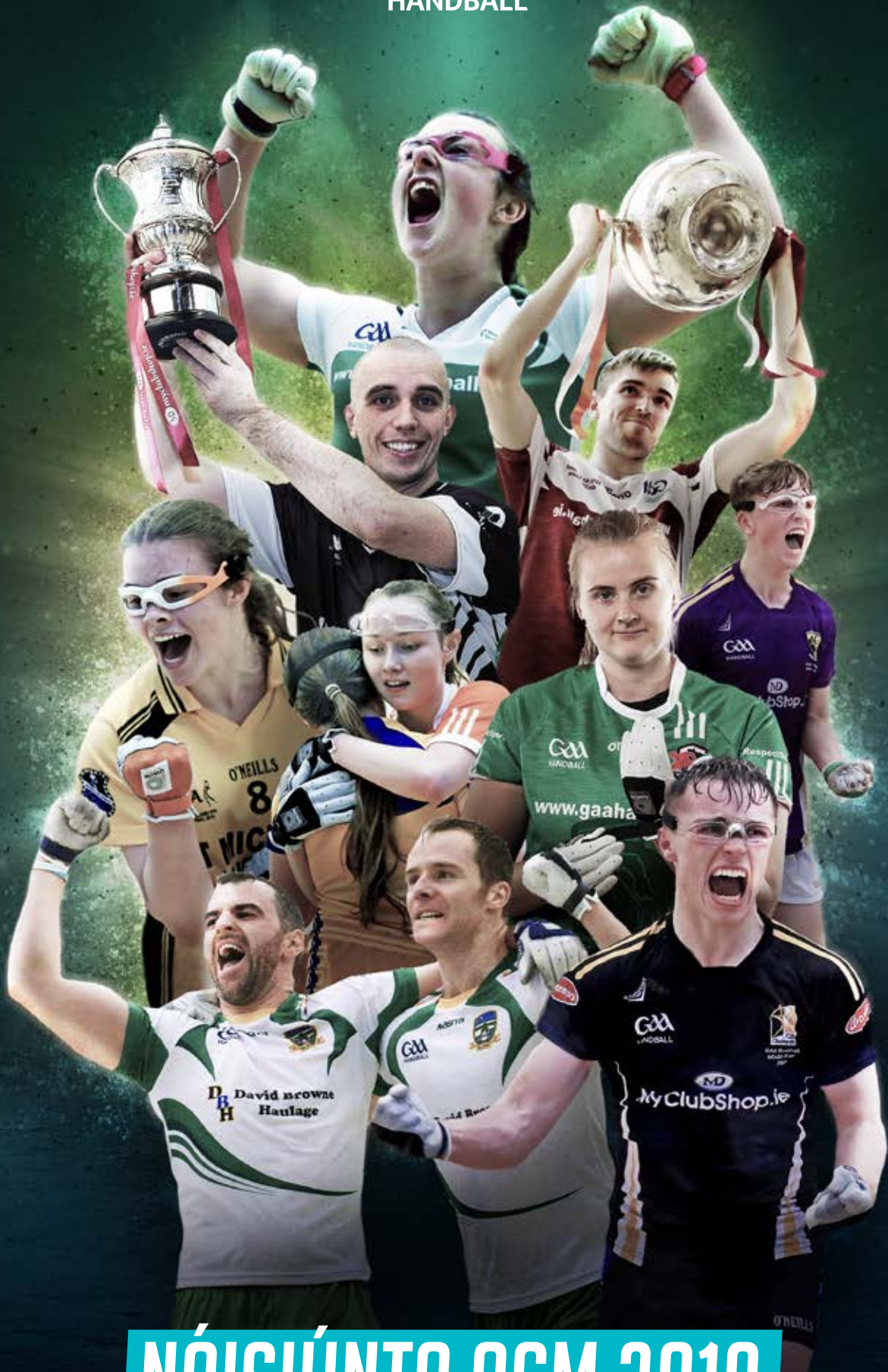


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LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE C.L.G. NA HÉIREANN

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Ar an Domhnach, 3 Feabhra
2019 ag 11.00 r.tn.

Venue: Dunboyne Castle Hotel & Spa

Date: Sunday 3rd February

Clár an Lae:

10.00am: Registration Opens

- Tea / Coffee & Scones
on arrival

11.00am: - Fáiltiú

- Addresses from Special
Guests

- Adoption of Standing
Orders

- Minutes of Comhdháil 2018

- Oráid an Uachtarán Joe
Masterson

- Report of Bainisteoir
Náisiúnta

- Annual Accounts 2018

- Elections – Uachtarán Tofa

- Motions

- Aon Ghno Eile & Close of
AGM

- AGM lunch at
approximately 1.30pm



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NOMINATIONS:

Uachtarán Tofa:

- **Eoghan Mag Uidhir**, Tír Eoghain, (Eugene Maguire, Tyrone)
Nominated By: Tír Eoghain
- **Cainneach Ó Conbhuí**, Tiobrad Árinn (Ken Conway, Tipperary)
Nominated By: Tiobrad Árinn, Corcaigh, Luimneach, An Clár
- **Deasún Mac Aogáin**, Maigh Eo (Dessie Keegan, Mayo)
Nominated By: Maigh Eo, Sligeach, Ceatharlach
- **Seamus E. O'Flatharta**, Gaillimh (Seamus O Flaharta, Galway)
Nominated By: Gaillimh

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

I extend a warm welcome to all delegates today to Dunboyne for today's Annual General Meeting. As we reflect on what was another action-packed year in GAA Handball we can do so with immense pride at the performance of our Handballers both at home and abroad. 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 2018 were as follows:

McMahon's fairy-tale year

It was a special year for Limerick sport as the Hurlers reached the promised land in Hurling capturing their first All-Ireland in 45 years in magical scenes in Croke Park. While these scenes were unfolding another Limerick sporting star was writing her own piece of history as 4000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean Martina McMahon was winning her first World Ladies Open Gold Medal. This would have been a special achievement in itself but the Broadford lady added a further

two Gold medals and even then, she wasn't finished adding the Ladies Open Singles titles in 4-wall, Wallball and Softball to complete a remarkable clean sweep in what was a fairy-tale year for the Limerick lady.

Mulkerrins realises All Ireland Dream

Having fallen at the semi-final stage in agonising fashion the two years previously Moycullens Martin Mulkerrins finally achieved his All Ireland dream as he captured his first Senior 4-wall All Ireland title in Kingscourt in March. Mulkerrins defeated Charlie Shanks in front of a vocal crowd and in doing so he also earned the right to captain Team Ireland at the World Championships in Minnesota.

Softball Doubles final serves up a three-game thriller

The Softball men's doubles grade produced one of the best deciders in years and, in the end, the familiar Meath colours came out on top after Kells duo Brian Carroll and

Gary McConnell saw off Dublin's Eoin Kennedy and Carl Browne in a pulsating final at Croke Park.

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.

Kingscourt host successful Junior Nationals/Team Ireland Trials

The levels of skill and fitness on display in Kingscourt at this year's Junior Nationals should come as no surprise to anyone who has followed Juvenile Handball over the last number of years as the standards have been improving at a rapid pace with exceptional

displays across the board. This year's finals saw displays of athleticism and skill that belied the young years of the competitors on the court and the displays of passion evident on the winner's faces was a joy to behold.

Work commences on state of the art National Handball Centre

Last year we received the fantastic news that work had commenced on the brand-new state of the art Handball centre after years of false starts and hold ups. The impact of this new centre will be massive for GAA Handball with assurances from the GAA and the architects that the new centre will be state of the art with all the modern facilities that will set it apart as an iconic Sports building. We have also received assurances that the courts will be of the highest quality and standard. The great news is that the centre is on track for an opening date of October 2019.

Wall Ball Nationals continues to grow

The Breaffy House Wallball Nationals continued to grow in 2018 with huge numbers once more travelling west to Breaffy House to compete in the biggest Handball weekend of the year. The action switched to the may Bank Holiday weekend to allow for the Mens Open and Ladies Open representatives to be picked for Team Ireland but this did not affect the numbers who entered proving that the Wallball Nationals is probably the standout weekend in the Handball calendar.

Ireland rise to the top of the Wallball World

The last few World Championships have seen a dominance of the Irish

players in the 4wall grades while traditionally the US tended to dominate the Wallball format. It was widely accepted that the Irish players were still a bit behind in terms of winning World Championship titles but this was flipped on its head in Minnesota as Tyrone's Conor McElduff and Limerick's Martina McMahon became the first Irish players to win titles at Open Wallball Level. McMahon in particular was impressive as she took down World number 1 and reigning champion Danielle Daskalakis of the USA in the final.

Team Ireland Juveniles excel at World Championships

In a show of complete dominance, Irish Juveniles at the World Championships in Minnesota completely dominated the championships confirming that Ireland are now the dominant force in World Handball. The skill, fitness levels and pure energy and determination of the Irish Juveniles meant that the American, Canadian and other countries competitors had no answer. This is a fantastic feather in the cap for Irish coaching standards and for clubs all over the country for producing such fine Juveniles.

2018 has been an extremely busy year with a lot to reflect on from World Championships to All Irelands and all in between. While we have had another successful year on the courts there are undoubtedly challenges that lie ahead for us as an Association as we strive to reach our maximum potential as a sport. We must approach these challenges and address them head on with a positive mindset together in order to ensure that we can truly grow our sport.



4WALL

The 4wall code continues to maintain its popularity and is possibly in the best health it has been in recent times. The finals festivals in Kingscourt 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 level to over 70. The format of multiple games across three days with all players in a central venue has proved to be a huge success and this year the action on the court was once more enthralling and intense while off the court the camaraderie and social aspect of the game was evident again. A huge thank you to the Kingscourt Club for hosting both weekends, it was an enormous undertaking but one that you embraced fully and played your part in making the event the huge success it was.

At Open level the competition is closer than ever with numerous genuine contenders for the number one spot in both Men and Ladies. This year's finals saw Galway's Martin Mulkerrins realise his dream of winning a Senior All Ireland title as he became the third different winner in the last three years showcasing the strength there is in 40x20 Mens Handball at the moment.

Clare's Diarmaid Nash and Colin





Crehan avenged their 2017 defeat to Cavan's Paul Brady and Michael Finnegan by defeating them in the Doubles Final to capture their first All-Ireland Senior title. With four different winners in the past four years the level of competition has never been higher.

In the Ladies, Limerick's Martina McMahon completed the first leg of her clean sweep of singles titles as she captured a first All-Ireland title in what was probably the game of the year. McMahon and Casey along with Aisling Reilly have raised the bar in Ladies Handball over the past number of years with McMahon and Casey's duels on the court proving to be epic contests that showcase all that is good about Ladies Handball. The skill level and the commitment on show in this year's All Ireland was a credit to both players. With promising youngsters such as Fiona Tully and Megan McCann joining the ranks and with the Underage Ladies Handball scene one of the most competitive ever seen Ladies 4wall is a very exciting code at the moment.

Cork sit on top of the 4wall honours list taking 8 titles in total with Kilkenny and Galway close behind on 7 titles each. In all 23 counties took home one title or more over the course of the championships showcasing the widespread popularity of the sport at present.

SOFTBALL

Depending on who you talk to you will get different views of the softball code at present.

60x30 is dying... and Wallball is killing the game are the two statements we hear most... Both are pretty definitive and damning statements, aren't they? Are they right? Of course not. But sometimes it's easier to be negative then to face up to the issues and try and fix them. Does the 60x30 code face challenges at present? It definitely does, and the popularity of the code is not what it once was but this can happen in the lifecycle of any sport and how we react to these challenges as an Association will define the future path of the traditional code of Handball.

Anyone who attended the Softball Doubles Finals, Ladies Singles Final or the Juvenile Finals and you will see the flame still burns brightly for the traditional code of Handball in many places.

We do need to be careful of the language we use when talking about the code. Saying 60x30 is dead or dying or on its knees immediately gives a negative impression of the code. If we as an association cannot talk about the code in a positive light, then how can we expect non Handballers to have a positive impression of it.

Softball courts in general can be a vast concrete arena with often little or no colour in a building that to non Handballers has little charm or appeal. This is mainly due to the fact that 60x30 courts are much older buildings and were not built with the modern-day sports facilities in mind. On the contrary look at a modern venue like the recently opened Moycullen HC and you see a warm welcoming space with a splash of colour, heat and modern amenities.

The perception a person has of a sport will be influenced greatly by the facilities that they have to play or watch it in. Children are much more likely to pick a warm modern sport

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facility over a traditional older venue. We have to look at ways of improving the aesthetics of our current 60x30 venues and making them more attractive places for both players and supporters if we want future generations to take up the code.

The new arena at Croke Park will help but it is important that we don't look at this as a solution to all of 60x30's issues but rather a vital piece of the jigsaw and we all must look to improve our facilities. A number of clubs have in recent times have upgraded their 60x30 courts and I commend them for making this commitment to the softball code.

I believe that new and innovative training methods are needed to attract more younger players to the sport and make it easier for kids to pick up. Nowadays children will not play a sport just because of tradition or because it is in the family. We need to make the sport an easier option for kids.

Is it time to switch seasons? At present softball season runs into September/October with the October weather meaning colder venues and more chance of a wet alley. Is it time we look at switching the seasons and play the Softball season in the warmer Summer months?

At 4-wall and Wallball a number of

clubs run tournaments compared to very few in Softball which has considerably less tournaments. The big alley needs more tournaments and more opportunities for players to play the game. Club tournaments are the perfect way to achieve this.

The 60x30 code has many positives going for it, the introduction of a standalone Softball Féile in 2019 is a positive step in attracting younger players to the game. Also the proposal from the workgroup to introduce a developmental 60x30 Tournament to give younger players the experience of playing with the elite players will all help but it is going to take a unified collective effort at Club, County, Provincial and National levels if we are going to restore the popularity of the code. Playing the blame game or looking to one faction of the association never works. We have a challenge on our hands but with the right attitude and a collective effort the game where legends are made can once again fill venues and create new legends of the game.

In 2018 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

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. I have said it before that this a most unfortunate situation and 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 game continues to flourish with many clubs and schools around the country embracing the game and erecting walls once more.

The moving of the Wallball Nationals to the May Bank Holiday weekend didn't affect numbers as 400+ made their way west to compete in what has become the best weekend in the GAA Handball calendar in recent years. At World level the results in Minneapolis would suggest that the Irish players are beginning to reel in the American stars as for the first time in the history of the World Championships Ireland took both Open titles in an

unprecedented show of strength. The naysayers say that Wallball is killing 60x30 and some would have you believe that it is not a real code of Handball. The accusation gets levelled each year at the code that it is killing the traditional game and the decline in popularity in Softball would on the surface support this notion which adds fuel to the fire.

Does this mean we don't promote Wallball and miss out on attracting numerous new members to our sport? We need to accept that our codes are different and each one will attract a different level of popularity and will go through troughs and peaks in popularity over their lifecycles we will never achieve parity in popularity across the three codes but we can ensure that each one is promoted to the maximum level.

At the moment here 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! Our aim should be to introduce the game of Handball back outdoors and what easier way to do it than by erecting Walls in public parks, in GAA grounds and in schools and clubs. The Wallball revolution would bring Handball back into the public eye something that is badly needed at present.

I have always said that we shouldn't categorise Handball as being 4wall, Softball or Wallball, it is Handball and as one of the smaller NGB's we have to take advantage of the potential that Wallball currently provides us. Kids nowadays will pick sports to play in modern facilities and that are easy to learn and succeed at. In Wallball we have the perfect solution to attract these players to our Sport, there is no reason why they shouldn't go on to play the other codes once they have played Wallball.

The Wallball All Ireland Championship took place in the impressive Kilglass GAC in Roscommon. This competition concluded its third year of a three-year trial. The CCCC have reviewed the three-year trial and recommended that the competition does not



continue in its current format based mainly on a high withdrawal rate that 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 no reason why we cannot explore other Tournament ideas for Wallball once we have a streamlined Clár.

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 Breafoy House and successful club tournaments is the way forward for the Wallball code at present.

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/Team Ireland trials in Kingscourt 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 quality of play exceptional throughout the weekend. In 60x30 it is pleasing to see more Juveniles taking part with 12 counties contesting the Juvenile finals and 8 different counties taking home titles.

Across the water at the US Juniors Irish players continue to dominate with David Walsh (Cork) capturing the 19&Under title. At World level our Juvenile players were completely dominant and at the moment are a long way ahead of the USA, Canada and other countries. This is testament to the fantastic work carried out by coaches throughout the country and I salute you all for the great work you are carrying out.

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the structures in place to keep these fantastic players playing Handball and try to prevent a drop off in numbers when they progress from Juvenile to Senior Handball. The lure of other sports and of social lives and other life pressures all play a part in determining if young player remains in a sport, we have to provide a clear pathway and an exciting modern sport to try and entice them to remain as Handball players.

LADIES HANDBALL

The She's Ace tournament continues to grow with over 100 competing at this year's event. The event continues to be a fantastic advertisement for Ladies Handball and I commend the counties who are replicating the format at county level and are running She's Ace Events.

The 20x20 initiative is a new campaign aimed at creating a measurable cultural shift in the presentation and perception of Women's sport in Ireland. It is a broad-based approach with three key metrics in mind to boost media coverage, attendance at key events and participation each by 20 per cent between now and 2020. GAA Handball are delighted to be part of this very worthy initiative and look forward to being part of the campaign over the

next year. Already we are doing a lot of things right with our female players but we must continue to improve and maintain these standards. It is disappointing that some of our venues have not got adequate changing facilities for Ladies and in reality this is not good enough in this day and age.

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. It was also encouraging to see the Ladies Open Final refereed this year by Wexford's Marguerite Gore hopefully paving the way for more Ladies to referee at the top level.

We currently have a wealth of talent in our Ladies game, the rivalry between Martina McMahon and Catriona Casey is enthralling and keeps providing excellent encounters that showcase the immense talent in the Ladies game at present. When you add in Aisling Reilly, Ciana Ni Churraoin and the chasing pack the standard of competition has never been higher. We have the strongest Ladies underage crop of players in a long time and this all bodes well for the Ladies game.

While numbers in female grades are steady there is always 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. 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

I have given a detailed account of Team Irelands performance at the World Championships later in the report. While the Championships were an undoubted success from an Irish point of view one would fear for the future of the competition due to a lack of entries from the other member countries especially at Juvenile Level.

A glance at the participation statistics provide a worrying view of the spread of countries represented outside of Ireland. At the World Council meeting in Minnesota talks were commenced in relation to splitting the 4wall and Wallball Championships and a workgroup has been setup to take a look at the current setup at World Level and ways to improve the World Championships going forward.

The success of the 2021 World Championships hinges on good participation and buy in from the other member countries of the World Council in order to provide credibility to the World titles. We want the best players in the World coming to these



THE EVENT CONTINUES TO BE A FANTASTIC ADVERTISEMENT FOR LADIES HANDBALL AND I COMMEND THE COUNTIES WHO ARE REPLICATING THE FORMAT AT COUNTY LEVEL AND ARE RUNNING SHE'S ACE EVENTS.





shores in 2021 and every effort will go in to making this happen and making the 2021 World Championships the best yet. 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

The competitions table will give you an idea of the amount of fixtures that were administered in GAA Handball over the course of the last 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 rules surrounding fixture changes are quite clear and one of the great frustrations in organising fixtures is the blatant disregard some players have for the rules. Players organising games between themselves or pulling out of fixtures without notifying the relevant officials is not acceptable and shows a complete lack of respect to the officials, the volunteers and venue officials who all have an important role to play in a fixture. With the amount of ways now available to contact people nowadays this is really not acceptable. This needs to be clamped down on and a message sent to all players that once fixtures are set there are clear rules surrounding withdrawals and changing fixtures. The rules are the same for everyone so there is no excuse.

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 been 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.

The last year has seen at times a struggle to get venues to host games due to overloaded fixture lists and venues having multiple fixtures over multiple days. The venues in the most accessible parts of the country are often inundated with fixtures and I think we have to recognise this now and act quickly to try and counteract the clear slide in available venues and volunteers throughout the country.

One way to reduce the pressure on overworked volunteers is by reducing the number of competitions at National level in a serious and meaningful manner as the attitude of adding extra grades to an already clogged fixture list has caught up on us as an Association and with the same venues being relied on year in year out this has meant our volunteers are burned out.

This was one of the aims of the workgroup to reduce pressure on the fixtures calendar. There appears to be a mindset of change nothing and leave all competitions as they are with very little consideration for our venue officials and volunteers. This needs to be a wakeup call to us all that unless change is implemented in a meaningful way we are strangling the life out of what decent volunteers we have left in our Association. Without venues we can have no fixtures so to those venues who have stood up once more in the last year I say a huge thank you, you are making a huge contribution to the success of our Sport.

