delegates (1) (excluding the appointed officers) shall be elected by Proportional Representation.

Should a vacancy occur in any of the foregoing elected positions between Convention and prior to September 1st, the vacancy shall be filled in similar manner, i.e. (a) nominations by Clubs; (b) Ballot vote of Clubs and members of current County Committee. If the vacancy occurs after September 1st, the position shall be left vacant until the next County Convention.

The following limitations in terms of Office shall apply:

A member may not serve more than three consecutive years in any one or combination of the following offices, Public Relations Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Coaching Officer, Children's Officer, Planning and Training Officer, County Safety & Facilities Officer and, having served such a term, shall be ineligible for a period of one year to contest an election/appointment for any one of these offices.

A member may not serve for more than three consecutive years as Vice-Chairperson, and having served such a term shall be ineligible for a period of a year to contest the elections for the Offices of Public Relations Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture and Coaching Officer or for appointment as Children's Officer, Planning and Training Officer, County Safety & Facilities Officer or Rebel Óg Chairperson.

A member may not serve for more than three consecutive years as Chairperson, and having served such a term shall be ineligible for a period of a year to contest the elections for the Offices of Vice Chairperson, Public Relations Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture and Coaching Officer or for appointment as Children's Officer, Planning and Training Officer, County Safety & Facilities Officer or Rebel Óg Chairperson.

The Office of Treasurer, while subject to Annual Election, is not subject to a limitation in years of Service.

Motions for County Convention shall be submitted in line with Rule 3.12.

## **2. COUNTY COMMITTEE**

The County Committee shall be constituted of the following members, all of whom, except for the County Secretary, shall have voting rights:

- elected and appointed County Management Committee Officers
- Munster (2) and Central Council (1) Delegates
- County Referees' Administrator, Demographics Officer, IT Officer (appointed by County Committee)
- one named delegate of each affiliated Senior, Intermediate or Junior Club participating in Championships
- two named delegates from each Divisional Committee
- one named delegate from each of the following Committees: County Handball, Rebel Óg, County Primary Schools, County Post-Primary Schools, Inter-Firm.

A report from the Management Committee, incorporating matters of Report from the other Main Sub-Committees, shall be on the Agenda of each meeting.

The schedule of the County Committee Meetings shall be recommended by the Management Committee and approved by the County Committee. It shall be presented to the last County Committee meeting of the previous year. At least five days' notice in writing by email of each meeting of the County Committee shall be given to each Secretary of the Clubs entitled to attend and each member entitled to attend and vote at such meeting. Each notice shall include: (i) The date, time and venue for the meeting; (ii) The main decisions of the previous meeting; (iii) A full agenda; and (iv) The matters, if any, upon which a vote is intended to be taken at that meeting.

A Club is entitled to change its representative on the County Committee, provided notice in writing is given to the County Secretary by 12 noon on the day of the meeting. Name of proxy for County Committee representation shall be supplied on affiliation form.

Voting shall be by secret ballot when it relates to individual members of the Association.

## **3. SUB-COMMITTEES**

In accordance with Rule 3.18 and 3.19, O.G., the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees, whose powers, functions and membership shall be as defined in Rule and in these Bye Laws.

- 3.1 Management Committee (Rule 3.18 (i))
- 3.2 Competitions Control Committee (CCC) (Rule 3.18 (ii))
- 3.3 Fixtures Analysts (Rule 3.18 (iii))
- 3.4 Hearings Committees (Rule 3.18 (iv))
- 3.5 Safety and Facilities Committee (Rule 3.18 (v))
- 3.6 Planning and Training Committee (Rule 3.18 (vi))
- 3.7 Referees' Administration Committee (Rule 3.18 (vii))
- 3.8 Coaching and Games Development Committee (Rule 3.18 (viii))
- 3.9 Cultural Committee (Rule 3.18 (ix))
- 3.10 Public Relations/Marketing Committee (Rule 3.18 (x))
- 3.11 Rebel Óg (Youth Committee) (Rule 3.18 (xi))
- 3.12 Finance Sub-Committee (Rule 3.18 (xii))
- 3.13 Information Technology Committee (Rule 3.18 (xiii))
- 3.14 County Teams Management and Panel Sub-Committee (Rule 3.18 (xiv))
- 3.15 Audit and Risk Committee (Rule 3.18 (xv))
- 3.16 Demographics Committee (Rule 3.18 (xvi))
- 3.17 Health and Wellbeing Committee (Rule 3.18 (xvii))

