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Ar an Domhnach, 3 Feabhra 2018
ag 10.30 r.n.

Venue: Croke Park, Dublin
Date: Sunday 3rd February

Clár an Lae:

- 10.30am: - Registration Opens
- Tea/Coffee & Scones on arrival
- 11am - Fáiltiú
- Addresses from Special Guests
- Adoption of Standing Orders
- Minutes of Standing Orders
- Minutes of Comhdháil 2017
- Report of Bainisteoir Náisiúnta
- Fixtures Presentation – Austin McKenna
- Social Media Presentation – Deborah Foley
- Coaching & Development Presentation – Darragh Daly
- Annual Accounts 2017
- Motions
- Oráid an Uachtaráin Joe Masterson
- Anó Ghno Eile & Close of AGM
- AGM Lunch at approximately 1.30pm



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STANDING ORDERS

In order that the proceedings of the AGM be carried out expeditiously, the following Standing Orders will be observed:

1. The proposer of a Resolution or an Amendment thereto may speak for 5 minutes, but not more than 5 minutes
2. A delegate speaking to a Resolution or an Amendment must not exceed 3 minutes. A maximum of two delegates from any one county shall speak on any one motion.
3. The proposer of a Resolution or Amendment may speak a second time for 3 minutes before a vote is taken, but no other Delegate may speak a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
4. The Chairman may at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on the Proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
5. A delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman, move "that the question be now put", after which, when the Proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. A speaker to National Manager's report or to any other general discussion shall not exceed 3 on any one topic.
7. Any motion seeking to amend a rule in Fo-Rialacha (GAA Handball Ireland) must have a majority equal to two-thirds of those present entitled to vote and voting.
8. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the agenda, except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present entitled to vote and voting.
9. The Chairman may change the order of items on the agenda with the support of a simple majority of those present entitled to vote and voting.

MOTIONS

"That entrants in all provincial and national singles and/or doubles championships be considered to have taken part in that championship as soon as they appear on a circulated fixture list or championship draw. A player(s) withdrawing, conceding a walkover or failing to turn up for a game is deemed to have taken part in that championship and cannot reappear as a replacement or substitute in the same championship in the same year. Circulated means by email to County Secretaries or via GAA Handball website. Championship means any championship run by or on behalf of GAA Handball."

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Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thabhairt chun fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir anseo go bPáirc an Chrócaigh inniu don Cruinniú Cinn Bhliana CLG Liathróid Láimhe.

I extend a warm welcome to all delegates today to Croke Park for today's Annual General Meeting. Once more we reflect on what has been a hugely successful year for GAA Handball both here in Ireland and abroad. Our athletes continue to set the standard for Handballers across the World and with the World Championships just 8 months away the Irish contingent will head with great hope and confidence to Minneapolis in August. The past 12 months have thrown up some fantastic memories and moments and we will reflect on all of these throughout the report. Some of the standout moments of 2017 were:

Emotional scenes as Shanks finally captures the coveted All Ireland Title

There were emotional scenes in Kingscourt as Armagh's Charly Shanks finally captured the coveted 40x20 Senior Singles title for the first time following a pulsating battle with Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy. Shanks who had appeared in the final on four previous occasions produced a mesmerising display to win 21-4, 21-13 and an emotional embrace with his wife Mary, his father, and then his long term coach Mervyn McCann showed just how much it meant to him.

McCarthy first winner of the Ducksy Walsh Cup

Robbie McCarthy had the honour of

becoming the first recipient of the Ducksy Walsh Cup kindly donated by the Walsh family in memory of the late legend as he overcame his familiar foe Eoin Kennedy in Septembers 60x30 Senior Singles Final. It was an emotional occasion at headquarters as Ducksy was remembered with a video tribute and the Walsh family were present to present the cup on the day.

Casey dominates at home and abroad

Ballydesmond's Catriona Casey once more showed what a sensational all round handballer she is, with victories both nationally and internationally, across 3 codes of Handball. At home she won 3 out of 4 of the major titles while also adding both Irish Nationals 60x30 and 40x20 titles and the Wallball All Ireland title to the honours list.

Hugely successful 40x20 Final Festival Weekends

Once more the crowds descended on Kingscourt for the 40x20 Finals Festival weekend in both singles and Doubles as players from all corners of the country went to battle for All Ireland titles. Both weekends turned out to be action packed weekends with a great social element attached as players mingled together as they watched games throughout the weekend.

Galway host successful Junior Nationals

They hosted a cracking Junior Nationals in 2016 and in 2017 they repeated the dose as Galway once more hosted the cream of Juvenile Handball in the 2017 Junior Nationals. The weekend was a fantastic success once more and credit must go to the Galway Handball Board for another fantastic job.

Mayo host successful Irish Nationals

Mayo took up the mantle of hosting the Adult Nationals in November and they didn't disappoint as they hosted a wonderful event spread over 11 venues. The Open competition in Ballinrobe produced some fantastic displays as Diarmaid Nash and Catriona Casey collected the major titles.

Wall Ball Nationals continues to grow

The Breaffy House Wallball Nationals continued to grow in 2017 with huge numbers once more travelling west to Breaffy House to compete in the biggest Handball weekend of the year. Once more the action was top drawer with Tyrone's Conor McElduff and Limerick's Martina McMahon capturing the Open titles on the Saturday. Action concluded on the Sunday with a fantastic Boys 19&Under final between Tyrone's Sean Kerr and Galways Jamie Kelly with Kerr shading it in a tiebreaker.



Handball Clubs benefit from Sports Capital Funding

In a rare financial boost for Handball Clubs there was some very exciting news for sixteen Handball clubs, and indeed Irish Handball in general as a total of €608k in funding was announced by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport as part of the 2017 Sports Capital Grant Allocation.

Wexford host successful 60x30 Nationals

The sunny south east was the scene as Dublin's Eoin Kennedy & Cork's Catriona Casey claimed the 2017 60x30 Nationals titles after an absorbing weekend of Big Alley action in Wexford.

When we reflect on 2017 we can do so with a level of satisfaction and pride in another fantastic year for GAA Handball. While our games continue to thrive we need to take stock and assess where we are as an Association as we enter a critical phase in the development of GAA Handball with some very important milestones on the horizon.

40x20

The 40x20 code continues to go from strength to strength. Last years finals festivals were a resounding success once more as players from all over the country descended on Kingscourt over two weekends to take part in finals from Juvenile to Over 70. The action on the court was intense and fierce yet off the court the camaraderie and social aspect of the game shone through as friends mixed and reminisced as they watched the top class Handball on offer.

At Open level the competition is closer than ever with numerous genuine contenders for the number one spot in both Men and Ladies. This years finals saw Armagh's Charly Shanks reach the promised land as he finally captured the Senior Singles title in his fifth final appearance. Nobody would begrudge the Armagh man the title especially after the heartbreak he suffered in 2015. In the Ladies Catriona Casey defeated Limerick's Martina McMahon and with Aisling Reilly due to return to action in 2018 alongside promising youngsters such as Fiona Tully and Megan McCann the competition in Ladies 40x20 is starting to be very exciting.



THIS YEAR SAW A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN THE 60X30 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AS THE PURCELL CUP WAS RETIRED AND REPLACED BY THE NEW DUCKSY WALSH CUP THAT WAS KINDLY DONATED BY THE WALSH FAMILY.

The Irish Nationals took place in Mayo with Diarmaid Nash and Catriona Casey capturing the Open titles. The Nationals saw the introduction of games to 15 aces which provided an exciting alternative to the traditional 3 games of 21. It is something to consider for other competitions as the shorter format leads to more excitement and would be more appealing for TV.

Overall Kilkenny lead the way with a total of 9 titles followed by Cork with 7 and Tyrone and Kildare on 6 each. In total 20 counties captured All Ireland titles.

60X30

This year saw a significant milestone in the 60x30 Open Championship as the Purcell cup was retired and replaced by the new Ducksy Walsh Cup that was kindly donated by the Walsh family. There was an added incentive on finals night to be the first winner of the Cup in honour of the fallen legend and in the end the honour of being the first name on the cup fell to Robbie McCarthy who defeated 9 time winner Eoin Kennedy in the final on what was an emotional occasion in Croke Park in September. Also on the programme Cork's Catriona Casey took the Ladies



title as she defeated Limerick's Martina McMahon in a reverse of last year's result. The Minor title went west as Galway's Diarmuid Mulkerrins defeated Tipperary's James Prentice over three games.

Meath were winners of the Doubles title once more as Cork captured the Ladies Doubles title while Tipperary's James Prentice and Jerome Cahill captured the Minor title following another three game thriller against Galway's Diarmuid Mulkerrins and Cian O Conghaile. Also on the finals programme was the Intermediate Singles Final where Galway's Martin Mulkerrins overcame a spirited JP O Connor from Limerick. While the attendances were good they could be a lot better and I would appeal to all softball enthusiasts to get out and support your sport. While the live streaming is great nothing beats being there.

The Juvenile 60x30 Finals proved that there is a bright future for the game as there was some excellent displays from all on the day. The 60x30 National saw numbers increase from 2016 as Wexford hosted the event which saw Eoin Kennedy and Catriona Casey taking the premier titles. A total of 19 counties won titles with Wexford and Kilkenny leading the way on 9 titles each. Numbers were in line with 2017 and with 19 counties winning titles this is encouraging for the traditional game.

MISSING CUP

While the Open Singles has a brand new cup unfortunately the saga continues with the missing Senior Doubles Cup. Last presented to Meath in 2014 the Cup has not been seen since which is most disappointing. While the cup may not be worth a fortune financially it is the historical

significance of the cup with many of the legends of the games names adorning it that makes this a most unfortunate situation and quite frankly is an insult to those legends who received the Cup and returned it for so many years before. If anybody has any knowledge of the whereabouts of the cup I would ask them to come forward to ensure that the Cup is returned to its rightful place as soon as possible.

WALL BALL

The Wallball All Ireland Championship took place in Mount Talbot in Roscommon. This competition is in it's second year of a three year trial with and the finals were moved this year in a bid to boost numbers competing. Once again numbers were low with an actual decrease on 2017 numbers. While the action was of the highest quality the lack of entries

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would suggest there is not an appetite for an All Ireland competition in this code at this moment in time with the Wallball Nationals still regarded as the pinnacle competition in Wallball. There is one more year to run on the trial but the consensus seems to be if it aint broke why try fix it?

Plans are still in the pipeline to host a stop on the European Tour but the issue is finding space in a packed Clár to host such a weekend that suits the European calendar of stops. Talks will continue to find a solution and I believe that this exciting venture coupled with the Wallball Nationals in Breaftery House and successful club tournaments is the way forward for the Wallball code.

The Wallball game continues to flourish with many clubs and schools around the country embracing the game and erecting walls. There is a huge opportunity to introduce the game of Handball on a large scale to clubs and schools through the game of Wallball and one which we must take advantage of. With new and unique forms of exercise in constant demand in this country to beat the battle of obesity what better way is there to get out in the fresh air and exercise and all you need to bring is a ball!

HARDBALL

The Hardball Championships saw a total of 61 entries over 8 grades. A total of 42 games were played over the course of the championship with 11 walkovers but perhaps the most astonishing statistic is that of 42 games played there was a total of 39 requests for changes to fixtures.

I have voiced my concerns previously around the Hardball code and its status as an All Ireland grade with the current numbers playing and the amount of walkovers given. Given the fact that there was 39 requests for changes in this years championships you would have to ask the question are the players taking this competition seriously?

I would like to clarify a point I made on a podcast earlier in the year in relation to Hardball. While I believe that in its present format the Hardball Championships should not continue this is in no way a reflection on the legends of the game who won Hardball titles in the past. When players like Joey Maher, Peadar McGee, JJ Gilmartin etc. won titles



they were won following a number of tough games and at that time Hardball and Softball were the two main codes of Handball and most if not all of the top Seniors played the code. Nowadays only a handful of our top seniors play the game and those that do openly admit that they do not train for the game. I have said before I believe it should be played as an exhibition game as a tribute to the great players of the past but I do not think that tradition alone is enough to justify awarding All Ireland medals and I believe our Sport has moved on and our pinnacle All Irelands are now the 40x20 and 60x309 All Ireland titles.

JUVENILE HANDBALL

At present Juvenile Handball is at possibly the strongest it has been for a number of years. Throughout the different grades they are littered with quality players each capable of forging a long successful playing career in the game. Huge credit must go to the coaches and parents for the way these players have developed and the standards that they are continuing to reach.

The Juvenile Nationals in Galway showcased the wide array of talent in Juvenile Handball as did the Juvenile

Finals in the 40x20 Festival weekend. At the Wallball Nationals the action in the Juvenile ranks was exceptional with the Boys 19&Under Final a standout moment of the weekend. In 60x30 it is pleasing to see more Juveniles taking part and also seeing non traditional 60x30 counties winning titles and producing quality Juvenile players.

Across the water at the US Juniors Irish players continue to dominate with Sean Kerr (Tyrone) and Megan McCann (Armagh) taking the 19&Under titles and Michael O'Malley (Cork) taking the 17&Under title. With the current form of our Juveniles they will rightly start as favourites in the upcoming World Championships.

LADIES HANDBALL

The She's Ace tournament continues to grow with over 100 competing at this years event. While numbers in female grades are steady there is still room for improvement. There is a high drop off of girls in their late teens/early twenties and this is something we need to address and improve numbers.

At Open level the emergence of Martina Mc Mahon aswell as the



return of Aisling Reilly and Ciana Ni Churraoin from injury means that this years championship looks set to be one of the most competitive in a long time. The emergence of a number of former underage stars including former Minor Champions Fiona Tully and Megan McCann should boost the numbers and make for some interesting ties.

I must commend Cork Handball for holding a successful She's Ace day and also Ulster GAA for hosting a Girls Handball Conference earlier in the year.

It is great to see more women taking up administrative roles in clubs and counties and this is a huge positive for the game. I would like to see more female representation at Provincial level and National level and hopefully this will be the start of more getting involved.

I wish to thank the She's Ace Committee of Frances Ni Churraoin, Paula Doyle, Paula Clarke and Pat Murphy for their assistance throughout the year.

INTERNATIONAL

On the International scene the Irish

continue to dominate in the US with Paul Brady, Killian Carroll, Catriona Casey and Martina McMahon all capturing wins on the US circuit. Carroll and Casey captured the US Nationals crowns while Carroll took the title in New Orleans, Houston, Salt Lake City, Atlanta and Tucson Casey also collected wins in New York and Salt Lake City, with Brady taking the New York Stop and McMahon taking her debut win in Tucson. Carroll and Casey won the Players Championship in what was a fantastic year for the Cork duo who will both be eyeing World glory in August.



The One Wall European Tour continues to grow with a growing number of Irish players taking part. In 2017 there were victories for Conor McElduff (Tyrone) in the Dutch Open and Spanish Open and Paidi Quish (Limerick) in the Italian Open with Lorraine Havern (Down) taking the title in . Talks are ongoing to bring the Tour to Ireland and hopefully this will come to pass in the near future.