One of the proposals from the Workgroup was to reduce the scoring in games. There was a mixed reaction to this one and it probably was one

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of the more hotly debated proposals. If we look at the rationale behind the proposal the proposal was put forward mainly in an effort to create more exciting games to attract more crowds to our games and more media attention and also to reduce the length of programmes of games to ease the burden and time demanded on our Clubs and Volunteers. In a world where time has become a precious commodity we need to move with the times accordingly.

The main counter argument to this was it is traditional to play games to 21 and this has always been the way but if we look back through the history books the scoring formats did change before and Handball survived. Irish Squash took a radical move a number of years ago to eliminate scoring with service and to have games to 11 and it transformed the sport. Is a game to 15 going to be any less quality than one to 21? I would urge all our players to consider this proposal seriously and think of the potential benefits before dismissing it out of hand.

I must compliment the National Fixtures Officer Austin McKenna and the CCCC for the excellent job they carry out year in year out 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.

A lack of knowledge surrounding the rules of the game often leads to very unfair abuse been directed towards the CCCC arising out of decisions made by the committee, 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 committee for the excellent job they did in 2018.

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.

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 no matter what the situation is.

COMMITTEES

Our Provincial and County committees were tasked with a huge workload once more in 2018. For a Provincial or County setup to operate efficiently then the committees must be given the full support and backing of the members of that County/Province.

One issue that seems to arise is that at times there can be a lot of valuable time and resources used up discussing petty issues that could be resolved with an element of common sense. It would appear that an element of personal grievances can at times drive the motivation behind some disputes. As an association we should be mature enough to be able to deal with some of these issues with a common-sense approach and if we do so we all benefit in the long run.

While the rule books are there and must be adhered to, at times an over emphasis on the literal meaning of a rule when common sense would be a much better approach can cast a negative shadow on us as an Association especially when the issues escalate to Provincial and National level of the GAA. This in turn has an impact when we approach these bodies for funding and other assistance. We also need to be cognisant of the message that this sends out to potential future Administrators who could be put off going for jobs.

It can be a thankless job being in a voluntary administrative role and often time they are the first people who are blamed when things go wrong. I would urge all members to show our voluntary Administrators the respect they deserve, they are volunteers at the end of the day and they have stood up to the plate often when no one else was willing to. Maybe think about this before you criticise the next time.

If genuine changes in personnel need to be made at any level, there are official channels in which to do this and if a member feels that they could do a better job then they should get involved and put themselves forward for the position.

As an association we need to provide more assistance and educate all Administrators at all levels in their roles of what is expected of them and best practices in carrying out that role. If we do this and our members allow them to do their jobs then the administration of the sport becomes a lot more streamlined and efficient.



I commend all our administrators for the work that they do throughout the year and hope that they have found the experience enjoyable and some way rewarding.

MEDIA/PR

This year saw a rise in Media coverage mainly in print format with coverage of the 40x20 and 60x30 in the National papers and websites and also some excellent coverage of the World Championships.

On a local level a number of 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.

From a TV and general media interest point of view the fact we



will have a state of the art centre in the confines of Croke Park will remove some of the barriers to media exposure that bringing our major finals around the country created. With the majority of the National media based in the capital the commitment to attend and cover Handball games should be made a little bit easier.

The struggle still exists to gain coverage on TV however and until we look at shorter game programmes and shorter games this is always going to be a struggle. It has been suggested that highlights of games would be a better sell to a TV station and it would but the issues still remains that at present a cameraman could potentially have to spend hours at a finals programme just to get a highlights show. This will continue to hamper our efforts to get exposure on TV.

Once more 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. This

year saw more games covered than any previous year. Many thanks to MacAV for their camera work throughout the year. I also thank Paul Fitzpatrick for coming on board and assisting with the PR side of things, his advice and help as a journalist and his creative style of writing have been invaluable.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Once again our Facebook and Twitter fanbase have grown steadily over the year and have been invaluable tools in promoting the game.

I would appeal to people when they are commenting on Facebook to be mindful of the following:

Posting online is instant, public and more often than not, permanent. Once you post, you lose all control of what happens to it - it only takes one friend to share

it on their own profiles for it to be completely out of your hands and potentially spread to hundreds of other accounts.

Nearly all potential sponsors and all media outlets are online nowadays and a negative post or an ill-informed post could have a negative effect on their perception of the sport, it can mean a serious loss of opportunity. Often times there will be an underlying

reason that the person commenting may not be aware of and the grievance can be allayed quite quickly when explained in full but if the comment is on social media it can never be fully removed and has given a false impression of the situation.

It is very easy to get lost behind a keyboard and say things we wouldn't normally say but remember that you never know how a person is feeling or what sort of day they have just had and



a negative or nasty post can have a detrimental effect on their mental health. Social accounts are managed by real people with real feelings. If you talk about someone online, think about whether you would feel embarrassed or ashamed if you saw them in person. If so, you may want to ask again, why am I posting? In a time when more and more people are opening up about mental health issues we need to be mindful of this when posting comments that could potentially cause hurt.

Of course positive comments are always welcome and it helps to portray a positive image for our Sport. I would also commend the number of Social media accounts that are doing great work in promoting the game at local level. Keep up the good work.

CLUBS/VENUES/VOLUNTEERS

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. 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. There will be a number of courses run throughout the year to give training to Clubs and their officers and I would encourage all clubs to attend these sessions and to make use of them.

It is planned to recruit a Club Support Officer who will act as a point of contact for clubs in need of support to replace Deborah Foley who departed earlier in the year. This person will concentrate on club development and support and will run a number of initiatives to help strengthen our clubs. This is a very positive addition in our plans to support our club network. A template and advice document for approaching potential sponsors will be released in 2019 and I would encourage all clubs to make use of these resources in their efforts to obtain a sponsor.

There are a number of clubs who have managed to raise funds and to upgrade their facilities in the last number of years and I congratulate them for having the foresight and commitment to do so. It takes a supreme effort to do so but the reward is worthwhile. 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 recent years we have seen a lack of new volunteers taking up positions on committees at local level. Of our current volunteers we have seen a number of clubs and volunteers decline to host fixtures over the past year mainly due to the sheer amount of time that these fixture programmes take and a lack of help at ground level in hosting same.

A lot of volunteers are also players but it is impossible to keep the volume of games going and expect people to play and volunteer in the current climate. This should act as a wakeup call to us all that unless change is implemented in a meaningful way we are squeezing the life out of the decent volunteers we have left in our Association.

We will prioritise efforts to try and attract fresh blood into Volunteering in GAA Handball and to do this we need to create an attractive environment for Volunteers that is both rewarding and enjoyable. Many hands make light work and we can never have too



THE CLUB IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION





many Volunteers. At National level we will look at meaningful initiatives of energising our current volunteers and attracting new volunteers and this must be a priority for us all in 2019.

In 2018 a total of 1744 games were played in 232 venues which is a phenomenal undertaking by our network of clubs and volunteers. I salute you all for your dedication to the game.

FINANCE

Our Accounts show a deficit this year due to an increase in spending in the past 12 months mainly due to additional staff costs and additional costs mainly arising out of the unforeseen circumstances.

Realistically we need to increase our income to have any chance of truly developing the sport and we need to explore every available strand of funding when trying to do this.

I must thank the GAA who increased our Annual Grant to help cover the additional costs. I will be commencing talks with the GAA Finance department in relation to GAA Handball funding and hopefully there will be a positive outcome to these talks as it will benefit the Association as a whole to have GAA Handball thriving.

Sport Ireland are also supportive in terms of funding but are limited to what they can offer and with 70+ NGB's competing for a slice of the

funding pie it shows the challenges faced when trying to fund each organisation.

It is important that any funding received is spent wisely and then we must come up with initiatives that are worthy of extra investment to attract further funding. We must also look at our own Income strands and look at ways of increasing same. We will only be able to do this with the support of everyone.

Our online shop profits have increased on 2017 figures and this is encouraging. Plans are in place to increase the product range in 2019

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to further raise funds and 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.

Once more our sponsors O'Neills and MD Sports (Myclubshop.ie) provided generous sponsorship in 2018 for both the 40x20 and 60x30 championships respectively. We

owe our sponsors a huge debt of gratitude. I have held talks with the GAA Sponsorship Department in relation to obtaining a sponsor for our sport and while the initial talks were very encouraging there are a number of issues we must address in order to make our games more attractive to sponsors.

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. While it may take a bit of work to apply for these funding streams the rewards are definitely worth it and you can see in the past number of years the number of Handball clubs that benefitted from such funding.

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.

Again 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. We also need to explore other possible fundraising opportunities to try and raise much needed funds.

Registrations increased slightly on 2017 figures and it is hoped that 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 clubs when submitting registrations. Registrations are one of our main sources of income and I would encourage all clubs to try and increase their membership and register all members of their club whether actively playing or in an administration role.

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. This must be a priority for our sport if we are to make any meaningful progress in developing the game.

Despite this there are a number of exciting projects that have happened or are coming soon. Last year saw the launch of a brand new Coaching Video which is a fantastic piece of work and will be an invaluable tool to Coaches and players around the country. The Club Iontach programme and the GAA Handball Academies will both take place in 2019. You will see from the Coaching Report later on the volume of work that has taken place throughout the last year is impressive considering the shortage of staff this year.

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 thank Deborah Foley and Darragh Ruane who departed earlier in the year for their work. Finally I thank our National Development Officer Darragh Daly for his continued hard work despite limited resources.



IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE SO MANY OF OUR HANDBALLERS RECOGNISED AT LOCAL LEVEL WITH MANY OF OUR WORLD CHAMPIONS RECOGNISED IN THEIR OWN LOCALITY AT CIVIC RECEPTIONS AND WITH VARIOUS AWARDS.

AWARDS

Our 2017 Awards took place in Croke Park on the night before our AGM. A greater emphasis was placed on our volunteers with a number of volunteer Awards introduced to reflect the fantastic work been done throughout the country. In an exciting new venture nominations were open to the Handball public for these awards and voting was by online secret ballot with the winner announced live on the night! Finalists in every category were in attendance, with winners announced on the night, after a mixture of public, player and committee vote, by esteemed friend of Handball & RTE News Reader Eileen Dunne.

On the night the Handballing community turned out in style and the night was a roaring success with old friends reunited and the Handball community celebrating a fantastic year of action. This has the potential to be a standout event on our Calendar and a way of rewarding our Volunteers so we must build on this positivity and continue to make each year better.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the finalists and winners, and to thank our various sponsors O'Neills, Together Digital, Macsports, Adverttees & MMI.

I would like to offer my congratulations to all those who won richly deserved awards on the night.

- **Male POTY**
- Charly Shanks (Armagh)
- **Female POTY**
- Catriona Casey (Cork)
- **Young Male POTY**
- Tadhg O'Neill (Cork)
- **Young Female POTY**
- Fiona Tully (Roscommon)
- **Club of the Year**
- Moycullen (Galway)
- **Venue of the Year**
- Kingscourt (Cavan)
- **Administrator of the Year**
- Joe O'Connell (Galway)

- **Volunteer of the Year**
- Gavin Buggy (Wexford)
- **Club Person of the Year**
- Michelle Warren (Tyrone)

Four more icons of the game received recognition for their achievements throughout long careers as they were inducted into the Hall of Fame. The recipients of this prestigious honour were 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.

It was encouraging to see so many of our Handballers recognised at local level with many of our World Champions recognised in their own locality at civic receptions and with various awards. This is a vital step in creating awareness of Handball

at local level in the media in general. Congratulations to you all.

Belfast's former Seán McEntee former Uachtarán of GAA Handball, received the GAA Presidents Award for outstanding service to the GAA earlier in the year. Seán has had several careers in Irish handball as a player, coach and administrator and was the man behind the idea for the Golden Gloves Tournament one of the premier club tournaments in GAA Handball. Sean was Chairman of the National Coaching Council and became President of the Irish Handball Council from 1993 until 1996. He has had a long and distinguished service to GAA Handball and I offer my congratulations to Seán on a well-deserved award.

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. I extend the sympathies of our association to anyone affected by bereavement throughout the year.

THE FUTURE

We are now entering what promises to be an extremely exciting phase for GAA Handball with the new centre on the horizon and the World Championships coming to these

shores in 2021. With the standard of Juvenile Handball never higher and with our Open competitions producing excellent quality it is important that our next steps continue to support the good work been done while addressing any issues we may encounter.

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.





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ONCE COMPLETED OUR SPORT WILL FINALLY HAVE A HOME WHERE FUTURE HANDBALLERS WILL ASPIRE TO PLAY AND WHERE WE WILL HOPEFULLY SEE CROWDS GATHER FOR THE MAGIC OF ALL IRELAND FINALS NIGHTS ONCE MORE

NEW HANDBALL CENTRE

Last year we received the fantastic news that work had commenced on the brand new state of the art Handball centre after years of false starts and hold ups.

The impact of this new centre will be massive for GAA Handball with assurances from the GAA and the architects that the new centre will be state of the art with all the modern facilities that will set it apart as an iconic Sports building. We have also received assurances that the courts will be of the highest quality and standard.

The visual impact alone of the new centre on the walkway from Ballybough will raise exposure for our Sport with people seeing a positive image of our Sport and a clean modern state of the art complex. This can only be a good thing for the image of our game. The current Handball centre has become old and dilapidated and is out of touch with a modern sport

From a TV and general media interest point of view the fact we have a state of the art centre in the confines of Croke Park will remove some of the barriers to media exposure that bringing our major finals around the country created. With the majority of the National media based in the capital the commitment to attend and cover Handball games should be made a little bit easier.

A word of caution though in that while the centre will have a massive positive impact it is important to recognise that a new centre will not cure all ills and we as an Association need to ensure that we have a modern state of the art sport ready to move into the modern state of the art home. Anything less and we will be doing this fine new auditorium a disservice.

Once completed our Sport will finally have a home where future Handballers will aspire to play and where we will hopefully see crowds gather for the

magic of All Ireland Finals nights once more. It is an exciting time for our Sport as we await with baited breath until our new home finally opens its doors later on in the year.

STRATEGIC PLAN

One of our major objectives is to develop a strategic plan that will guide us through the next number of years, this had been in the pipeline for 2018 but due to the unique circumstances it was put back until this year. The theme of the plan is to “Build a brighter future” for all. The main areas of focus in the plan will be in 5 key areas.

1. **VOLUNTEERS:** The plan will focus on establishing the next generation of leaders, further developing our current network of volunteers and providing them with the skills and capabilities they need to administer our sport



in an effective and efficient way. It will look to create a rewarding pathway for volunteers in our sport.

2. **PARTICIPATION:** Increasing participation at all levels and attracting new members to our Sport will be a key objective of the plan. Increasing our network of clubs, increasing the number of players across all our codes and retaining our current member base
3. **VISIBILITY:** The plan will look to increase the profile of our sport both among our members and in the wider GAA Handball audience.
4. **INFRASTRUCTURE:** This is a big focus point and a key priority as we need to develop the infrastructure to enable the sport to truly grow. This incorporates bringing our current venues in need of attention

up to the required standard, identifying opportunities for new infrastructure and in particular potential multi court venues. We must also look to maximise the potential of the New Handball centre.

5. **PARTNERSHIPS:** We will look to establish a number of key partnerships with commercial partners that will enable us to grow the sport and to create positive and mutually beneficial associations with our partners. We will aim to maximise our current partnerships.

The aim of the plan will be simple, to grow participation levels, enhance the experience of our members by providing greater support and access to our games, which we will provide in an efficient and effective way.

To enable this plan to work and to achieve the required outcome it needs buy in from everybody from grassroots

level through to National level of the Association, this will not be a plan for individuals but a plan for GAA Handball as a whole and everyone will see benefits from it.

WORKGROUP PROPOSALS

The past 12 months have seen our Clár Workgroup release a first draft of proposals. Following an extensive process the Workgroup came up with a list of proposals to try and address the current issues that are affecting the progression and growth of our game. These proposals were released to obtain feedback and allow the workgroup to produce more concrete proposals.

To say the response was mixed is probably fair with a number of responses very positive towards change and recognising the clear need for the Sport to change in order to progress. Understandably there was some opposition to the proposals

and this feedback was considered and taken on board by the Workgroup with a revised set of proposals set for release shortly. The one clear point from all of the responses received was that change in some form was needed in the sport.

Is this driven by National Office to make their jobs easier? Of course not. If anything it will create more work for the National Office but work that will benefit everyone in the Association and not just the players as the current setup does.

It needs to be pointed out the majority of the people involved in this process are staunch GAA Handball people with a lifetime of service given to the Sport over a multitude of years. The remaining members are members of the GAA and wider GAA family and have no vested interest in joining a committee to try and have a negative effect on any sport. In Liam O'Neill and Miriam O'Callaghan we had two people who served at the highest administrative level in both the biggest volunteer Sport in the country and one of the top female sports in the country so their advice is invaluable and should not be discounted.

While a number of people judged these proposals solely from a personal point of view the Workgroup had to take an overall view of Handball and consider the impact on all areas of the sport.

It also needs to be clarified that there is no intention of removing opportunities at any level of the Association for players to play games or compete for All Irelands. We need to encourage participation at all levels.

The objectives of the workgroup was to achieve the following:

- A balanced programme of fixtures for all age groups
- Better support and retention of our Volunteers.
- Attract new members and new volunteers to our sport.
- Restore credibility and prestige to the All-Ireland medal.
- More exposure for our Sport
- Increase in profile leading to increase in funding from commercial partners

At all stages constructive discussion and feedback was welcomed on the proposals but when people flatly refuse to even think about the proposals and come back with no alternatives or suggestions it is worrying for our Sports future that this sort of attitude could prevent us from realising our potential.

This was not an easy task for the Workgroup but following extensive meetings and discussions they produced a list of recommendations that they felt best served our Association and gave it the best chance to grow and reach its potential.

One suggestion was that the consultation process did not reach far enough and not everyone had the opportunity to express their views. I would strongly refute this as this has been in the pipeline for the past two years and in that time there have been online surveys, call for proposals, meetings with provincial councils, opportunities for feedback through provincial councils as well as informal and formal discussions with various groups.

Why are we so afraid of change in GAA Handball? If the proposals do





and one that left me with a lot of time to think in the ensuing months as I made my recovery. I had been extremely lucky and I am well aware that others in similar situations were not so lucky.

I began to see a lot of similarities in my situation and in that of the current set up in Handball, the warning signs are there, we are prioritising competition and fixtures over other areas of the Association and as a result the overall health of the Association is suffering mainly development and our volunteers and clubs. However, the one difference is we have a chance to make those changes and to introduce a more balanced approach before it may be too late. We have to grab this chance, be brave and overall the Association



WHY ARE WE SO AFRAID OF CHANGE IN GAA HANDBALL? IF THE PROPOSALS DO NOT WORK THERE IS ALWAYS THE OPTION TO GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL SET UP BUT WHERE IS THE HARM IN TRYING SOMETHING NEW? ANY SPORT THAT RESISTS CHANGE COMPLETELY WILL NEVER GROW OR REACH IT'S TRUE POTENTIAL

not work there is always the option to go back to the original set up but where is the harm in trying something new? Any sport that resists change completely will never grow or reach it's true potential, when we look at other sports and the changes they have incorporated they have all benefitted from same. In a world that is constantly changing staying still will mean we are left behind.

So where are we at now? The workgroup have revised their original proposals following the feedback received and are in the process of producing a revised document. I would urge and encourage all members to read this new document with an open mind and to think of the rationale behind each of the decisions and the impact they will have on our Sport going forward not just the personal impact. We are not just acting for the present but have a responsibility to create a legacy for future generations of our sport and this has to be considered when we make decisions.

Just last January as I lay in a Hospital bed my medical team hit me with some hard truths, I was after having a very lucky escape and my lifestyle had to change if I wanted to avoid a repeat. I needed a work life balance. The signs had been there for some time but I ignored them as I prioritised everything else in my life ahead of my health. It was a harsh lesson to learn



will be in a much healthier and better place for it.

While we are an individual sport we cannot think as individuals when it comes to realising the potential of the game. A rise in standards, volunteer development, commercial partners and exposure for our sport can only be a good thing for everyone so while we may have to accept some proposals we are not fully sure of the long-term benefits should more than compensate for this.

BUÍOCHAS

There are so many people who have contributed to the success of the last year and continue to do so year in year out. From a personal point of view I would like to thank everybody who sent good wishes and supported me throughout a difficult last 12 years healthwise. It really was overwhelming to realise the level of support that is in the Handball Community. I am delighted to be back and in good health once more and will strive to create a better Association for each and every one of you over the next 12 months. Bail ó Dhia ort agus go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir.

I would like to thank former Ard Stiurthoir of the GAA Paraic Duffy for his support throughout my tenure as National Manager. He was always

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available and very approachable at all times. His support has meant a huge amount to me personally in my role but also his support and guidance to the Association was invaluable.

I would like to wish incoming Ard Stiurthoir Tom Ryan the very best of luck in his new role. I have known Tom in his role as Director of Finance and I have always found him to be very accommodating and very approachable so I look forward to working with Tom in the coming year. I would also like to thank Teresa Rehill for her assistance and guidance throughout the year.

