



**NÁISIÚNTA AGM 2021**

**LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE C.L.G. NA HÉIREANN**

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Ar an Satharn, 6 Feabhra 2021  
ag 10.30 r.n.

**Date:** Saturday 6th February 2021

**Clár an Lae:**

10.30am: - Fáiltiú

- Adoption of Standing  
Orders

- Minutes of Comhdháil 2020

- Report of Bainisteoir  
Náisiúnta

- Annual Accounts 2020

- Motions & Elections

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- Aon Ghno Eile & Close of  
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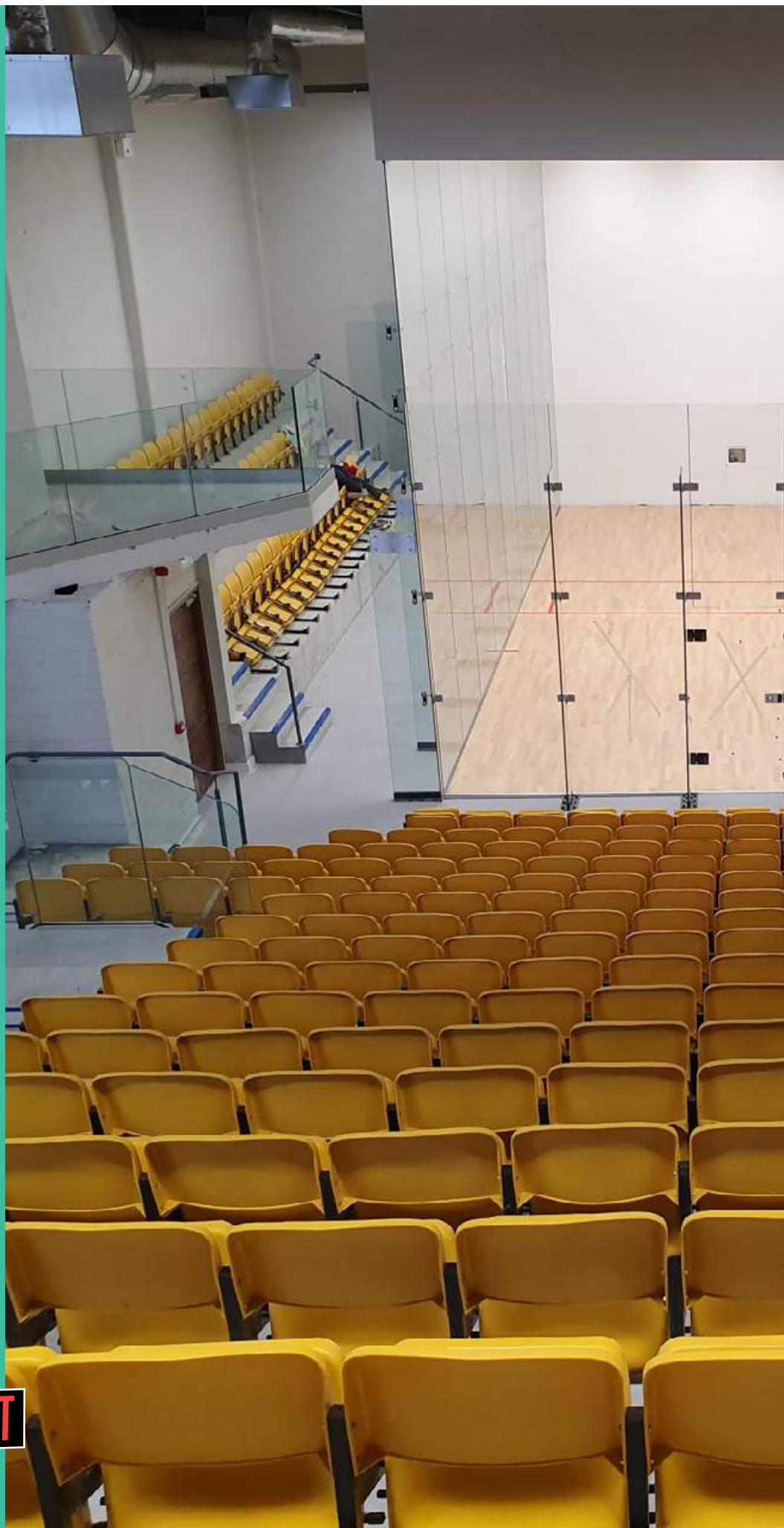


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## STANDING ORDERS

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

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

## MOTIONS

No motions

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That all membership is waived for 2021 due to the restrictions in 2020.
2. That All Ireland finals that have not been played can be played ASAP as soon as restrictions are lifted with a training period.

***Both Tír Eoghain***



# TUARASCÁIL

## AN BAINISTEOIR NÁISIÚNTA



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

**I** extend a warm welcome to all delegates for today's Annual General Meeting. For the first time ever, we hold our AGM by virtual means, not through choice but as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic that has gripped the world.