- 3.18 Divisional Committees (Rule 3.17 (m))
- 3.19 Post Primary Schools Committee (Cork PPS)
- 3.20 Child Welfare and Protection Committee

### **3.1 Management Committee (Rule 3.18 (i))**

It shall consist of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the Treasurer, P.R.O., the Officer for Irish Language and Culture, the Coaching Officer, Children's Officer, Planning & Training Officer, Safety & Facilities Officer, Rebel Óg Chairperson, Central Council Delegate and County Secretary (without voting rights); and four other members of the County Committee, one to be elected from each of the following categories:

- Members representing Senior Clubs
- Members representing Intermediate and Premier Junior Clubs
- Members representing Junior A, B & C Clubs.
- Members representing Divisional Committees.

The four members of the County Committee elected from their respective categories to the Management Committee may not serve for more than three consecutive years on the Management Committee and having served such term shall be ineligible for a period of one year to contest an election for any such category on the Management Committee.

The Chairperson of the County Committee shall be Chairperson of the Management Committee.

Subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee, the Management Committee shall have responsibility for the Management of the Affairs of the Association, including Finance, within the County between Meetings of the County Committee.

### **3.2 Competitions Control Committee (CCC) (Rule 3.18 (ii))**

A Competitions Control Committee shall be appointed annually consisting of the County Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and P.R.O. along with one of the four members elected to the Management Committee by the County Committee from Members representing Senior, Intermediate, Junior Clubs or Divisional Committees who shall be nominated by the Management Committee, for appointment by the County Committee. The County Referees' Administrator shall also be a member and shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of Referees. The Vice-Chairperson of the County Committee shall be Chairperson of the Competitions Control Committee. Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.3 Fixtures Analysts (Rule 3.18 (iii))**

The Management Committee shall nominate two Fixtures Analysts, one of whom shall be a member of the County CCC. Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.4 Hearings Committees (Rule 3.18 (iv))**

(a) **County Hearings Committee**, consisting of twelve named Members, shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Management Committee. It shall adjudicate on all Disciplinary matters (except Objections and Counter Objections) where a Hearing is prescribed and requested, relating to the Enforcement of Rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the County Committee.

It shall adjudicate on Appeals:

- (i) Arising from Decisions of the Divisional Hearings Committee and Rebel Óg Hearings Committee provided for in Sections (b) and (c) of this Byelaw.
- (ii) Decisions of the CCC on Transfers within the County, subject to General Rules and Byelaws.
- (iii) Of Members of Clubs

(b) **Divisional Hearings Committee**, consisting of twelve named Members, shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the management Committee. It shall adjudicate on all Disciplinary matters (except Objections and Counter Objections) where a Hearing is prescribed and requested, relating to the Enforcement of Rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the relevant Divisional Committees.

(c) **Rebel Óg Hearings Committee**, consisting of twelve named Members, shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Management Committee. It shall adjudicate on all Disciplinary matters (except Objections and Counter Objections) where a Hearing is prescribed and requested, relating to the Enforcement of Rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the Rebel Óg or one of the latter's Regional Sub-Committees.

### **3.5 Safety and Facilities Committee (Rule 3.18 (v))**

It shall consist of at least five members including County Safety and Facilities Officer (as Chairperson) and a Qualified Event Controller. Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.6 Planning and Training Committee (Rule 3.18 (vi))**

It shall consist of at least five members, including the County Planning and Training Officer (as Chairperson). All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by Central Council, the relevant Provincial Council or any of their sub-committees. Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.7 Referees' Administration Committee (Rule 3.18 (vii))**

It shall consist of at least five members including the County Referees Administrator (as Chairperson). Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.8 Coaching and Games Development Committee (Rule 3.18 (viii))**

It shall consist of at least five members including the County Coaching Officer (as Chairperson). Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.9 Cultural Committee (Rule 3.18 (ix))**

It shall consist of at least five members including the Officer for Irish Language and Culture (as Chairperson). The County Scór Committee shall be a Subcommittee of the Cultural Committee. Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.10 Public Relations/Marketing Committee (Rule 3.18 (x))**

It shall consist of at least five members including the County PRO (as Chairperson). Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.11 Rebel Óg (Youth Committee) (Rule 3.18 (xi))**

It shall consist of;

- (a) The County Children's Officer and the Coaching Officer of the County Committee;
- (b) Officerships – Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, P.R.O., Referees Administrator.
- (c) One Representative of each of four Regional Sub Committees, East, Mid South, West and North; the County Head of Games Development

The County Children's Officer having completed his term as Officer shall continue as a member of the Committee for a further one year.