I would also like to thank Uachtarán CLG John Horan for his support throughout the year.

Our own Uachtarán Joe Masterson comes to the end of his second year of his three year tenure. Joe has been a pleasure to work alongside and he has shown a great enthusiasm for the role. Joe is always available and is a great support to the National Office. As a passionate Handball person he is constantly looking at ways to try and improve the game. He took a very brave decision to propose the appointment of the Workgroup for the Clar when it would have been easier for him to just sit back and do nothing but he took the

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decision with Handball's best interest at heart. I commend him for doing so and know that in time he will go down as a President who helped change Handball for the better. The Association is in very safe hands with Joe and will continue to be for the final year of his term. I wish him well as he enters his final year as Uachtarán and hope that it is a rewarding one for him.

Today we see the race to succeed Joe as Uachtarán of the Association as four candidates will go head to head to be appointed Uachtarán Tofa of the Association going on to take up the position of Uachtarán at the 2020 AGM. I wish all the candidates the best of luck and may the best man win.

To the GAA Finance Department in particular Sinead Haughian, Rachel

O'Reilly, Joan Kelly and Ger Mulryan many thanks for your assistance over the year and for preparing the accounts for today. I also look forward to working with the new Director of Finance Ger Mulryan in the coming year.

To our sponsors O'Neills and Martin Donnelly (Myclubshop.ie) I say a huge thank you for your generosity and support once more in 2018 and look forward to working closely with you in 2019. I would like to say a special word of thanks to O'Neills who also sponsored the Team Ireland gear for the World Championships it was much appreciated by all. I look forward to working closely with both in 2019. Also to Together Digital, Adverttees, Parrot Print and MMI who all sponsored

Awards for our Awards night I thank you for your contribution.

To Kate Voice and her team at the Dunboyne Castle Hotel for helping with the preparations for today's AGM and also for this year's All Stars event a sincere thank you.

To the GAA full time Staff for their assistance throughout 2018 I look forward to continuing to work closely again in 2019. 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 2019.

To the Sports Council and the Federation of Irish Sport especially Shane Califf, Melanie Lettis, Aoife Brennan and Dorota Lagner 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 2019.

To the full time staff of Darragh Daly, Austin McKenna and Brigid Doherty I extend a huge thank you for the extraordinary lengths you go to on a regular basis to ensure that our Association runs smoothly. 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. I get to see first hand your passion and commitment to the job and it is an honour to work alongside you all. The fact that I returned after illness to a smoothly running office speaks volumes as you all stood up and were counted in exceptional circumstances, it is truly appreciated.



To Paul Fitzpatrick for his contribution in relation to PR for the World Championships and also throughout the year I thank you. I thank all the PROs who work tirelessly at all levels to strive for greater recognition. The battle may be tough, but we are starting to see signs of improvement so keep up the good work.

I would like to thank Ed Moynihan for his design work throughout the year and to all who contributed to getting this booklet ready for today's Congress. Also to Matt Kemp at Parrot Print for his work during the year and his continued support.

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 2019 once more.

To all our clubs the lifeblood of our Association and the production line for so many of our top players 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 2018 you stood up and were counted as an incredible 1549 games were played at National Level over 175 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 even in some small way.

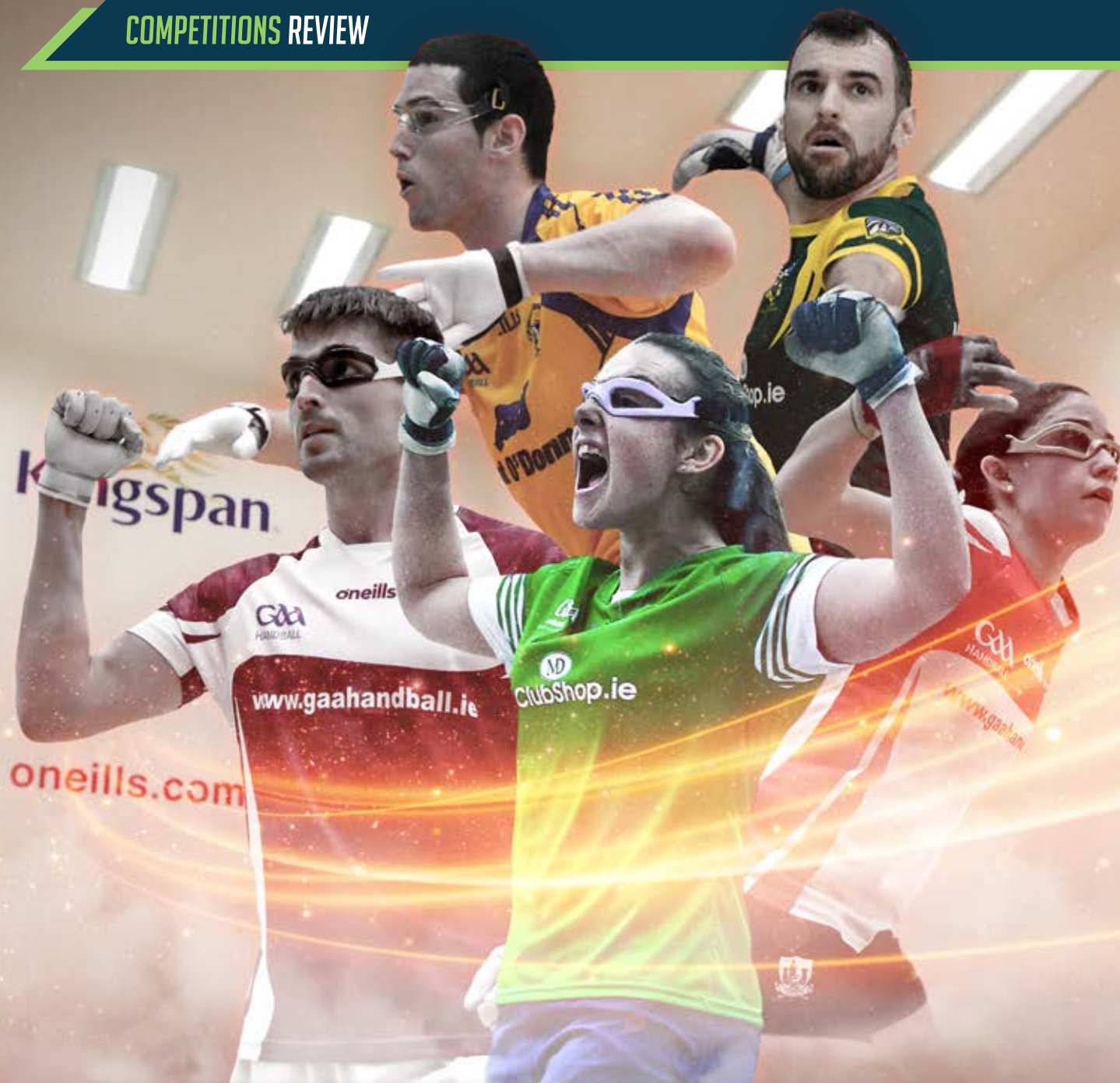
I thank you all for your hard work and dedication to GAA Handball over the past 12 months it is greatly appreciated and I look forward to seeing you all throughout 2019.

In summary we are facing into a critical period in our lifespan as a sport. We have many challenges facing us but equally we have so many positives and exciting adventures ahead and with the right structures and a can do attitude we can realise the true potential of the perfect game.

Together let's build a brighter future for us all. Keep up the good work!

John Kelly
National Manager





COMPETITIONS REVIEW

It was a year to remember for Limerick's Martina McMahon who dominated Ladies Handball completing a clean sweep of All Ireland and World Senior Singles titles and 2018 also saw first time All Ireland titles for Martin Mulkerrins, Gary McConnell, Diarmaid Nash and Colin Crehan and first World Senior titles for Cork's Killian Carroll, Limerick's Martina McMahon and Tyrone's Conor McElduff. Our juveniles continued to excel both home and abroad and completely dominated the Juvenile grades at the World Championships in Minnesota.

O'NEILLS 40X20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cork sit on top of the honours list taking 8 titles in total with Kilkenny and Galway close behind on 7 titles each. In all 23 counties took home one title or more over the course of the championships.

The first weekend in March saw the All-Ireland Semi-Finals in singles across all adult and juvenile grades take place. The Senior Singles semi-finals featured saw defending champion Charlie Shanks edge a nail biter against Clare's Diarmaid Nash and Martin Mulkerrins prevail against a rejuvenated Brendan Fleming. The Cork man had scored one of the biggest upsets in recent memory when outgunning three-time champion Robbie McCarthy in the previous round. Later, on St. Patrick's weekend, the crowds descended on Kingscourt for a weekend of thrilling Handball as an inspired Mulkerrins wasn't to be denied, putting in a blistering performance in the final to earn his first senior singles title and become the first Galway man to lift the title.

Catriona Casey had little trouble in her semi-final against Kilkenny's Ciara Mahon, while Martina McMahon overcame Aisling Reilly to set up a repeat of the 2017 final. In arguably the match of the year, McMahon recovered from a 21-12 first-game defeat and a 10-1 deficit in game two to take the remaining games 21-19, 21-20, joining Mulkerrins on the podium for the first time and commencing what was to be a fairytale year for the Limerick lady.

Clare's Tiernan Agnew took the minor singles title, Offaly's David Hope captured the Intermediate Singles and Kerry's Dominic Lynch took the Masters A Singles title.

Kildare's Leah Doyle took the Ladies Minor singles, and Megan McCann from Armagh captured the Ladies Intermediate singles.

In a year for firsts, Diarmaid Nash and Colin Crehan sensationally toppled 11-time champions Paul Brady and Michael Finnegan in the Senior Doubles final in a three game thriller. Despite ceding home advantage, the Banner men took the first game in a blistering start before Cavan rallied in the second but the Clare men took control in the third winning 21-3 to secure Clare's first Senior Doubles title since 1979.

Tiernan Agnew completed the sweep of minor titles as he teamed up with Mark Rodgers to land the Minor doubles title to make it a great weekend for the banner county, as did Dominic Lynch in the Masters A Doubles when partnered with John Hoe Quirke, while Cork's Daniel Relihan and Michael Hedigan clinched the Intermediate Doubles.

Unfortunately, the Ladies Senior Doubles lacked the drama of the Singles

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“ IN ARGUABLY THE MATCH OF THE YEAR, MCMAHON RECOVERED FROM A 21-12 FIRST-GAME DEFEAT AND A 10-1 DEFICIT IN GAME TWO TO TAKE THE REMAINING GAMES 21-19, 21-20, AND COMMENCING WHAT WAS TO BE A FAIRYTALE YEAR FOR THE LIMERICK LADY

final, as Catriona Casey joined forces with Aisling O'Keefe defeating Roscommon's Fiona Tully and Leona Doolin to capture their fourth title, with Leah Doyle teaming up with Molly Dagg to complete the Minor sweep for Kildare.

The final weekend in April saw the senior men and women compete for the honour of representing their country at Open Doubles level in Minneapolis. The reigning World Champions Diarmaid Nash and Robbie McCarthy justified their top seeding and cruised to victory, booking their place on Team Ireland with victory over Tadgh Carroll and Ryan Harkin. The Ladies' Final again stole the show. For the second time in as many months, Martina McMahon and Catriona Casey squared off, with Aisling Reilly and Aisling O'Keefe respectively as partners. Over two close games, Reilly and McMahon also the reigning World Champions emerged victorious with a 21-20 result in the second to book their place as Team Ireland representatives.

MYCLUBSHOP.IE 60X30 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The strongholds of Wexford, Kilkenny and Tipperary topped the honours table with 10 titles apiece followed by

Galway, Limerick and Cork with 5 titles each. In all 19 counties shared success over the course of the championships.

What must surely rank as the greatest rivalry in Irish female sport threw up another epic at Croke Park on Saturday, September 29 with Martina McMahon defeating Catriona Casey 14-21, 21-20, 21-20 in the MyClubShop.ie All-Ireland 60x30 Senior Singles final.

In the third game of the 'big alley' final, the duo were level an astonishing nine times, with both playing aggressively and the crowd on their feet. Eventually McMahon closed it out with a right-corner kill. The players were awarded a rare standing ovation from the attendance after another astonishingly close battle.

In the men's final, Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy captured a sixth title with victory over nine-time winner Eoin Kennedy of Dublin on a 21-19, 21-14 scoreline to cement his status as the dominant force in Irish Softball at present.

In the Minor Singles final, Kilkenny's Jack Holden beat Kerry's Daire Keane 21-12, 21-18 while Kilkenny's Brian Mahon and Roscommon's Fiona Tully took home the Intermediate titles in Men's & Ladies respectively.

October was all about doubles in the





big court with the senior finals down for decision.

The men's grade produced one of the best deciders in years and, in the end, the familiar Meath colours came out on top after Kells duo Brian Carroll and Gary McConnell saw off Dublin's Eoin Kennedy and Carl Browne in a pulsating three game thriller at Croke Park.

The Royals fell 9-1 down in the first game, with first-time finalist McConnell displaying signs of nerves. However, they quickly settled and even though they lost the first set 21-19, they rallied to win the second 21-14 and out-last the Dubs 21-17 in a thrilling third game, with McConnell immense in the closing exchanges.

Brian Carroll now has eight medals in this grade in the traditional 'big alley', having won the title seven times before in partnership with the retired Tom Sheridan.

Earlier, Kilkenny's Ciaran Cooney and Billy O'Neill won the Minor Doubles against Cork, with Wexford's Galen Riordan and Keith Armstrong taking the Intermediate Doubles Crown.

Elsewhere, the top ladies 60x30 doubles pairing of Cork's Catriona Casey and Aishling O'Keeffe retained their MyClubShop.ie All-Ireland 60x30 Senior Doubles title when they had a

comfortable win over Kilkenny's Ciara Mahon and Aoife Holden at Croke Park on Saturday.

With Casey controlling play from the left of the court, the Rebels ran out emphatic 21-4, 21-15 winners in fine style to affirm their position as the dominant doubles pairing in the sport at present.

WALLBALL

All roads led to Breaffy House on the May Bank Holiday weekend. With more than 400 matches scheduled, and 20 divisions up for decision, this would prove to be the single biggest event on the GAA Handball Clar in 2018.

Having become something of a Wall Ball specialist in recent years, Conor McElduff from Tyrone had victory and Irish team qualification in the crosshairs. From the outset, a mouth-watering final against Martin Mulkerrins was on the cards, and so it proved to be. Mulkerrins, riding the crest of a wave that earned him Irish

team captaincy for Minneapolis, and McElduff put on a supreme display of high-octane, incredible athleticism, with the Tyrone man just shading it 11-8 in the tie-break.

Martina McMahon was clearly the person to beat in the Ladies' Singles, and so it proved to be as she dominated the event, defeating Fiona Tully in the final.

Kyle Jordan added the Wall Ball 13-and-under title to the 40x20 title he secured just weeks earlier, as did Mairead Fox and Leah Doyle in the 15-and-under and 17-and-under divisions respectively. Also victorious were Kilkenny's Mikey Kelly in the Boy's 15-and-under, Galway's Eimhin O Diolluín in the Boy's 17-and-under, Daniel Kavanagh from Wexford in the 19-and-under, and Galway's Emma Kinane in the Girl's 13-and-under.

The final weekend in May saw the Wall Ball championships take place at the impressive Kilglass GAC in Roscommon. Fresh off his victory at Breaffy House, and with sights firmly

“MULKERRINS AND MCELDUFF PUT ON A SUPREME DISPLAY OF HIGH-OCTANE, INCREDIBLE ATHLETICISM, WITH THE TYRONE MAN JUST SHADING IT 11-8 IN THE TIE-BREAK



set on the World Championships, Conor McElduff proved too strong for Paudi Quish in the Men's Open, and took top ranking points to solidify his place at the top of the Irish Wall Ball rankings. Meanwhile, Martina McMahon furthered her Wall Ball credentials with victory in the Ladies Open at the expense of Laois' Niamh Dunne to continue her remarkable year of success.

INTERCLUB

With no Ulster entry in the 60x30 competition, Kells of Meath were already due to receive a bye to the final where they faced Limerick's Hospital Club, benefactors of a bye themselves after Galway club Willimastown were forced to give a semi-final walkover. Despite a spirited effort from the challengers, the Royals maintained their status as the nation's top "big alley" club.

Broadford (Limerick) took the Junior title defeating Kilfane of Kilkenny while Tinryland (Carlow) captured the Junior B title defeating Galway's Williamstown in the final.

In the Open grade of the 40x20 Club Championships, played in Culohill, Coolboy (Wicklow) took the premier title for the first time when they

defeated Glenbeigh (Kerry) in the final on a 74-42 scoreline.

Moycullen (Galway) defeated Antrim's St Gall's 81-58 in the Junior final in Leixlip and St Brigid's, with Kilkenny's Windgap seeing off Limerick's Hospital (62-46) in the Junior B final at Curraghboy.

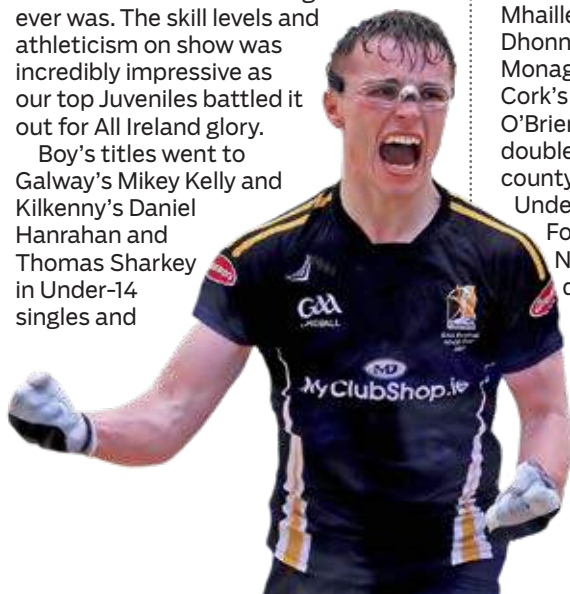
JUVENILE HANDBALL

At juvenile level, the 40x20 Juvenile Finals in Kingscourt reaffirmed that at present the standard of Juvenile Handball in Ireland is stronger than it ever was. The skill levels and athleticism on show was incredibly impressive as our top Juveniles battled it out for All Ireland glory.

Boy's titles went to Galway's Mikey Kelly and Kilkenny's Daniel Hanrahan and Thomas Sharkey in Under-14 singles and

doubles respectively, Rory Grace of Tipperary and Kealan Murphy and Gearoid Healy of Cork in Under-15 singles and doubles. Monaghan's Eoghan McGinnity took the Under-16 singles, with Kilkenny's Kyle Dunne and Jack Doyle prevailing in Under-16 doubles, and the Cats tasted further success at Under-17 singles as Jack Holden took top honours, with Luke Barrett and Colin Healy of the Rebel county taking the Under-17 doubles.

Tyrone were to the fore in the Under-14 girl's division, with Clodagh Monroe taking singles and Sky Ni Mhaille Breathnach and Eadaoin Nic Dhonnacha winning the doubles. Monaghan's Louise McGinnity and Cork's Celine Kelleher/Muireann O'Brien took Under-15 singles and doubles respectively. The Red Hand county again took top honours in the Under-16 Singles through Mairead Fox, with Chloe Philpott and Amber Nolan from Clare taking the doubles title. And finally, Mayo's Claire Reynolds and Orla Whyte and Aoife Nic Dhonnacha from Galway took Under-17 Singles and Doubles respectively. In all 8 counties took home titles with Cork and Kilkenny leading the way on 3 titles each.



April began with Juvenile handball to the fore at the Junior Nationals. With the added bonus of a place on the Irish team for the upcoming world championships at stake, entry numbers were expectedly high, and hosting venues were spread nationwide, with qualifiers from each venue through to the finals weekend to be held at Kingscourt later in the month.

Two weeks on from the Junior Nationals qualifiers, the cream of the underage crop duelled it out to secure passage to Minneapolis for the World Championships.

There were victories for Galway's Emma Kinane in the 13-and-under and Niamh Heffernan in the 17-and-under, Mairead Fox from Tyrone in the 15-and-under, and Armagh's Megan McCann in the 19-and-under Girl's categories.

Meanwhile, Kyle Jordan and Shane Dunne from Kilkenny took the 13-and-under and 19-and-under divisions respectively, while Wexford's Josh Kavanagh took the 15-and-under and Eoghan McGinnity of Monaghan captured the 17-and-under title.

Once more the skill levels on show for Juvenile Handballers was a joy to behold with great credit due to the coaches of these players. Great displays of emotion were evident as



6 young Handballers booked their seats on the plane to Minnesota with victories in their respective grades.