Today is normally a day that we reflect on a year gone by with pride, on the successful completion of a huge fixtures programme and the achievements of our Handballers both at home and abroad.

Today we look back on a year like no other, we reflect on how COVID-19 has dramatically changed the world and our sport. Our members have not been able to participate in the sport in any meaningful way since March, things like playing games, travelling to tournaments, meeting up with friends at events are all aspects of our sport that we used to take for granted and are today full of complication and restrictions.

The impact of Covid-19 has been particularly tough on indoor sports due to the nature of the virus and how it is transmitted, health experts advise

that you are 19 times more likely to contract the virus in an indoor setting. It has been extremely tough to watch our outdoor sister associations return to some semblance of normality while we feel like we are being left behind. Our clubs and volunteer network have also been put under tremendous strain with the increased restrictions and the protocols that are now required to provide a safe environment for action to take place.

We will reflect on the limited action that took place but in general over 80% of our planned calendar and most of our planned projects were unable to take place due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Today is not a day for discussing or proposing sweeping changes within our sport as our main priority is to get back playing handball and to encourage as many members as possible to get back playing and involved once more.

It is important that we look forward with positivity and it is hoped that with the roll out of the vaccine it will mean that we are in a position later

this year to return to a full programme of action.

We will be launching our exciting new strategic plan this year that will guide us as an association over the next few years as we rebuild GAA Handball following the impact of Covid-19. This plan will be an incredibly important document that will guide us through the post Covid years as we aim to restrengthen our sport and reach our strategic goals.

### COVID-19

Nobody could have envisaged last March when the then Taoiseach Leo Varadkar announced a partial lockdown of the country to combat rising numbers of Covid-19 just what was in store over the following nine months.

Those nine months have been a rollercoaster of few highs and many lows for our sport with our fixtures calendar decimated and our clubs placed under increased pressure to retain members and to manage the financial impact of Covid-19.



THERE ARE A LOT OF CONTRASTING VIEWS ON COVID-19 AND ON WHETHER HANDBALL SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT OUR ASSOCIATION AND A LOT OF THESE VIEWS WERE AIRED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

It is fair to say that there has been a lot of frustration throughout the sport at perceived contradictions in restrictions with other sports. As previously mentioned the health experts advise that the virus is 19 times more likely to spread in an indoor setting and as a result there was a lot of hesitancy to allow indoor sports to return too quickly. We have had to follow public health advice and the advice of the expert groups to protect all our members both young and old and their extended families.

Earlier this year a huge amount of work went into developing a set of protocols to allow handball to return to play in a safe manner. These protocols were approved by Sport Ireland's expert group and we were given the green light to proceed with same last June. An online webinar and a vast bank of online resources were developed to assist clubs with ongoing updates as the situation changed.

On a positive note, we did manage to get the Myclubshop.ie Softball Senior Singles Championships played in September and October and we can feel rightly proud that we were the only indoor sport that managed to get one of their key championships completed in that period. Huge thanks must go to the venues and volunteers that enabled this to happen and in particular the Crinkle club for hosting the semi-finals and finals days and doing an outstanding job of creating

a safe enjoyable atmosphere for everyone present.

Another positive to take away from the year is that there were no cases of Covid-19 that were attributed to handball activity or handball clubs which is a fantastic achievement and is credit to the hard work put in by our volunteers to ensure that the protocols were followed to provide such a safe environment.

The most frustrating aspect is the ever-changing nature of the virus as it means that planning ahead is virtually impossible. Plans to run the Juvenile Softball and the outstanding 4-wall finals appeared to be on track until the country moved back into Level 3 and then Level 5 in a short space of time.

There are a lot of contrasting views on Covid-19 and on whether handball should be allowed to take place throughout our association and a lot of these views were aired throughout the year. Since the restrictions have

been introduced GAA Handball have worked closely with Sport Ireland and the Federation of Irish Sports. We have also made a number of written submissions with regards to the Covid-19 restrictions on indoor sports.

Arising out of these submissions GAA Handball were invited to be part of an Indoor Sports Group that would act as a voice for indoor sports. This group is chaired by the Federation of Irish Sport CEO Mary O Connor and meets regularly to discuss the impact of the restrictions on indoor sports and to prepare submissions to the various committees and expert groups. We were also invited to meet online with the Minister of State for Sport Jack Chambers, members of government and the return to sport expert group before Christmas. We were allocated speaking time with the Minister where we outlined the frustrations and concerns of GAA Handball and our hopes going forward for a return to activity.