It shall have four Regional Sub committees – Mid South Region, West Region, East Region and North Region

Each of the four Regional Sub Committees will be comprised of the following set of Officer roles, namely Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and P.R.O. and Referees Secretary

A member may not serve for more than a maximum of five consecutive years in any officer role within Rebel Óg.

Subject to the jurisdiction of the County Committee and the Management Committee, the County Youth Committee shall be responsible for:

- (i) The initiation and co-ordination of all Youth activities within the County.
- (ii) All underage affairs from Minor Grade downwards (except Inter-County Minor Teams)
- (iii) It shall have four Regional Sub Committees – Mid Region, West Region, East Region and North Region.
- (iv) It shall be the sole Under-Age Fixtures making body and shall prepare a Master Fixtures Plan for all Regions to ensure a coordinated games structure in the entire County.
- (v) Promotion and Monitoring of Development in the County Schools' Committees.

Coiste na nÓg shall incorporate a CCC consisting of the Officers of Coiste na nÓg and a representative from each of the four Regional sub-committees. It shall be chaired by the Rebel Óg Vice-chairperson.

Subject to the jurisdiction of the County Committee, Management Committee and Coiste na nÓg, the Coiste na nÓg Competitions Control Committee shall be responsible for:

- (i) Coiste na nÓg Fixtures. Where a change is considered necessary between meetings, the Competitions Control Committee shall consult with the Clubs involved but shall have the power to make a decision.
- (ii) Appointment of Referees – whose decisions are final.
- (iii) Referees' Reports - their consideration and adoption.
- (iv) Discipline arising from Competitions and Games, other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee.
- (v) Objections and Counter-Objections relating to or arising out of Games, with power of decision.
- (vi) Gradings - Clubs and Players, with final decisions resting with the County Committee.
- (vii) Transfers within the County – subject to General Rule and Byelaws.
- (viii) The Competitions Control Committee shall meet at least once a month, and as often as is necessary.

Five Regional Competitions Control Sub Committees (CCC) will be established; Mid South CCC, West CCC, East CCC, North CCC and Premier CCC. These Sub Committees can include up to three Club representatives.

A Finance subcommittee shall comprise of the Treasurers from each of the four Regional subcommittee and the Treasurer of Rebel Óg who shall chair the subcommittee.

A Public Relations subcommittee shall comprise of the Public Relations Officers (PROs) from each of the four Regional sub-committee and the PRO of Coiste na nÓg who shall chair the subcommittee.

A Referees Sub Committee shall comprise of the Referees Secretary from each of the four Regional Sub Committees, the Secretary of Coiste na nÓg and the Referees Administrator of Rebel Óg who shall chair the Sub Committee.

### **3.12 Finance Sub-Committee (Rule 3.18 (xii))**

The membership of the Finance Sub-Committee shall comprise the entire membership of the Management Committee. Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.13 Information Technology Committee (Rule 3.18 (xiii))**

It shall consist of at least five members including the IT Officer (as Chairperson). Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.14 County Teams Management and Panels Sub-Committee (Rule 3.18 (xiv))**

The membership of the County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee / Player relationships as approved by Central Council. Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.15 Audit and Risk Committee (Rule 3.18 (xv))**

It shall consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member. Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.16 Demographics Committee (Rule 3.18 (xvi))**

It shall consist of at least five members including the Demographics Officer (as Chairperson). Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.17 Health and Wellbeing Committee (Rule 3.18 (xvii))**

It shall consist of at least five members including the County Children's Officer. Terms of reference are outlined in rule.

### **3.18 Divisional Committees (Rule 3.17 (m))**

The County shall be divided into Divisional areas by the County Committee.

A Divisional Committee shall consist of the elected Officers and one member of each affiliated Club in the Division (with the exception of the Beara Divisional Committee which shall consist of the elected officers and two members of each Club in Beara), along with the elected delegates to County Committee.