The World Championships will take place in Minneapolis in August and no doubt a large contingent of Irish players will make their way stateside for the event. An official Team Ireland will travel with trials taking place throughout the year to decide the final places. The Open grades promise to be fascinating with numerous challengers in the Mens Open from Ireland alone including Killian Carroll, Robbie McCarthy, Charly Shanks and Diarmaid Nash all who have won recent titles will travel in confident frame of mind while the Americans are sure to be determined to capture the title on their home turf, the big question on everyones lips is will 5 time champion Paul Brady return to defend his title once more or will we see a new name as World champion for the first time in 18 years?

The Ladies title will be eagerly contested with reigning champion Aisling Reilly sure to be hungry to retain her title after an injury enforced break from the game, Catriona Casey will also be determined to make up for the heartbreak she suffered in 2015 while Martina McMahon could yet have a big say in the destination of the title. Ciana Ni Churraoin is another player that could cause problems for the big three and the US Ladies are sure to want to give a good account of themselves in home soil. Whatever happens it is set up to be a fantastic celebration of Handball.

As an Association we must continue to work alongside our fellow Associations in both the US and the rest of the World to grow the game globally. I look forward to working closely with both the WPH and USHA as well as the other associations throughout the next year.

FIXTURES

A quick glance at the competitions table will give you an idea of the amount of fixtures that have to be administered in GAA Handball over the course of the year. The job of administering fixtures is often a very unforgiving job with very little thanks. One huge problem that rears its head is when players wish to change fixtures. The fixtures policy is quite clear and the Handball Clar is released in plenty of time so there really is no excuse for fixture change requests and currently the volume of such requests is unacceptable. Players have a very selfish attitude when it comes to changing fixtures and often see things from their own point of view only. When you consider that a fixture contains an opposition player, a venue official, a referee and possibly supporters who all have made time for the original fixture and are now being asked to accommodate a fixture change often at short notice. Then if the opposition do not agree to change there ensues a back and forth exchange that wastes a lot of time and effort that could be put into other areas. There are some players/

counties that are serial offenders in this regard and this needs to be clamped down as it is unfair on venue officials, administrators and also to the majority of other players who abide by the fixtures as they are set. I feel it is disrespectful to the game to constantly look for changes as some people do. Apart from this there is no hope of getting media coverage if fixtures are constantly changing and often at short notice.

Often times when one competition ends another starts straightaway which increases the pressure on our Fixtures Administrator and also on our venues and volunteers. This needs to be addressed and a better balanced programme of fixtures produced for everyone. I must compliment the National Fixtures Officer Austin McKenna and the CCCC for the excellent job in completing such a hectic programme of fixtures often under trying circumstances.

DISCIPLINE

Our CCCC committee continue to do their work under at times very trying circumstances. Some of the abuse levelled at the CCCC is unwarranted and also out of line. As a committee they make decisions that are always going to be unpopular with one side but they have the courage and conviction to make them nonetheless as that is their remit and they are simply following the rulebook. Many people who criticise them often do not know the rules and I would appeal to counties and players to let them do their job.

The rules surrounding fixture changes are quite clear and instead of blaming the CCCC maybe counties would be better served to bring a motion to the AGM to amend the rule in question if they feel it needs to be amended. I want to thank the CCCC led by Tony Breen as Chairperson for the excellent job they did in 2017.

With the standard of play higher than ever and faster than ever it is getting increasingly harder to get referees who are willing to ref our top games.



To combat this it is planned to set up a Referees panel of experienced referees to take charge of the Open Championships. It is also planned to recruit and train more referees in 2018 to hopefully ease the burden on venue officials and current referees. A referees training course is currently being developed and will be rolled out in 2018.

This will only be a success however if players, officials and spectators observe our Respect initiative and Respect the Referee. There is absolutely no place for abuse of officials in our game they are volunteers and have given up their free time to officiate and they deserve respect for doing so. Any abuse of referees will not be tolerated.

MEDIA/PR

Unfortunately we come to the end of another year with little improvement in National media coverage for our Sport. On a local level a number of

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counties have forged successful relationships with local media and receive good coverage in local media outlets. This is very important in the overall context of gaining media coverage as the more coverage at local level then the more likely it is to seep through to national level. I commend all the active PRO's for their work in promoting our game and achieving such coverage.

We must ask ourselves why do we not get the coverage our sport deserves and if we were to be brutally honest the answers are there in front of us. If we take a look at the positives we have an excellent product, top level athletes and exciting games, why then do we not get coverage?

If we take a look at our 60x30 Finals programme for example this year from start to finish in total time it took 7 ½ hours to complete. If we compare that to some of the major sporting events that were televised in 2017:

- International World Cup Qualifier v Wales = 3.5 hours
- All Ireland Football Final = 3.5 hours
- Six Nations Rugby v England = 3 hours

When you consider the amount of money each of those Sports generate and the cost of televising same and compare it to the cost of 7.5 hours of TV coverage and the fact that this may run longer with tiebreaks etc you can see how live TV is not an option at the moment for our major finals unless we change the formats or the amount of games in a programme.

While we get sporadic coverage in the National news outlets the sheer amount of fixtures and fixture changes mean it is impossible to always give accurate information to the newspapers which in turn makes it impossible to build a relationship with the papers. Players need to be aware of the impact of changing fixtures has in terms of promoting the sport and only request changes if absolutely necessary.

Our coverage of our major games on Facebook Live has been a resounding success bringing our games to a Worldwide audience with fantastic viewing figures. Many thanks to MacAV for their camera work throughout the year.

Once again our Facebook and Twitter fanbase have grown steadily over the year and have been invaluable tools in promoting the game. I would however appeal to people when they are commenting on Facebook to be aware that there are often many people outside of Handball circles who read these posts and posting negative comments that sometimes can border on being personal gives them a bad impression of our Sport and may turn them off if they were potentially looking to get involved. Potential sponsors also could be put off by seeing negative comments and I would encourage anyone who has a grievance or an issue to go through the proper channels with same.



COMMUNICATIONS

Our communications channels are quite clear and while most of the information from the National Office is received by the intended target sometimes this is not the case. I would appeal to County Secretaries to pass on all relevant emails to Clubs to keep them up to date. Emails will remain the main method of Communication and this is complimented by the National Website and our Social Media channels.

I would ask all counties to remind their clubs and members that the correct method for contacting the National Office is through the County Secretary. This allows for a much smoother clearer line of communication and makes everyone's job a bit easier. I would also urge all our county boards to have open lines of communications with their respective GAA county boards. It is essential to maintain good relationships as they have the resources and expertise that can be invaluable for our development.

CLUBS/VENUES

The Club is the lifeblood of GAA Handball. It is at Club level that the game can only ever truly grow and attract new players.

Yet despite this we as an association we are not providing appropriate support to our clubs due mainly to the fact that 90% of our time is taken up running competitions. A better balanced condensed Clar would allow GAA Handball to run Club Support Initiatives and run workshops to upskill our volunteers in areas such as Club Officer Roles, Coaching, Safety, Recruiting Volunteers, Fundraising etc. Over the course of the next year a greater emphasis will be put on Club support and training for volunteers. This starts on the Saturday before our AGM and I would encourage all our members to take advantage of this training that's free and invaluable as a developmental tool.

Work is also ongoing to create a development fund to assist venues with various projects to improve their

facilities and it is hoped to have this up and running in the near future. While many of our clubs struggle to raise finances I would encourage them to explore all grant avenues and also consider fundraising with many options available for clubs big and small. Clubs in need of advice or guidance can contact Deborah Foley in the office who will be more than happy to give some advice. Also I would encourage clubs to learn from the clubs who have already been successful in fundraising and obtaining grants as we can all assist each other in developing our clubs. In 2017 a total of 1952 games were played in 234 venues which is a phenomenal undertaking and this needs addressing to ease the burden on our clubs and volunteers.

FINANCE

Our Accounts show a deficit this year due to an increase in spending in the past 12 months. This is mainly due to a number of different projects that took place and also due to the increased coverage of the game through live streaming.

To address this we must look at our Income strands and look at ways of increasing





same. We will only be able to do this with the support of everyone. Earlier this year we held a Golf Classic to raise funds but the support was disappointing for what turned out to be a great day. Had every county provided a team the day would have turned out to be a fantastic fundraiser that would have provided funds for Clubs to invest in their venues. I wish to thank Uachtarán Joe Masterson who put in a huge personal effort to ensure the Golf Classic was a success on the day.

This year we will be running the Golf Classic once more and also another fundraiser later in the year. The funds raised at both these events will go to a Club Development Fund to provide much needed financial assistance to clubs so your support in these ventures is essential.

Our online shop profits have increased on 2016 figures but they could still improve. I would encourage all counties and clubs to encourage your members to buy through the online shop as all profits will be reinvested in the game. I wish to thank Brigid Doherty for her work in maintaining the online shop throughout the year.

Registrations dipped slightly on 2016 figures and this year will see the

introduction of an online Registration system. This is in line with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements. It will also make life easier for registrars when submitting registrations. It will also allow crosschecks of entries in competitions to ensure all players are registered and permitted to enter. I would encourage all clubs to register all members of their club whether actively playing or an administrator.

Once more our sponsors O'Neills and MD Sports (Myclubshop.ie) provided generous sponsorship in 2017 for both the 40x20 and 60x30 championships respectively. We owe our sponsors a huge debt of gratitude. We need to bring further sponsors on board and to do so we need to look at changing certain elements to make our sport more appealing to potential sponsors.

There was good news when in a rare financial boost for Handball Clubs there was some very exciting news for sixteen Handball clubs, and indeed Irish Handball in general as a total of €608k in funding was announced by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport as part of the 2017 Sports Capital Grant Allocation. I commend these clubs for taking the time to complete the detailed application and for having the ambition to apply for this grant. Your ambition has been rewarded with your grant allocation and I congratulate you. I also would encourage more clubs to apply next time round.



WE CURRENTLY RUN A 60 WEEK CLAR IN A 52 WEEK CALENDAR YEAR WHICH SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF CONGESTION THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS

There are numerous other grants available and I would encourage all clubs to work closely with your Local Sports Partnership and to explore any avenue for potential funding. Fundraising at club level can sometimes be difficult but I would encourage Handball clubs to take advantage of the GAA Club Draw. This is a free draw available to all clubs with an array of excellent prizes. The tickets cost €10 euro and all money is retained by the club. The costs are all covered by the GAA so it really is an excellent way of fundraising. For more information contact the National Office.

COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

Our coaching & Development team continue to perform despite limited resources and a lack of manpower. In reality more Development Officers are necessary if we are to truly realise the potential of our great game on a nationwide basis.

Despite this there are a number of exciting projects coming soon including a brand new Coaching Video, the Club Iontach programme and the GAA Handball Academies. You will see from the Coaching Report later on the volume of work that has taken place throughout the last year is impressive considering there are only two full time Coaching personnel.

I want to thank our Tutors who have delivered courses all over the country and continue to be a great support to the full time team. I also thank Darragh Daly and Deborah Foley for their continued hard work despite limited resources.

CLAR WORKGROUP – TIME FOR CHANGE?

Once more we come to our AGM and while we reflect on a successful year on the courts we need to ask ourselves the question are we been fair to our volunteers. We currently run a 60 week clar in a 52 week calendar year which shows the amount of congestion that currently exists. What this means is that there is no time at National Level to give support back to clubs and volunteers or to run initiatives to promote the game.

This years Clar is condensed due to the World Championships yet when the Clar was released we received numerous emails calling for the amount of competitions in the Clar to remain unchanged and the Worlds to be added in which when you consider we already run 60 weeks of competition in 52 weeks it shows a disappointing lack of understanding of the sheer volume of work that is undertaken to ensure the Clar is completed each year. Too many people were looking from an individual point of view instead of looking at the impact on the sport as a whole.

We also have to be conscious of burn out in our volunteers and venue officials as with 1952 games at National level alone it is placing increasing pressure on our venues who also have provincial and county fixtures to host. We also have to give our players the best opportunity to play all codes if they wish to do so but with the current set up it is next to impossible for players to do this.

We need a streamlined Clar with clearly defined breaks in the year to allow for Volunteer training and initiatives to be ran and also to give much needed breaks to our Volunteers and officials. We are not looking to reduce the amount of Handball on offer rather realign our competitions to make them more attractive to sponsors, the media and to give players and officials the best chance to perform to their best.

Our clubs are the lifeblood of the association and the club tournaments are an integral part of the Handball year. Less competitions at National level and more club tournaments would mean more Handball for all. With this in mind a workgroup was appointed in 2017 to look at the current Clar and to suggest recommendations to improve it and to create a better balanced more meaningful calendar of games.

An enormous amount of work and research has been undertaken and I would encourage everyone to look at these recommendations with an open mind when they are finalised and released. Players need to consider the officials, the volunteers and the venue officials and vice versa. We need to take off our individual hats and think as a team and what best serves our Sport and gives it the best chance to flourish and grow in the coming years.

The word 'change' strikes fear into many people's hearts when it is mentioned. Change takes you out of your comfort zone and challenges you it also means breaking tradition and stepping into the unknown which can be daunting. However change can also be a positive and can bring about new possibilities that were not possible before.

In Handball we are slow to embrace change. The last number of years have seen very little in terms of change in our sport. If you take a look at any successful sport in today's age you will find that they embraced change

and that often time it was a pivotal moment in their timeline that resulted in an upturn in fortunes. Even large organisations like the GAA, the FAI and the IRFU have embraced change and have come out the far side in a far more healthier position.

GAA Handball has benefitted from change before, players used to be allowed kick the ball, there was a time when games were 5 games to 21 yet this changed and the Sport survived and even flourished as a result. We are now at a junction where change is needed once more, change to a streamlined more effective Clar that will allow more time for Club support and volunteer training and also to run various initiatives to promote our game, change to attract Sponsors, change to the format of our games to attract the Media.

The best thing about changing is if it doesn't work out you can always change back. However with the right mindset and attitude change can be for the better and when embraced can lead to a better future for all players, volunteers and officials.

We are entering into an exciting and critical phase in the growth of GAA Handball. With work due to commence on the brand new state of the art Handball Centre and the World

Championships due to come to these shores in 2021 we need to ensure that our Sport is ready to move into the next phase of its development. We can take that journey together or we can try as individuals but as the old adage says Together Everyone Achieves More.

NEW HANDBALL CENTRE

Last year we received the fantastic news that the brand new state of the art Handball centre had received the go ahead after years of false starts and hold ups. The impact of this new centre will be massive for GAA Handball and further good news was received when it was revealed that building will start in early 2018. Once completed our Sport will finally have a state of the art home where future Handballers will aspire to play. I wish to thank everyone involved for bringing this to fruition especially Paraic Duffy, Peter McKenna and Shane Santry. It is exciting times for our Sport as we will watch our new home in the confines of Croke Park be created over the next couple of years.

AWARDS

Our 2017 Awards will take place on the night before our AGM. This year the Awards have been expanded with a number of new award categories to recognise the fantastic work been done by our clubs/counties and volunteers.