Some of the key asks are that consideration is given to the amount of space in ratio to the number of players in a particular venue and that indoor sports are assessed based on the square footage of the venue rather than all indoor sports been assessed in the same manner. Also, that recognition is given to the importance of getting juvenile players returned to sport in a safe manner in as short a timeframe as possible to keep them involved in the game and



prevent dropout. There is a further meeting planned for early in the new year with the Minister for Sport and officials from the expert group and government. We are hopeful that we will see some positive news on this front.

Looking ahead to 2021, COVID-19 will continue to impact our sport yet there are some bright spots on the horizon. The news of vaccines being rolled out is encouraging and the recent discussions with the Minister of State for Sport were positive and there seems to be an acceptance that a one size fits all approach will no longer be rolled out for indoor sports going forward. This is an unprecedented situation that we find ourselves in, a situation like never before. While we may not have all the answers right now we assure you we will continue to work hard on your behalf to get back to as close a normal as is possible.

We have also worked extremely hard to secure support funding for our clubs and the application process for our clubs to apply for this support is currently ongoing. The uptake from clubs was slow at the start and I would encourage clubs to fill in the application form if their club is in need of support.

Our key objective for 2021 must be to get as many of our members back playing Handball in as safe a manner as possible, especially our juvenile players who we are in danger of losing from our sport if we cannot provide meaningful action for them.

GAA Handball will continue to actively engage on a frequent basis with Sport Ireland and the Federation of Irish Sport in order to ensure that the voice and concerns of our sport are heard.

We are fully dedicated to supporting our members while also respecting the public health advice and we assure you that will do everything in our power to ensure a safe return to activity in the coming year for everyone.

Finally, on behalf of GAA Handball I want to thank you all for your efforts in the fight against Covid-19 and also recognise and thank you for your efforts in allowing Handball to return in a safe manner at various stages throughout the year.

To any of our members who lost loved ones to Covid-19 or who have lost a loved one during the year we offer our sincere sympathies.

To all our members who work on the frontline we say a special thank you for the role you have played in 2020 to keep us all safe. We are extremely proud of you and the work you do.



## STRATEGIC PLAN

Work is currently ongoing to finalise a new strategic plan for the association that will guide us through the next three years. The plan will set strategic goals under the key focus areas of Volunteer Development, Participation & Growth, Communications, Media & PR, Governance, Coaching & Development, Women in Sport and International.

A strategic planning group was appointed by the Uachtarán to create a plan tailored to the needs of the association. The views of our members were sought through an online survey which received a very positive response. The views of our key funding partners and commercial partners were also taken on board whilst developing the plan.

The members of the Strategic planning group are as follows:

- Padraig Gaffney, Mayo
- Oisín Naughton, Roscommon
- Damien Martin, Roscommon
- Paul Fitzpatrick, Cavan
- Fiona Shannon, Antrim
- Tony Healy, Cork
- Willie Roche, Clare
- Diarmaid Nash, Clare
- Margaret Walsh, Cork
- PJ McGrath, Kildare
- John Roche, Wexford
- Brendan Burke, Kilkenny
- Cliona Uí Dhálaigh, Dublin
- Pauric Dowdall, National Club Support Officer



This is a hugely positive step for GAA Handball and one that will provide guidance and strategic focus for the association over the next three years as we rebuild our sport once more post Covid-19. Once the plan is launched it is important that all units work together to achieve the strategic goals set out in the plan. I am confident that there will be something for everyone in the plan and that all strands of the association will benefit from it.



### CLUB REGISTRATION

One good piece of news we received this year was that we will finally be moving to an online club registration system in 2021.

The GAA have just rolled out their new games management system foireann which includes a registration system and GAA Handball will be part of this system going forward.

There will be many benefits for our association including:

- A more streamlined registration process allowing different access levels for club, county, province and national level.
- Ease the pressure on club officials in relation to collecting registrations as the system will do all the work.
- Immediate payment to each of the entities (club, county, national etc) thus eliminating the need for cheques
- Registration process will be more GDPR compliant and information will be more secure.
- GAA members will be able to register for any of the sister associations from the same account.
- It will make the registration process easier hopefully attracting more people to register for clubs.

This has been in the pipeline for a number of years and the process of getting our clubs set up on the system is underway at present. There will be extensive support available to clubs when the system goes live to help them to adapt and become familiar with the system. I am confident that we will see the benefits of this system at all levels of the association.

In relation to club registrations for the 2021 season Ard Comhairle have currently extended the 2020



registration season to the 31st March 2021 at which time a decision will be made on registration fees for the 2021 season. This decision will be made taking into account the level of activity, the financial situations of our clubs and the outlook in relation to Covid-19 restrictions at the time.

While there has been suggestions that registrations should be cancelled for 2021 as a result of what has happened in 2020 it is not as straight forward as that and it is a decision that will need to be made while taking all factors into consideration.

Registration income plays a vital part in any sporting organisation. On one hand, it is necessary to register to become a member to ensure you can enter competitions and you can attend and vote at an AGM. On the other hand, it has a monetary value that helps fund the activities of the sport.