A Management Committee shall be elected annually and may comprise of the following elected officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, and Irish & Cultural Officer. A Referees Administrator and up to four ordinary members of the Divisional Committee may be appointed by its members also.

A Competitions Control Committee (CCC) shall be appointed annually, comprising of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary, along with between two and five other members of the Management Committee.

Each Divisional Committee shall hold an Annual General Meeting prior to County Convention, with annual reports including independently verified accounts being submitted to the County Secretary beforehand.

Subject to the functions reserved to the Divisional Hearings Committees, Divisional Committees shall have the power to warn, fine and suspend teams and individuals under their jurisdiction for breaches of Rules of the Association, County Bye Laws or County League and Championship Regulations.

The Term of Office for all officers and members of the Management Committee shall be a maximum of five years in any one position subject to annual election.

Divisional Committees shall have control of all fixtures and finances in their areas except Senior, Intermediate and Premier Junior Championships, County Leagues and other Secondary Competitions; Junior 'B' & 'C' County Championships; Interdivisional Championships; U19 and younger grade competitions. All matches, other than those specified, must have the sanction of the Divisional Committee.



Formats and calendars for all League, Championship, U21/U20 and Secondary competitions shall be submitted by each Divisional Committee for approval from County Committee before January 31st annually.

Each Divisional Committee may appoint a President and Vice-Presidents (without voting rights) for terms to be decided by the respective Divisional Committee.

### **3.19 Post Primary Schools Committee (Cork PPS)**

The Officers of Cork Post Primary Schools Committee shall be appointed annually by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Management Committee.

Officerships – Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Development Officer.

A member may not serve for more than a maximum of five consecutive years in any officer role within Cork PPS.

Subject to the jurisdiction of the County Committee and the Management Committee, the County Post Primary Schools Committee shall be responsible for the countywide co-ordination of fixtures within the Post Primary Schools' sector, as follows:

- (i) Cork PPS Fixtures
- (ii) Appointment of Referees
- (iii) Consideration and Adoption of Referees' Reports
- (iv) Objections and Counter-Objections relating to or arising out of Games, with power of decision
- (v) Gratings

Annual accounts shall be presented to County Committee.

### **3.20 Child Welfare and Protection Committee**

It shall consist of at least six members including the County Children's Officer (as Chairperson) and County Designated Person as an ex-officio member. Subject to the jurisdiction of the County Committee and the Management Committee, it shall be responsible for:

- i. Co-ordination of Garda Vetting of mentors of Under-Age Teams.
- ii. Organisation of the delivery of Basic Awareness training in Child Protection procedures.
- iii. Provision of training and support for Child Welfare & Protection tutors and Club Children's Officers.
- iv. Maintenance of Records and Course Certification.

## **4. FINANCE**

Each affiliated club shall pay an Annual Levy of €30 with its affiliation for the promotion of each of the following within the County – Camogie, Handball and Ladies Football.

## **5. THE IRISH LANGUAGE**

### **An Ghaeilge agus Cumann Luthchleas Gael Chorcaí**

*Tá ceangal daingean docht ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael le spreagadh agus le tacú na Gaeilge ó bunaíodh an Cumann. Tá sé mar fhís ag Coiste Chontae Chorcaí Cumann Lúthchleas go mbeidh an Cumann istigh i gceartlár mhórphobal na Gaeilge. Tá sé mar fhís go dtaispeánfaí go poiblí agus i ngach gné dá chuid oibre ardmheas ar an nGaeilge. Tá sé mar fhís go mbeidh an Ghaeilge le feiceáil agus le clos in ár gclubanna, ár bpáirceanna agus ár foiliseacháin scríofa agus ó bhéil i gconaí.*

## **Cork G.A.A. and The Irish Language**

There is a strong connection between the G.A.A. and the promotion and support of the Irish language since the establishment of the Association. It is a vision of Cork G.A.A. that the Association will continue that connection between the Association and the Irish language. It is a vision of Cork G.A.A. that the Association will show support and respect for the Irish language in all aspects of our work. It is vision of Cork G.A.A. that the Irish language will always be in use in our clubs, be visible at our playing facilities and be part of our publications (both written and oral).

## **6. GRADING**

The Championship Grades shall be known as Premier Senior, Senior A, Premier Intermediate, Intermediate A, Premier Junior, Junior 'A', Junior 'B', Junior 'C', Junior 'D', U21, Minor (U18), U16, U15 and U14 in Hurling and Football.