Meanwhile, the All-Ireland juvenile 60x30 finals took place at Tipperary venues Ballina and Lahorna,

The game of the day was the Boys U16 Singles Final with Kilkenny's Kyle Dunne just edging Monaghan's Eoghan McGinnity in a high quality match. Dunne took the first 21-17 and led 20-16 in the second before McGinnity produced a brilliant comeback to take the second 21-20 to the large crowds delight. The tie-break was also very tight with them level on no fewer than four times but Dunne won the important last couple of points to take the match 11-9. The Girls equivalent, was also won by Kilkenny when Roisin O'Keefe had a two game victory over Clare's Chloe Philpott.

Kilkenny also claimed gold in the Girls U14 Singles with Amy Brennan defeating Tyrone's Clodagh Munroe in two games, whilst Galway's Mikey Kelly was an impressive winner of the Boys U14 Singles when he overcame Monaghan's Sean Callan.

Twelve counties in all competed with eight counties taking home one or more titles. The softball stronghold of Kilkenny topped the medals table with four titles. Tipperary took home 3, Cork, Galway & Tyrone took 2 each while Limerick, Mayo and Waterford all taking one title back to their respective counties to complete a very successful weekend of Handball.

SHE'S ACE HANDBALL

In January Mayo venues played host to the annual She's Ace event, celebrating women's sporting prowess, in association with Breast Cancer Ireland. Around 100 entrants travelled west, competing across five categories in 40x20 and three categories in One-Wall, with "Just for fun" 11-and-under categories in each. In the showpiece event, Catriona Casey edged Martina McMahon in the first staging of an intense rivalry that would rage late into the year. Kilkenny's Noelle Dowling took the 15&Under honours with victory over fellow county colleague Roisin O Keefe while the 13&Under title went to Kilkenny also with Amy Brennan defeating Tyrone's Clodagh Munroe in a final of excellent quality.

Sunday was Wallball day with the 11&U fun event, Team Event, a novel Mother & Daughter competition and a Beginners Challenge all taking place in the impressive Breaffy House Sports Arena.

The She's Ace initiative has proved to be an excellent addition to the



“THE STANDARD OF LADIES HANDBALL IN IRELAND CONTINUES TO RISE WITH AN EXCELLENT CROP OF JUVENILES KNOCKING ON THE DOOR OF SOME OF THE FINEST SENIOR LADIES SEEN IN THE GAME.”

GAA Handball calendar and one that continues to grow year on year. The novel format of group games in the Ladies Open means all entrants are guaranteed three games. The standard of Ladies Handball in Ireland continues to rise with an excellent crop of Juveniles knocking on the door of some of the finest Senior Ladies seen in the game.

With a bigger and better event planned for 2018 the She's Ace Handball Event continues to go from strength to strength.

FÉILE NA NGAEL

Little over a month after the huge turnout at Breaffy House, the John West Féile na nGael at Galway venues turned out to be second largest in history with more than 70 teams competing across the three codes. Ultimately, teams from 16 different counties would challenge for divisional or plate honours.

Local club Abbeyknockmoy took top honours in the Boy's 40x20, beating Tyrone club Breacach by the slender margin of 27-24, thanks in no small part to division one skills winner Mikey Kelly. Division two was won by Fermoy, edging fellow Cork club Ballydesmond by two points overall. Kingscourt took division three, Laois' Cullohill division four, Clogh from Kilkenny won division five, and in perhaps the match of the weekend, Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty of Waterford beat Wicklow's Coolboy 11-

10 in a tie-break, with the initial match having ended tied at 32 apiece in the division six final.

In the Girl's 40x20, Clogh impressed most, seeing off Galway's Micheál Breathnach to land the division one title. Kilkishen of Clare took division two and Carlow's Garryhill came out on top in division three, with Clogh's Amy Brennan winning the skills competition.

Division one of the Boy's 60x30 went to Kilfane of Kilkenny, comfortably seeing off Tipperary's Ballina, with Kilfane's Sean O'Keefe adding the skills title for good measure, while Castleconner brought the division one plate back to Sligo after overcoming Wexford's Castlebridge.

The Boy's One-Wall title went to Clough Ballacolla of Laois, with the O'Moore club edging the Tribesmen's Mountbellew/Moylough, however, the club's girls team went one better, beating Oughterard in an all Galway final, and also landed skills titles for Joseph Gallagher and Emma Ryan.

In exciting news for Féile enthusiasts a standalone 60x30 Féile has been planned for 2019 to try and boost Juvenile numbers playing the traditional game. With entries low in the 60x30 grade for the past number of years due to players having to choose between codes it was decided to hold a separate 60x30 Féile during the 60x30 season to give more players the chance to participate and experience Féile. I would encourage all clubs to get behind this initiative and support the 60x30 Féile in 2019.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

The John Gaffney Memorial in its ninth staging took place in its usual slot in early January. 24 of the nation's best took to Ballaghderreen to start the year in style. Following the capture of his maiden All-Ireland the previous year, Charlie Shanks carried his momentum into the new year, defeating Robbie McCarthy in the final to solidify his place at the top of the Irish 40x20 rankings.

The Kingscourt Shootout attracted 32 Junior and Intermediate players to the Eastern tip of County Cavan on the first Saturday of the new year, with Wexford's Daniel Kavanagh taking inaugural honours.

The warm weather of the summer provided ideal 'big alley' conditions and locally-run events were the order of the day, with Virginia HC in Cavan running an excellent doubles tournament on July 7 which was won by Offaly duo David Hope and Noel Murphy.

One of the most successful club-run events was in Tyrone, where the progressive Loughmacrory club again hosted the One Wall Lough Showdown, which proved to be an outstanding success. The annual event attracted over 250 players with entries from Belgium and England. The club later re-opened their new centre including their renovated 60x30 court as part of a hugely successful weekend.

With the nation happily embracing the biggest heatwave in living memory, Conor McElduff was enjoying unprecedented domination over the Irish Wall Ball scene defeating Paudi Quish in the Mount Talbot final, with Kildare's Leah Doyle who also enjoyed a fine year taking the Ladies Open title.

After the highs of the 60x30 season, it was back into the smaller court in November for the traditional curtain-raiser in Belfast, the St Paul's Golden Gloves, at which Diarmaid Nash and Catriona Casey claimed top honours. The event was a huge success, with 180 matches over three days.

December was a busy month on the club front with the popular Salthill tournament proving to be a terrific hit once more with big entry numbers. Also in December the annual Tim Healy Memorial took place in Liscarroll, the event has proved to be one of the best Juvenile competitions on the GAA calendar and the 2018 edition proved a big success once more with Billy Drennan (Kilkenny) and Chloe Philpott (Clare) taking the 15&Under titles.

The newest edition to the Open Club Tournament scene saw the Moycullen Open take place in mid-December.

“THE JOHN WEST FÉILE NA NGAEL TURNED OUT TO BE SECOND LARGEST IN HISTORY WITH MORE THAN 70 TEAMS COMPETING ACROSS THE THREE CODES.”



and it proved to be a roaring success with local favourite Martin Mulkerrins taking the title. The event looks set to be a vital cog in the 40x20 calendar.

Other successful tournaments were held throughout the country catering from players from Underage to Junior to Open level. I congratulate all the clubs who put the effort into running tournaments.

The Club Tournament scene has really seen a rise in standards over the last number of years with the quality of events on offer at the moment second to none. I would encourage more clubs to run tournaments as it is through exposure to Handball at local tournaments that Handball will truly grow at grassroots level.

SECOND LEVEL HANDBALL

The 40x20 Colleges semi-finals and finals took place in Kingscourt with Galway's Niamh Heffernan of Colaiste Baile Clar, capturing the Girls Singles title while the Boys Senior Singles title went to Tiernan Agnew of St. Camin's College Shannon. The Senior Doubles titles went to Sean McAdams and Cormac Doheny of Borrisokane CC, Tipperary with Cuileann Bourke and Claire Reynolds taking the Girls Senior Doubles title for Balla SS, Mayo.

The Girls Junior Singles was won by Mairead Fox of Loreto, Omagh who had a fantastic year of success, in the final she defeated rising star Amy Brennan of Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny. The Girls Junior Doubles went to St Joseph's Tulla, Clare with Chloe Philpott and Orla O'Brien defeating Hazel Finn and Lucy Brennan of St Louis, Kiltimagh.

The Boys Intermediate titles went to Monaghan's Eoghan McGinnity representing St Macartan's, Monaghan defeating Eimhin O'Dioluin of Colaiste Croi Mhuire, Galway with the Doubles title heading north to Tyrone as the strong pairing of Antoin Fox and Lorcan McBride of Omagh CBS defeated Kilkenny's Kyle Dunne and Billy O'Neill representing Castlecomer CS.

The Boys Junior Singles title went to Billy Drennan of Kilkenny CBS who defeated Rory Grace of Nenagh College with the Doubles title heading to Clare as the duo of Tiernan Slattery and Patrick Crotty of Scariff CC defeated Colaiste Mhuire Johnstown, Kilkenny pairing Jim O'Connor and John Doheny.

At the end of the day Clare schools finished with three titles while Tyrone finished with two while the remaining titles were spread throughout the country with schools in Galway, Kilkenny, Mayo, Monaghan and Tipperary all sharing one title a piece.

In the 60x30 Colleges event that



took place over three venues in Collooney, Ballymote and Williamston, Kilkenny's Jack Holden representing Greenan College, Thomastown capped a terrific year in the 60x30 court when he captured the 2nd level colleges Boys Senior Singles title while Kildare's Mollie Dagg, Colaiste Chiarain, Leixlip took home the Girls Senior Singles title.

Titles went to the four corners of the country as the cream of the crop came to the top. Greenan College and Castlecomer CS both from Kilkenny took home three titles each while four other schools took home one titles a piece. It was a very good day for Kilkenny handball as they took home six titles while Clare, Galway, Kildare and Monaghan followed with one each.

In the Girls Junior Singles final Kilkenny's Amy Brennan of Castlecomer CS overcame Sadhbh Ni Fhlaithearta Colaiste na Coirbe 15-4, 15-3. The Girls Junior Doubles title went to St Joseph's Tulla for the

second year in a row as Chloe Philpott and Eimear Murphy defeated Shonagh Mitchell/Siofra Cooley of Salerno, Galway. In the Girls Blue Riband event the Senior Singles, Mollie Dagg of Colaiste Chiarain, Leixlip overcame Clare Conway (Southwest College, Omagh on a score-line of 15-6, 15-0. while the Girls Senior Doubles title went to Kilkenny with sisters Dearbhail and Roisin O'Keeffe (Greenan College) defeating last year's winners Mayo's Cuileann Bourke/Claire Reynolds who were representing Balla Secondary School 15-10, 15-5.

In the Boys competitions, the Junior Singles final was won by Galway's Mikey Kelly of Clarin College when he accounted for Luke Flanagan of Castlecomer CS. The Junior Doubles title went to Kyle Jordan/Billy O'Neill Greenan College when they overcame Cormac Finn/Shane Rafferty of Colaiste Muire, Sligo. The Boys Intermediate Singles final was won by Eoghan McGinnity of St. Macartan's

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College Monaghan after a tight two game victory over Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS). While the Boys Intermediate Doubles was won for the second year in a row by Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill representing Castlecomer CS as they overcame Brian McAleer/Jack Darcy of Omagh CBS 15-0, 15-2.

The Boys Senior Doubles title went to the strong Kilkenny pairing of Ciaran Cooney/Jamie Maher of Castlecomer CS when they overcame Konrad Kowal/Justas Dumbinskas of St. Macartan's 15-11, 15-2. Finally the Boys Blue Riband event the Boys Senior Singles saw a cracking semi final between Jack Holden and Kerry's Daire Keane, a repeat of the All Ireland Minor Final a few weeks previously with Holden prevailing following a third game.

THIRD LEVEL HANDBALL

Early February means the ICHA Collegiate Championships at Kingscourt. Regularly one of the year's biggest events in terms of participation, this year promised new names on the Roll of Honour with five-time Open singles champion Martin Mulkerrins graduation and reigning Ladies champion Ciana Ní Churraoin out through injury. The stage was set for University of Limerick's Colin Crehan to assume the mantle, and duly obliged, defeating fellow UL man Michael Hedigan to take top honours. DCU's Fiona Tully emerged victorious in an all-Dublin final against Ciara Mahon of TCD.

In the ICHA 40x20 Doubles Finals UCD took top honours with Galen Riordan and Emmet Landy defeating

Daniel Relihan and Jason English of UL in the final of the Mens with DCU pairing of Fiona Tully and Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh taking the Ladies top honours defeating Doireann Murphy and Ella Donnelan of UL.

The ICHA Wall-Ball championships held at DCU in March. Paidi Quish of UL took top honours in the Men's Open with Ciara Mahon winning the Ladies, avenging her 40x20 defeat to Fiona Tully in the final.

In the ICHA 60x30 Finals Shane Dunne of ITT defeated Galen Riordan of UCD in the Mens Open Final with Aoife Holden of DCU capturing the Ladies Open defeating Fiona Tully also of DCU. The 60x30 Ladies Doubles title went the way of the DCU pairing of Fiona Tully and Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh who defeated Laura Finn and Aishling Mullin of NUIG in the final. The US Collegiates in saw Roscommons Fiona Tully representing DCU defeat her college compatriot Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh in the Ladies Open Final with the pair joining forces to take the Ladies Open Doubles title defeating Taylor Rumping and Cristina Pecaut of Missouri State University in the final.

INTERNATIONAL

The weekend of August 18-19 was a famous one in the annals of Irish handball as it saw two new World Open Singles champions crowned in Killian Carroll of Cork and Limerick's Martina McMahon.

The four-wall Open Singles finals were the culmination of an excellent two weeks for the Irish at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis



and added to the Wallball Open Singles titles won by McMahon and Tyrone's Conor McElduff, it capped off a most extraordinary 10 days.

First to Carroll, the Boston-based Mallow man who wowed the crowds in Minneapolis and on the webcast. He turned in a magnificent display to see off Galway's Martin Mulkerrins in the final in a match which was a superb advertisement for the skills of our top players.

Carroll, conqueror of Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy in a tiebreaker in the semi-final, fell 10-1 down in the opening set against the hard-hitting Moycullen man but turned the tables with a spectacular exhibition of retrieving and precise attacking play.

Carroll caught his opponent at 15 in the first game and closed it out 21-16. In the second, Mulkerrins looked a little jaded at one point but came roaring back and looked set to close it out when he led 18-16.

However, four kills and an ace serve just when they were most needed saw the 24-year-old Mallow man – now based in Boston – close it out on a 21-18 scoreline.

Carroll is the first new world champion to be crowned since Paul Brady in 2003. Cavan's Brady qualified





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THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 18-19 WAS A FAMOUS ONE IN THE ANNALS OF IRISH HANDBALL AS IT SAW TWO NEW WORLD OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONS CROWNED IN KILLIAN CARROLL OF CORK AND LIMERICK'S MARTINA MCMAHON

for the semi-finals but was forced to withdraw due to a badly sprained ankle sustained during his quarter-final win over Mexican Luis Cordova.

Meanwhile, in the Women's Open, Ireland's Martina McMahon, Ciana Ní Churaoin, Catriona Casey and holder Aisling Reilly made up the final four, with McMahon coming through to defeat Casey in the final on a 21-18, 21-12 scoreline with a spectacular exhibition of aggressive attacking play.

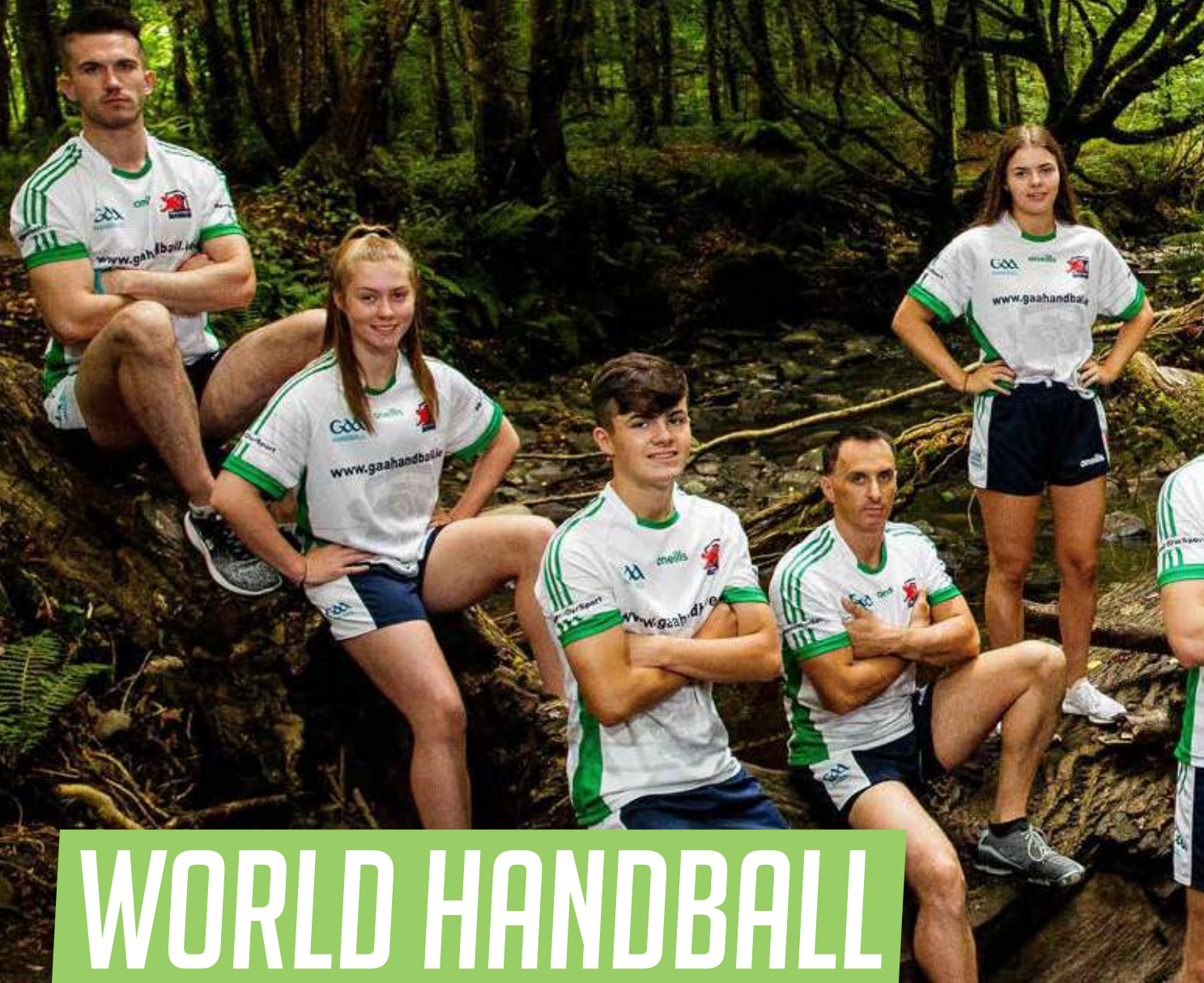
In the Doubles Team Ireland took a clean sweep of honours with Robbie McCarthy and Diarmaid Nash taking the Mens title defeating Sean Lenning and Marcos Chavez of the USA to retain their title with Team Ireland's Ladies Doubles Team of Aisling Reilly and Martina McMahon also retaining their title with victory over Catriona Casey and Aishling O Keefe.

It capped off an unbelievable 10 days for McMahon who took home three Open titles in what surely must rank as the most dominant display by an Irish Handballer in the history of the Worlds.

The European Tour in Wallball continues to grow with another successful Tour in 2018. Many Irish players travelled over to compete in Belgium, Holland, England, Italy and Spain as cheap flights mean that tournaments are accessible and easy to travel to. It is still planned to hold a stop in Ireland however it is difficult to find space in a packed Clar to hold a stop in Ireland but talks are ongoing to find a solution.

Elsewhere, Catriona Casey was in splendid form on the US Tour as she eased to yet another ranking success capturing the Players Championship.

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WORLD HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

The Official GAA Handball Team Ireland came home from the World Handball Championships in Minnesota very satisfied with their efforts, with a total of twenty-two medals claimed by the thirteen team members. Below is a review of Team Ireland's success.



MARTINA MCMAHON | LADIES OPEN | 3 GOLD'S ●●●

Limerick's McMahon the Irish Ladies Team Captain established herself among the greatest by being the 1st woman ever to slam both the 1-Wall and the 4-Wall World elite Singles titles. First up was the 1-Wall and in the final McMahon accounted for the number 1 seed Danielle Daskalakis (USA) 21-15, 18-21, 11-4 in the tie-break. Just as Limerick was winning the Hurling final back in Ireland, McMahon was accounting for Catriona Casey in the 4-Wall final with an explosive finish in both games to win 21-18, 21-12. McMahon added a third gold when she retained her Ladies 4-Wall Open Doubles title with Aisling Reilly on Sunday afternoon.