Being part of a club provides us with so much more than just playing a game. A club is like an extension of family. It provides an important outlet for people to go and play the sport they love. Exercise and sport have

tremendous health benefits not just for the body but also for the mind. We will only appreciate how important our clubs are over the past number of months when we cannot avail of their services.

At club level income from registrations help the club with running costs throughout the year and I would urge all members if they can to pay their club membership to help support their clubs through this difficult time. There are still bills to be paid and your registration fee could be the difference in allowing your club to remain open after Covid-19 has gone. Remember your club has been there for you and has provided you with so much over the years and in general registration fees for Handball are quite modest compared to other sports.

As an NGB we rely on the income from registration fees to enable us to run competitions and also to run projects throughout the year. If our registration income is reduced to zero it will have a major impact on the level of competitions and projects that we can run and support.



## NATIONAL HANDBALL CENTRE

Excitement was building prior to lockdown as we were tying up the loose ends and getting ready to open our fantastic new Handball Centre.

Having waited so long to finally see the centre built it was a huge disappointment to then realise that we would not get a chance to welcome the Handball community through the doors in 2020.

One positive note is that the main build is complete and we will be able to use it once society starts to reopen and life returns to some semblance of normality. When that time comes it will be all the sweeter.

The centre has been used by the HSE as a walk-in testing centre in the fight against Covid-19. Once the HSE have vacated the building the snag list can be completed and subject to government guidelines we will then be in a position to continue our efforts to open the facilities.

In terms of the operating of the centre, GAA Handball will be

responsible for all handball facilities, including the control of and booking of the courts. There will be an online system in place to facilitate the bookings of the courts and court bookings will be confined to registered GAA Handball members. Information on how to book courts and the costs relating to same will be made available in the near future once all details have been finalised.

The National Handball Office will relocate to the new Handball Centre and will be based there on a permanent basis once it is deemed safe to return to normal working practices.

In relation to the bar/café and community facilities, Fintan Farrelly will be responsible for the booking of the bar/café area and the Community Centre. We look forward to working alongside the local community in this fantastic new venture and we cannot wait to welcome our handball members into the state-of-the-art facilities.



## WORLD HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In January of this year the World Handball Council confirmed what most people were expecting and announced that the 2021 World Handball Championships due to be staged this year in Ireland would not take place.

In March 2019 we were excitedly preparing to announce dates and our ambitious plans to host the World Championships later this year but following discussions with the GAA it became clear that the financial impact of Covid-19 on the finances of the GAA would mean that hosting a major tournament like the World's may not be possible in 2021.

We bided our time in the hope that the situation would improve but unfortunately it got worse and we informed the World Handball Council of our concerns pre-Christmas. We had held discussions with both the US and Canadian representatives who both expressed concerns about the championships taking place with the situation regarding Covid-19.

The World Council were left with no option but to cancel the championships, it's hugely disappointing but it's the right decision in terms of safety of players and officials, current travel restrictions and the financial impact that Covid-19 is having on all sports at the moment.

I have no doubt that the cancellation of the World Championships is especially disappointing for our juvenile players who may have been in the final year of their age group in 2021 and will now have seen their chances of winning a world title at that age group disappear.

There has been no decision made yet as to whether the championships will be rescheduled for 2022 and this will largely depend on the situation with Covid-19, the travel situation around the world and the financial implications of same.

We need to use this opportunity now to open real dialogue about the World Championships with our fellow member countries and to seek to create a stronger platform going forward and ensure that when the World Championships do happen that we will be hosting the best possible championships for our members and for the legacy it will create for our sport.



### COMPETITIONS

While there was little action on the competitions front, a limited amount of action did take place in 4-Wall and Softball during the year.

It was shaping up to be a year to remember at Minor level for Kilkenny duo Billy Drennan and Noelle Dowling who had reached the All-Ireland Minor Singles finals in 4-Wall and had won the All Ireland second level colleges singles titles. Both Drennan and Dowling continued their fine form winning the Minor softball titles in October. Both had shown their intent earlier in the year with Drennan winning the Kingscourt shootout and Dowling capturing the She's Ace title at 17&Under. Despite the stop start nature of the year both players can be very proud of their success and have big futures ahead in the game.

Both Robbie McCarthy and Martina McMahon had also looked on course for clean sweeps as they had already

captured the Irish Nationals titles and All Ireland Softball titles with both also in the deferred 4-Wall All Ireland singles finals.

Our doubles grades have suffered not only as an indoor sport but by virtue of the extra players on court reducing the amount of space between players. In all our submissions to the expert groups we have made representations to be allowed to have doubles handball at certain levels of the framework and we hope that this will be looked upon favourably.