Players forming a Team which wins the Senior A, Premier Intermediate, Intermediate A, Lower Intermediate or any County Junior Hurling or Football Championship shall go into a more advanced grade. Exception - This shall not apply in the case of Clubs already having a team in the next highest grade.

Divisional Committees may, with the permission of the County Committee, enter a team or teams for the Premier Senior Hurling or Football Championship, representative of Premier Intermediate, Intermediate A, Premier Junior and Junior teams, within their respective areas. The status of players so assisting the Division shall not be affected, and they may continue to play with their own Clubs as usual.

No player however can be selected from a Club which already has a Senior team in the current Championship, and the registered name of a Divisional team must differ from that of any other regularly affiliated club.

### **Regrading of Players (subject to Codes 10.7 and 10.8)**

Between January 1<sup>st</sup> and commencement of the County/Divisional Leagues, a Club must submit to the relevant CCC, a list of 15 players that played championship at that level in the previous year. They may apply to regrade all other players to the next lower championship level that the Club is engaged in.

If a player does not play championship in the grade in which he is graded, he is then eligible to apply for regrading to the next grade. This process can be done throughout the course of the year.

A player may be regraded by more than one level during a championship year provided he has not played in a higher championship grade in that championship year and he is not regraded by more than one level on a single application i.e. from his existing championship status to the next lower championship level that his club is engaged in at the time of the application.

If it arises that a club's lower-graded team play before its higher-graded team(s) in championship in the same season the following applies. The club are required to submit a list of 15 players that played championship at the higher level in the previous year for each team that participated in a higher-grade championship. These players cannot play with a lower-graded team. Clubs must regrade any players that played in the higher-graded championship but were not listed in the 15.

Exception; A Club Team participating in a Provincial or All-Ireland Championship shall not be entitled to regrade players of this Team until after the termination of its participation.

## **7. APPEALS, OBJECTIONS, IRREGULARITIES**

In cases, other than Disciplinary Cases arising from the Enforcement of Rules, under the jurisdiction of Divisional Committees, and the County Youth Committee (Rebel Óg), a decision of the Management Committee or the Competitions Control Committee, as appropriate, of the County Committee is final.

Subject to Code 16.2, it shall be the privilege of any member of the County Committee, Divisional Committee or any other authorised Sub-Committee to report in writing within seven days an infringement of the Rules, the member to state the reason for the investigation, such infringement may then be investigated at the discretion of the Committee in-Charge.

## **8. TRANSFERS**

### **Attachment to Clubs**

(a) "First Club" – as defined in Rule 6.2, Official Guide. A person seeking to become a member of the Association in this County shall initially have an unfettered choice of Clubs (Hurling and/or Football).

(b) A player granted an Inter-County transfer into this County shall initially have an unfettered choice of Clubs (Hurling and/or Football).

Exceptions:

As outlined in this Byelaw 7, which govern players returning to play in Cork having played outside of the County on foot of or without an Inter-County Transfer or Official Association Sanction; Once a player has availed of the choices permitted by (a) or (b) above, and has participated in Club Competition organised by the County Committee or one of its Sub-Committees, as prescribed in Rule , he shall be governed by the provisions of the County's Transfer Byelaw with regard to any application for transfer within the County from his First/Initial Club(s).

### **Transfers**

All applications for transfer shall be made on official form. Excepting applications for transfer made under Section (e) below, which shall be considered at any meeting of the Competitions Control Committee, no application shall be considered unless received on/after January 1st and on/before January 31st.

This shall apply to all players in all grades except University Students, who are eligible as outlined hereunder. A University student pursuing a full-time undergraduate or post-graduate course may:

- (i) Play with his College Club and his Own Club, where the latter is within the County, of a lower grade, and he obtains a permit from the County Committee.
- (ii) Play with his College Club in adult competitions and with his Own Club in Under 21 and Minor competitions, where the latter Club is of Senior status within the County, provided that the player obtains a transfer to the College Club from the County Committee.

The Own Club of a University Student is the non-college Club of which he is currently a Playing Member.

The County Committee shall delegate to the Competitions Control Committee, as per General Rule, authority to deal with applications for Transfer.