The All Stars recognises the best players and the success they have achieved in the past 12 months. This year in a change to Voting systems the four Provincial winners will go forward for the National Award with 50% of the final vote being made by an elected voting panel and the other 50% will be voted on by their peers in the game with the Top players asked to submit their votes too. In the case of the Young Player of the Year the elected panel and a panel of Juvenile coaches will select the winner.



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Four more icons of the game receive recognition for their achievements throughout long careers as they were inducted into the Hall of Fame. The recipients of this prestigious honour are Tim Healy (Cork), Joe Masterson (Offaly), Seamus O Fatharta (Galway) and Billy Silcock (Antrim). These four men have dedicated a lifetime to Handball in their respective counties/provinces and are fully deserving of this honour. Congratulations to all on your richly deserved awards.

Also this year a greater emphasis will be placed on the volunteer with a number of volunteer Awards introduced to reflect the fantastic work been done throughout the country. In an exciting new venture nominations are open to the Handball public for these awards and voting will be by online secret ballot with the winner being announced live on the night!

I extend congratulations to all nominees and to our eventual winners and hope everyone has an enjoyable night. I also congratulate all who won local or provincial awards and extend congratulations to Matt Purcell on winning the GAA Presidents Award back in February.

ANTI DOPING

Anti Doping Information for all GAA Handball members is available on www.gaahandball.ie. Also anti doping wallet cards are available at Congress or from the GAA Handball Office, Croke Park, Dublin 3. Phone 01-8192385. For any members who wish to learn more or who have any questions in relation to anti-doping further information can be found on <http://www.irishsportsCouncil.ie/Anti-Doping/>

SYMPATHY

During the year GAA Handball lost a number of members and friends each who were an important part of the Handball Community. Overseas there was great shock as there was here in Ireland when news came through of the death of Handball legend Dave Chapman. I extend the sympathies of our association to anyone affected by bereavement throughout the year.

BUÍOCHAS

Firstly I would like to thank Ard Stiurthoir of the GAA Paraic Duffy for his constant support not only throughout the past year but throughout my tenure as National Manager. He was always available and very approachable at all times. His support has meant a huge amount to me personally in my role but also to the Association was invaluable. He

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has been a pleasure to work with and the Association as a whole will sorely miss his presence when he retires in March. On behalf of GAA Handball I wish Paraic the very best in his retirement and hope that he and his family enjoy the extra time he will now have. I would also like to thank Teresa Rehill for her assistance and guidance throughout the year.

I would also like to thank Uachtarán CLG Aodhan O Fearghail for his support throughout the year and his three year tenure and wish him well as he vacates the role of Uachtarán this year.

On that note I look forward to working closely with both the new Ard Stiurthoir when they are appointed and also with incoming Uachtarán John Horan when he takes up his position.

Our own Uachtarán Joe Masterson comes to the end of his first year of his three year tenure. Joe has been a pleasure to work alongside and he has shown a great enthusiasm for the role in his first year. A passionate Handball man he has strived to make important and necessary changes and has not shirked the tough decisions when needed. The Association is in very safe hands with Joe and will continue to be for the next two years.

To the GAA Finance Department in particular Sinead Haughian, Rachel O'Reilly, Joan Kelly and Tom Ryan many thanks for your assistance over the year and for preparing the accounts for today.

To our Sponsors O'Neills and Martin Donnelly (Myclubshop.ie) I say a huge thank you for your generosity and support once more in 2017 and look forward to working closely with you in 2018.

To the GAA full time Staff for their assistance throughout 2017 I look forward to continuing to work closely again in 2018. To our GAA Rep Denis Holmes I thank him for his support and advice over the year he has been a valuable asset to our Ard Comhairle committee and I look forward to working with him again in 2018.

To the Sports Council and the Federation of Irish Sport in particular Shane Califf, Melanie Lettis and Aoife Brennan I thank you for your continued support and assistance. To our sister associations and our office neighbours in Camogie and



Ladies GFC and to GAA Rounders thanks for your support throughout the year and I wish you the best for 2018.

To the full time staff of Darragh Daly, Austin McKenna, Deborah Foley and Brigid Doherty I extend a huge thank you for the extraordinary lengths you go to on a regular basis to ensure that competitions are run off on time, schools and clubs are supported in their development, shop orders are completed and the numerous other tasks and daily issues that you face. The level of dedication you display to your job is exemplary and I hope it is appreciated by our volunteers just as much as their work is appreciated by you. Working for Handball is different to a normal 9-5 job as there is a lot of weekend work and often late evenings yet you continue to perform to the highest levels and for that I say well done and thank you.

To the Provincial Councils who tirelessly work to promote Handball in their provinces I say thank you and keep up the good work. To the County Boards who again work so hard to keep the game alive in their respective counties I thank you for your efforts and look forward to working with you all in 2018 once more.

To all our clubs the lifeblood of our Association and the production line for so many of our top athletes I thank you sincerely for your outstanding work throughout another successful year for our sport. To the clubs that host Club Tournaments I compliment you and encourage you to continue as they are an invaluable way of attracting new members and giving Handball to those players who may not reach provincial or national finals. To our clubs that host games once more in 2017 you stood up and were counted as an incredible 1952



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games were played at National Level over 234 venues with many venues hosting multiple games. This is a phenomenal amount of games when you take into account that it does not include Provincial or County games so I say a sincere thank you to all the Venue Officials, the referees, the volunteers who provide the refreshments and anybody else that contributed in running such a vast fixtures programme. You have made an invaluable contribution to our Sport and I hope you have found it rewarding.

In summary we are now entering what should be an exciting phase for GAA Handball with the right changes and the right mindset we can have a vibrant modern Sport ready to move into a vibrant modern new centre which will increase the attraction of our Sport to potential sponsors, new members and even the media.

While we compete on the courts as individuals it is by working together off the courts that we will truly achieve our goals and objectives. We all want the same outcome for our Sport so it

is vital we all work together to achieve it, this may mean that we have to refocus our individual aspirations and accept changes that we may not always approve of but once it is for the good of the game and helps provide a better brighter future for our Sport then they are the sacrifices that have to be made.

I thank you all for your hard work and dedication to GAA Handball over the past 12 months and I look forward to seeing you all throughout 2018.

Keep up the good work

John Kelly
National Manager

COMPETITIONS REVIEW

2017... WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!

SHE'S ACE LADIES WEEKEND:

Martina McMahon was in sensational form in January when she produced some truly scintillating Handball to defeat the reigning champion, Catriona Casey, 15-11, 10-15, 11-8 in the 2017 She's Ace Ladies Open Final in Aughagower HC, Mayo. In front of a packed gallery, both Ladies served what genuinely must be considered one of the greatest games of Ladies Handball the to ever be seen. The athleticism, skill levels with both hands and the intensity displayed was a pleasure to witness.

Earlier in the Finals Night, after a hectic day of Handball across 6 venues, 7 grades, & 8 courts, the Girls 15&U and 17&U Finals provided entertainment before the Open Final. In the 15&U Final, it was Clare's Amber Nolan who emerged victorious against

Kilkenny's Noelle Dowling 25-16. Both girls came through 3 matches on Saturday afternoon and showed a great standard for such a young age. It was then followed by the 17&U Final where Kildare's Leah Doyle defeated Tyrone's Caitlin Conway 25-13 with her impressive serving proving the difference.

In other finals played in Claremorris, Ballinrobe & Carnacon, there were wins for Aishling Mullin (Galway) in the Ladies B, Clodagh Munroe (Tyrone) in the 13&U, and finally to Kilkenny's Bridget Mulholland in the Ladies Challenger.

O'NEILLS 40X20 CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Armagh's Charly Shanks has finally got his hands on the title he had so cherished for so long this year by upsetting the odds to dethrone Robbie McCarthy to claim the 2017 O'Neills All-Ireland 40x20 Title.

Having lost the previous two finals to McCarthy, and four finals in total, Shanks stunned the champ in the opener with an explosion of attacking play to storm to a 21-4 win. The manner of the opening game astonished the packed gallery, but given McCarthy's ability to come back from the brink of death, everyone expected a reaction in the second. But in truth it never really came as Shanks again took control from the off with precision serving and killing. A brief rally from the champ saw him close the gap to

13-12, but only two more points were to be gained as Shanks closed out the match 21-14, unshackling huge relief that the 33 year old finally crossed that elusive hurdle. An emotional embrace with his wife Mary, his father, and then his long term coach Mervyn McCann showed just how much it meant to Shanks.

In the Ladies Final, Catriona Casey was ruthlessly efficient as she dismantled the high hopes of Martina McMahon 21-5, 21-4. Many expected another classic, particularly given the epic encounter they had earlier in the year at the She's Ace Weekend, but it was never allowed to materialise as Casey never gave McMahon a chance, claiming her 3rd title.





Elsewhere, there were major wins for Cork's Tadhg O'Neill (Boys Minor), Armagh's Megan McCann (Girls Minor) & Cork's Tadhg Carroll (Intermediate) after another fantastic Singles Finals Festival Weekend.

There were two very familiar winners of the 2017 O'Neill's All-Ireland Senior Doubles title, as Cavan's Paul Brady & Michael Finnegan claimed a remarkable 11th crown, their first since 2014. Having narrowly lost out in the previous two finals, there was no stopping the pair this time round in front of a partisan home support at a packed Kingscourt HC. Standing in their way was Clare's Diarmaid Nash & Colin Crehan, a newly formed partnership this year

and first time finalists. The Banner men certainly played their part in this contest and pushed the more experienced duo hard in the opener before falling 21-16, 21-13.

In the Minor Final, Cork's Tadhg O'Neill & David Walsh retained their title with a hard fought 21-8, 21-12 win over Wexford's Adam Walsh & Adam Butler. Wexford also had to settle for silver in the Ladies Minor Final as Clare's Bridin Dinane & Ella Donnellan proved a step too far for Cora Doyle & Emma Sweeney, winning 21-6, 21-8.

40X20 NATIONALS:

Tuamgraney's Diarmuid Nash certainly had to do things the hard to claim his

second Nationals crown in November. En route to his win, he defeated the last two All-Ireland Champions and survived a tiebreak QF with his doubles partner Colin Crehan. In the final, it was pre tournament favourite Robbie McCarthy that took the opener 15-10 before Nash replied winning the next two games 15-9, 11-4. In the Ladies section, Irish #1 Catriona Casey was in no mood for hanging around as she kept all three of her opponents to below 5 aces in every game.

One of the matches of the tournament came in the second SF as Martina McMahon defeated Aisling Reilly, coming from 10-9 down to win an epic 11-10, with the

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crowd enthralled. But in the final Cork's Casey was simply brilliant and avenged her recent defeat in devastating fashion, keeping McMahon to 15-1, 15-3.

HARDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Limerick's CJ Fitzpatrick retained his All Ireland Hardball Senior Singles title at Lahorna in a repeat of last year's final. Fitzpatrick overcoming Dublin's Eoin Kennedy on a 21-13, 17-21, 21-1 score line.

On the same programme there were also victories for Mayo's Patrick Murphy in the Minor Singles as he overcame Cork's David Walsh on a 21-8, 21-9 scoreline, while Carlow's Martin Mullins defeated Kerry's Jack O'Shea in the Junior Singles 21-7, 21-4 in an action packed programme at the Tipperary venue. Meath's Brian Carroll & Tom Sheridan claimed their fourth Hardball Senior Doubles title with victory over Dublin's Eoin Kennedy & Carl Browne in the 2017 decider.

The Meath duo, one of the most successful doubles teams in GAA Handball, were in no mood to be denied on the day, and were too strong as they closed out the game 21-2, 21-12, capturing their fourth title. Kilkenny's Eoin Brennan and Jack Doyle overcame Mayo's Patrick Murphy and Lorcan Conlan in a three game thriller on a 21-6, 8-21, 21-14 score line to secure the Minor Doubles title. The Intermediate Doubles went to the Leeside as Cork's Michael Hedigan and Donnacha O'Dea defeated Kilkenny's William and Daniel Love.

Elsewhere, there was further success for Meath as they also captured the Junior Doubles title with Peter Reilly and Joe Cummins teaming up to



defeat Limerick's Denis Donegan and Shane Murphy in three games 19-21, 21-6, 21-19.

WALLBALL NATIONALS:

Tyrone's Conor McElduff and Martina McMahon won the Men's and Ladies Open titles respectively at a packed Breaffy House Sports Arena in early July. The Saturday night finals have become a major success and this year's finals were no exception as a packed Breaffy House witnessed two gripping encounters.

McElduff who last won the title in 2015 was in commanding form against former three time champion Charly Shanks (Armagh). McElduff was pushed all the way by Shanks in the opener before sealing his third title 15-13, 15-5.

The Ladies Open Final was a repeat of last year's decider as four time champion Lorraine Havern took on Limerick's Martina McMahon, a previous winner in 2014. On that occasion the Down lady took the title but McMahon was in a determined mood to gain some revenge this time around. In a ruthless first game she blitzed her way to a 15-4 victory as she set out her stall. In the second Havern responded but McMahon was not going to let another title slip and she closed out a 15-9 win to take her second Wall Ball Nationals win.

On the Sunday all of the remaining adult & juvenile semi finals and finals took place as the titles from 13&Under to Over 70 were decided to bring the action to a close.

Kilkenny's Kyle Jordan claimed a brilliant 16-14 comeback win over Galway's Mikey Kelly in the B13&U grade, having trailed for the the entire match bar the closing 90 seconds. In the equivalent Girls grade, Galway's Sadbh Ni Flaithearta retained her crown with a 25-12 win over club mate Skylyn O'Malley Walsh.

Kilkenny also took the B15&U title as Billy Drennan produced some sensational performances, including a 31-1 final win over Wexford's Josh Kavanagh, in a repeat of the 2016 13&U final. Tyrone's Caitlin Conway was a 21-11 winner in the G15&U Final over Mayo's Claire Reynolds.



The third major boys title of the day for Kilkenny went to Eoin Brennan, who defeated Roscommon's Michael Egan 19-11 in the final. In the same girls grade, Armagh's Megan McCann held off a mid game comeback from Kildare's Leah Doyle to eventually win 18-11.

The final match of the day was arguably the best of the tournament, as Tyrone's Sean Kerr somehow clawed back a 13-6 deficit in his B19&U Final to Galway's Jamie Kelly to level the match at 13-13 at the end of time. A thrilling tiebreak ensued as Kerr prevailed 5-2.

60X30 NATIONALS:

Dublin's Eoin Kennedy & Cork's Catriona Casey claimed the 2017 60x30 Nationals titles after an outstanding weekend in Wexford. Kennedy entered the weekend as top seed and looked every inch the 9 time All-Ireland Singles champion he is, comfortably seeing off the challenges of Michael Gregan, Paudi Quish & David Hope en route to the final. There he met home favourite Gavin Buggy, who himself justified his #2 seeding by completing three excellent wins that looked very tricky on paper. Having defeated Martin Mulkerrins in the opener, Buggy emerged from two tiebreak wins over CJ Fitzpatrick & Brian Carroll, the latter being an 11-10 epic battle in the SF. That marathon



of a SF didn't do Buggy any favours, as a mere hour and a half afterwards he had to step onto the court with Kennedy, who sealed a 15-8, 15-3 win.