MARTIN MULKERRINS / MENS OPEN / 1 SILVER ●

Mulkerrins the Irish Men's Team Captain won Silver in the 4-Wall Elite Singles grade. The Moycullen man played Killian Carroll in the final and put in a tremendous show. He started well in both games but Carroll experience took the first 21-16. The second was every bit as tight as they were level on no fewer than 4 occasions Mulkerrins was leading 18-16 and the large on looking crowd was hoping for a tie-break. However Carroll with four kills and an ace serve just when they were most needed saw the 24-year-old Cork man close it out 21-18 to win his first Senior Singles World title 21-16, 21-18. Mulkerrins teamed up with Carroll in the Doubles but they lost at the semi-final stage to an American pairing.



CONOR MCELDUFF / MENS OPEN / 1 GOLD & 1 SILVER ●●

McElduff is on top of the world as he's the first Irish male to win a 1-Wall World title, the Breacach player has previously won on the European tour but now he's conquered the World. McElduff played the American Vlad Klym of the USA in the final and his killing and passing shots easily accounted for the New Yorker 21-6, 21-8. In the Doubles he was partnered by Paudi Quish but they just came up short in a thrilling game when Vlad Klym and Ingmar McKenzie (USA) overcame them in the tie-break to win 21-17, 20-21, 11-6.



ROBBIE MCCARTHY / MENS OPEN / 1 GOLD ●

McCarthy played with Doubles partner Diarmuid Nash in the 4-Wall Doubles as they accounted for Amando Ortiz and Vic Perez (USA) in the semi-final 21-10, 21-9 and they followed this up in the final when they defeated Marcos Chavez and Sean Lenning (USA) 21-7, 21-14 to retain their Worlds Open Double title. In the Singles McCarthy played arguably one of the matches of the tournament against the eventual winner Killian Carroll in the semi-final just to be outdone in the tie-break 13-21, 21-13, 11-3.



DIARMUID NASH / MENS OPEN / 1 GOLD ●

Tuamgraney man Nash teamed up with Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy in the Mens 4-Wall Open Doubles when they retained their title for the second time as they accounted for Marcos Chavez and Sean Lenning (USA) in the final 21-7, 21-14. In the Singles Nash fell to the eventual winner Killian Carroll in the quarter-finals 21-14, 21-8.



AISLING REILLY / LADIES OPEN / 1 GOLD ●

Antrim's Reilly is now a double World 4-Wall Doubles title winner as she and McMahon accounted for Catriona Casey and Aishling O'Keeffe in the final 21-5, 21-15. Reilly lost to her Doubles partner McMahon in the Singles semi-final to end her quest for three in a row in this event.



PAUL BRADY | MENS OPEN

Cavan's Brady the reigning five time World Senior Singles Champion entered this year's event in optimistic mood to make it six out six. Brady had wins in the last 16 and quarter finals but he picked up an ankle injury in the first game of the quarter final. This resulted in him having to pull out at the semi-final stage, much to the disappointment of handballers globally when the news broke the following morning.



MEGAN MCCANN | G19&U | 1 GOLD & 1 SILVER ●●

Armagh's McCann displayed her class as she stormed to the Girls 19&U 1-Wall title when she defeated Eimear Ni Bhiadha 21-3, 21-6 while in the 4-Wall Singles she took Silver when Sinead Meagher pipped her in the tie-break 21-12, 17-21, 11-6.



SHANE DUNNE | B19&U | 1 GOLD ●

Clogh's Dunne fell at the QF stage of his singles event in a tiebreak to top Canadian Ivan Burgos. But he showed his resolve to put that defeat behind him when partnering Sean Kerr of Tyrone to overcome Tiarnan Agnew and Jerome Cahill in the Boys 19&U Doubles Final.



NIAMH HEFFERNAN | G17&U | 2 GOLD & 1 SILVER ●●●

Heffernan took Gold on the Double in the 4-Wall events as she powered her way to win in the Girls 17&U and Ladies A Singles grades. In the 17&U grade she overcame Leah Doyle 21-9, 21-12 while in the A's she had a tight two game win over Eilise McCrory 21-15, 21-20. In the 1-Wall Singles she took Silver in the Girls 17&U grade as Leah Doyle won a hard fought three game 21-14, 13-21, 11-5.



EOGHAN MCGINNITY | B17&U | 1 GOLD & 1 SILVER ●●

Monaghan's McGinnity had a very impressive tournament, playing excellent Handball to come through a very competitive 17&U 4-Wall grade relatively unscathed, defeating Mark Rodgers in the final 21-14, 21-8. Earlier at the event in the 1-Wall 17&U Singles he claimed Silver when Eimhin O Diolluin proved the stronger one waller when he defeated McGinnity in the tie-break.



MAIREAD FOX | G15&U | 3 GOLD'S ●●●

Fox produced a few classy performance en route to three gold medals from three events, what's even more impressive is that she defeated three different opponents in her three finals. In her first event the 1-Wall 15&U Singles final she kept a cool head to defeat Clodagh Munroe 20-21, 21-19, 11-2. In the 4-Wall 15&U Singles final she played Noelle Dowling and had a tough two game win 21-15, 21-16. This was followed by the 4-Wall Doubles when she was partnered by her younger sister Dearblail to overcome Chloe Philpott and Louise McGinnity in another tight final to win 21-17, 21-15. What a remarkable tournament this young player had!



JOSH KAVANAGH | B15&U | 3 GOLD'S ●●●

Kavanagh also had a remarkable ten days when he also claimed 3 Gold's including one Singles and two Doubles titles with fellow Wexford handballer Mark Doyle. In the 1-Wall Josh and Mark captured the Boys 15&U Doubles title. In the 4-Wall Singles final Kavanagh faced Mikey Kelly and won 21-16, 21-10. A few hours later on Sunday afternoon Kavanagh and Doyle teamed up again in the 4-Wall Doubles and even though the Wexford boys were tired they produced the goods and won 21-7, 21-8.

I t was a phenomenal effort by every member of Team Ireland and I thank each and every one of them on behalf of GAA Handball for representing the Association, their clubs, counties and their country with such distinction.

I hope you all enjoyed the trip and that the memories made and friendships forged will live long with you. I would also like to congratulate all other Irish winners who won titles but were not on the official team. Ireland are currently the dominant nation in 4-Wall Handball at present, and going by the results at the Worlds, it looks likely to remain that way for the short-term future at least.

While we may have been playing second fiddle in years past on the Wallball stage the results in Minnesota show that Ireland are now firmly establishing themselves among the elite of the Wallball game with historic first titles in Wallball Open Mens & Ladies for Conor McElduff and Martina McMahon.

I would also like to thank the background team of Team mentors Michael Finnegan and Frances Curran for all their efforts over the two weeks and in the months leading up to the Worlds. To all the people who contributed to Team Ireland training sessions and to the clubs who offered their facilities. To Darragh Daly and Austin McKenna and to Uachtarán Joe Masterson and his wife Annette for their assistance in making the trip a successful one. It takes a monumental effort to prepare a team to travel to a World Championships and the fact that the trip was so successful is testament to the hard work each and every one put in.

A special word of thanks to our sponsors O'Neills for their generous sponsorship of the Team Ireland gear. Team Ireland were definitely the best presented of all the athletes and we thank Cormac Farrell and Laura Murphy for their assistance in getting the gear ready. To Steve Johnson and his team, all the volunteers and to the USHA for running a fantastic tournament we say well done and thank you, you have set the bar for us to follow. To the WPH for providing the excellent coverage so that Irish people across the country could follow their club and county colleagues we say a huge Thank you.

And so, the attention now turns to 2021 and the responsibility falls on the shoulders of GAA Handball to host the World Championships once more. We will be ready to welcome the World's best players in 4wall and Wallball and while it will be a challenge it is one we are more than capable of taking on. With the new Handball centre we will have a state of the art finals venue to form part of what promises to be an epic World Championships.

2018 was a challenging year on the Coaching & Development front due to enforced changes in personnel with my temporary appointment as Acting National Manager. Despite this limiting my role as National Development Officer, I am still very pleased with the large body of work that was undertaken in the area of Coaching & Development.

By National Development Officer Darragh Daly

COACHING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2018

NATIONAL COACHING TUTORS & COURSES:

GAA Handball's team of National Tutors have grown in 2018 with the addition of Fiona Shannon, Damien Martin & Nevan McCartin.

This greatly boosts our small numbers, and enables us to deliver a greater number of courses nationwide. By mid 2019 we also expect to have a further two additions, namely Enda Timoney and Marguerite Gore.

The time and dedication required for volunteers to work in these roles is considerable. For this I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our Tutors for assisting GAA Handball's Coach Education delivery.

Current Active Tutors (8):

- John O'Donoghue (Tipperary)
- Tadgh Carroll (Cork)
- Darragh Ruane (Mayo)
- Ryan Daly (Tyrone)
- Damien Martin
- Nevan McCartin
- Fiona Shannon
- Darragh Daly (National Development Officer)

Current Tutors in Training (2):

- Enda Timoney (Dublin)
- Marguerite Gore (Wexford)



2018 COACHING COURSE FIGURES:

	YEAR	COURSES	MALES	FEMALE	TOTAL
OFFICIAL CERTIFIED COURSES	2018	16	134	90	224
	2017	9	140	30	170
TEACHER IN-SERVICES	2018	25	250	349	599
	2017	27	262	365	627
TASTER SESSIONS	2018	12	238	141	379
	2017	13	240	148	388
2018 TOTALS		53	622	580	1,202

SUMMARY:

- Increase from 9 to 16 Certified Courses in 2018
- Increase of 54 additional coaches to receive official certification in 2018
- Huge increase in female coaches, up 60 additional certified coaches in 2018

We lost Deborah Foley from the Development Team in May, I thank Deborah for her contribution to the team and wish her well in her new role. I would like to personally thank Mayo's Darragh Ruane, who came on board full time with GAA Handball for a five-month period between February to July. Darragh's availability, combined with his role as a National Tutor,

enabled us to actually surpass our 2017 Coaching Accreditation numbers. The delivery of Level 1 Coaching Courses will be made a priority in 2019; aiming for a minimum of one per province.

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



COACHING VIDEO SERIES:

January 2019 saw the launch of GAA Handball's Coaching Video Series, which I strongly believe can be a hugely beneficial asset to players and coaches of all ages.

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 are hosted on the Coaching section of www.gaahandball.ie and on GAA Handball's YouTube/Vimeo platforms, and will be free for all members to avail of.

So far the videos have received over 25,000 views, which being truthful, is less than what I would have hoped for. I would encourage all Clubs to continuously promote the videos among their members. I

intend to promote the series visibility further this coming year, and will be distributing posters to all Clubs advertising their availability.

The next stage of the Coaching Video Series will be to develop videos specifically for the Softball and One-Wall codes, hopefully over the next 12-18 months.

COACHING MANUALS:

Complimentary Coaching Literature available on www.gaahandball.ie:

- (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.

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, providing an elite player pathway for juvenile players aged U14 - U18 years, with the aim to ensure our next generations of players are adequately supported to make the breakthrough into elite senior players nationally & internationally. The first Squad, as of January 2019, is bursting with potential and the Academy Coaches and myself are very keen to work with these young stars.

Boys:

- Eoghan McGinnity (Monaghan)
- Mark Rodgers (Clare)
- Josh Kavanagh (Wexford)
- Mark Doyle (Wexford)
- Billy Drennan (Kilkenny)
- Mikey Kelly (Galway)
- Kyle Jordan (Kilkenny)

Girls:

- Leah Doyle (Kildare)
- Mollie Dagg (Kildare)
- Niamh Heffernan (Galway)
- Clodagh Munroe (Tyrone)
- Chloe Philpott (Clare)
- Amy Brennan (Kilkenny)
- Emma Kinane (Galway)

I accept that there are numerous other young players with the potential to make the Academy Squad. We do have to work within available resources however. It should also be noted that the Academy Squad will operate an open door policy in the sense that players can be called up and dropped at any time throughout the year. A continuous scouting system will be in place, observing at juvenile seeding tournaments. Initially the Academy will cater for 40x20 only until the Academy is established, with a minimum of three training days per year.



TEAM IRELAND:

Team Ireland returned home from the 2018 World Championships with great success. Each team member represented their country, our association, and themselves with pride. I would like to thank them all for their commitment and respect during the two week Championships, and have no doubt we will be seeing a lot more from a very talented bunch of players in the not too distant future.

In the build up to the Championships, three training days also took place in Moycullen & Kingscourt to best support the players in terms of coaching and fitness. I would like to thank the Team Management of Michael Finnegan and Frances Curran for their assistance throughout the entire World Championship programme. Both were very thorough and professional in their approach, and were pivotal in the success of the team.

CLUB IONTACH:

A new Club Accreditation Scheme titled "Club Iontach" has been developed, with aims to provide best practice guidance for Clubs.

OTHER:

Each week I receive correspondence from new Schools interested in getting involved with GAA Handball's Schools One-Wall Initiative. I would like to thank all the teachers nationwide who continually help promote and develop an awareness of our game to thousands of students.

Schools Handball is a perfect example of how recreational handball can flourish. Again, I would encourage all Handballers & Clubs to spread the word about this initiative in their local schools.

Initial structures for a Referee's Pathway have been put in place, and the intentions are to get this off the ground in 2019, having initially been aimed for 2018. 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.

A new Club Accreditation Scheme titled "Club Iontach" has been developed, with aims to provide best practice guidance for Clubs. Similar to the Referee Pathway, this project was originally penciled in for a 2018 release, but unforeseen circumstances forced it's delay. I hope to have this released by 2019 Q2.



CLUB IONTACH

SET FOR RELEASE IN 2019



Over the past two years GAA Handball's Club Iontach accreditation scheme has been designed to provide Handball Clubs nationwide with a benchmark to assess their clubs approach based on best practice, thereby maximizing each club's potential and creating a standard benchmark for all our clubs to strive towards.

The role of the Club is the lifeblood of our association, and we are indebted to our volunteers. It is within the Club that future generations of Handball players are introduced to the sport, where countless hours are spent coaching, playing, volunteering and inspiring a life time of positive experiences and involvement in GAA Handball.

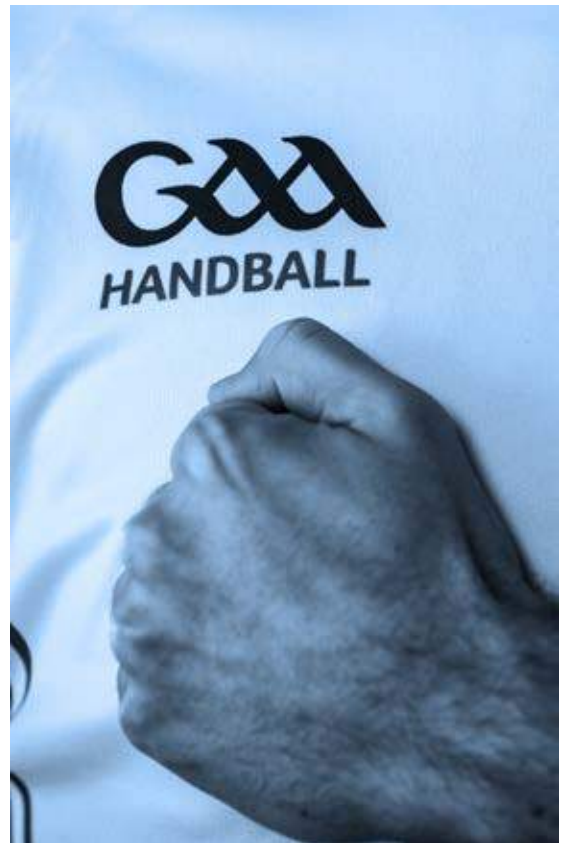
With all this in mind, GAA Handball have taken the initiative to provide our Clubs with this resource document to assist them to continue to evolve and strive for excellence. To complement this, a dedicated Club

Iontach section on the national website www.gaahandball.ie has also been developed to help guide clubs through this accreditation process, via a resource repository of guidance documents and sample templates to help simplify the process for Clubs.

We are well aware that it can be extremely time-consuming running a club in a volunteer capacity, and thus, we actively encourage the use of the templates provided. In addition, we encourage Clubs to contact GAA Handball National Office for assistance when required, which we will gladly offer where possible. GAA

Handball fully appreciate that there is not a 'one size fits all' answer for improving Clubs' standards, and this document is not to be viewed as an exhaustive list. Unique situations can arise within a Club, who may have previously developed their own ideas and methods to best suit their needs.

However, we do hope this accreditation scheme can be embraced with enthusiasm and used to help build on the current excellent work continuously being carried out in Clubs nationwide. We are confident that there is something in this document that all Clubs can



learn from as they continuously endeavour to create positive sporting experiences in a safe, enjoyable and supportive environment.

WHAT IS CLUB IONTACH?

Club Iontach is GAA Handball's new quality standards programme for Handball Clubs across Ireland. The programme was devised to help guide clubs to achieve minimum operating standards in three core areas, aimed at improving all aspects of club development. The aim of the scheme is to help clubs maximize and utilize their potential, outlining roles, policies and procedures. This is a resource that will be provided to all clubs, so that the Handball community can continue to grow in stature and strive for excellence.

The three core areas are:

1) Club Management

- 2) Coaching & Development
- 3) Safety

GAA Handball will award clubs with 'Club Iontach' Accreditation for their sustained effort in promoting the game at grassroots level, if they achieve the operating standards set.

BENEFITS OF CLUB IONTACH:

- Improve the clubs overall sustainability and effectiveness
- Increase the clubs profile, with all accredited clubs displayed on the national website www.gaahandball.ie
- Enhance club's ability to attract new members as both players and administrators
- Create an environment where clubs can succeed and are continuously striving to reach benchmarks.

- Make our clubs more attractive to sponsors.

I would like to thank National Development Officer Darragh Daly for his efforts in bringing this scheme to fruition. Also to Ronan Morris and Together Digital for their assistance in developing the online portal on the National website for Club Iontach. I am confident that once clubs embrace this scheme they will start to see the benefits of becoming an accredited Club Iontach.



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WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THERE IS SOMETHING IN THIS DOCUMENT THAT ALL CLUBS CAN LEARN FROM AS THEY CONTINUOUSLY ENDEAVOUR TO CREATE POSITIVE SPORTING EXPERIENCES IN A SAFE, ENJOYABLE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

2018 TITLE BREAKDOWN

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GAA Handball Official Competitions:

Breakdown by Event and Code

COMPETITION	MALE ADULT	MALE JUVENILE	FEMALE ADULT	FEMALE JUVENILE	MIXED JUVENILE	TOTAL
60x30 Championship	40	8	8	8		64
40x20 Championship	40	8	9	8		65
Team Events	6	6		2		14
Gael Linn					1	1
Fáilte na nGael		8		4		12
2nd Level College		12		8		20
Third Level College	18		12			30
Worlds Adult 40x20	1		1			2
Doubles Trials						
40x20 Irish Junior/World Trials	5		5			
Wall Ball Championships	4	2	3	2		11
Wall Ball Nationals	9	5	4	4		22
She's Ace			6	4		10
TOTALS:	118	54	43	45	1	261

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018 (SPREAD OF TITLES)					
COUNTY	40X20 OPEN	60X30 OPEN	WALL BALL OPEN	CLUB OPEN	TOTALS
Limerick	1	1	2		4
Cork	1	1			2
Meath		1		1	2
Tyrone			2		2
Clare	1				1
Galway	1				1
Westmeath		1			1
Wicklow				1	1
TOTALS:	4	4	4	2	14



O'NEILLS GAA HANDBALL 40X20 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018 (SPREAD OF TITLES)

COUNTY	MENS ADULT	LADIES ADULT	BOYS JUVENILE	GIRLS JUVENILE	TEAM	TOTALS
Cork	3	1	2	1	1	8
Kilkenny	2		3		2	7
Galway	1	2	1	2	1	7
Wexford	5					5
Clare	4			1		5
Westmeath	4					4
Kildare	2	2				4
Tyrone	2			2		4
Tipperary	1	2	1			4
Kerry	3					3
Mayo	2			1		3
Waterford	2				1	3
Monaghan	1		1	1		3
Leitrim	2					2
Antrim	1					1
Carlow	1					1
Down	1					1
Dublin	1					1
Offaly	1					1
Sligo	1					1
Armagh		1				1
Limerick		1				1
Wicklow					1	1

TOTALS:

40

9

8

8

6

71

2018 TITLE BREAKDOWN

MYCLUBSHOP.IE GAA HANDBALL 60X30 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018 (SPREAD OF TITLES)

COUNTY	MENS ADULT	LADIES ADULT	BOYS JUVENILE	GIRLS JUVENILE	TEAM	TOTALS
Wexford	9				1	10
Tipperary	5	2	1	2		10
Kilkenny	5		2	2	1	10
Galway	3		1	1		5
Limerick	2	1		1	1	5
Cork	1	1	2		1	5
Meath	3				1	4
Offaly	3					3
Kildare	2	1				3
Westmeath	2					2
Roscommon	1	1				2
Carlow	1				1	2
Sligo		2				2
Tyrone			1	1		2
Cavan	1					1
Monaghan	1					1
Wicklow	1					1
Waterford			1			1
Mayo				1		1
TOTALS:	40	8	8	8	6	70



GAA HANDBALL OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS: 2018 BREAKDOWN

COMPETITION	MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL	NO OF GAMES PLAYED	NO OF VENUES USED
	ADULT	JUVENILE	ADULT	JUVENILE			
60x30 Senior Singles Championship	17		8		25	19	10
60x30 Senior Doubles Championship	13		4		17	8	3
60x30 Adult Championships - S&D	130		16		146	91	31
60x30 Juvenile Championships - S&D		28		24	52	32	5
60x30 Juvenile Colleges		23		12	35	21	3
60x30 Juvenile Team of 6/4		6			6	6	1
60x30 Club Championships	10				10	12	3
60x30 Girls Team of Six				2	2	6	1
40x20 Senior Singles Championship	16		7		23	16	10
40x20 Senior Doubles Championship	13		3		16	12	11
40x20 Adult Championships - S&D	145		26		171	117	37
40x20 Juvenile Championships - S&D		32		31	63	45	7
40x20 Juvenile Colleges		24		15	39	27	1
40x20 Juvenile Team of 6/4		11			11	16	3
40x20 Club Championships	11				11	21	4
40x20 Girls Team of Ten				3	3	15	1
40x20 Irish Junior Nationals - Qualifiers					0	98	14
40x20 Irish Junior Nationals		170		65	235	193	8
40x20 Irish Team Trials (Doubles)	8		5		13	11	1
Wall Ball Nationals	97	151	36	70	354	340	2
Wall Ball Championships	16	8	12	8	44	30	1
Cumann na mBunscoil		16		16	32	48	1
Gael Linn		8		8	16	10	1
Féile		50		19	69	170	9
She's Ace			39	57	96	185	7

TOTALS:

476

527

156

330

1489

1549

175



LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE
C.L.G. NA HÉIREANN

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED
31 OCTOBER 2018

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

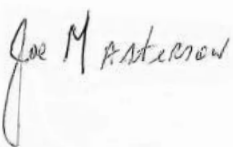
Management are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council and published by the Institute of Chartered 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: 17 January 2019



DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

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- 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
- Mairtín Ó Leathlobhair
- Michéal Ó Conchúir
- Donnacha Mac Thomais
- Seosaimh Ó Seachnasaigh
- Dónal Ó hAodha
- Piaras Ó Leathlobhair
- Liam de Róiste

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT OF LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE CLG NA HÉIREANN

Report on the audit of the financial statements

OPINION

In our opinion, Liathróid Láimhe CLG Na Héireann's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the organisation's affairs as at 31 October 2018 and of its result for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council of the UK, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland").