Applications for Transfer to leave a First Club within the County, that is the Club (or Club within as Independent Team) with which a player first legally participated in Club Competition at Under 12 or over including Go-Games, organised by the County Committee or one of its Sub-Committees, subject to that participation being at an age not more than two years younger than the designated age level of the competition or of the club of which a player is presently a member, shall not be granted except in the following cases.

- (a) A player whose permanent residence is changed to the area of the club to which he wishes to be transferred. A player whose permanent residence is changed to an area common to two or more club and is presently a member of a club other than those in the area of his residence, shall be entitled to transfer to the club of his choice in the area of his residence.

A player who is a member of a club outside the City Divisional area, and whose permanent residence is within the City Divisional area shall be entitled to transfer to the club of his choice within the City Divisional area.

A player whose permanent residence is outside the City Divisional area and is a member of a club outside the parish of his residence may transfer to the club of his choice in the parish of his residence.

A change of address is not required in the case of a player whose permanent residence is already in the area of the club to which he wishes to be transferred, and who is presently a member of a club which is outside the club area of his residence. 'Permanent Residence' is defined in Rule 6.2

- (b) A player who is applying for transfer to his First Club as outlined above.
- (c) Where permission for the transfer of a player from one Club to another within a Parish or area common to two Clubs concerned, is given by the Club of which he is presently a member.
- (d) The following shall constitute a change of residence acceptable for the purpose of this Bye Law:
  - (i) Registration as a student at U.C.C. or C.I.T. for transfers to U.C.C. and C.I.T. respectively.
  - (ii) Station as a member of An Garda Síochána in the Club area of the club to which he wishes to transfer. If the station is situated in an area common to two or more clubs, he shall be entitled to transfer to the club of his choice in that area. If the station is in City Divisional area in which there is no club, he shall be entitled to transfer to the Club of his choice within the City Divisional area
  - (iii) Station as a Priest in a Parish, in which a Club to which he wishes to transfer is based.
  - (iv) Employment as a Farm Apprentice for transfer to a Club in the area in which he is working.
- (e) A player who has not taken part in any official or trophy competition in the previous number of weeks stipulated below: (i) overage for U16 (on date of last game played) - 96 weeks (ii) eligible for U16 / younger (on date of last game played) - 48 weeks
- (f) A player from a Senior or Intermediate Club may transfer to a Junior A, B or C Club.
- (g) A player who is applying for a transfer to the 'First Club' of his father.
- (h) Where two Clubs formed independent teams at juvenile level and one of these Clubs disbands and does not form independent teams with another club, a player residing in the area of the club which disbanded may transfer from the other Club which formed independent teams with the disbanded Club at juvenile level to the Club of his choice.
- (i) In the case of all applications within the County, the County Competitions Control Committee shall have the right to consider extenuating circumstances in determining applications.

A player who is deemed by the County Committee or Divisional Committee to be deliberately not playing with his club for the purpose of circumventing a provision of Byelaw 8 shall not be eligible for selection on Inter- County or Divisional teams.

A player who obtains an Inter-County transfer from Cork to another County and subsequently transfers back to Cork shall be deemed to have re-joined the club of which he was a member prior to the initial Inter-County transfer.

A native and resident of Cork County who plays with a club outside the County without obtaining an Inter-County transfer or Official Association Sanction, and who is subsequently reinstated back to Cork, shall be deemed to have re-joined the club of which he was a member prior to his playing without an Inter-County transfer.

**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 Emly, 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

## SCHEDULE OF CUPS AND OTHER TROPHIES

**HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP CUPS AND TROPHIES (13)** including Seán Óg Murphy Cup, John Quirke Cup, Seamus Long Cup, Dick Barrett Cup, Jim Barry Cup, Corn na bhFiníní, Dinny Barry Murphy Cup, A.I.B. Cups (2), Patrick Walsh Memorial Cup, Gene Fitzgerald Cup, Dan Hoare Cup, Jim Sarsfields Cup, Seán Ó Murchú Cup, Jim Forbes Cup.

**FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CUPS (10):** including Andy Scannell Cup, Liam Long Cup, Patrick A. Murphy Cup, Dónal O'Sullivan Cup, John 'Lock' O'Sullivan Cup, Ciste na Banban Cup, C. O'Shea Cup, Sean McCarthy Cup, Seamus O'Shea Cup, O'Sullivan (Jewellers) Cup, A.I.B. Cup, Séan Crowley Cup, Jim Cronin Cup, Mick Dolan Cup, Kevin McTernan Cup.