The juvenile grade has suffered hugely with both All Ireland competitions in 4-Wall and Softball deferred due to Covid-19 restrictions along with the One Wall Nationals being cancelled. This is a major cause for concern as it is hugely important to provide regular meaningful action for our juvenile players to keep them involved in the sport and prevent

dropout. It must be a priority for us to get our juveniles back playing once we are permitted to have competitions again.

In competition terms the one wall code was the code that suffered the most with the entire season wiped out due to the restrictions in place at the time. It was however the first of our codes to return to play with outdoor handball permitted in phase one of the return to play.

One of the main benefits of Wallball is that it can be played outdoor and weather permitting is a great way to keep involved with handball during tighter restrictions.

We are hugely excited about a recently approved grant that will see grants for one wall courts distributed around the country. Work is ongoing on plans to distribute this grant and will be communicated to members in the near future. The One Wall game provides us with the greatest



online learning and online delivery of courses. While face to face meetings are always good the development of online learning is a positive move and will be utilised more going forward. The days of travelling long distances at night-time for committee meetings may well be over as the emergence of platforms like Zoom and Microsoft Teams means meetings can be held remotely and in often cases more efficiently.

Similarly, with club learning there was a major shift to online learning this year and the move has been widely welcomed. There are many pros to online learning not least the cost savings and the convenience of being able to attend a course/meeting from your own home and we will be utilising this medium a lot more going forward.

There are pros and cons and while there will always be a requirement for face-to-face meetings the emergence of online options for hosting meetings/learning and training has been one of the positives of 2020.

## CLUBS

Over the course of the next year a greater emphasis will be put on Club support to help our clubs to grow and develop post Covid-19.

We have worked hard to secure

for handball clubs across Ireland. The programme was devised to help guide clubs to achieve minimum operating standards in core areas, aimed at improving all aspects of club development. GAA Handball 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.

Two clubs have achieved Gold status throughout the year, Greencastle in Tyrone and Corduff in Monaghan and I applaud both clubs for their dedication and their commitment to ensure the highest possible standards in their clubs. They have set the standard for others to follow. There are many more clubs who are well on the way to achieving similar status and I wish them all well on their journey.

There is no deadline for completion, instead clubs can work at their own pace for accreditation. We are confident that all clubs who sign up will reap the rewards and inevitably grow stronger. Again, the development staff at GAA Handball are always on hand for guidance if required. This is a fantastic scheme and one that will help our clubs to grow while operating to the best standards and I



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opportunity for growth and we must capitalise on this going forward.

In terms of the future of competitions we may have to look at tailoring our competitions to suit restrictions in a bid to have some form of competitive handball back up and running. It is important that when we are permitted to have competitive handball again that we have more local handball tournaments and games as these tournaments will pose less of a risk with less travel involved until we can travel freely and organise full scale national tournaments and fixtures once more.

I want to thank the CCCC and our Fixtures Officer Austin McKenna for doing a great job in very trying circumstances over the past year.

## SWITCH TO ONLINE LEARNING

One of the major consequences of the restrictions has been a move to

support funding for our clubs and the application process for support is currently ongoing. The uptake from clubs was initially slow and again I would encourage clubs to fill in the application form if their club is in need of support.

It is vital that our clubs work with our Club Support Officer Pauric Dowdall, to enable them to grow and prosper and that clubs make every effort to attend any training or development workshops that are provided. The emergence of online learning means it is easier to attend training courses or to access them afterwards. At National Level we will continue to offer all the support we can and are confident that by working together we will grow our sport from strong foundations in our clubs.

The Club Iontach programme was launched last year by our development team. Club Iontach is GAA Handball's new quality standards programme

encourage all our clubs to embrace the programme.

I would urge all our clubs to use the current break in activity to concentrate on strengthening your clubs and your administrators by taking part in online webinars, ensuring your club and members are up to date in terms of governance, Child welfare, GDPR and Anti-doping measures. We can emerge from this as clubs with stronger governance and stronger foundations if we put in the work right now. As always, the national office are just an email away to help you with any of this.

## COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

Our coaching & development team continue to perform to the highest possible standards despite limited resources and the impact of Covid-19 in the last year. The restrictions on face-to-face meetings meant a rethink in how best to deliver our Coaching

and Development programme. This was a challenge but one that was met full on with great enthusiasm by our development team.

Development Officers at provincial level are necessary if we are to truly realise the potential of our game on a nationwide basis. The growth of handball in schools has been one of the real highlights in recent years but this great work is in vain if the proper links with clubs are not in place to transfer these numbers into clubs. This must be a priority for our sport going forward if we are to successfully develop the game throughout the country. Our strategic plan will address this issue and seek to rectify it over the next number of years.

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 impact of Covid -19 and the requirement to rethink how to deliver our Coaching and Development programme using online methods. I thank our National Development Officer Darragh Daly and Club Support Officer Pauric Dowdall for their continued hard work in this area.