We have audited the financial statements, which comprise:

- the balance sheet as at 31 October 2018;
- the statement of income and retained earnings for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) ("ISAs (Ireland)"). Our responsibilities under ISAs (Ireland) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We remained independent of the organisation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, which includes IAASA's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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:

- management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- management have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the organisation'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.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern.

REPORTING ON OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises all of the information in the financial statements other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Management are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance 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 an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of 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 based on these responsibilities.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE AUDIT

Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of management responsibilities set out on page 3, management are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Management are also responsible 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 are responsible for assessing the organisation'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 intend to liquidate the organisation or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 website at: http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf.

This description forms part of our auditors' report.

Use of this report

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for management and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come, including without limitation under any contractual obligations of the organisation, save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants
Dublin
17 January 2019

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2018

	Schedule	2018	2017
Income		€	€
Registrations		101,845	94,390
Gate receipts		7,100	14,915
Competition and event income		22,811	22,966
Sports Ireland grants*		95,000	90,000
GAA grants	1	300,000	191,000
Sponsorship and commercial income		15,992	33,081
Women in sport grant - Sports Ireland *		8,000	8,000
Profit on sale of merchandise	2	10,055	9,891
Other income		5,712	6,506
		<hr/> 566,515	<hr/> 470,749
Expenditure			
Women in sport		32,723	27,411
Competition and event expenses		67,295	67,086
International		66,061	-
Provincial and urban regeneration grant grants		4,000	4,000
3rd level grants		5,000	5,000
Promotional materials		14,747	20,968
Trophies and medals		23,182	24,679
Meetings and officials' travel		46,010	49,953
Coaching, leadership and development		83,221	95,271
Administration and general	3	236,978	214,427
Depreciation		4,610	11,724
		<hr/> 583,827	<hr/> 520,519
Operating deficit		(17,312)	(49,770)
Grant from Central Council - world deficit		100,000	100,000
Balance at beginning of year		(1,299,312)	(1,349,542)
Balance at end of year		<hr/> (1,216,624)	<hr/> (1,299,312)

* The sponsoring department for both grants is the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

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.

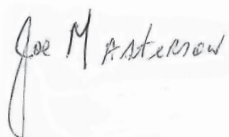
The Council has no movement in reserves during the current or prior year, except as noted above. Subsequently, a statement of changes in reserves has not been prepared.

BALANCE SHEET

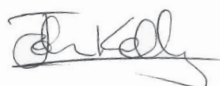
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2018

	Notes	2018 €	2017 €
Non – current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4	1,739	4,873
Current assets			
Receivables	5	407,546	428,683
Cash and cash equivalents (excluding overdrafts)		1,901	1,793
		409,447	430,476
Current liabilities			
Payables	6	549,234	656,299
Bank overdraft	7	1,078,576	1,078,362
		1,627,810	1,734,661
Net current liabilities		(1,218,363)	(1,304,185)
Net liabilities		(1,216,624)	(1,299,312)
Represented by			
Accumulated deficit		(1,216,624)	(1,299,312)

On behalf of the board



Seosamh Mac an Mháistir
Uachtarán



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 2018.

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 entity financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with accounting standards issued by the UK Financial Reporting Council and the Companies Act 2014. The entity financial statements comply with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (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 financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets and liabilities that are measured at fair values as explained in the accounting policies below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires the use of certain key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the financial year. It also requires the directors to exercise judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The directors believe there are no areas involving a higher degree of judgement or areas where assumptions and estimates have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

The exemptions contained within Section 1.12(b), 33.1(a) 33.7 of FRS 102 has been availed of in the preparation of these financial statements.

Going concern

Liathróid Láimhe CLG. na hÉireann reported an operating deficit of €17,312 (2017: deficit €49,770) for the year ended 31 October 2018 and a net surplus of €82,688 (2017: €50,230). At the year end the accumulated deficit on reserves amounted to €1,216,624 (2017: €1,299,312). 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.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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 and 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:

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 2017	15,948	43,500	59,448
Additions for the year	1,476	-	1,476
At 31 October 2018	17,424	43,500	60,924
Accumulated depreciation			
At 31 October 2017	15,948	38,627	54,575
Charge for year	492	4,118	4,610
At 31 October 2018	16,440	42,745	59,185
Net book value			
At 31 October 2017	-	4,873	4,873
At 31 October 2018	984	755	1,739

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

5. RECEIVABLES

	2018 €	2017 €
Amounts due from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael	337,302	359,322
Other receivables	69,994	69,111
	<u>407,296</u>	<u>428,433</u>

6. PAYABLES

	2018 €	2017 €
Payables and accruals	20,000	27,065
Taxation and social welfare	10,000	10,000
Deferred income	516,333	616,333
Other payables	2,901	2,901
	<u>549,234</u>	<u>656,299</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:

	2018 €	2017 €
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost		
Amounts due from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael	337,302	359,322
Cash and cash equivalents	1,901	1,793
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		
Taxation and social welfare	10,000	10,000
Bank overdraft	<u>1,078,576</u>	<u>1,078,362</u>

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

(a) Capital commitments

At 31 October 2018 and 31 October 2017 capital commitments of nil existed.

(b) Contingent liabilities

At 31 October 2018 and 31 October 2017 contingent liabilities of nil existed.

10. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the period end which require amendment to or disclosure in these financial statements.

11. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 17 January 2019.

SCHEDULES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2018

	2018 €	2017 €
SCHEDULE 1		
GAA Grants		
Annual grant	145,000	130,000
Administration grant	70,000	36,000
Promotional grant	25,000	25,000
World championship travel grant	60,000	-
	<u>300,000</u>	<u>191,000</u>
SCHEDULE 2		
Profit on sale of merchandise		
Sale of Handballs	45,319	53,104
Opening inventory	-	-
Purchases	35,264	43,213
Closing inventory	-	-
Cost of sales	<u>35,264</u>	<u>43,213</u>
	<u>10,055</u>	<u>9,891</u>
SCHEDULE 3		
Administration & General Expenses		
Staff costs	208,740	170,943
Printing, stationery, advertising and office supplies	10,545	23,966
Postage and telephone	9,688	12,377
Audit and professional fees	6,272	6,150
Interest, charges and financial costs	498	141
Miscellaneous	1,235	850
	<u>236,978</u>	<u>214,427</u>



MOTIONS

1. PROVINCIAL RULE 18(C)

The Provincial Council shall nominate for appointment annually a Provincial Competitions Control Committee which shall consist of three members. The Provincial C.C.C. shall be responsible for all arrangements for and the control of any matter arising from competitions under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Council and matters arising from same, including disciplinary matters other than those reserved to the G. A. A. Provincial Hearings Committee. It shall investigate and process matters relating to the Enforcement of Rules, including hearing objections and Counter Objections from competitions under its control.

Amend to read

The Provincial Council shall nominate for appointment annually a Provincial Competitions Control Committee which shall consist of A MINIMUM OF three members. The Provincial C.C.C. shall be responsible for all arrangements for and the control of any matter arising from competitions under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Council and matters arising from same, including disciplinary matters other than those reserved to the G. A. A. Provincial Hearings Committee. It shall investigate and process matters relating to the Enforcement of Rules, including hearing objections and Counter Objections from competitions under its control.

KILKENNY

2. ADDITION TO RULE 33 A

33. (A) The Central Competitions Control Committee shall consist of the National Fixtures & Events Officer, the

four Provincial Appointed Representatives and two other members appointed by the Central Council. It shall have a three-year term of office. It shall be responsible for all arrangements for and control of any matter arising from competitions under the jurisdiction of the Central Council and matters arising from same, including disciplinary matters other than those functions reserved to the G.A.A. Central Hearings Committee. It shall investigate and process matters relating to the Enforcement of Rules, including hearing Objections and Counter Objections, from competitions under its control. Hearings, where prescribed, shall be heard by the Central Hearings Committee.

Addition

The National CCCC shall deal with any issues that may arise within seven working days and, where necessary, before the next round of the relevant championship. The outcome of the National CCCC regards any issue shall be passed onto the relevant county secretary within twenty-four hours of the decision being reached.

KILKENNY

3. GAA HANDBALL CUPS/TROPHIES TO BE RETURNED TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL EACH YEAR BY THE FOLLOWING DATES:

40x20	– 1st February.
Féile	– 1st May.
60x30	– 1st August
Penalty: on time.	Fine of €70 per Cup/Trophy not returned

CCCC



RECOMMENDATIONS

4. "This meeting calls on GAA handball to only amend the championships played each year in each code following the passing of a motion(s) to do so at the Annual Meeting, as to act otherwise would be a total departure from custom and practice and norms to date."

ROSCOMMON

5. "That GAA Handball, recognising the success of the three year trial of an All-Ireland Wallball championships, retain these championships and hold them on an annual basis."

ROSCOMMON

6. "That a panel of referees be established and trained, with a view to assisting with the hosting of national championships."

ROSCOMMON

7. Appendix 6.1 National Fixtures & Postponements Policy

- f) Where a county cannot fulfil a fixture, the office must be notified immediately and certainly no less than 48 hours before the time of the fixture. The office shall then notify the opposing county, the venue official, the referee and CCCC.

RECOMMENDATION

Mayo request that the time limit of 48 hours be reduced to 24 hours. Genuine injuries can occur after the 48 hour deadline has passed, resulting in the need to withdraw from competition.

The 48 hour time limit may have been necessary in the past, when contacting people was much more difficult. However, in the modern era, where instant communication is easily achievable because of the prevalence of mobile phones, this constraint no longer applies.

Therefore a 24 hour time limit is more than sufficient in terms of communicating a need to withdraw from competition.

MAYO

8. That U16 boys 40x20 competitions be played with the adult 40x20 handball.

ULSTER HANDBALL

FORTHA! SUMMARY 2018



ALL THE RESULTS FROM THE HANDBALL YEAR

GAA HANDBALL MYCLUBSHOP.IE 60X30 ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

SS	Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Dublin (Eoin Kennedy) 21-19, 21-14
SD	Meath (Brian Carroll/Gary McConnell) dft Dublin (Eoin Kennedy/Carl Browne) 19-21, 21-12, 21-17
MS	Kilkenny (Jack Holden) dft Kerry (Daire Keane) 21-12, 21-8
MD	Kilkenny (Billy O'Neill/Ciaran Cooney) dft Cork (Conor Walsh/Cian O'Driscoll) 21-11, 10-21, 21-10
U21S	Galway (Diarmuid Mulkerrins) dft Kilkenny (Dylan Caulfield) 21-6, 21-5
U21D	Galway (Diarmuid Mulkerrins/Cian Ó Conghaille) dft Kilkenny (Dylan Caulfield/Padraig Cooney) 21-17, 21-12
JBS	Cork (David Walsh) dft Kildare (Myles Carroll) 20-21, 21-18, 21-7
JBD	Kildare (Myles Carroll/Jamie Balfe) dft Cork (David Walsh/John Hurley) 21-10, 21-12
JS	Wicklow (Christopher Doyle) dft Tipperary (Kevin Dempsey) 5-21, 21-10, 21-8
JD	Cavan (Paul Fitzpatrick/Cormac McMahon) dft Tipperary (John Ferncombe/Sean Maher) 21-17, 21-9
IS	Kilkenny (Brian Mahon) dft Waterford (Philip Butler) 21-9, 13-21, 21-8

ID	Wexford (Galen Riordan/Keith Armstrong) dft Cork (Daniel Relihan/Michael Hedigan) 21-19, 21-18
O35AS	Offaly (David Hope) dft Kerry (Dominic Lynch) 21-6, 21-11
O35AD	Offaly (David Hope/Noel Murphy) dft Mayo (Joe McCann/Joe Dowling) 21-18, 21-8
O35BS	Wexford (Paddy Haughton) dft Limerick (Keith Heelan) 21-10, 17-21, 21-8
O35BD	Wexford (Paddy Haughton/Matthew Hynes) dft Cork (Donnacha O'Dea/Philip O'Carroll) 21-19, 21-12
MAS	Wexford (Gavin Buggy) dft Tipperary (Paul Mullins) 14-21, 21-16, 21-16
MAD	Tipperary (Paul Mullins/Eddie Farrell) dft Wexford (Gavin Buggy/John Roche) 17-21, 21-17, 21-19
MBS	Roscommon (Sean Jennings) dft Kildare (Gavin Grace) 12-21, 21-6, 21-7
MBD	Limerick (Patrick Frawley/Burt Henley) dft Kilkenny (John Morrissey/William Murphy) 15-21, 21-15, 21-15
SMAS	Tipperary (David Moloney) dft Dublin (Conor Maxwell) 21-9, 21-9
SMAD	Tipperary (David Moloney/John O'Donoghue) dft Dublin (Connor Maxwell/Mick O'Donnell) 21-15, 21-8
SMBS	Offaly (Sean Ryan) dft Limerick (Mike O'Connor) 21-2, 21-19
SMBD	Monaghan (Michael Clerkin/John McGeough) dft Mayo (Seamus Grier/Kevin Cox) 18-21, 21-20, 21-13

GMAS	Meath (Tom Sheridan) dft Sligo (Martin Cooney) 21-5, 21-9
GMAD	Meath (Tom Sheridan/John Leahy) dft Tipperary (Kevin Mullins/Adrian Johnson) 21-11, 21-12
GMBS	Limerick (Denis McCarthy) dft Kildare (Jamie Travis) 21-10, 15-21, 21-1
GMBD	Wexford (Tommy Armstrong/Padraig Devereux) dft Tipperary (Brendan Ryan/Willie Burke) 21-14, 21-10
EMAS	Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Sligo (Francis McCann) 21-3, 21-11
EMAD	Kilkenny (Philly Parsons/Eamonn Purcell) dft Cork (John Herlihy/John Hedigan) 21-16, 9-21, 21-17
EMBS	Wexford (Stephen Murphy) dft Galway (Willie Corcoran) 21-19, 21-11
EMBD	Galway (Willie Corcoran/Mike Shaughnessy) dft Wexford (Nicky Casey/Jimmy Mythen) 18-21, 21-7, 21-15
DMAS	Tipperary (Billy Mullins) dft Kilkenny (Johnny Brennan) 21-5, 21-12
DMAD	Kilkenny (Johnny Brennan/Joe Hennessy) dft Tipperary (Billy Mullins/Pakie Mullins) 7-21, 21-14, 21-12
DMBS	Wexford (Brendan Murphy) dft Sligo (Peter Davey) 21-1, 21-4
DMBD	Wexford (Miley Byrne/Aidan Sinnott) dft Mayo (Pat Hayes/Tom Prendergast) 21-9, 21-0
RMS	Carlow (John Rossiter) dft Mayo (Martin Cronin) 21-5, 21-5
RMD	Tipperary (Paddy Collins/Jim Ryan)



dft Dublin (Eugene Kennedy/Vinnie Farrelly) 2-21, 21-11, 21-19

070S Wexford (Ned Buggy) dft Mayo (Matt Coady) 21-13, 21-9

070D Kildare (Anthony Campbell/Dermot Howard) dft Mayo (Matt Coady/Sean Ryder) 21-14, 21-0

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

LSS Limerick (Martina McMahon) dft Cork (Catriona Casey) 14-21, 21-20, 21-20

LSD Cork (Catriona Casey/Aishling O'Keefe) dft Kilkenny (Ciara Mahon/Aoife Holden) 21-4, 21-15

LMS Kildare (Leah Doyle) dft Galway (Niamh Heffernan) 21-12, 21-1

LJBS Sligo (Laura Finn) dft Kilkenny (Margaret Purcell) 21-6, 21-4

LJBD Sligo (Laura Finn/Sara Coleman) W/O Kilkenny (Margaret Purcell/Caoimhe O'Shea) inj.