Preceding this final was the Ladies Open Final, a repeat of last years All-Ireland Final between Catriona Casey & Martina McMahon. McMahon looked set to repeat her All-Ireland win last September when she stormed to a 15-6 first game win, before Casey turned the game on its head with second game 15-6 win. The game was again turned on its head in the tiebreak as McMahon raced into a 9-5 lead, but from no where Casey went on a run and claimed the title

in gripping fashion 11-10 to retain her title.

MYCLUBSHOP.IE 60X30 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The mercurial Robbie McCarthy won his 6th crown when defeating long time rival Eoin Kennedy in the 2017 MyClubShop.ie All-Ireland Men's Softball Final at Croke Park. The Mullingar man started as hot favourite but was pushed all the way in a gripping opening game before making a late push to see out the game 21-16. That loss appeared to take the steam out of Eoin's charge as Robbie cruised to the second game 21-9, cementing himself as the dominant force in Softball Handball.

McCarthy becomes the first player to lift the Ducky Walsh Cup, which was presented to Robbie by the Walsh family following a short video tribute to the great Ducky.

In the ladies final, Catriona Casey tore up the script and has claimed her 5th



MCMAHON LOOKED SET TO REPEAT HER ALL-IRELAND WIN LAST SEPTEMBER WHEN SHE STORMED TO A 15-6 FIRST GAME WIN, BEFORE CASEY TURNED THE GAME ON ITS HEAD WITH SECOND GAME 15-6 WIN



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Softball Singles Title, gaining revenge on last year's Final defeat to rival Martina McMahon.

The win was by no means a surprise, as Casey's sheer efficiency proved too much for McMahon, a very comfortable 21-9 first game win for Casey continued suit in the second until a late surge from nowhere saw McMahon draw level at 19-19. But, Casey somehow recouped, sealing the win with two quick points 21-19.

In the Boys Minor Final, Galway's Diarmuid Mulkerrins went one step better than his final anguish last



year to win a three-game tussle with Tipperary's James Prentice 21-15, 19-21, 21-16. In the Ladies singles Kildare (Leah Doyle) dft Clare (Catriona Millane) 21-2, 21-17.

The Men's Intermediate title also went to the Mulkerrins household as elder brother Martin survived a real gutsy effort from Limerick's JP O'Connor, prevailing 21-8, 21-18.

There were familiar winners in the Men's Doubles Final as Meath's Brian Carroll & Tom Sheridan put on another exhibition of doubles play to defeat former champions Eoin Kennedy & Carl Browne 21-16, 21-11.

Cork's Catriona Casey & Aishling O'Keeffe broke more records as they sealed a remarkable 5th consecutive Ladies Senior Doubles title, building on the dominance they have in Doubles Handball in Ireland at present.





2 title when they defeated St. Patricks (Cavan) 42-21.

The first ever One Wall Féile Boys competition was won by the Mayobridge team (Down) when they overcame Laochra Láimhe (Limerick) while in the Girls final the Laochra Láimhe team defeated Mayobridge.

THIRD LEVEL HANDBALL:

The third level 40x20 Doubles intervarsity championship took place across Kilkenny venues. In the Men's Open Final, Colin Crehan & Jason English (UL) dft. Michael Hedigan & Daniel Relihan (UL) 21-18, 21-16. In the Ladies Open Final, Meadh Ní Dhalaigh & Fiona Tully (DCU) dft. Bridin Dinan & Doireann Murphy (UL) 13-21, 21-2, 11-5.

The third level 60x30 singles Championship was hosted in Wexford this year, Shane Dunne (ITT) dft Brian Mahon (UCD) 17-21, 21-10, 11-6. In the Ladies Open, Ciara Mahon (TCD) dft Fiona Tully (DCU) 21-10, 21-3.

As third level Handball continues to grow in popularity throughout the 2017 season, a great credit must be given to the ICHA for their excellent promotion of the game at third level. Over the next number of years, GAA Handball will work closely with the ICHA for the development of Handball. And, must once again acknowledge and congratulate the committee on the work that they have put into this season so far.

They faced first time finalists Ciara Mahon & Aoife Holden (Kilkenny), who certainly made a good account of themselves and played some real quality shots over the course of the match. But the craft and experience of the Ballydesmond duo proved a step too far this time, Cork winning 21-8, 21-9.

Tipperary's James Prentice gained revenge in the Minor Doubles decider when he and Jerome Cahill defeated Galway's Diarmuid Mulkerrins & Cian O'Conghaile in another three game epic 11-21, 21-13, 21-16. The Ladies Minor Doubles final was won by Clare's Catriona Millane and Ella Donnellan as they overcame the challenge of Kilkenny's Dearbhail O'Keeffe and Sorcha Delaney 21-9, 21-4.

FÉILE NA NGAEL:

The John West sponsored national Féile na nGael Handball competition once again proved to be an exceptional day of Handball as the county's top young Under 14 Handballers provided

great entertainment and skills for all the spectators and clubs who travelled in their droves to venues across Carlow & Wexford.

It was the second largest Féile of all time with over 60 teams taking part in 40x20, 60x30 and One Wall grades with team numbers well up on the last few years. Whilst the main aim of this weekend is enjoyment and participation Saturday's evening finals provided a fitting climax to the day. It was Galmoy (Kilkenny) who came out on top in the Boys 40x20 Division 1 final, defeating Tuamgraney (Clare) in the decider, whilst Kilkishen (Clare) won the Girls 40x20 Division 1 final when they overcame Lahorna (Tipperary).

In the 60x30 event a very enjoyable day was had in Castlebridge where Kilfane (Kilkenny) saw off Ballina (Tipperary) 28-22 to win the Div 1 grade with the local team from Castlebridge (Wexford) taking the Div





COACHING &

DEVELOPMENT

REPORT 2017

By National Development Officer Darragh Daly





COACHING VIDEO SERIES:

After months of work, a very exciting new Coaching Project will be released to the Handball community in early 2018 with the launch of GAA Handball's Coaching Video Series.

The Coaching Video Series is a collection of 30 short videos educating young players and coaches alike on areas including; Technique, Shots, Serves, Serve Return Options, and Strategy. The videos will be hosted on the Coaching section of www.gaahandball.ie and will be free for all members to avail of.

The purpose of the videos is to provide a comprehensive high quality visual aid at the fingertips for coaches nationwide, to further strengthen the increasingly high levels of performance of Irish Juvenile Handball. Each video clearly explains the coaching points for every aspect of the game, and displays repetitive slow motion HD footage from various angles.

A huge amount of detail went into this production so I would encourage all Clubs to make their coaches and young players aware of these videos upon release. I fully believe this resource will be an invaluable addition

to GAA Handball and am excited by it's potential.

COACHING MANUALS:

On top of the Video Series, there is also a lot free Coaching Manuals available to download on www.gaahandball.ie, with several documents recently revamped.

Manuals include:

- (i) Perfect Your Technique
- (ii) Every Shot has a Purpose
- (iii) The Serve – Take Control
- (iv) Fundamental Handball
- (v) A Coaching Guide to the Big Alley
- (vi) 6-Week School Lesson Plans
- (vii) One-Wall Drills & Serving Strategies
- (viii) Doubles Play
- (ix) Plus a selection of fitness related manuals.

Having travelled to many Clubs delivering Coaching Courses, there is a clear trend that significant portions of the coaches attending are not aware that these Coaching Resources are available. These resources have been developed for the benefit of coaches, to improve their knowledge levels, and to make the process of coaching key information more effective. Therefore I would greatly appreciate if Clubs could assist in the promotion of these

documents among their members, even printing them off and displaying them in their facilities.

If there is a particular topic you would like to see developed, or feel would benefit GAA Handball Clubs and Coaches, then please let me know by contacting development.handball@gaa.ie.

NATIONAL HANDBALL ACADEMY:

A new National Handball Academy structure has been developed, with the first squad to be announced in early 2018. The Academy provides an elite player pathway for juvenile players aged 14-17 years, with the aim to ensure our next generations of players are adequately supported to make the breakthrough into elite senior players nationally & internationally.

Initially the Academy will cater for 40x20 only until the Academy is established, with a minimum of three training days per year. I myself will coordinate all aspects of the Academy as National Development Officer, with assistance from a small group of elite coaches and former playing champions.

The Academy Squad will comprise of small numbers of players to enable



increased quality and time with elite Coaches/Tutors. A continuous scouting system will be in place, observing at juvenile seeding tournaments. Topics covered at sessions will include Tactics, Nutrition, Fitness, Video Analysis, Technical, Tournament Preparation, and Recovery.

There are two key features of this new structure that makes it unique from previous Development Squad structures in Handball.

- (1) The Academy will implement an open door policy with players, i.e. players will be released and called up when required. If the Academy Coaches deem a player to have benefitted to the max from the Academy, or if a player fails to show the desired levels of commitment, then he/she will be released from the Academy in a bid to provide space for another young player to achieve this top level coaching.

However any player who has successfully graduated from the Academy will receive an Academy Coach Mentor who they can contact for advice/training session up to three times a year.

- (2) Participant selection will be based on player potential and not solely on current playing levels. A scouting committee will select the initial squad.

It is clear that the Irish Juveniles are





currently the best juvenile players in World Handball. That has not always been the case, and may not always be the case. But regardless of the performance levels of other nations, GAA Handball are committed to continuing to increase our own performance levels and ensure our juveniles remain at the top of the tree, and carry this standard into the Senior ranks both nationally and internationally.

SCHOOLS ONE-WALL INITIATIVE:

The Schools One-Wall Initiative continues to prove to be one of the best promotional and development initiatives GAA Handball has ever produced. Schools and GAA Clubs are regularly erecting Handball walls across the country, often in areas that holds no previous tradition in the game.

I receive numerous calls and emails on a weekly basis enquiring about information on building courts, and even more refreshingly I often get calls from Clubs who have just built walls on their own bat based on the information provided on the national website. I appreciate many in the Handball community hold reservations on the growth of the One-Wall code, but as a purely developmental tool it is proving priceless to our association when you see facilities being built from scratch by local schools and communities because they appreciate the physical benefits of the game, and how enjoyable it is to play.

There are over 500 new facilities nationwide as a result of the Initiative in recent years, the vast majority of which boast a large GAA Handball logo. This is fantastic in a promotional sense, making our logo visible to hundreds of people daily. Since the sport went indoors in Ireland many decades ago due to the Irish weather, it brought about an unfortunate visibility issue, with the game being hidden from the public eye. The One-Wall Initiative goes some way to counter acting this problem.

As a recreational outlet, the Initiative is thriving, and that is great because this is an area that I feel is lacking in GAA Handball. The focus is predominantly on competition and winning, but there is a major opportunity for Handball to be developed as a recreational game, much in the same way as Squash is played recreationally in leisure centres.

However if there is one aspect of the Schools Initiative that I feel could

be developed further so it achieves it's potential then it is the cross over of players joining Handball Clubs after getting a taste for the game in school. There is huge opportunity for Clubs to recoup some new members by developing a School Club Link and displaying Club details on notice boards in the school. GAA Handball will be looking at this specifically in 2018 in a bid to provide solutions on how to better improve the cross over.

NATIONAL COACHING TUTORS & COURSES:

GAA Handball has a small team of National Tutors who are tasked with delivering the Associations Certified Coaching Programme of Foundation & Level One Coaching Courses.

These Tutors have all went through a 10 day training course with Coaching Ireland at the University of Limerick,



THE SCHOOLS ONE-WALL INITIATIVE CONTINUES TO PROVE TO BE ONE OF THE BEST PROMOTIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES GAA HANDBALL HAS EVER PRODUCED



learning their trade from some of the best coaching minds in Ireland.

For this I would like to extend my sincere thanks for the time and effort they give annually to assisting GAA Handball's Coach Education delivery.

Current Active Tutors:

- John O'Donoghue (Tipperary)
- Tadgh Carroll (Cork)
- Darragh Ruane (Mayo)
- Ryan Daly (Tyrone)
- Darragh Daly (National Development Officer)

Current Tutors in Training:

- Damien Martin (Roscommon)
- Nevan McCartin (Galway)
- Fiona Shannon (Antrim)
- Niall Kerr (Tyrone)
- Gavin Buggy (Wexford)

Having such a small number of active Tutors, coupled with a hectic Clar, provides GAA Handball with obstacles in terms of delivering the desired number of coaching courses each year. It would be a preference of mine to increase the number of certified courses delivered, particularly the two day Level 1 Course. Thankfully

we have three new Tutors in Training, with Roscommon's Damien Martin, Galway's Nevan McCartin & Antrim's Fiona Shannon due to complete their qualification in late 2018, which will be a timely boost to our Tutor numbers.

The process of hosting an official Coaching Course requires the Club/County to contact GAA Handball in a bid to secure a date and an available Tutor. However having studied an overview of coaching courses delivered in the last three years, it is clear that certain area's may have to be targeted from a national viewpoint to host courses due to inactivity levels. We will look at this for 2018 onwards, and are also in discussions with Coaching Ireland in a bid to increasing

our Tutor numbers quicker than the two per year quota currently allowed. A key objective for Coach Education in 2018 will be the delivery of at least one Level One Coaching Course per Province, be it on a County or Provincial basis.

If your Club is interested in hosting a course, please contact development. handball@gaa.ie.

OTHER:

- The Schools Membership Scheme continues to operate, offering Schools Discount Offers on equipment. The offer is open to both Primary & Secondary Schools. Whilst the uptake is

**A KEY OBJECTIVE FOR COACH EDUCATION IN 2018
WILL BE THE DELIVERY OF AT LEAST ONE LEVEL ONE
COACHING COURSE PER PROVINCE, BE IT ON A COUNTY
OR PROVINCIAL BASIS**



2017 COACHING COURSE FIGURES:

	NO. OF COURSES	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Official Certified Courses	9	140	30	170
Teacher In-services	27	262	365	587
Taster Sessions	13	240	148	388
TOTAL	49	642	543	1,145

healthy, there is still plenty of room for growth if the all the feeder schools to the Handball Clubs nationwide were to avail of this special offer. Again, I would encourage all Handballers & Clubs to spread the word about this offer in their local area.

- A Referee's Pathway will take priority in 2018, and initial structures have been put in place. The pathway will be a mix of online assessment and attendance of a Referee course. A recruitment drive to get volunteers willing to assist in the delivery of Referee Education will commence in early in 2018. If you are interested, please contact development.handball@gaa.ie.