## COMMITTEES

It can often be a thankless job being in a voluntary administrative role and this past year has seen further complications and issues facing our committees at all levels. I 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 and ask yourself the question if I am willing to criticise, am I willing to step up and do a better job.

Throughout the year we ran a number of online webinars for our officials at all levels covering their roles, what is expected of them and best practices in carrying out that role. While there was a good response to these webinars, we should be seeing much higher numbers. The webinars offer the chance to learn and continually develop and there will be always something no matter how small or how much we think we know that you can learn and improve yourself. The key benefit of online webinars means you do not have to leave your house to take part in them. The webinars will continue in 2021 and I encourage all our members to take part. If we provide the support 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 in trying conditions and I hope that 2021 will be a more rewarding year for you all.

## MEDIA/PR/COMMUNICATIONS

The new registration system due to be launched in 2021 will allow us to update mailing lists in order to improve communication with our members in a more efficient way. Meanwhile, the battle continues in what is a hugely competitive field for media coverage for our sport.

From a TV and general media interest point of view the move to our new state-of-the-art centre in the confines of Croke Park will hopefully remove some of the barriers to media exposure as the majority of the national media are Dublin based. It is important that we make our finals nights in our new home as attractive to the media as possible and this is a challenge we will embrace going forward.

We have made small strides with the national media in recent years which is welcome and I thank everyone who has assisted us in gaining this coverage. We must strive to increase this and make our sport exciting and worthy of coverage. As a smaller NGB we have to make use of the tools available to us and maximise each one to get the best possible results and increase our profile.

## LIVE STREAMING

While there was a reduction in games throughout 2020 we still managed to livestream our major events with 27 matches in total streamed. The standard of streaming has continuously improved year on year and when you consider that all of our streams are provided free of charge via Facebook Live it represents fantastic value for handball fans. One of the key benefits of live

streaming is the interaction and viewership numbers with an impressive total reach of 92,000 for our 27 games in 2020.

We would love to be in a position to cover more matches and competitions. The reality however is that there is a significant cost and workload required to deliver a live stream. We have been ahead of the game in terms of Live

streaming of our events with many of the bigger associations only really beginning to embrace it.

It is important to remember that the games are available free of charge if we were to explore charging for games we may be in a position to offer more games but we risk losing the reach of the games if people are not willing to pay for same. It is something we need to ex-

plore going forward in order to put a value on our games and to increase the offering of live games.

The work and attention that goes into streaming an event is not always noticed but it is a major operation especially when there is more than one camera involved. Live streaming has become a valuable tool for us to showcase our sport to mass audiences and we are constantly looking for ways to improve our live streaming offering.

I thank MacAV for their camera work throughout the year which as always was excellent. I also thank all the commentators throughout the year who imparted their knowledge and kept so many people entertained.

STREAMING	MATCHES STREAMED
She's Ace Ladies Festival	8
Adult 4-Wall Nationals	5
All-Ireland 4-Wall Singles	6
All-Ireland Softball Singles	8
<b>TOTAL VIDEOS</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>TOTAL VIEWS</b>	<b>92,000</b>





## SOCIAL MEDIA

In 2020, more than ever before, social media and online content become more important in maintaining interaction and positivity among our membership. As an association we have embraced this need and have seen an increase in our fans/subscribers across all our social media platforms in the past year. Feature articles, quizzes, and interactive series such as our 4-Week Handball Circuits, and our 14 Day Home Skills Challenge over lockdown have aided this growth.

Social Media is becoming a full-time job in itself to keep up with the fast-paced world of online media. Just when you think you have got to grips with the latest platform line a new one comes along and there is a shift in popularity meaning we have to react accordingly. The reality is that this is how most young people interact nowadays and if we do not keep up with the emerging trends then we risk falling behind and the younger audience will interact with other sports with stronger online presence.

Given GAA Handball do not have a full time Media Officer, unlike many other national governing bodies, I think as an association our output is highly commendable when you consider the time and effort required to deliver this.

I would ask our membership base to engage positively about our sport on our social media platforms and use it appropriately to promote our sport to a wider audience.

I struggle to comprehend the mindset of people who use social media to be negative or to be disrespectful online in order to gain likes or to stir up a row. I fully understand everyone will have contrasting views on various decisions and happenings within the game, but by being disrespectful online, particularly to other volunteers, is of little use and really is only a reflection of that person and not our association. This is particularly true when the post have no basis or fact but are engineered to cause a reaction.

Communication lines are always open from Club Secretaries right through to the full-time staff at national level, and we are happy to discuss potential issues or grievances through this channel, and away from the eye of potential new members who may be negatively influenced by negative online threads.

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 or worry

to people. We need to be aware of how we conduct ourselves online and take ownership of the comments that we post and always remember that our words even if not intended to can be misinterpreted and cause unnecessary hurt to others.