LJS Tipperary (Sinead Meagher) dft Kilkenny (Dearbhail O'Keefe) 21-10, 21-3

LJD Tipperary (Sinead Meagher/Laura Shinnors) dft Dublin (Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh/Lisa McKenna) 21-11, 21-5

LIS Roscommon (Fiona Tully) dft Westmeath (Aoife McCarthy) 7-21, 21-20, 21-9

GAA HANDBALL O'NEILLS 40X20 ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

SS Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) dft Armagh (Charly Shanks) 21-9, 21-11

SD Clare (Diarmuid Nash/Colin Crehan) dft Cavan (Paul Brady/Michael Finnegan) 21-15, 14-21, 21-3

MS Clare (Tiernan Agnew) dft Kilkenny (Eoin Brennan) 21-8, 21-9

MD Clare (Tiernan Agnew/Mark Rodgers) dft Kilkenny (Padraig Foley/Eoin Brennan) 21-2, 19-21, 21-1

U21S Monaghan (Gavin Coyle) dft Cork (David Walsh) 21-4, 21-6

U21D Kilkenny (Shane Dunne/Padraig Cooney) dft Tipperary (Colin Ryan/Jason English) 21-7, 21-13

JBS Waterford (Kavan O'Keefe) dft Antrim (Mark Rainey) 21-5, 16-21, 21-20

JBD Waterford (Kavan O'Keefe/Anthony Fitzgerald) dft Kilkenny (Anthony Martin/Diarmuid Burke) 6-21, 21-19, 21-3

JS Wexford (Galen Riordan) dft Kerry (Jack O'Shea) 21-9, 21-10

JD Kerry (Jack O'Shea/Rory O'Connor) dft Wexford (Galen Riordan/Barry McWilliams) 4-21, 21-17, 21-12

IS Offaly (David Hope) dft Cork (Michael Hedigan) 21-7, 11-21, 21-10

ID Cork (Michael Hedigan/Daniel

Relihan) dft Kilkenny (Brendan Burke/Ciaran Neary) 21-19, 21-11

O35AS Wexford (Gavin Buggy) dft Galway (Ollie Conway) 21-17, 21-18

O35AD Wexford (Gavin Buggy/Paddy Haughton) dft Galway (Ollie Conway/Pat Conway) 21-5, 21-20

O35BS Clare (Pat Nolan) dft Antrim (Con Collins) 21-12, 21-17

O35BD Limerick (Keith Heelan/John Keyes) dft Wexford (James Stanners/David Stanners) 21-16, 21-12

MAS Kerry (Dominick Lynch) dft Antrim (Ricky McCann) 21-17, 21-5

MAD Kerry (Dominick Lynch/John Joe Quirke) dft Antrim (Sean Devine/Seamus O Tuama) 21-17, 21-9

MBS Limerick (J P O'Connor) dft Laois (Ray Fogarty) 21-11, 21-5

MBD Cork (Jamie O' Donnell/Ken O'Neill) dft Down (Tony O'Connor/Jim Cunningham) 21-7, 21-11

SMAS Wexford (Tommy Hynes) dft Clare (Fergal Coughlan) 21-8, 21-1

SMAD Kilkenny (Willie Holden/Eddie Burke) dft Clare (Fergal Coughlan/Tom Kirby) 21-12, 13-21, 21-15

SMBS Kildare (PJ McGrath) dft Limerick (Pat Murphy) 21-8, 21-16

SMBD Tyrone (Chris Curran/Finbar Fullen) dft Galway (Mairtín Ó Coistealbha/Keith Donnelan) 21-10, 21-8

GMAS Tyrone (Niall Kerr) dft Limerick (Tomas Donegan) 13-21, 21-10, 21-6

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GMAD	Antrim (Paddy Crothers/John McGarry) dft Mayo (George Miller/John Conroy) 21-4, 21-0
GMBS	Mayo (Johnny Coyne) dft Westmeath (Mike Naughton) 21-7, 21-11
GMBD	Westmeath (Mike Naughton/Liam Cassidy) dft Limerick (John Ryan/Denis McCarthy) 21-8, 21-14
EMAS	Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Cork (John Herlihy) 21-5, 21-6
EMAD	Cork (John Herlihy/John Hedigan) dft Kilkenny (Philly Parsons/Eamonn Purcell) 21-3, 20-21, 21-8
EMBS	Westmeath (Peter McCabe) dft Limerick (Jimmy Fanning) 17-21, 21-20, 21-3
EMBD	Westmeath (Peter McCabe/Philip Clarke) dft Limerick (Jimmy Fanning/Jack Dillon) 21-6, 21-15
DMAS	Tipperary (Billy Mullins) dft Wexford (Michael Rossiter) 21-8, 21-7
DMAD	Mayo (Kevin Geraghty/Pat Hopkins) dft Carlow (Tom Kane/John Rossiter) 21-11, 3-21, 21-12
DMBS	Down (Brian Havern) dft Sligo (Michael Murphy) 21-18, 21-16
DMBD	Sligo (Michael Murphy/Michael McMorro) dft Wexford (Brendan Murphy/Miley Byrne) 21-7, 21-14
RMS	Carlow (John Rossiter) dft Mayo (Martin Cronin) 21-4, 21-4
RMD	Dublin (Eugene Kennedy/Vinny Farrelly) dft Tipperary (Paddy Collins/Jim Ryan) 21-12, 21-12
O70S	Wexford (Ned Buggy) dft Tipperary (Jim Ryan) 7-21, 21-11, 21-20
O70D	Kildare (Dermot Howard/Tony Campbell) dft Mayo (Tim Hughes/Matt Coady) 21-19, 21-9

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

LSS	Limerick (Martina McMahon) dft Cork (Catriona Casey) 12-21, 21-19, 21-20
LSD	Cork (Catriona Casey/Aisling O'Keefe) dft Roscommon (Fiona Tully/Leona Doolin) 21-4, 21-5
LMS	Kildare (Leah Doyle) dft Clare (Catriona Millane) 21-12, 21-16
LMD	Kildare (Leah Doyle/Molly Dagg) dft Clare (Catriona Millane/Bridin Dinan) 21-4, 21-11
LJBS	Galway (Eimear Ní Bhiadha) dft Kilkenny (Margaret Purcell) 21-14, 21-11
LJBD	Galway (Aisling Mullin/Eimear Ní Bhiadha) dft Kilkenny (Margaret Purcell/Caoimhe O'Shea) 21-8, 21-4
LJS	Tipperary (Sinead Meagher) dft Dublin (Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh) 21-5, 21-6
LJD	Tipperary (Sinead Meagher/Roisin Cahill) dft Kilkenny (Aoife Holden/Claire Love) 21-16, 21-1

LIS	Armagh (Megan McCann) dft Clare (Ella Donnellan) 21-11, 21-2
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GAA HANDBALL 60X30 ALL IRELAND INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

OPEN	Kells (Meath) Brian Carroll, Tom Sheridan, Gary McConnell, Michael Sheridan, Robert Fox dft Hospital (Limerick) Paul Hedderman, Padraig Quish, JP O'Connor, Eamonn Davern, Mike O'Toole 89-75
JUNIOR	Broadford (Limerick) Evan Murphy, Shane Murphy, Ben Walsh, Eoin Hearty, Pat Murphy dft Kilfane (Kilkenny) Jack Holden, Willie Holden, Willie Murphy, Tom Dooley, Dylan Caulfield 88-65
JUNIOR B	Tinryland (Carlow) Kevin Barrett, Murt Doyle, Steve Doyle, David Donovan, Martin Mullins dft Williamstown (Galway) Jimmy Connaughton, Chris Connaughton, Martin Warde, Kieran Hanley 62-20

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 ALL IRELAND INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

OPEN	Coolboy (Wicklow) Michael Gregan, Jerome Willoughby, Michael Lennon, Johnny Willoughby, Keith Kavanagh dft Glenbeigh (Kerry) Dominick Lynch, Jack O'Shea, John Joe Quirke, Rory O'Connor 74-42
JUNIOR	Moycullen (Galway) Seamus Conneeley, Diarmuid Mulkerrins, David Davoren, Darragh Mulkerrins, Conor Noone dft St. Gall's (Antrim) Jordan O'Neill, Mark Rainey, Conor Hartigan, Lee McCann, Conal Doyle 81-58
JUNIOR B	Windgap (Kilkenny) Eamonn Hawe, Sean Foley, Cian Ryan, Emmet Landy, Darragh O'Shea dft Hospital (Limerick) Padraig Quish, John Keyes, John Ryan, JP P'Connor, Mike O'Connor 62-46

GAA HANDBALL 60X30 ALL IRELAND JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

GU14S	Kilkenny (Amy Brennan) dft Tyrone (Clodagh Munroe) 15-5, 15-6
GU14D	Tyrone (Cloda McNamee/Meabh McCrystal) dft Wexford (Ellie Murphy O'Gorman/Rachel Goff) 15-2, 15-4
GU15S	Galway (Sadhbh Ní Fhlaithearta) dft Monaghan (Louise McGinnity) 15-4, 15-4
GU15D	Tipperary (Anna Mulcahy/Aine Spain) dft Kilkenny (Lauren Power/Nathan Jackson) 15-2, 12-15, 15-6
GU16S	Kilkenny (Roisin O'Keefe) dft Clare (Chloe Philpott) 21-14, 21-0
GU16D	Tipperary (Isabel Farnan/Siobhán Prentice) dft Kilkenny (Aine Duggan/Doireann Knox) 21-4, 21-5
GU17S	Limerick (Aisling Shanahan) dft

	Meath (Emily Sheridan Fox) 21-17, 21-20
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GU17D	Mayo (Cuileann Bourke/Claire Reynolds) dft Limerick (Ciara McCarthy/Keri Murphy) 21-4, 21-3
BU14S	Galway (Mikey Kelly) dft Monaghan (Sean Callan) 15-0, 15-0
BU14D	Kilkenny (Kyle Jordan/Sean O'Keefe) dft Waterford (Charlie Treen/Sean Callaghan) 15-5, 14-15, 15-13
BU15S	Tyrone (Jack Darcy) dft Wexford (Tommy Connors) 10-15, 15-12
BU15D	Cork (Cathal Ducey/Evan Enright) dft Wexford (Conor Murphy/Ross Arnold) 15-3, 15-0
BU16S	Kilkenny (Kyle Dunne) dft Monaghan (Eoghan McGinnity) 21-17, 20-21, 11-9
BU16D	Tipperary (Cormac Doheny/Rory Grace) dft Mayo (Lorcan Conlon/Bobby Reilly) 21-14, 21-9
BU17S	Waterford (Michael Kiely) dft Kilkenny (Eoin O'Brien) 21-11, 21-12
BU17D	Cork (Colin Healy/Luke Barrett) dft Kilkenny (James Love/Tom Carroll) 21-14, 21-9

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 ALL-IRELAND JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

GU14S	Tyrone (Clodagh Munroe) dft Kilkenny (Amy Brennan) 15-10, 15-8
GU14D	Galway (Sky Ni Mhaille Breathnach/Eadaoin Nic Dhonnacha) dft Tyrone (Dearbhla Fox/Clóda Nic Con Midhe) 15-8, 14-15, 15-13
GU15S	Monaghan (Louise McGinnity) dft Wexford (April Moran) 15-11, 15-3
GU15D	Cork (Celine Kelleher/Muireann O'Brien) dft Roscommon (Siobhán/Aishling Treacy) 15-0, 15-9
GU16S	Tyrone (Mairead Fox) dft Kilkenny (Roisin O'Keefe) 21-9, 21-15
GU16D	Clare (Chloe Philpott/Amber Nolan) dft Laois (Aoife Brophy/Lauren McGuigan) 21-1, 21-10
GU17S	Mayo (Claire Reynolds) dft Limerick (Aisling Shanahan) 21-10, 21-15
GU17D	Galway (Orla Whyte/Aoife Nic Dhonnacha) dft Limerick (Ciara McCarthy/Keri Murphy) 21-15, 21-7
BU14S	Galway (Mikey Kelly) dft Cork (Hayden Supple) 15-7, 15-0
BU14D	Kilkenny (Daniel Hanrahan/Thomas Sharkey) dft Tyrone (Conor Owens/Patrick McCann) 15-7, 15-8
BU15S	Tipperary (Rory Grace) dft Kilkenny (John Doheny) 15-9, 10-15, 15-0
BU15D	Cork (Kealan Murphy/Gearoid Healy) dft Galway (Paul Kearns/Darragh Kyne) 15-5, 15-10
BU16S	Monaghan (Eoghan McGinnity) dft Wexford (Josh Kavanagh) 21-9, 13-21, 11-0
BU16D	Kilkenny (Kyle Dunne/Jack Doyle) dft Tipperary (Jack McGrath/Conor O'Dwyer) 21-4, 21-7



BU17S Kilkenny (Jack Holden) dft Donegal (Odhran McGlynn) 21-5, 21-11

BU17D Cork (Luke Barrett/Colin Healy) dft Mayo (Alan Masterson/Patrick Carroll) 21-12, 21-5

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 WORLD OPEN DOUBLES TRIALS

SD Robbie McCarthy/Diarmaid Nash dft Tadgh Carroll/Ryan Harkin 21-13, 21-3

LSD Martina McMahon/Aisling Reilly dft Catriona Casey/Aisling O'Keefe 21-14, 21-20

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 IRISH JUNIOR NATIONALS/WORLD TRIALS

G13&U Emma Kinane (Gal) dft Jodie Keeling (Wex) 15-5, 15-10

G15&U Mairead Fox (Tyr) dft Clodagh Munroe (Tyr) 15-7, 15-6

G17&U Niamh Heffernan (Gal) dft Leah Doyle (Kild) 15-12, 15-10

G19&U Megan McCann (Arm) dft Catriona Millane (Cla) 15-9, 13-15, 11-5

B13&U Kyle Jordan (Kilk) dft Harry Delaney (Kilk) 15-6, 15-7

B15&U Josh Kavanagh (Wex) dft Mark Doyle (Wex) 15-12, 15-5

B17&U Eoghan McGinnity (Mon) dft Daire Keane (Ker) 15-14, 15-11

B19&U Shane Dunne (Kilk) dft Sean Kerr (Tyr) 15-2, 15-12

GAA HANDBALL WALL BALL NATIONALS FINALS

MO: Conor McElduff (Tyr) dft Martin Mulkerrins (Gal) 9-15, 15-5, 11-8

LO: Martina McMahon (Lim) dft Fiona Tully (Ros) 15-0, 15-2

LB: Clare Conway (Tyr) dft Laura Finn (Sli) 23-13

LCh: Michelle McCoy (Dow) dft Aine Ni Dhrongheann (Gal) 25-11

LM: Maighead Ni Dhuill (Arm) dft Mary Havern (Dow) 30-6

MB: Ian McLoughlin (May) dft Shane Murphy (Lim) 16-12

MC: Gearoid O'Connell (Cor) dft David O'Brien (Tip) 19-18

MCh: Stephen Monaghan (DF) dft Barney McAleer (Tyr) 16-16, 5-2

M: James Doyle (Arm) dft Barry McCoy (Dow) 23-8

SM: Chris Curran (Tyr) dft Mike Dillon (Gal) 16-15

GM: Paddy Donovan (Lao) dft Niall Kerr (Tyr) 17-12

EM: Paul Cassidy (Mon) dft Brian Havern (Dow) 24-9

RM: Eugene Kennedy (Dub) dft Sean Devlin (Lou) 22-10

B13&U: Kyle Jordan (Kilk) dft Harry Delaney (Kilk) 30-3

B15&U: Mikey Kelly (Gal) dft Mark Doyle (Wex) 22-4

B17&U: Eimhín O Diollúin (Gal) dft Jason O'Toole (Gal) 16-16, 5-3

B19&U: Daniel Kavanagh (Wex) dft Ben Devlin (Lou) 20-4

G13&U: Emma Kinane (Gal) dft Sarah Walsh (Cor) 17-13

G15&U: Mairead Fox (Tyr) dft Sadhbh Ni Fhlaithearta (Gal) 19-14

G17&U: Leah Doyle (Kild) dft Caitlin Conway (Tyr) 25-12

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

Under 12/13 Team: Cork (Cameron O Sullivan, Cian Dunning, Tomas O Connor, Hayden Supple, Ben Sullivan, Cian Cronin O'Neill, Wesley Delany, Donal Murphy) dft Kilkenny (Conor Doyle, Niall Drennan, John Hayes, Cathal Buckley, Michael Brennan, David Holden, Joseph Prendergast, Ronan O'Brien) 72-58.

Under 14/15 Team: Kilkenny (Noah Bourke, Conor Holden, Joe Healy, Michael Carroll, Emmett Nolan, Luke Flannigan, Sean Barron, Ciaran Phelan) dft Cork (Darragh Murphy, Eoghan Daly, John Cronin, Michael Mullane, Dan Sheahan, Eric Delany) 80-61.

Under 16/17 Team: Wexford (Michael Shiels, David Doyle, Joe Devereux, Calum Smithies, Jake Doyle) dft Waterford (Daniel Treen, Rian Hayes, Seanie Lenihan, Gerry Riordan) 60-3.



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

Under 12/13 Team: Cork: Cameron O'Sullivan, Cian Dunning, Tomas O'Connor, Shane Cotter, Darragh Murphy, Ben Sullivan, Cian Cronin O'Neill, Nathan Sheehan dft Kilkenny: Michael Brennan, Niall Drennan, John Hayes, David Holden, James Purcell, Joseph Prendergast, Cathal Buckley, Conor Doyle 76-65.

Under 14/15 Team: Kilkenny: Sean Purcell, Adam O'Shea, Gearoid Phelan, Conor Holden, Luke Flanagan, Dominic Bolster, Harry Delaney, Mikey Kirwin dft Cork: Shane O'Riordan, Eanna McInerney, Dan Sheehan, Eric Delany, Fionn O'Connell, Cathal Ducey, Evan Enright, Donal Murphy 77-72.

Under 16/17 Team: Waterford: Oisín Hallahan, Jamie Moylan, Daniel Treen, Ger Riordan, Niall Buckley dft Wexford: Dean O'Neill, Joe Devereux, David Doyle, Jack Murphy, Callum Smithies, Quentin Kehoe 52-34.

GAA HANDBALL 60X30 JUVENILE GIRLS TEAM OF SIX CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Munster dft **Leinster** 77-66

GAA HANDBALL 40X20 JUVENILE GIRLS TEAM OF TEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Leinster dft **Connacht** 105-28

Munster dft **Connacht** 81-73

Leinster dft **Munster** 104-66

Final Totals

- 1st** – Leinster 209
- 2nd** – Munster 147
- 3rd** – Connacht 101

GAA HANDBALL GAEL LINN FINAL

Loughmacrory, Tyrone (Dearbhail Fox, Eoin McElholm) dft **Abbeyknockmoy**, Galway (Emma Kinane, Gavin Kelly) 52-37

GAA HANDBALL SHE'S ACE

40X20 FINALS

11&U: Fun Event

13&U: Amy Brennan (Kilkenny) dft Clodagh Munroe (Tyrone) 25-18

15&U: Noelle Dowling (Kilkenny) dft Roisin O'Keeffe (Kilkenny) 25-23

Ladies Challenger: Eilish Owens (Tyrone) dft Mary Burke (Mayo) 31-15

Ladies B: Cliodha O'Connell (Wexford) dft Cuilleann Bourke (Mayo) 15-2, 15-13

Ladies Open: Catriona Casey (Cork) dft Martina McMahon (Limerick) 15-11, 15-6

ONE-WALL FINALS

11&U: Fun Event

Team Event: Team Guildea (Aine Guildea, Eilish Owens, Leah Minogue, Cliona Dunning, Lauren Power) dft Team Bourke (Cuilleann Bourke, Kathleen Conway, Clodagh Munroe, Clodagh Ni Dhiorain, Farrah Ryan) 40-36

Mother & Daughter: Carmel & Clare Reynolds (Mayo) dft Eithne & Clodagh Munroe (Tyrone) 15-12

Beginners Challenge: Mary Burke (Mayo) dft Nuala Dunning (Cork) 15-13

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

GJS Amy Brennan (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) dft Sadhbh Ni Fhlaithearta (C na Coirbe, Galway) 15-0, 15-9

GJD Chloe Philpott/Eimear Murphy (St Joseph's, Tulla Clare) dft Shonagh Mitchell/Siofra Cooley (Salerno, Galway) 15-1, 15-0

GSS Mollie Dagg (Col Chiarain, Leixlip) dft Clare Conway (Southwest College, Omagh) 15-0, 15-1

GSD Dearbhail & Roisin O'Keeffe (Greenan College, Kilkenny) dft Cuilleann Bourke/Claire Reynolds (Balla SS, Mayo) 15-10, 15-5

BJS Mikey Kelly (Clarín College, Galway) dft Luke Flanagan (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) 15-1, 15-0

BJD Kyle Jordan/Conor Holden (Greenan College, Kilkenny) dft Cormac Finn/Shane Rafferty (Coláiste Muire, Sligo) 15-4, 15-3

BIS Eoghan McGinnity (St. Macartan's, Monaghan) dft Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS) 15-4, 15-10

BID Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) dft Brian McAleer/Jack Darcy (Omagh CBS) 15-0, 15-1

BSS Jack Holden (Greenan College, Kilkenny) W/O Nathan Corbett (Balla SS, Mayo) No Show

BSD Ciaran Cooney/Jamie Maher (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) dft Konrad Kowal/Justas Dumbinskas (St. Macartan's, Monaghan) 15-11, 15-2

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

GJS Mairead Fox (Loreto, Omagh) dft Amy Brennan (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) 15-9, 15-12

GJD Chloe Philpott/Orla O'Brien (St Joseph's, Tulla, Clare) dft Hazel Finn/Lucy Brennan (St. Louis, Kiltimagh) 15-13, 15-4

GSS Niamh Heffernan (Colaiste Baile Chlair) dft Megan McCann (St. Ronan's College, Lurgan) 15-13, 15-3

GSD Cuilleann Bourke/Claire Reynolds (Balla SS, Mayo) dft Laura Hayes/Anna Dunne (Loreto, Fermoy) 15-4, 15-3

BJS Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS) dft Rory Grace (Nenagh College) 15-9, 15-3

BJD Tiernan Slattery/Patrick Crotty (Scariff CC, Clare) dft Jim O'Connor/John Doheny (Col Mhuire Johnstown, Kilkenny) 15-10, 13-15, 15-14

BIS Eoghan McGinnity (St. Macartan's, Monaghan) dft Eimhin O Diolluin (Colaiste Croi Mhuire An Spideal) 15-5, 15-3

BID Antoin Fox/Lorcan McBride (Omagh CBS) dft Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill (Castlecomer CS) 15-6, 15-2

BSS Tiernan Agnew (St Camin's, Shannon) dft Patrick Murphy (St Colmans, Claremorris) 15-3, 15-2

BSD Sean McAdams/Cormac Doheny (Borrisokane CC, Tipperary) dft Ciaran Cooney/Aidan Barry (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) 7-15, 15-11, 15-13

GAA HANDBALL FÉILE NA NGAEL FINALS

40x20 Boys

Div 1 Abbeyknockmoy (Galway) dft Breacach (Tyrone) 27-24

Div 2 Fermoy (Cork) dft Ballydesmond 1 (Cork) 29-27

Div 3 Kingscourt 1 (Cavan) dft Micheál Breathnach (Galway) 40-17

Div 4 Cullohill 1 (Laois) dft Claregalway (Galway) 28-25

Div 5 Clogh (Kilkenny) dft Kingscourt (Cavan) 42-14

Div 6 Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty 2 (Waterford) dft Coolboy (Wicklow) 32-32, 11-10