2017

Official
Competitions:

Breakdown by
Event and Code



TITLE BREAKDOWN



COMPETITION	MALE		FEMALE		MIXED JUVENILE	TOTAL
	ADULT	JUVENILE	ADULT	JUVENILE		
60x30 Championship	38	8	8	7		61
40x20 Championship	39	8	10	8		65
Hardball Championships	8					8
Team Events	6	5		2		13
Gael Linn					1	1
Féile na nGael		9		4		13
2nd Level College		12		8		20
Third Level College	16		10			26
40x20 Adult Nationals	14		3			17
60x30 Adult Nationals	6	4	1	4		15
Irish Junior 40x20 Nationals		8		8		16
Wall Ball Championships	4	2	3	2		11
Wall Ball Nationals	10	8	3	6		27
She's Ace			6	5		11

TOTALS:

141

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Open Championships 2017

COUNTY	40X20 OPEN	60X30 OPEN	WALL BALL OPEN	HARDBALL OPEN	CLUB OPEN	TOTALS
Cork	1	2	1			4
Meath		1		1	2	4
Tyrone			2			2
Limerick			1	1		2
Armagh	1					1
Cavan	1					1
Mayo	1					1
Westmeath		1				1
	4	4	4	2	2	16

O'Neills GAA Handball 40x20 Championships 2017

COUNTY	MENS ADULT	LADIES ADULT	BOYS JUVENILE	GIRLS JUVENILE	TEAM	TOTALS
Kilkenny	3	0	4	0	2	9
Cork	4	1	1	0	1	7
Tyrone	3	1	1	1	0	6
Kildare	1	2	0	2	1	6
Antrim	5	0	0	0	0	5
Roscommon	2	3	0	0	0	5
Dublin	4	0	0	0	0	4
Mayo	2	1	0	1	0	4
Tipperary	2	0	0	2	0	4
Kerry	2	0	1	0	0	3
Carlow	2	0	0	0	1	3
Galway	2	0	0	0	0	2
Monaghan	2	0	0	0	0	2
Armagh	1	1	0	0	0	2
Clare	1	1	0	0	0	2
Meath	1	0	0	0	1	2
Wexford	0	0	1	1	0	2
Cavan	1	0	0	0	0	1
Westmeath	1	0	0	0	0	1
Laois	0	0	0	1	0	1

TOTALS:

39

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71

MyClubShop.ie GAA Handball 60x30 Softball Championships 2017

COUNTY	MENS ADULT	LADIES ADULT	BOYS JUVENILE	GIRLS JUVENILE	TEAM	TOTALS
Wexford	3	0	4	2	0	9
Kilkenny	2	2	2	1	2	9
Tipperary	8	0	0	0	0	8
Kildare	2	1	0	2	1	6
Galway	4	0	0	0	0	4
Offaly	3	0	0	0	0	3
Westmeath	3	0	0	0	0	3
Limerick	2	0	0	0	1	3
Meath	2	0	0	0	1	3
Carlow	2	0	0	0	0	2
Sligo	2	0	0	0	0	2
Wicklow	2	0	0	0	0	2
Cavan	1	0	1	0	0	2
Tyrone	1	0	0	1	0	2
Cork	0	2	0	0	0	2
Dublin	0	2	0	0	0	2
Clare	0	1	0	1	0	2
Kerry	1	0	0	0	0	1
Roscommon	0	0	1	0	0	1

TOTALS:

38

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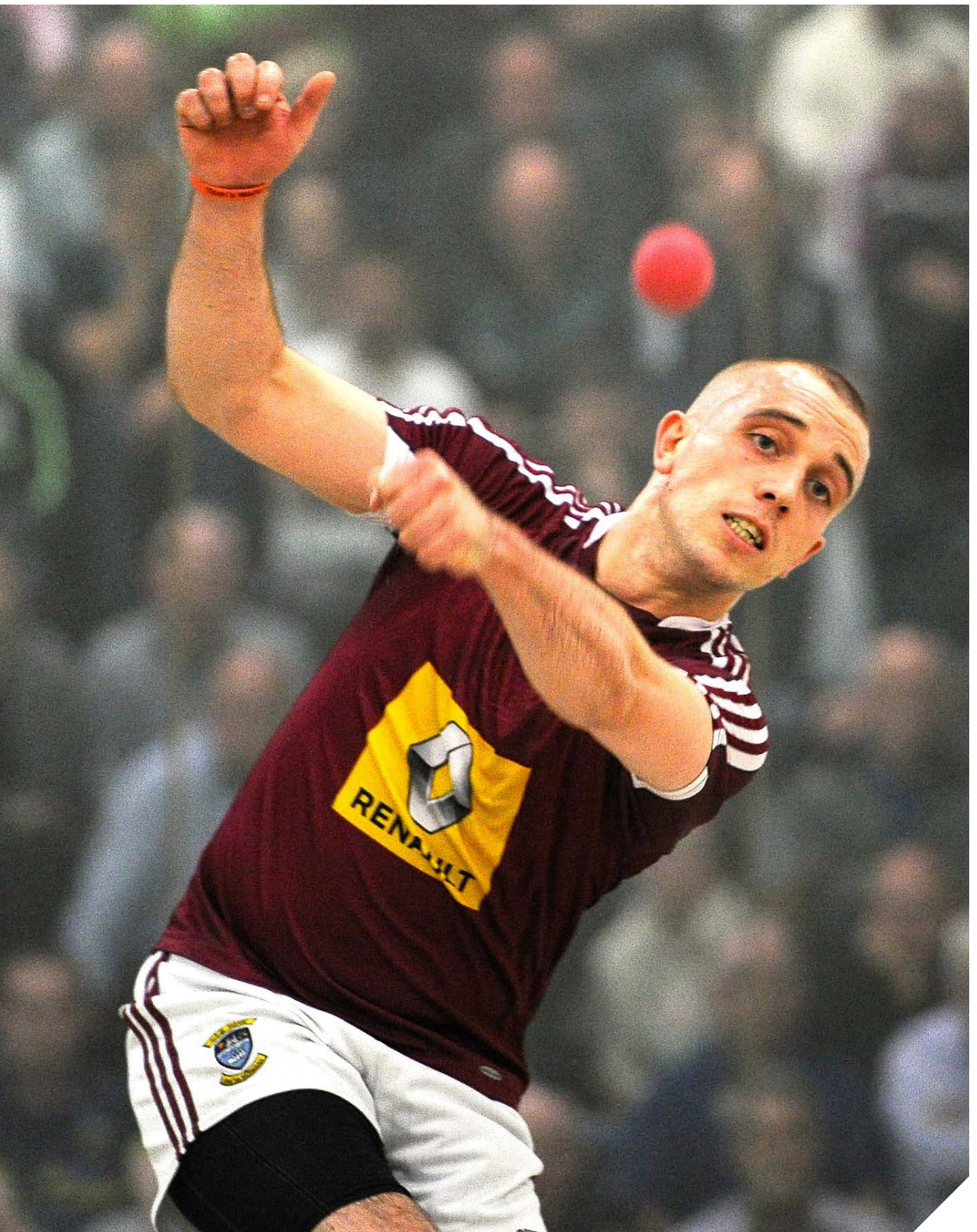
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2017 TITLE BREAKDOWN



GAA Handball Official Competitions: 2017 Breakdown

COMPETITION	MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL	NO OF GAMES PLAYED	NO OF VENUES USED
	ADULT	JUVENILE	ADULT	JUVENILE			
60x30 Open Championship - Singles	24		7		31	21	12
60x30 Open Championship - Doubles	17		3		20	15	8
60x30 Adult Championships - S & D	129		16		145	87	26
60x30 Juvenile Championships - S&D		25		23	48	32	8
60x30 Juvenile Colleges		23		14	37	22	3
60x30 Juvenile Team of 6/4		5			5	6	1
60x30 Club Championships	11				11	18	3
60x30 Girls Team of Six				3	3	9	1
40x20 Open Championship - Singles	36		11		47	38	23
40x20 Open Championship - Doubles	22		3		25	19	16
40x20 Adult Championships - S&D	147		30		177	121	32
40x20 Juvenile Championships - S&D		31		31	62	45	4
40x20 Juvenile Colleges		24		15	39	28	1
40x20 Juvenile Team of 6/4		10			10	18	2
40x20 Club Championships	11				11	24	3
40x20 Girls Team of Ten				3	3	9	1
Hardball Championships	61				61	42	20
40x20 Adult Nationals	125		23		148	160	10
60x30 Nationals	61	22	8	19	110	129	9
Irish Junior 40x20 Nationals - Qualifiers					0	129	19
Irish Junior 40x20 Nationals		245		101	346	237	11
Wall Ball Nationals	114	147	29	62	352	338	2
Wall Ball Championships	12	8	9	8	37	27	1
Cumann na mBunscoil		16		16	32	48	1
Gael Linn		8		8	16	10	1
Féile		46		18	64	138	9
She's Ace			38	56	94	182	7
TOTALS	770	610	117	377	1934	1952	234





LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE
C.L.G. NA HÉIREANN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 OCTOBER 2017

LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE C.L.G. NA HÉIREANN STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

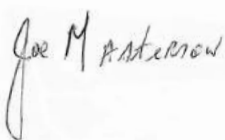
Management are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council and published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

Management is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann and of the surplus or deficit of Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann and in preparing those financial statements, Management is required to:

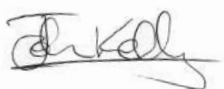
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann will continue its activities.

Management is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann. Management is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board



Seosamh Mac an Mháistir
Uachtarán



Seán Ó Ceallaigh
Bainisteoir Náisiúnta CLG Liathróid Láimhe

Date: 19 Nollaig 2017



LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE C.L.G. NA HÉIREANN INFORMATION

BAILLE DEN ARD CHOMHAIRLE

- Seosamh Mac an Mháistir
– Uachtarán
- Seán Ó Ceallaigh – Bainisteoir
Náisiúnta CLG Liathróid Láimhe
- Padraig Ó Riain
- Liam Mac an Mháistir
- Conchúr Mac Dónaill
- Pól Mac Giolla Phádraig
- Antoin Ó Braoin
- Michéal Ó Conchúir
- Donnacha Mac Thomais
- Seosaimh Ó Seachnasaigh
- Dónal Ó hAodha
- Liam Ó Ceallaigh
- Liam de Róiste

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Bank of Ireland
Drumcondra, Dublin 9

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HANDBALL

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the members of Liathróid Láimhe C.L.G na hÉireann

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann for the year ended 31 October 2017 which comprise the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, the Balance Sheet and the related notes, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 3. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann as at 31 October 2017 and of its deficit 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.

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 described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate: or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

EMPHASIS OF MATTER

We draw your attention to note 2 to the financial statements concerning Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann's ability to continue as a going concern. Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann reported an operating deficit of €49,770 and a net surplus of €50,230 during the year ended 31 October 2017 and, at that date, current liabilities exceeded its total assets by €1,299,312. These conditions, along with the other matters explained in note 2 to the financial statements, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast doubt about Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann was unable to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in this respect.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 management for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Managements' Responsibilities set on page 37, management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they 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, management is responsible for assessing Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann'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 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 Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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.

Mazars

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

		2017	2016
Income	Schedule	€	€
Registrations		94,390	104,456
Gate receipts		14,915	21,000
Competition and event income		22,966	24,109
Irish Sports Council grants		90,000	89,660
GAA grants	1	191,000	161,000
Sponsorship and commercial income		33,081	51,800
Women in sport		8,000	7,500
Profit on sale of merchandise	2	9,891	7,334
Other income		6,506	830
		470,749	467,689
Expenditure			
Women in sport		27,411	29,027
Competition and event expenses		67,086	70,686
Provincial and urban regeneration grant grants		4,000	4,000
3rd level grants		5,000	5,000
Promotional materials		20,968	19,056
Trophies and medals		24,679	26,373
Meetings and officials' travel		49,953	47,728
Coaching, leadership and development		95,271	41,864
Administration and general	3	214,427	208,940
Depreciation		11,724	11,460
		520,519	464,134
Operating (deficit) / surplus		(49,770)	3,555
Grant from Central Council - world deficit		100,000	100,000
Balance at beginning of year		(1,349,542)	(1,453,097)
Balance at end of year		(1,299,312)	(1,349,542)

The Council had no recognised gains and losses other than as reported above for the current and prior year. Subsequently, a statement of comprehensive income has not been prepared.

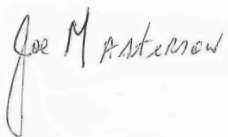
The Council has no movement in reserves during the current or prior year, except as noted above. Subsequently, a statement of changes in reserves has not been prepared.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2017

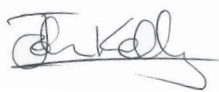
	Note	2017 €	2016 €
Non – current assets			
Property, plant & equipment	4	4,873	15,804
Current assets			
Inventory- handball courts		250	250
Receivables	5	428,433	515,317
Cash & cash equivalents (excluding overdrafts)		1,793	1,793
		430,476	517,360
Current liabilities			
Payables	6	656,299	824,510
Bank overdraft	7	1,078,362	1,058,196
		1,734,661	1,882,706
Net current liabilities		(1,304,185)	(1,365,346)
Net liabilities		(1,299,312)	(1,349,542)
Represented by			
Accumulated deficit		(1,299,312)	(1,349,542)

On behalf of the board



Seosamh Mac an Mháistir
Uachtarán

Date: 19 Nollaig 2017



Seán Ó Ceallaigh
Bainisteoir Náisiúnta CLG Liathróid Láimhe

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

These financial statements comprising the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings and the Balance Sheet and the related notes constitute the individual financial statements of Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann for the financial year ended 31 October 2017.

Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann is an unincorporated association.

Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann is deemed to be a public benefit entity (PBE) in accordance with FRS 102.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (FRS 102) and accounting policies. These are the first financial statements that comply with FRS 102.

Currency

The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the Council.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and the accounting policies below.

Liathróid Láimhe CLG. na hÉireann reported an operating deficit of €49,770, (2016: Surplus €3,555) for the year ended 31 October 2017 and a net surplus of €50,230 (2016: €103,555). At the year end the accumulated deficit on reserves amounted to €1,299,312 (2016: €1,349,542) The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Management consider that it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on the going concern basis as the measures taken to improve operating performance together with the on-going support of the Cumann Lúthcleas Gael will ensure the continued operational activity of the Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann for the foreseeable future.

The exemptions contained within Sections 1.12(b) and 33.7 of FRS 102 has been availed of in the preparation of these financial statements.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Income

Grant income is recognised when performance related conditions are achieved.

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis and recognised in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings in line with underlying agreements.

Property, plant & equipment

All property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost. This includes legal fees, stamp duty and other non-refundable purchase taxes, and also any 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, which can include the costs of site preparation, initial delivery and handling, installation and assembly, and testing of functionality.

Finance costs incurred during the construction period of property, plant and equipment that are directly attributable to the construction of those assets are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets.

Depreciation is provided on all property, plant and equipment, other than land, 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:

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

Office Equipment	-	20% Straight line
Computer equipment	-	33% Straight line

Inventory

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is based on normal levels of cost and activity and comprises cost of purchase and, where appropriate, cost of conversion to current condition and location. Net realisable value comprises the actual or estimated selling price less all further costs to completion and all costs to be incurred in selling.