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 could result in a serious loss of opportunity. Positive comments are always welcome and it helps to portray a positive image for our Sport. We all have a responsibility to Like, Share, Retweet and post positive comments to enable our Sport to gain the maximum positive exposure that we possibly can.

Once again, our Facebook and Twitter fanbase have grown steadily over the year and have been invaluable tools in promoting the game. Our Instagram account is in its infancy but is also growing and this is proving to be one of the more popular platforms with younger audiences right now.

Sometimes we can overlook the importance of Social Media for an NGB of our size as a marketing tool for our sport. When you consider we have 22k followers which in turn provides us with a potential reach for our key messages far in excess of what we could afford to reach if we were to pay for conventional methods of advertisement. This is why keeping the message positive and projecting a positive image of our sport is so important.

We have seen a huge increase in the number of social media accounts at club and county level and I commend them for doing invaluable work in promoting the game at local level.



## SOCIAL MEDIA FANS / SUBS VIDEO'S INCREASE FROM 2019

SOCIAL MEDIA	FANS / SUBS	VIDEO'S	INCREASE FROM 2019
Facebook	23,168	n/a	Yes
Twitter	8,385	n/a	Yes
Instagram	1,515	n/a	Yes
YouTube	1,473	286	Yes





## WEBSITE

Our national website continues to be our main source of information for members and we are continually trying to develop new and interesting content to support our clubs.

In 2020 alone, despite a huge portion of our scheduled competitions and events being cancelled, we have published 200+ news stories and an array of new support literature. In early 2021 we are excited to confirm we will be releasing an upgraded version of our website to improve the ease of navigation and to increase the offering to our members.

We are continuously looking for new content and welcome Clubs, Counties and Provinces to send in tournament reviews, or unique pieces that are of interest on a national front. It is great getting to read about the efforts going on at local level to progress our sport, and indeed this can often inspire others to follow suit.

## FINANCE

Our accounts show a deficit for the year end following a year that finances across all sectors have been severely impacted by Covid-19. Our registrations decreased while the income normally derived from competition entries and gate receipts was drastically reduced due to the lack of action. Also, the financial impact of Covid-19 on the GAA's finances meant that the annual GAA grant decreased as a result.

While our income decreased so too did our expenditure with less competitions meaning a big decrease in spending on competition and event expenses.

Our challenge over the next number of years will be to increase our income to allow us to increase our expenditure and this will no doubt be a challenge with many of our funders, potential sponsors and key income strands financially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

As an Association 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.

When you take a look at where the majority our income comes from it is

clear to see that we are heavily reliant on grant funding from two key funders, this has been exposed this year with the financial impact on the GAA's finances meaning a reduction in grant funding for all units.

Sport Ireland are very 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 and the needs of each NGB increasing year on year it shows the challenges faced when trying to fund each organisation.

We must look at our own income strands and look at ways of increasing same so that we are not overly reliant on grant funding which can be uncertain as shown this year. Over the next year we will explore new avenues

of funding through fundraising, grants, commercial and sponsorship and down the line we will need to review our income from items such as event income and gate receipts to see if we can increase income in these areas. We have to look at all areas of our sport to ensure we are maximising our income potential and giving our sport the best chance to invest in our game to allow it to grow.

Our online shop profits have increased year on year and this is encouraging. Plans are in place to increase the product range further to raise further 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.

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.

Our sponsors O'Neills and MD Sports (Myclubshop.ie) were both impacted financially by the Covid-19 pandemic and we wish both of them the very best as they continue to work through this difficult time and I encourage all our members to support them in any way they can. Despite this both have remained supportive of GAA Handball and for this we owe them a huge debt of gratitude. Meetings are ongoing with the GAA Sponsorship Department in relation to expanding the sponsorship portfolio for our sport and while the initial talks were very encouraging there are still a number of issues we have to address in order to make our games more attractive to sponsors.

The Sports Capital grant scheme is once more available in 2021 with €40 million available for investment this year. The deadline for applications is set for February 12th. Handball clubs have greatly benefitted from Sports Capital funding throughout the years with €608,000 of funding received by handball clubs in the last round of funding. Our development team are available to assist any club who is applying for Sports Capital funding this year and will be only too happy to assist you with your application.

There are numerous grants available to clubs 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





## MARTINA MCMAHON RECEIVED THE IRISH TIMES SPORTSWOMAN OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER IN RECOGNITION OF HER SOFTBALL ALL IRELAND SUCCESS

definitely worth it and you can see in the past number of years the number of Handball clubs that benefitted from such funding.

### AWARDS

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 our All-Star Awards did not take place in 2020. The All-Stars night has become one of the standout occasions and a well-deserved reward for our volunteers who are nominated. We hope to be in a position to be back celebrating our wonderful volunteers at the end of this year.