40x20 Girls

Div 1 Clogh (Kilkenny) dft Micheál Breathnach 1 (Galway) 32-23

Div 2 Kilkishen (Clare) dft Windgap (Kilkenny) 37-22

Div 3 Garryhill (Carlow) dft Friary/Abbeyside/Ballinacourty (Waterford) 42-19

60x30 Boys

Div 1 Kilfane (Kilkenny) dft Ballina (Tipperary) 42-10

One Wall Boys

Div 1 Clough Ballacolla (Laois) dft Mountbellew/Moylough (Galway) 48-24

One Wall Girls

Div 1 Mountbellew/Moylough (Galway) dft Oughterard (Galway) 47-21

Skills Results

40x20 Boys Div 1

1st – Mikey Kelly (Abbeyknockmoy)

2nd – Harry Delaney (Kells)

3rd – Daniel Hanrahan (Galmoy)

40x20 Girls Div 1

1st – Amy Brennan (Clogh)

2nd – Éadaoin Nic Dhonnacha (Micheál Breathnach)

3rd – Jodie Keeling (St. Josephs)

60x30 Boys Div 1

1st – Sean O'Keeffe (Kilfane)

2nd – Darragh Bourke (Castleconnor)

3rd – Evan Carey (Ballina)

One Wall Boys Div 1

1st – Joseph Gallagher (Mountbellew/Moylough)

2nd – Alex Woods (Millmount)

3rd – Ture Kleefeld (Oughterard)

One Wall Girls Div 1

1st – Emma Ryan (Mountbellew/Moylough)

2nd – Aimee McAteer (Mayobridge)

3rd – Kyla Sweeney (Oughterard)

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 60X30 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Men's Open: Shane Dunne (ITT) dft Galen Riordan (UCD)

Women's Open: Aoife Holden (DCU) dft Fiona Tully (DCU)

Men's A: Adam Walsh (CIT) dft Ben Devlin (DCU)

Women's A: Aishling Mullin (NUIG) dft Eleanor Percy (NUIG)

Men's B: John Hurley (UL) dft Ben Walsh (LIT)

Men's C: Eoin Fields (ITC) dft Ray Byerly (UL)

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 60X30 DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Women's Open: Fiona Tully/Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh (DCU) dft Laura Finn/Aishling Mullin (NUIG)

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 40X20 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Men's Open: Colin Crehan (UL) dft Michael Hedigan (UL)

Women's Open: Fiona Tully (DCU) dft Ciara Mahon (TCD)

Men's A: Shane Dunne (ITT) dft Seamus Conneely (UL)

Women's A: Sinead Meagher (LIT) dft Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh (DCU)

Men's B: Aidan O'Flaherty (LIT) dft Cian O'Dalaigh (DCU)

Women's B: Roisin Cahill (DIT) dft Mary Buggy (UL)

Men's C: Laurence Dunne (NUIM) dft Ciaran Tynan (UCD)

Women's C: Niamh Tierney (NUIG) dft Laura Holohan (DCU)

Men's Contender: Oisín Cusack (NUIG) dft Sean McNeill (UL)

Men's Challenger: Stephen Hally (NUIG) dft Eoin Gillespie (NUIG)

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES 40X20 DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Men's Open: Galen Riordan/Emmett Landy (UCD) dft Danial Relihan/Jason English (UL)

Women's Open: Fiona Tully/Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh (DCU) dft Doireann Murphy/Ella Donnellan (UL)

Men's A: Peter O'Donohue/Darren Carter (NUIG) dft Fergal Coughlan/Darragh Mulkerrins (UL)

Men's B: Jack McNeela/Paul Conneely (NUIG) dft Alan Hevehan/Cormac O'Maolduin (DCU)

Women's B: Clodagh Neville/Cathy Foley (UL) dft Kelly Curran/Eleanor Percy (NUIG)

Men's C: Evan O'Donnell/Cian Hough (UL) dft Dara Magee/Ryan Kelly (UCD)

ICHA ALL IRELAND INTERVARSITIES ONE WALL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Men's Open: Paudi Quish (UL) dft James Prentice (LIT)

Women's Open: Ciara Mahon (TCD) dft Fiona Tully (DCU)

Men's A: Gearoid O'Connell (ITT) dft Cathal McNamee (UL)

Women's A: Ella Donnellan (DCU) dft Aishling Mullin (NUIG)

Men's B: Laurence Dunne (NUIM) dft Michael Varley (TCD)

Women's B: Laura Finn (NUIG) dft Aishling Hughes (UCD)

Men's C: Sean Stoll (NUIM) dft Conal Cosgrove (TCD)

RESULTS SUMMARY 2018

USHA COLLEGIATES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018 – MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Ladies Open Singles: Fiona Tully (DCU) dft Meadhbh Ni Dhálaigh (DCU) 21-9, 21-9

Ladies Open Doubles: Fiona Tully/Meadhbh Ni Dhálaigh (DCU) dft Taylor Rumping/Cristina Pecaut (Missouri State) 21-7, 21-2

WORLD HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018 – MINNESOTA, USA 40X20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mens Open Singles: Killian Carroll (Cork) dft Martin Mulkerrins (Team Ireland) 21-16, 21-18

Ladies Open Singles: Martina McMahon (Team Ireland) dft Catriona Casey (Cork) 21-18, 21-12

Mens Open Doubles: Robert McCarthy/Diarmaid Nash (Team Ireland) dft Marcos Chavez/Sean Lenning (USA) 21-7, 21-14

Ladies Open Doubles: Aisling Reilly/Martina McMahon (Ant/Lim) dft Catriona Casey/Aishling O'Keefe (Cork) 21-5, 21-15

Mens A Singles: Jack O'Shea (Kerry) dft Daniel Hayes (Tipperary) 17-21, 21-5, 11-5

Ladies A Singles: Niamh Heffernan (Team Ireland) dft Eilise McCrory (Tyrone) 21-15, 21-20

Mens A Doubles: Seamus O Conghaile/Ian McLoughlin (Gal/Mayo) dft Daniel Hayes/Paul Hedderman (Tipperary) 21-9, 21-18

Mens B Singles: Brian Mahon (Kilkenny) dft Seamus O Conghaile (Galway) 10-21, 21-9, 11-3

Mens B Doubles: Evan Murphy/Shane Murphy (Limerick) dft Dylan Sheridan/Robert Fox (Meath) 21-19, 21-20

Ladies B Singles: Avril McNamee (Donegal) dft Ellen O'Connor (Kildare) 21-1, 21-2

Ladies B Doubles: Ashling Mullin/Eimear Ni Bhiadha (Galway) dft Linda Connolly/Siobhan Tully (Ros) 21-12, 17-21, 11-4

Mens C Singles: Adam Walsh (Wexford) dft Myles Carroll (Kildare) 21-16, 21-6

Mens C Doubles: Myles Carroll/Ivan Carroll (Kildare) dft Troy Flanagan/Daniel Farrelly (Meath) 21-18, 21-4

Ladies C Singles: Marguerite Gore (Wexford) dft Ashling Mullin (Galway) 21-20, 21-20

Ladies C Doubles: Michelle Warren/Michaela McCartan (Tyr) dft Laura Finn/Laura Mannion (Sligo/Ros) 21-10, 21-16

Mens 23&U Singles: Galen Riordan (Wexford) dft Gabhain McCrystal (Tyrone) 21-20, 21-7

Mens 23&U Doubles: Galen Riordan/Brian Mahon (Wex/Kilk) dft Daniel Relihan/Michael Hedigan (Cork) 21-4, 20-21, 11-4

Ladies 23&U Singles: Ciana Ni Churraoin (Galway) dft Ciara Mahon (Kilkenny) 21-4, 21-10

Ladies 23&U Doubles: Clodagh Nash/Fiona Tully (Clare/Ros) dft Meadhbh Ni Dhálaigh/Leslie Amminson (Dub/USA) 21-6, 21-7

Mens 35+ Singles: Dominick Lynch (Kerry) dft Logan Foley (USA) 21-0, 14-21, 11-10

Mens 35+ Doubles: Dominick Lynch/Gavin Buggy (Ker/Wex) dft Chris Tico/Emmett Peixoto (USA) 13-21, 21-18, 11-8

Ladies 35+ Singles: Jean Kastner (USA) dft Marguerite Gore (Wex) 21-20, 11-21, 11-5

Mens 40+ Singles: Gavin Buggy (Wexford) dft Paul Graham (Antrim) 12-21, 21-14, 11-0

Mens 40+B Singles: Albert Negrete (USA) dft Miguel Negrete (USA) 19-21, 21-6, 11-1

Mens 40+B Doubles: Brian O'Brien/John Kennedy (Tipperary) dft Kieran Burke/Paul Herr (Limerick) 21-2, 21-7

Mens 45+ Singles: David Moloney (Tipperary) dft Michael Benkelman (USA) 21-0, 21-2

Mens 45+ Doubles: Kevin Hill/Matthew Hiber (USA) dft John O'Donoghue/David Moloney (Tip) 21-3, 21-14

Mens 50+ Singles: Paddy Donovan (Laois) dft Tomas Donegan (Limerick) 10-21, 21-16, 11-8

Ladies 50+ Singles: Jennifer Schmitt (USA) dft Stefanie Weaver (USA) 21-2, 21-4

Mens 50+ Doubles: John O'Donoghue/Niall Kerr (Tip/Tyr) dft Jeff Cottam/Rob Pearse (USA) 13-21, 21-5, 11-5

Mens 50B+ Singles: Robert Scola (USA) dft Greg Demos (USA) 21-12, 21-15

Mens 50B+ Doubles: Tom Grace/Jeff Serota (USA) dft Gerry O'Neill/Michael Naughton (Ant/WM)

Mens 55+ Singles: Danny Bell (Canada) dft John Herlihy (Cork) 21-3, 21-0

Mens 55+ Doubles: Robbie McCarthy/Michael Dowling (WM/Kild) dft Daniel Armijo/Joe Berman (USA) 21-6, 21-16

Mens 60+ Singles: Phil Kirk (USA) dft Daniel Brennan (USA) 21-12, 21-5

Mens 60+ Doubles: Lloyd Garcia/Gary Scogin (USA) dft Eugene D'Alessio/Dan Vera (USA) 21-10, 21-13

Mens 60B+ Singles: Barry Rubin (USA) dft Laurent Couture (Canada) 21-15, 21-10

Mens 60B+ Doubles: Eric Knight/Mike Spillane (USA) dft Michael McRae/Brett Miller (USA) 21-11, 21-14

Mens 65+ Singles: Greg Sizemore (USA) dft John Rossiter (Carlow) 21-9, 4-21, 11-2

Mens 65+ Doubles: Bob Lohmueller/Mike Barna (USA) dft Merv Deckert/Greg Sizemore (Canada/USA) 16-21, 21-19, 11-10

Mens 70+ Singles: Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) dft Edward Buggy (Wexford) 20-21, 21-9, 11-1

Mens 70+ Doubles: Terry Nett/Rob Nichols (USA) dft Alan Sherrill/Jay Capell (USA) 21-10, 12-21, 11-3

Mens 70B+ Singles: David Coulter (Canada) dft Michael Jordan (USA) 21-17, 21-16

Mens 75+ Singles: James Ward (USA) dft Vic Di Luzio (Australia) 21-20, 21-17

Mens 75+ Doubles: Jim Smith/James Ward (USA) dft John Loretz/Vince San Angelo (USA) 21-9, 21-13

Mens 80+ Singles: Ed Grossenbacher (USA) dft Michael Miller (USA) 21-16, 16-21, 11-9

Mens 80+ Doubles: Michael Driscoll/Jerry White (USA) dft Ed Grossenbacher/Bob Scarpatti (USA) 16-21, 21-17, 11-6

Mens 85+ Singles: Lew Buckingham (USA) dft Carlos Guerrero (USA) 21-10, 21-15

Boys 11&U Singles: Gavin Kelly (Galway) dft Shea Munroe (Tyrone) 21-7, 21-17

Boys 11&U Doubles: Gavin Kelly/Shea Munroe (Gal/Tyr) dft Charlie Roche/Joshua Roche (Wex) 18-21, 21-13, 11-7

Boys 13&U Singles: Kyle Jordan (Kilkenny) dft Niall Magee (Cavan) 21-11, 21-8

Boys 13&U Doubles: Kyle Jordan/Sean Callan (Kilk/Mon) dft Niall Magee/Adam McKenna (Cavan) 21-9, 21-4

Boys 15&U Singles: Josh Kavanagh (Team Ireland) dft Mikey Kelly (Galway) 21-16, 21-10

Boys 15&U Doubles: Josh Kavanagh/Mark Doyle (Wex) dft Sean Coughlan/Rory Grace (Clare/Tip) 21-7, 21-8

Boys 17&U Singles: Eoghan McGinnity (Team Ireland) dft Mark Rodgers (Clare) 21-14, 21-8

Boys 17&U Doubles: Ray Ure/Alex Carew (USA/Can) dft Cahir Munroe/Jason O'Toole (Tyr/Gal) 20-21, 21-14, 11-8

Boys 19&U Singles: Tiarnan Agnew (Clare) dft Ivan Burgos (Canada) 21-6, 21-6

Boys 19&U Doubles: Sean Kerr/Shane Dunne (Tyr/Kilk) dft Tiarnan Agnew/Jerome Cahill (Clare/Tip)

Girls 11&U Singles: Katie Jordan (Kilkenny) dft Emily McGinnity (Monaghan) 21-5, 21-16

Girls 13&U Singles: Emma Kinane (Galway) dft Dearbhail Fox (Tyrone) 21-4, 21-13

Girls 13&U Doubles: Emma Kinane/Farrah Ryan (Gal/Car) dft Cliona Conneely/Katie Donohue (Tyrone) 21-0, 21-9

Girls 15&U Singles: Mairead Fox (Team Ireland) dft Noelle Dowling (Kilkenny) 21-15, 21-16

Girls 15&U Doubles: Mairead Fox/Dearbhail Fox (Tyrone) dft Chloe Philpott/Louise McGinnity (Clare/Mon) 21-17, 21-15

Girls 17&U Singles: Niamh Heffernan (Team Ireland) dft Leah Doyle (Kildare) 21-9, 21-12

Girls 19&U Singles: Sinead Meagher (Tipperary) dft Megan McCann (Team Ireland) 21-12, 17-21, 11-6

Girls 19&U Doubles: Leah Doyle/Mollie Dagg (Kildare) dft Aoife Holden/Ella Donnellan (Kilk/Clare) 21-9, 21-3

WALLBALL (BIG BALL) CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mens Open Singles: Conor McElduff (Team Ireland) dft Vlad Klym (USA) 21-6, 21-8

Mens Open Doubles: Vlad Klym/Ingmar McKenzie (USA) dft Conor McElduff/Paudi Quish (Tyr/Lim) 21-17, 20-21, 11-6

Ladies Open Singles: Martina McMahon (Team Ireland) dft Danielle Daskalakias (USA) 21-15, 18-21, 11-4

Mens A Singles: Josef Gotsch (USA) dft Jack O'Shea (Kerry) 21-3, 21-9

Mens B Singles: Ingmar McKenzie (USA) dft Tri Nguyen (USA) 21-5, 21-12

Mens B Doubles: Ciaran Buckley/Tadgh Carroll (Cork) dft Jose Fuentes/Hector Centeno (Ecuador)

Ladies B Singles: Elise McCrory (Tyrone) dft Laura Finn (Sligo) 21-3, 21-7



Ladies B Doubles: Eimear Ni Bhiadha/Ashling Mullin (Galway) dft Michelle Warren/Michaela McCartan (Tyrone) 13-21, 21-9, 11-7

Mens C Singles: Douglas Montaluo (Ecuador) dft Gearoid O'Connell (Cork) 21-12, 21-2

Mens C Doubles: Douglas Montaluo/Brodie Winter (Ecu/Aus) dft Ryan Muldrew/Domenic Morabito (Aus) 21-8, 21-17

Mens 23&U Singles: Paudi Quish (Limerick) dft Ben Devlin (Louth) 21-12, 21-11

Mens 40+ Singles: Carlos Lalama (Ecuador) dft James Doyle (Armagh) 21-9, ret. inj.

Mens 40+ Doubles: Dominick Lynch/JJ Quirke (Kerry) dft Niall Kerr/Eamonn McCrory (Tyr) 21-2, 21-9

Ladies 40+ Singles: Karen McConney (T&T) dft Raquel Murphy (USA) 21-4, 21-2

Mens 50+ Singles: William Coello (Ecuador) dft Paddy Donovan (Laois) 21-13, 21-15

Mens 50+ Doubles: Richard Yagual/William Coello (Ecu) dft Enrique Rugel/Pedro Rivera (USA) 21-7 ret. inj.

Mens 60+ Singles: Jay Spooner (USA) dft Michael Rossiter (Wexford) 21-16, 21-17

Mens 60+ Doubles: Jay Spooner/Robert Winter (USA/Aus) dft Dennis Uffer/Vic Di Luzio (USA/Aus) 21-6, 21-11

Mens 70+ Singles: Eugene Kennedy (Dublin) dft Vic Di Luzio (Australia) 21-4, 21-9

Boys 11&U Singles: Gavin Kelly (Galway) dft Joshua Roche (Wexford) 21-16, 21-2

Boys 11&U Doubles: 1st - Gavin Kelly/Shea Munroe (Gal/Tyr) 2nd - Matthew Coughlan/Wesley Delany (Clare/Cork)

Boys 13&U Singles: Kyle Jordan (Kilkenny) dft Niall Magee (Cav) 21-3, 21-4

Boys 13&U Doubles: Kyle Jordan/Sean Callan (Kilk/Mon) dft Niall Magee/Adam McKenna (Cav) 21-1, 21-17

Boys 15&U Singles: Mikey Kelly (Galway) dft Mark Doyle (Wex) 21-13, 21-19

Boys 15&U Doubles: Josh Kavanagh/Mark Doyle (Wex) dft Mikey Kelly/Rory Grace (Gal/Tip) 21-16, 21-14

Boys 17&U Singles: Eimhin O Diolluin (Galway) dft Eoghan McGinnity (Team Ireland) 21-3, 17-21, 11-0

Boys 17&U Doubles: Jason O'Toole/Cahir Munroe (Gal/Tyr) dft Eimhin O Diolluin/Nathan Kelly (Gal) 21-17, 21-9

Boys 19&U Singles: Jason Prentice (Tipperary) dft Sean Kerr (Tyrone) 19-21, 21-5, 11-9

Boys 19&U Doubles: Jason Prentice/Patrick Murphy (Tip/Mayo) dft Diarmuid Mulkerrins/David Walsh (Gal/Cork) 21-15, 17-21, 11-5

Girls 11&U Singles: Katie Jordan (Kilkenny) dft Emily McGinnity (Monaghan) 21-3, 21-12

Girls 13&U Singles: Emma Kinane (Galway) dft Dearbhail Fox (Tyrone) 21-15, 21-10

Girls 13&U Doubles: Emma Kinane/Farrah Ryan (Gal/Carlow) dft Dearbhail Fox/Faustina O'Connell (Tyr/Cork) 21-11, 21-4

Girls 15&U Singles: Mairead Fox (Team Ireland) dft Clodagh Munroe (Tyrone) 20-21, 21-19, 11-2

Girls 15&U Doubles: 1st - Clodagh Munroe/Noelle Dowling (Tyr/Kilk) 2nd - Chloe Philpott/Louise McGinnity (Clare/Mon)

Girls 17&U Singles: Leah Doyle (Kildare) dft Niamh Heffernan (Team Ireland) 21-14, 13-21, 11-5

Girls 19&U Singles: Megan McCann (Team Ireland) dft Eimear Ni Bhiadha (Galway) 21-3, 21-6

Girls 19&U Doubles: 1st - Leah Doyle/Mollie Dagg (Kildare) 2nd - Caitriona Millane/Sinead Meagher (Clare/Tip)

WALLBALL (SMALL BALL) CHAMPIONSHIPS

SB Mens Open Singles: William Polanco (USA) dft Joseph Kaplan (USA) 21-18, 21-18

SB Mens Open Doubles: William Polanco/Joseph Kaplan (USA) dft Kody Yan/Steven Woo (USA) 21-16, 21-13

SB Mens B: Jamie Kelly (Galway) dft Isaiah Hong (USA) 21-3, 21-17

SB Mens 40+: Mike Gustafson (USA) dft James Doyle (Armagh) 21-13, 12-0 ret. inj.

SB Mens 50+: Robert McCarthy (Westmeath) dft George Miller (Mayo) 21-9, 21-6

SB Mens 70+: Dennis Uffer (USA) dft Michael Driscoll (USA) 21-10, 2

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YOUNG MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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