Financial Instruments

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash consists of cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents consist of short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Other financial assets

Other financial assets including receivables, are initially measured at the undiscounted amount of cash receivable from that individual or entity, which is normally the invoice price, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost less impairment, where there is objective evidence of an impairment.

Other financial liabilities

Payables are measured at invoice price, unless payment is deferred beyond normal trading terms or is financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate. In this case the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, and the financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument

Management consider the accounting estimates and assumptions below to be its critical accounting estimates and judgements:

Going concern

Management have prepared budgets and cash flows for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the approval of the financial statements which demonstrate that there is no material uncertainty regarding the Council's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, and to continue as a going concern. On this basis, management consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the Council was unable to continue as a going concern. Please refer to note 2 for further details surround the going concern assumption.

4. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	Office Equipment €	Computer Equipment €	Total €
Cost			
At 31 October 2016	15,948	42,707	58,655
Additions for the year	-	793	793
At 31 October 2017	15,948	43,500	59,448
Accumulated depreciation			
At 31 October 2016	15,866	26,985	42,851
Charge for year	82	11,642	11,724
At 31 October 2017	15,948	38,627	54,575
Net book value			
At 31 October 2016	82	15,722	15,804
At 31 October 2017	-	4,873	4,873

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

5. RECEIVABLES

	2017 €	2016 €
Amounts due from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael	359,322	477,650
Other receivables	69,111	37,667
	<u>428,433</u>	<u>515,317</u>

6. PAYABLES

	2017 €	2016 €
Payables and accruals	27,065	66,890
Taxation and social welfare	10,000	39,220
Deferred income	616,333	716,333
Other payables	2,901	2,067
	<u>656,299</u>	<u>824,510</u>

7. SECURITY

Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann bank facilities are secured by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The analysis of the carrying amounts of the financial instruments of Liathróid Láimhe CLG na hÉireann required under section 11 of FRS 102 is as follows:

	2017 €	2016 €
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost		
Amounts due from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael	359,322	477,650
Cash and cash equivalents	1,793	1,793
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		
Taxation and social welfare	10,000	39,220
Bank overdraft	1,078,362	1,058,196

9. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 19 December 2017.

SCHEDULES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2017

SCHEDULE 1

GAA Grants

	2017 €	2016 €
Annual Grant	130,000	100,000
Administration Grant	36,000	36,000
Promotional Grant	25,000	25,000
	<u>191,000</u>	<u>161,000</u>

SCHEDULE 2

Profit on sale of merchandise

	2017 €	2016 €
Sale of Handballs	53,104	14,334
Opening inventory	-	-
Purchases	43,213	7,000
Closing inventory	-	-
Cost of sales	<u>43,213</u>	<u>7,000</u>
	<u>9,891</u>	<u>7,334</u>

SCHEDULE 3

Administration & General Expenses

	2017 €	2016 €
Staff Costs	170,943	175,972
Printing, Stationary, Advertising & Office Supplies	23,966	17,183
Postage and Telephone	12,377	8,615
Audit and Professional Fees	6,150	6,150
Interest, Charges & Financial Costs	141	410
Miscellaneous	850	610
	<u>214,427</u>	<u>208,940</u>

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ALL THE RESULTS FROM THE HANDBALL YEAR

GAA HANDBALL MYCLUBSHOP.IE 60X30 ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

SS	Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Dublin (Eoin Kennedy) 21-15, 21-9
SD	Meath (Brian Carroll/Tom Sheridan) dft Dublin (Eoin Kennedy/Carl Browne) 21-16, 21-11
MS	Galway (Diarmuid Mulkerrins) dft Tipperary (James Prentice) 21-16, 19-21, 21-16
MD	Tipperary (James Prentice/Jerome Cahill) dft Galway (Diarmuid Mulkerrins/Cian Ó Congaile) 11-21, 21-13, 21-16
U21S	Kilkenny (Brian Mahon) dft Tyrone (Ryan Mullan) 21-12, 21-9
U21D	Tyrone (Sean Kerr/Ryan Mullan) dft Kilkenny (Brian Mahon/Emmet Landy) 21-13, 21-6
JBS	Wicklow (Chris Doyle) dft Cork (Shane Flynn) 21-7, 21-6
JBD	Wicklow (Chris Doyle/Jerome Willoughby) dft Kerry (Cian Counihan/Daire Keane) 21-5, 21-13
JS	Kerry (Jack O'Shea) dft Carlow (Daniel Fenlon) 21-16, 12-21, 21-8
JD	Galway (Kevin Craddock/Declan Connaughton) dft Cavan (Cormac McMahon/Paul Fitzpatrick) 21-10, 21-16
IS	Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) dft JP O'Connor (Limerick) 21-8, 21-18
ID	Galway (Martin Mulkerrins/Pat

	Conway) dft Cork (Michael Hedigan/Daniel Relihan) 21-19, 21-13
O35AS	Offaly (David Hope) dft Kerry (Dominick Lynch) 21-11, 8-21, 21-12
O35AD	Offaly (David Hope/Noel Murphy) dft Kerry (Dominick Lynch/John Joe Quirke) 17-21, 21-2, 21-13
O35BS	Tipperary (Kevin Dempsey) dft Wexford (Noel Holohan) 21-19, 21-9
O35BD	Tipperary (Kevin Dempsey/Noel Moroney) dft Offaly (Sean Ryan/Kevin Cooke) 21-9, 21-10
MAS	Tipperary (David Moloney) dft Wexford (Gavin Buggy) 21-8, 21-18
MAD	Wexford (Gavin Buggy/John Roche) dft Tipperary (Paul Mullins/Eddie Farrell) 21-20, 9-21, 21-13
MBS	Tipperary (Willie Cahill) dft Offaly (Conor O'Brien) 21-14, 10-21, 21-14
MBD	Offaly (Brian Doherty/Conor O'Brien) dft Tipperary (Willie Cahill/Kevin Timmons) 17-21, 21-9, 21-4
SMAS	Kilkenny (William Holden) dft Cavan (Jimmy McKeon) 21-5, 21-1
SMAD	Meath (John Leahy/Tom Sheridan) W/O Cavan (Jimmy McKeon/John Lynch) inj.
SMBS	Limerick (Pat Murphy) dft Meath (Michael Sheridan) 8-21, 21-20, 21-9
SMBD	Westmeath (Joe Mulvanney/Mike Naughton) dft Tyrone (Kenny Curran/Finbar Fullen) 21-15, 21-13
GMAS	Carlow (John Ryan) dft Cork (John Herlihy) 21-12, 21-13
GMAD	Tipperary (Adrian Johnson/Kevin Mullins) dft Westmeath (Robbie

	McCarthy/Kevin Flanagan) 11-21, 21-19, 21-11
GMBS	Kildare (Brendan Higginbotham) dft Tyrone (Kenny Curran) 21-5, 21-9
GMBD	Kildare (Brendan & Billy Higginbottom) dft Tipperary (Willie Burke/Brendan Ryan) 21-20, 21-11
EMAS	Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy Snr) dft Cavan (Michael G Brady) 21-2, 21-4
EMAD	Limerick (Tom O'Brien/Donal O'Connor) dft Kilkenny (Philly Parsons/Johnny Brennan) 21-14, 17-21, 21-16
EMBS	Wexford (Tom Byrne) dft Kerry (Pat Lacey) 21-2, 21-7
EMBD	Sligo (Stanley Harte snr/Peter Chambers) dft Wexford (Miley Byrne/Aidan Sinnott) 21-11, 21-5
DMAS	Tipperary (Billy Mullins) dft Wexford (Tony Breen) 21-2, 21-10
DMAD	Tipperary (Billy Mullins/Pakie Mullins) dft Meath (Jimmy Reilly/Anthony McConnell) 18-21, 21-8, 8-3 (Meath ret. inj.)
DMBS	Sligo (Mick Murphy) dft Wexford (Brendan Murphy) 21-20, 21-11
DMBD	No Competition
RMS	Carlow (John Rossiter) dft Donegal (David Mulhern) 21-3, 21-9
RMD	No Competition
O70S	Wexford (Jim Doyle) dft Cork (Pat O'Brien) 21-5, 21-2
O70D	Cavan (Patsy Hand/Greg Sheridan) dft Galway (Morgan Darcy/Seamus Ó Fatharta) 21-9, 21-7



GAA HANDBALL MYCLUBSHOP. IE 60X30 LADIES ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

LSS	Cork (Catriona Casey) dft Limerick (Martina McMahon) 21-9, 21-19
LSD	Cork (Catriona Casey/Aishling O'Keefe) dft Kilkenny (Ciara Mahon/Aoife Holden) 21-8, 21-9
LMS	Kildare (Leah Doyle) dft Clare (Catriona Millane) 21-2, 21-17
LMD	Clare (Catriona Millane/Ella Donnellan) dft Kilkenny (Dearbhail O'Keefe/Sorcha Delaney) 21-9, 21-4
LJBS	Dublin (Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh) dft Sligo (Aoife Quinn) 21-3, 21-1
LJBD	Dublin (Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh/Lisa McKenna) dft Limerick (Leanne O'Brien/Brigid Quish) 21-5, 21-0
LJS	No Competition
LJD	No Competition
LIS	Kilkenny (Aoife Holden) dft Roscommon (Fiona Tully) 17-21, 21-19, 21-13
LID	Kilkenny (Aoife Holden/Ailish O'Shea) dft Roscommon (Fiona & Aoife Tully) 21-7, 8-21, 21-19

GAA HANDBALL HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

SS	Limerick (CJ Fitzpatrick) dft Dublin (Eoin Kennedy) 21-13, 17-21, 21-1
SD	Meath (Brian Carroll/Tom Sheridan) dft Dublin (Eoin Kennedy/Carl

MS	Browne) 21-2, 21-15 Mayo (Patrick Murphy) dft Cork (David Walsh) 21-8, 21-9
MD	Kilkenny (Eoin Brennan/Jack Doyle) dft Mayo (Patrick Murphy/Lorcan Conlon) 21-6, 8-21, 21-14
IS	Dublin (Keith Burke) dft Kilkenny (Shane Dunne) 10-21, 21-14, 12-4 ret. inj.
ID	Cork (Michael Hedigan/Donnacha O'Dea) dft Kilkenny (William & Daniel Love) 21-6, 9-21, 21-19
JS	Carlow (Martin Mullins) dft Kerry (Jack O'Shea) 21-7, 21-4
JD	Meath (Peter Reilly/Joe Cummins) dft Limerick (Denis Donegan/Shane Murphy) 19-21, 21-6, 21-19

GAA HANDBALL O'NEILLS 40X20 ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

SS	Armagh (Charly Shanks) dft Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) 21-4, 21-13
SD	Cavan (Paul Brady/Michael Finnegan) dft Clare (Diarmuid Nash/Colin Crehan) 21-16, 21-13
MS	Cork (Tagdh O'Neill) dft Kilkenny (Eoin Brennan) 21-14, 21-11
MD	Cork (Tagdh O'Neill/David Walsh) dft Wexford (Adam Walsh/Anthony Butler) 21-6, 21-8
U21S	Clare (Colin Corbett) dft Kildare (Kevin Diggins) 21-15, 15-1 K. Diggins ret. inj.

U21D	Tyrone (Johnny Woods/Ryan Mullan) dft Kilkenny (Brian Mahon/Emmet Landy) 21-19, 21-13
JBS	Antrim (Jordan O'Neill) dft Carlow (Aaron Geoghegan) 21-17, 21-8
JBD	Antrim (Jordan O'Neill/Lee McCann) dft Sligo (Jason Earlis/Brendan Fleming) 21-1, 21-6
JS	Monaghan (Gavin Coyle) dft Dublin (Keith Burke) 21-5, 21-18
JD	Meath (Joe Cummins/Peter Reilly) dft Limerick (Tómas Donegan/Paul Hedderman) 21-18, 21-8
IS	Cork (Tadhg Carroll) dft Wexford (Daniel Kavanagh) 21-15, 18-21, 21-7
ID	Tyrone (Shane O'Neill/Sean Kerr) dft Kilkenny (Ciaran Neary/Brendan Burke) 219-21, 21-19, 21-5
O35AS	Antrim (Ricky McCann) dft Wexford (Gavin Buggy) 21-11, 18-21, 21-8
O35AD	Kerry (Dominick Lynch/John Joe Quirke) dft Wexford (Gavin Buggy/Barry McWilliams) 21-3, 21-8
O35BS	Roscommon (Denis Creaton) dft Cork (Jamie O'Donnell) 21-11, 21-8
O35BD	Roscommon (Philip O'Connor/Paul Kelly) dft Cork (Jamie O'Donnell/Patrick Buckley) 21-14, 12-21, 21-5
MAS	Kerry (Dominick Lynch) dft Carlow (Ollie Ryan) 21-7, 21-5
MAD	No Competition
MBS	Dublin (Conor Maxwell) dft Tipperary (Brian O'Brien) 21-17, 21-13
MBD	Kildare (Gavin Grace/Dara Ward)

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	dft Tipperary (Brian O'Brien/John Kennedy) 15-21, 21-12, 21-13
SMAS	Mayo (Tom Sweeney) dft Limerick (Tómas Donegan) 11-21, 21-12, 21-20
SMAD	Antrim (Paddy Crothers/John McGarry) dft Kilkenny (Eddie Burke/Joe Walsh) 21-17, 21-6
SMBS	Monaghan (Michael Clerkin) dft Kilkenny (William Holden) 19-21, 21-14, 21-6
SMBD	Kilkenny (Willie Holden/David Bourke) dft Tyrone (Kenny Curran/Finbarr Fullen)
GMAS	Cork (John Herlihy) dft Dublin (Egin Jensen) 21-6, 21-11
GMAD	Tipperary (John O'Donoghue/Eddie Corbett) dft Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy/Mike Naughton) 8-21, 21-4, 21-13
GMBS	Tyrone (Kenny Curran) dft Mayo (George Miller) 21-12, 21-12
GMBD	Mayo (George Miller/John Conroy) dft Monaghan (John McGough/Peter Duffy) 21-8, 21-11
EMAS	Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Antrim (Thomas Maguire) 21-7, 21-10
EMAD	Antrim (Thomas Maguire/Anthony Caddell) dft Mayo (Michael Heraty/Dermot Doolin) 21-8, 21-12
EMBS	Galway (Denis Phelan) dft Limerick (Jimmy Fanning) 21-9, 21-20
EMBD	Galway (Willie Corcoran/Mike Shaughnessy) dft Limerick (Jimmy Fanning/Jack Dillon) 21-20, 8-21, 21-17
DMAS	Carlow (John Rossiter) dft Tipperary (Billy Mullins) 21-12, 21-8
DMAD	Carlow (Sean Ryan/John Rossiter) dft Monaghan (Peter Larkin/Martin McEntee) 21-15, 21-12
DMBS	Kilkenny (Joe Anthony) dft Down (Brian Havern) 21-17, 21-18
DMBD	Kilkenny (Joe Anthony/Billy Love) dft Down (Brian Havern/Peter McSherry) 21-7, 21-5
RMS	Dublin (Eugene Kennedy) dft Monaghan (Michael McCarron) 21-12, 21-9
RMD	Dublin (Eugene Kennedy/Vinny Farrelly) dft Tipperary (Jim Ryan/Denis Gleeson) 21-5, 21-11
O70S	Tipperary (Jim Ryan) dft Galway (Morgan Darcy) 21-15, 21-4
O70D	Dublin (Ned Flynn/John Molloy) dft Cavan (Patsy Hand/Greg Sheridan) 21-10, 11-21, 21-11

GAA HANDBALL O'NEILLS 40X20 LADIES ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

LSS	Cork (Catriona Casey) dft Limerick (Martina McMahon) 21-5, 21-4
LSD	Mayo (Pauline Gallagher/Amy Corrigan) W/O Cork (Catriona Casey/Aisling O'Keefe) scr.
LMS	Armagh (Megan McCann) dft Wexford

	(Cora Doyle) 21-11, 21-10
LMD	Clare (Bridin Dinan/Ella Donnellan) dft Wexford (Cora Doyle/Emma Sweeney) 21-6, 21-8
LJBS	Kildare (Ellen O'Connor) dft Tyrone (Michelle Warren) 20-21, 21-13, 21-20
LJBD	Roscommon (Siobhan Tully/Linda Connolly) dft Tyrone (Michelle Warren/Cloideach Donaghy) 21-4, 21-2
LJS	Tyrone (Eilise McCrory) dft Kildare (Hannah Dagg) 21-3, 21-13
LJD	Kildare (Hannah Dagg/Kate Dagg) dft Limerick (Katie McCarthy/Siobhan Lehane) 21-1, 21-10
LIS	Roscommon (Fiona Tully) dft Clare (Clodagh Nash) 21-3, 21-4
LID	Roscommon (Fiona Tully/Lauren O'Riordan) W/O Clare (Clodagh Nash/Louise Hayes) scr.