**OTHER CUPS AND TROPHIES:** Donncha Mac Conraoi Cup, Liam Breathnach Cup, Tadhg Crowley Cup, Tom Creedon Cup, Examiner Cup, Kelleher Shield, Beamish Shield, Bandon Railway Shield (two), Nally Shield, Paddy O'Driscoll Cup, Jim Cotter Shield, Dick Barrett Memorial Shield, Ger O'Donovan Memorial Cup, Judge Con Murphy Cup, John Brady Cup, Jerry Keating Cup, Jackie O'Shea Cup, Haulie Donnelly Cup.

## RECORD OF CORK COUNTY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

### SENIOR HURLING

**BLACKROCK (33):** 1887 (as Cork Nationals), 1889, 1891, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1897, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1920, 1924, 1925, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1956, 1961, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1985, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2020.

**GLEN ROVERS (27):** 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1944, 1945, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1954, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1967, 1969, 1972, 1976, 1989, 2015, 2016.

**ST. FINBARRS (26):** 1899, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1919, 1922, 1923, 1926, 1932, 1933, 1942, 1943, 1946, 1947, 1955, 1965, 1968, 1974, 1977, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1988, 1993, 2022.

**MIDDLETON (8):** 1914, 1916, 1983, 1986, 1987, 1991, 2013, 2021.

**SARSFIELDS (7):** 1951, 1957, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2023.

**REDMONDS (5):** 1892, 1900, 1901, 1915, 1917.

**IMOKILLY (5):** 1997, 1998, 2017, 2018, 2019.

**NEWTOWNSHANDRUM (4)** 2000, 2003, 2005, 2009.

**AVONDHU (3):** 1952, 1966, 1996.

**Na PIARSAIGH (3):** 1990, 1995, 2004.

**DUNGOURNEY (3):** 1902, 1907, 1909.

**ERINS OWN (3):** 1992, 2006, 2007.

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (2):** 1963, 1970.

**CARRIGTWOHILL (2)** 1918, 2011.

**TOWER STREET (1):** 1888

**AGHABULLOGUE (1):** 1890.

**BALLYHEA (1):** 1896.

**CARBERY (1)** 1994.

**EIRE ÓG (1):** 1928.

### SENIOR FOOTBALL

**NEMO RANGERS (23):** 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1981, 1983, 1987, 1988, 1993, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022.

**LEES (12):** 1887, 1888, 1896, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1914, 1923, 1955.

**MACROOM (10):** 1909, 1910, 1912, 1913, 1926, 1930, 1931, 1935, 1958, 1962.

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (10):** 1920, 1927, 1928, 1960, 1963, 1964, 1969, 1973, 1999, 2011.

**ST. FINBARRS (10):** 1956, 1957, 1959, 1976, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1985, 2018, 2021.

**CLONAKILTY (9):** 1939, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1947, 1952, 1996, 2009.

**FERMOY (7)** 1895, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1905, 1906, 1945.

**BEARA (6):** 1932, 1933, 1934, 1940, 1967, 1997.

**CASTLEHAVEN (6):** 1989, 1994, 2003, 2012, 2013, 2023.

**NILS (6):** 1894, 1901, 1915, 1917, 1924, 1925.

**ST. NICHOLAS (5):** 1938, 1941, 1954, 1965, 1966.

**CARBERY (4):** 1937, 1968, 1971, 2004.

**COLLINS (4):** 1929 (awarded), 1949, 1951, 1953.

**BANTRY BLUES (2):** 1995, 1998.

**CLONDROHID (2):** 1891, 1892.

**CÓBH (2):** 1918, 1919.

**DUHALLOW (2):** 1990, 1991.

**IMOKILLY (2):** 1984, 1986.

**MIDDLETON (2):** 1889, 1890.

**AVONDHU (1):** 1961.

**BALLINCOLLIG (1):** 2014.

**CARBERY RANGERS (1):** 2016

**COLLEGIANS (1):** 1916.

**DROMTARRIFF (1):** 1893.

**DUHALLOW WEST (1):** 1936.

**DUNMANWAY (1):** 1897.

**GARDA (1):** 1950.

**MILLSTREET (1):** 1948.

**MUSKERRY (1):** 1970.

**O'DONOVAN ROSSA (1):** 1992.