GAA HANDBALL WALL BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - FINALS

MO	Tyrone (Conor McElduff) dft Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) 15-10, 15-14
LO	Cork (Catriona Casey) dft Mayo (Pauline Gallagher) 15-5, 15-3
MB	Kerry (Jack O'Shea) dft Mayo (Ian McLoughlin) 14-15, 15-10, 11-7
LB	Armagh (Megan McCann) dft Kildare (Ellen O'Connor) 15-3, 15-0
MC	Galway (Conor Noone) dft Cork (Gearoid O'Connell) 15-7, 15-7
LC	Kilkenny (Margaret Purcell) dft Down (Michelle McCoy) 15-2, 4-15, 11-2
Mas	Kerry (Dominick Lynch) dft Galway (Graham Cashburn) 15-3, 15-6
BU17	Tyrone (Dara Curran) dft Kilkenny (Eoin Brennan) 15-9, 15-9
GU17	Clare (Catriona Millane) dft Mayo (Cuileann Bourke) 15-6, 15-2
BU15	Galway (Mikey Kelly) dft Tyrone (Cahir Munroe) 10-15, 15-5, 11-4
GU15	Kilkenny (Noelle Dowling) dft Tyrone (Mairead Fox) 15-7, 13-15, 11-7

GAA HANDBALL 60X30 ALL IRELAND INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

OPEN	Kells (Meath) Tom Sheridan, Michael Sheridan, Brian Carroll, Gary McConnell, Robert Fox dft Hospital (Limerick) Paul Hedderman, Padraig Quish, JP O'Connor, Eamonn Davern, Mike O'Toole 84-25
JUNIOR	Broadford (Limerick) Anthony Donnelly, Sean Murphy, John Noonan, Christopher Enright dft Moycullen (Galway) Seamus Conneely, Diarmuid Mulkerrins, Peter Davoren, Darragh Mulkerrins, Conor Noone 91-69
JUNIOR B	Ballymore Eustace (Kildare) Myles Carroll, Gary Balfe, Stephen Smullen, Jamie Travers, Brendan Higginbotham, Ivan Byrne dft Friary/Abbeyside

(Waterford) Gary McCarthy, Kavan O'Keefe, Anthony Fitzgerald, Jason Nagle, Adam Clarke 105-79

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 ALL IRELAND INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

OPEN	Kells (Meath) Tom Sheridan, Michael Sheridan, Brian Carroll, Gary McConnell, Robert Fox dft Breacach (Tyrone) Conor McElduff, Shane O'Neill, Johnny Woods, Pól Clarke, Sean Kerr 70-49
JUNIOR	Tinryland (Carlow) David Donovan, Kevin Barrett, Aaron Geoghegan, Martin Mullins, Martin Clancy) dft Kilworth (Cork) James Moakley, John Kiersey, Dion Cahill, John Horgan, Mike Dunne 74-61
JUNIOR B	Ballymore Eustace (Kildare) Myles Carroll, Ivan Carroll, Gary Bulger, Jamie Balfe, Stephen Smullen dft Ballydesmond (Cork) Paul Kerins, Michael Linehan, Phillip O'Carroll, Kevin O'Connell, Aidan Fleming 60-22

GAA HANDBALL 60X30 ALL IRELAND JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

GU14S	Kilkenny (Amy Brennan) dft Tyrone (Cloda Nic Con Midhe) 15-6, 15-8
GU14D	Clare (Chloe Philpott/Ellen Casey) dft Mayo (Lucy Brennan/Amy Shannon) 15-0, 15-0
GU15S	Kildare (Abby Tarrant) dft Monaghan (Louise McGinnity) 15-1, 15-2
GU15D	No Competition
GU16S	Kildare (Mollie Dagg) dft Tyrone (Mairead Fox) 21-11, 21-11
GU16D	Tyrone (Caitlin Conway/Elizabeth McGarvey) dft Kilkenny (Noelle Dowling/Roisin O'Keefe) 21-13, 21-11
GU17S	Wexford (Cora Doyle) dft Limerick (Aisling Shanahan) 21-2, 21-8
GU17D	Wexford (Clodagh White/Lucia Merrigan) dft Limerick (Keri Murphy/Ciara McCarthy) 21-7, 21-7
BU14S	Kilkenny (Billy Drennan) dft Tipperary (Rory Grace) 15-6, 15-5
BU14D	Wexford (Mark Doyle/Ben Keeling) dft Cork (Kealan Murphy/Gearoid Healy) 15-0, 15-0
BU15S	Roscommon (Liam Egan) dft Tipperary (Cormac Doherty) 5-15, 15-8, 15-12
BU15D	Wexford (Diarmuid Moore/Dean O'Neill) dft Tyrone (Brian McAleer/Jack Darcy) 8-15, 15-5, 15-6
BU16D	Wexford (Josh Kavanagh/Cian Kehoe) dft Cork (Cian O'Driscoll/Anthony O'Connell) 21-15, 13-21, 11-8
BU16S	Kilkenny (Jack Holden) dft Cork (Darragh Ducey) 21-3, 21-4
BU17S	Cavan (Conor Owens) dft Wexford (Colm Parnell) 21-7, 21-10
BU17D	Wexford (Robert Cogley/Ciaran

Power) dft Cork (Niall Delaney/
Brooklyn Hickey) 21-6, 21-8

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 ALL-IRELAND JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

GU14S	Mayo (Hazel Finn) dft Tyrone (Clodagh Munroe) 15-8, 15-9
GU14D	Tipperary (Aine Spain/Anna Mulcahy) dft Galway (Aifric Ni Ghibne/Sadhbh Ni Fhlaithearta) 15-6, 2-15, 15-12
GU15S	Kildare (Abby Tarrant) dft Armagh (Cailliosa Ni Dhuill) 15-6, 15-7
GU15D	Tipperary (Siobhan Prentice/Isabel Farnan) dft Laois (Emer Fitzpatrick/Lucy O'Connor) 15-5, 2-15, 15-7
GU16S	Kildare (Leah Doyle) dft Tyrone (Maired Fox) 21-10, 21-7
GU16D	Tyrone (Caitlin Conway/Elizabeth McGarvey) dft Kilkenny (Roisin O'Keefe/Edel Mulholland) 21-6, 21-7
GU17S	Laois (Molly O'Connor) dft Cork (Aoife Hurley) 21-10, 12-21, 11-0
GU17D	Wexford (Clíodhna O'Connell/Eva Crean) dft Tyrone (Claire Conway/Meabh McCrystal) 21-2, 21-1
BU14S	Kilkenny (Billy Drennan) dft Monaghan (Tiarnan O'Rourke) 15-4, 15-1
BU14D	Wexford (Conor Murphy/Mark Doyle) dft Tyrone (Jonathan Owens/Jack Darcy) 15-2, 15-10
BU15S	Kilkenny (Jack Doyle) dft Clare (Seanie Doyle) 15-13, 15-2
BU15D	Kilkenny (Jamie Maher/Padhraic Foley) dft Clare (Sean Coughlan/Cormac Murphy) 13-15, 15-5, 15-12
BU16S	Tyrone (Lorcan McBride) dft Wexford (Josh Kavanagh) 18-21, 21-17, 11-1
BU16D	Kilkenny (Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill) dft Monaghan (Justas Dambinskas/Konrad Kowal) 21-14, 21-12
BU17S	Kerry (Dara Keane) dft Galway (Shane Kyne) 21-8, 21-5
BU17D	Cork (Niall Delaney/Stephen O'Rourke) dft Wexford (Ciaran Power/Colm Parnell) 21-3, 21-12

GAA HANDBALL 60X30 NATIONALS FINALS

Mens Open	Eoin Kennedy (Dub) dft Gavin Buggy (Wex) 15-8, 15-3
Ladies Open	Catriona Casey (Cork) dft Martina McMahon (Lim) 6-15, 15-6, 11-10
Mens B	Kevin Cradock/Declan Connaughton (Gal) dft Daniel Fenlon/Oliver Ryan (Car) 15-9, 9-15, 11-6
Mens C	Chris Doyle / Sean Nolan (Wic/Wex) dft Mikey Maher / Willie Cahill (Tip) 15-13, 15-2
Masters	Edward Farrell / Paul Mullins (Tip) dft Paddy Donovan / Paul Hedderman (Lim) 15-1, 15-7

Golden Ma B	Brendan & Billy Higginbotham (Kild) v Stephen & Brendan Murphy (Wex) 14-15, 15-11, 11-5
Diamond Ma	Anthony McConnell/James Reilly (Mea) dft Sean Ryan/John Rossiter (Car) 11-15, 14-15, 11-9
Boys 13&U	Jack Glynn / Mikey Kelly (Gal) dft Conor Holden / Kyle Joordan (Kilk) 15-14, 15-6
Boys 15&U	Kyle Dunne / Billy O'Neill (Kilk) dft Mark Doyle / Josh Kavanagh (Wex) 10-15, 15-4, 11-7
Boys 17&U	Jack Doyle / Eoin Brennan (Kilk) dft Ciaran Cooney / Conor Drennan (Kilk) 10-15, 15-2, 11-5
Girls 13&U	Ellen Casey / Chloe Philpott (Cla) dft Amy Brennan / Lauren Power (Kilk) 15-9, 15-11
Girls 15&U	Mollie Dagg / Cailliosa NiDhuill (Kild/Arm) dft Noelle Dowling / Sontae Jackson (Kilk) 15-8, 15-0
Girls 17&U	Leah Doyle / Abby Tarrant (Kild) dft Clíodhna O'Connell / Eva Crean (Wex) 14-15, 15-10, 11-6

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 ADULT NATIONALS FINALS

Men's Open	Diarmuid Nash (Cla) dft Robbie McCarthy (WM) 10-15, 15-9, 11-4
Ladies Open	Catriona Casey (Cork) dft Martina McMahon (Lim) 15-1, 15-3
Men's 23 & U	Cian O'Conghaile (Gal) dft Patrick Murphy (May) 15-11, 15-10
Ladies 23 & U	Doireann Murphy (Cla) dft Niamh Dunne (Lao) 15-11, 15-5
Men's A	Galen Riordan (Wex) dft Jordan O'Neill (Ant) 15-8, 15-13
Men's B	Ciaran Burke (May) dft Denis Creighton (Ros) 15-8, 15-7
Ladies B	Cora Doyle (Wex) dft Siobhan Tully (Ros) 15-2, 13-15, 11-2
Men's C	Conor Noone (Gal) dft Michael O'Malley (Cor) 15-9, 15-7
M's Challenger	James Stanners (Wex) dft Stephen Smullan (Kild) 13-15, 15-9, 11-10
Men's 35+	Vinny Moran (May) dft Ollie Conway (Gal) 15-3, 15-4
Masters A	Dominick Lynch (Ker) dft Paul Graham (Ant) 15-4, 15-7
Masters B	Sean Jennings (Ros) dft Pat Murphy (Lim) 15-12, 4-0 ret. inj.
Silver Mas A	Niall Kerr (Tyr) dft Edward Bourke (Kilk) 15-0, 14-15, 11-2
Golden Mas A	Paddy Donovan (Lao) dft Tom Sweeney (May) 15-4, 15-6
Emerald Mas	Michael Rossiter (Wex) dft John Hedigan (Cor) 15-8, 15-12
Diamond Mas	Kevin Geraghty (May) dft Antoin Ó Braoin (Wex) 6-15, 15-7, 11-2
Ruby Masters	Eugene Kennedy (Dub) dft John McCullagh (Tyr) 15-8, 15-9

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 JUNIOR NATIONALS FINALS

G13&U	Clodagh Munroe (Tyr) dft Hazel Finn (May) 15-10, 15-12
G13&UB	Jodie Keeling (Wex) dft Amy McKeogh (Tip) 15-12, 15-13
G15&U	Niamh Hefferan (Gal) dft Mollie Dagg (Kild) 15-8, 13-15, 11-10
G15&UB	Louise McGinnity (Mon) dft Sarah O'Malley (Cor) 15-4, 15-3
G17&U	Megan McCann (Arm) dft Mary Ellen Phelan (Kilk) 15-2, 15-0
G17&UB	Aoife Hurley (Cor) dft Kelly Curran (Gal) 15-5, 15-9
G19&U	Fiona Tully (Ros) dft Eilise McCrory (Tyr) 15-12, 15-10
B13&U	Mark Doyle (Wex) dft Kyle Jordan (Kilk) 15-3, 15-8
B13&UB	John Doherty (Kilk) dft Kaelan Murphy (Cor) 15-9, 13-15, 11-5
B15&U	Josh Kavanagh (Wex) dft Lorcan McBride (Tyr) 15-11, 15-11
B15&UB	Colin Healy (Cor) dft Labhras Hession (Gal) 15-5, 15-1
B17&U	Eoin Brennan (Kilk) dft Cian O'Driscoll (Cor) 15-9, 15-9
B17&UB	Conor Ownes (Cav) dft Adam Crosbie (Cav) 15-8, 15-10
B19&U	Diarmuid Mulkerrins (Gal) dft Sean Kerr (Tyr) 5-15, 15-12, 11-5

GAA HANDBALL MACSPORTS WALL BALL NATIONALS FINALS

MO	Conor McElduff (Tyr) dft Charlie Shanks 15-12, 15-5
LO	Martina McMahon (Lim) dft Lorraine Havern (Down) 15-4, 15-9
LB	Ellen O'Connor (Kild) dft Ashling Mullin (Gal) 18-14
LCh	B Quish (Lim) dft Aoife Tully (Ros) 25-8
MB	Jack O'Shea (Ker) dft Ciaran Buckley 21-10
MC	Oisin O Culain (Gal) dft Conor Duff (Tyr) 17-9
MCh	Riki McCarthy (WM) dft Stephen Monaghan (DF) 21-18
M	Dominick Lynch (Ker) dft Paul Graham (Ant) 21-13
SM	Niall Kerr (Tyr) dft Chris Curran (Tyr) 27-18
GM	John Herlihy (Cor) dft George Miller (May) 23-11
DM	Brian Havern (Down) dft Peter Larkin (Mon) 14-12
EM	Eamon Conneely (Gal) dft Brendan Hurley (Cor) 21-17
70+	Colm O'Cualáin (Gal) Pat Lacey (Wex) 30-7
B13&U	Kyle Jordan (Kilk) dft Mikey Kelly (Gal) 15-13
B13&UB	Harry Delaney (Kilk) dft Sean Callan (Mon) 21-12

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B15&U	Billy Drennan (Kilk) dft Josh Kavanagh (Wex) 31-1
B15&UB	Tommy McNeela (Gal) dft Phillip Doran (Dow) 23-7
B17&U	Eoin Brennan (Kilk) dft Michael Egan (Ros) 19-11
B17&UB	Cian Kehoe (Wex) dft Adam Walsh (Wex) 15-12
B19&U	Sean Kerr (Tyr) dft Jamie Kelly (Gal) 13-13, 5-2
G13&U	Sadhbh Ni Fhlaithearta (Gal) dft Skylyn O'Malley Walsh (Gal) 25-12
G13&UB	Jodie Keeling (Wex) dft Cliona Dunning (Cor) 22-20
G15&U	Caitlin Conway (Tyr) dft Claire Reynolds (Mayo) 21-11
G15&UB	Louise McGinnity (Mon) dft Chloe Lydon (Gal) 21-13
G17&U	Megan McCann (Arm) dft Leah Doyle (Kild) 18-11

GAA HANDBALL 60X30 JUVENILE BOYS TEAM OF SIX/FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Under 12/13 Team: Kilkenny (Kyle Jordan, Ronan O'Brien, Harry Delaney, David Holden, Conor Holden, Michael Brennan) dft Cork (Cameron O'Sullivan, Cian Cronin O'Neill, Ben Sullivan, Hayden Supple, John Cronin, Eoin Daly, Darragh Henley) 84-54

Under 14/15 Team: No Competition

Under 16/17 Team: Kilkenny (Conor Drennan, Tom Carroll, James Love, Kieran O'Neill) W/O Waterford (Jake Moore, Rury Cusack, Daniel Treen, Aidan Organ) scr.

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 JUVENILE BOYS TEAM OF SIX/FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Under 12/13 Team: Kilkenny: Kyle Jordan, Conor Holden, Daniel Hanrahan, Thomas Sharkey, David Holden, Ronan O'Brien, James Purcell, Michael Brennan dft Cork: Cameron Sullivan, Cian Cronin O'Neill, Ben Sullivan, Calum McCarthy, Hayden Supple, Eanna McInerney, Eoin Daly, John Cronin 73-72

Under 14/15 Team: Kilkenny: Eoin O'Brien, Sean Barron, Sean Purcell, Ciaran O'Neill, Gearoid Phelan, John Doheny, Tom Holden, David Quinlan dft Tipperary: Cian Donnelly, Nathan Lenihan, Rory Grace, James Power, Eoin Healy, Jack McGrath 70-67

Under 16/17 Team: Cork: Colin Healy, Anthony O'Connell, Luke Barrett, Brooklyn Hickey dft Galway: Darragh Jordan, Eanna Wood, Evan Kerrigan, Paul Conneely, Shane Lawless, Fiachra Mulkerrins 56-40

GAA HANDBALL 60X30 JUVENILE GIRLS TEAM OF SIX CHAMPIONSHIP

Leinster dft Connacht 87-38
Leinster dft Munster 85-45
Munster dft Connacht 62-60

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 JUVENILE GIRLS TEAM OF TEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Leinster dft Connacht 86-61
Connacht v Munster 77-77 (draw)
Leinster dft Munster 83-77

GAA HANDBALL GAEL LINN FINAL

Galmoy, Kilkenny (Donal Ó hAnrachain/Una Ni Dhugáin dft Clogh, Kilkenny (Dominic Ó Bolster/ Amy Ni Bhraonáin) 80-47

GAA HANDBALL SHE'S ACE

40x20 Finals:

11&U	Fun Event
13&U	Clodagh Munroe (Tyrone) dft Sadbha Ni Fhlaithearta (Galway) 25-16
15&U	Amber Nolan (Clare) dft Noelle Dowling (Kilkenny) 25-16
17&U	Leah Doyle (Kildare) dft Caitlin Conway (Tyrone) 25-13

Ladies Challenger

Bridget Mullholland (Kilkenny) dft Aine Ni Droigheann (Galway)

Ladies B

Aishling Mullin (Galway) dft Aoife Quinn (Sligo) 15-10, 14-15, 11-5

Ladies Open

Martina McMahon (Limerick) dft Catriona Casey (Cork) 15-11, 10-15, 11-8

One-Wall Finals:

11&U	Fun Event
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Team Event

Team Hanley (Sinead Hanley, Carragh Shannon, Culleann Bourke, Skylyn O'Malley Walsh, Éadaoin Nic Dhonncha, Amy Brennan) dft Team Shannon (Fiona Shannon, Caitriona Heneghan, Heather Burke, Sara Coleman, Louise McGinnity, Lucy Brennan)

Mother & Daughter

Fiona & Carragh Shannon (Antrim) dft Kelly & Caitlin Conway (Tyrone)

Beginners Challenge

Aisling Ni Laoire (Galway) dft Deborah Foley (Carlow)

GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 60X30 2ND LEVEL COLLEGES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

GJS	Mollie Dagg (Col Chiaran, Leixlip) dft Caitlin Conway (Dean Maguirc, Carrickmore) 15-5, 15-3
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GJD	Chloe Philpott/Orla O'Brien (St Joseph's, Tulla Clare) dft Skylin Ni Mhaille/Eadaoin Nic Dhonnacha (Colaiste Croi Muire An Spideal) 15-13, 15-6
GSS	Leah Doyle (Confey College, Leixlip) dft Aoife Floyd (St Joseph's, Tulla Clare) 15-4, 15-2
GSD	Cuilleann Bourke/Claire Reynolds (Balla SS, Mayo) dft Anna Dunne/Aoife Hurley (Loretto Convent, Fermoy Cork) 15-4, 15-2
BJS	Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS) dft Rory Grace (Nenagh College, Tipperary) 15-13, 15-2
BJD	Mark Doyle/Conor Dobbs (Wexford CBS) dft Ronan Boyle/Szymon Polewski (St Macartan's, Monaghan) 15-10, 15-8
BIS	Jack Holden (Greenan College, Kilkenny) dft Brian McAleer (Omagh CBS) 15-6, 15-0
BID	Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill (Castlecomer CS) dft Antoin Fox/Lorcán McBride (Omagh CBS) 15-10, 15-12
BSS	Patrick Murphy (St Colmans, Claremorris) dft Daire Keane (CBS, Tralee Kerry) 15-3, 15-5
BSD	Eoin Brennan/Jack Doyle (St. Kieran's, Kilkenny) dft Rian McCaul/Tiernan McAleer (Omagh CBS) 15-1, 15-0

GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 40X20 2ND LEVEL COLLEGES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

GJS	Mollie Dagg (Col Chiaran, Leixlip) dft Mairead Fox (Loreto, Omagh) 15-12, 15-2
GJD	Edel Mullholland/Noelle Dowling (Pres SS, Kilkenny) dft Ciara Mullan/Meabh McCrystal (Loreto, Omagh) 15-12, 15-11
GSS	Fiona Tully (Roscommon Convent of Mercy) dft Catriona Millane (Laurel Hill Colaiste, Limerick) 15-8, 15-9
GSD	Aoife Holden/Dearbhail O'Keefe (Grennan College, Thomastown) dft Linda O'Donnell/Anna Dunne (Loretto, Fermoy) 15-0, 15-0
JBS	Eoghan McGinnity (St. Macartan's, Monaghan) dft Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS) 15-10 12-4 ret. inj.
JBD	Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill (Castlecomer CS) dft Gearoid Healy/Luke Barrett (Scoil Mhuire, Kanturk) 15-0, 15-9
IBS	Tiernan Agnew (St Camin's, Shannon) dft Peter ODonnchadha (Colaiste N Einne, Inis Mor) 15-5, 10-15, 15-5
IBD	Antoin Fox/Lorcan McBride (Omagh CBS) dft Ciaran Cooney/Jamie Maher (Castlecomer CS) 15-8, 15-3
SBS	Tadhg O'Neill (Patrician Academy, Mallow) dft Patrick Murphy (St Colmans, Claremorris) 15-8, 15-7
SBD	Cian O'Conghaile/Oisín O'Cluain (Colaiste Cholm Cille Indreabhannian) dft David Walsh/Brooklyn Hickey (Patrician Academy, Mallow) 15-9, 15-7

GAA HANDBALL FÉILE NA NGAEL FINALS

40x20 Boys

Div 1 Galmoy 1 (Kilkenny) dft Tuamgraney (Clare)
Div 2 Fermoy (Cork) dft St. Joseph's (Wexford)
Div 3 Cullohill 1 (Laois) dft Moycullen 1 (Galway) 40-39
Div 4 Boherbue (Cork) dft Kells (Kilkenny)
Div 5 Kingscourt (Cavan) dft Moycullen 2 (Galway)
Div 6 Ballydesmond 2 (Cork) dft Garryhill (Carlow) 42-16

40x20 Girls

Div 1 Kilkishen (Clare) dft Lahorna (Tipperary) 41-15
Div 2 Micheal Breathnach 2 (Galway) dft St. Joseph's (Wexford) 32-22
Div 3 Boherbue (Cork) dft Garryhill (Carlow) 41-34

60x30 Boys

Div 1 Kilfane (Kilkenny) dft Ballina (Tipperary)
Div 2 Castlebridge 1 (Wexford) dft St. Patrick's (Cavan) 42-19

One Wall Boys

Div 1 Mayobridge (Down) dft Laochra Láimhe 1 (Limerick) 43-27

One Wall Girls

Div 1 Laochra Láimhe (Limerick) dft Mayobridge (Down) 54-30

Skills Results

40x20 Boys Div 1
1st – Gearoid Sheedy (Tuamgraney)
2nd – Billy Drennan (Galmoy)
3rd – Johnathan Owens (Breacach)

40x20 Girls Div 1

1st – Chloe Philpott (Kilkishen)
2nd – Amy Brennan (Clogh)
3rd – Sadhbh Ní Fhlaithearta (Micheal Breathnach)

60x30 Boys Div 1

1st – Kyle Jordan (Kilfane)
2nd – Mark Doyle (Taghmon)
3rd – Kian Donnelly (Ballina)

One Wall Boys Div 1

1st – Darragh White (Mayobridge)
2nd – Alan Fitzgerald (Laochra Láimhe 1)
3rd – Aidan Kearney (Laochra Láimhe 2)

One Wall Girls Div 1

1st – Michaela Hynes (Laochra Láimhe)

2nd – Aimee McAllister (Laochra Láimhe)
3rd – Ceri Magone (Mayobridge)

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 60X30 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Men's Open Shane Dunne (ITT) dft Brian Mahon (UCD) 17-21, 21-10, 11-6
Ladies Open Ciara Mahon (TCD) dft Fiona Tully (DCU) 21-10, 21-3
Men's A Diarmuid Mulkerrins (GMIT) dft Kevin Diggins (DCU) 21-7, 21-11
Ladies A Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh (DCU) dft Ella Donnellan (DCU) 21-10, 21-9
Men's B James Tobin (UCD) dft Geoff Atkinson (Carlow IT) 21-2, 15-21, 11-0
Ladies B Caoimhe O'Shea (DCU) dft Eimear Delaney (TCD) 21-4, 21-11

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 60X30 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Men's Open Shane Dunne/Shane Murphy (ITT) dft Galen Riordan/Noel Holohan (UCD) 21-13, 21-11
Ladies Open Fiona Tully/Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh (DCU) dft Ciara Mahon/Eimear Delaney (TCD)
Men's A Ben Devlin/Cian Ó Dálaigh (DCU) dft Evan Murphy/Gearóid O'Connell (ITT) 21-20, 21-17
Men's B Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh/Ella Donnellan (DCU) dft Geoff Atkinson/Jack Roche (Carlow IT)
Men's C James Tobin/Martin Meaghar (UCD) dft Neil Magee/Ryan Kelly (UCD)

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 40X20 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Men's Open Martin Mulkerrins (UCD) dft Colin

Crehan (UL) 21-18, 21-17

Ladies Open Ciana Ni Churraoin (UL) dft Ciara Mahon (TCD)

Men's A Kevin Diggins (DCU) dft Keith Armstrong (NUIM) 21-20, 21-14

Ladies A Niamh Dunne (UL) dft Clodagh Nash (UCD) 21-14, 21-6

Men's B Ben Devlin (DCU) dft Cian Counihan (ITT)

Ladies B Caoimhe Shanagher (NUIG) dft Shone Ruane (NUIG) 21-4, 21-11

Men's C Michael Dunne (CIT) dft Ryan Treanor (DCU)

Ladies C Caytlin Boylan (NUIM) dft Ellen Mullarkey (TCD)

Men's Contender Aaron Kinsella (DCU) dft Dean Fox (QUB)

Men's Challenger Kai Feng Dai (TCD)

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 40X20 DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Men's Open Colin Crehan/Jason English (UL) dft Daniel Relihan/Michael Hedigan (UL) 21-18, 21-16
Ladies Open Fiona Tully/Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh (DCU) dft Bridin Dinan/Doireann Murphy (UL) 13-21, 21-2, 11-5
Ladies A Ashling Mullan/Laura Finn (NUIG) dft Clodagh Nash/Ciara Jordan (UCD) 21-17, 21-18
Men's B Wayne Kinsella/Alan Hevehan (DCU) dft Geoff Atkinson/Jack Roche (Carlow IT)
Men's C Aoife Tully/Shane Walsh (NUIG) dft Diarmuid Meaghar/Cian Haugh (UL)

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Mens Open Colin Crehan (UL) dft Juan Canales (Lake Forest) 21-10, 21-11

Ladies Open Ciara Mahon (TCD) dft Niamh Dunne (UL) 21-16, 21-9







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