Martina McMahon received the Irish Times Sportswoman of the Month for September in recognition of her

Softball All Ireland success. Martina was shortlisted for the Sportswoman of the Year alongside names such as Katie Taylor, Kellie Harrington and Rachael Blackmore in what was a fantastic honour and just recognition for her success.

Jenny Mahon from Abbeylara HC in Longford received a Federation of Irish Sport Volunteers in Sport awards for her dedicated work with Abbeylara Handball Club, especially her work with coaching children in the area. Congratulations to Jenny on her award.

Peter Dennehy of Liscarrol Handball club in Cork received the GAA Presidents Award for outstanding service to the GAA earlier in the year. Peter has had a long and distinguished

service to GAA Handball, and I offer my congratulations to Peter on a well-deserved award. I congratulate all our members who received awards throughout 2020 whether they were at local level or national level. It is fantastic to see your work and the sport of Handball being recognised.

### HISTORY ARCHIVE

GAA Handball's online History Archive at [www.gaahandball.ie](http://www.gaahandball.ie) makes for fascinating reading and now contains a large list of articles on great players, key Irish Handball milestones dating back to 1886, historic annual reports, roll of honours, and past president lists. I feel strongly about preserving the past and keeping detailed records for future generations to look back on in years to come. The History Archive will be an ongoing continuous project and we want members of the handball community to contribute. If you would like to submit an article or some images for publication, then contact any member of the GAA Handball full time staff and we would be happy to assist.

### ANTI-DOPING

It is essential that all members familiarise themselves with the Anti-Doping regulations. Information for all GAA Handball members is available on [www.gaahandball.ie](http://www.gaahandball.ie). Also, anti-doping wallet cards are available 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.irishsports council.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.



### MY HANDBALL LIFE

As part of our archive development, this year we established a new "My Handball Life" Series, interviewing former greats as they reminisce about their careers and how Handball shaped them.

So far, we have produced detailed interviews with Eddie Corbett (Tipperary), Ricky McCann (Antrim), Lydia Doolin (Roscommon), and Killian Carroll (Cork). This series has received great interaction and it is captivating reading about all the old memories and on court battles. Further articles are in the pipeline and I thank Paul Fitzpatrick for his efforts in leading the interviews and to Darragh Daly for co-ordinating the history section.

### BUÍOCHAS

I would like to thank Ard Stiurthoir of the GAA Tom Ryan for his support throughout the year. He was always available and very approachable at all times.

I would also like to thank Teresa Rehill and Lorena Kelly for their assistance and guidance throughout the year.

I would also like to thank Uachtarán CLG John Horan for his support throughout the year and wish him well as he enters the final year of his tenure.

Dessie Keegan assumed the role of Uachtarán of the Association in February. It has been a difficult first year for Dessie, but he has embraced the role head on. Having worked closely with Dessie over the past year I know he has some fantastic ideas for the game going forward and he has shown a tremendous enthusiasm for the role and to better the association. One of the key projects that he has undertaken has been the development of a strategic plan which is critical for any sporting body to have. I look forward to working with Dessie throughout the next year to enhance and develop the association together going forward.

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

To our sponsors O'Neills and Martin Donnelly (Myclubshop.ie) I say a huge thank you for your support once more in 2020. I look forward to working closely with you both in 2021.

To our suppliers MacSports, MMI, Parrot Print and EMcreative I thank you for your work throughout the year.

To the GAA full time Staff for their assistance throughout 2020 I look forward to continuing to work closely again in 2021. I would like to pay special thanks to Feargal McGill who has been a tremendous support and source of advice throughout the year in terms of developing our return to play protocols.

To our GAA Rep Simon Moroney I thank him for his support and advice over the year he has been a valuable asset to our Ard Chomhairle committee and I look forward to working with him again in 2021.

To Dermot Reilly for his assistance with items in the New Handball Centre and for his assistance in obtaining grant funding for the one wall courts I say a huge thank you. Your addition to the GAA Handball Ard Chomhairle is an invaluable one and I look forward to working with you over the coming years.

To Sport Ireland and the Federation of Irish Sport especially Shane Califf



and Melanie Lettis I thank you for your continued support and assistance.

To our sister associations in Camogie and Ladies GFC and to GAA Rounders thanks for your support throughout the year and I wish you the best for 2021.

To the full-time staff of Darragh Daly, Austin McKenna, Pauric Dowdall and Brigid Doheny I extend a huge thank you for the extraordinary lengths you

great work is appreciated by you.

To the Provincial Councils who tirelessly work to promote Handball in their provinces I say thank you and keep up the good work. To the County Boards who again work so hard to keep the game alive in their respective counties I thank you for your efforts and look forward to working with you all in 2021 once more.

To all our clubs, the lifeblood of our



**TO ALL OUR CLUBS THE LIFELOOD OF OUR ASSOCIATION AND THE PRODUCTION LINE FOR SO MANY OF OUR TOP PLAYERS I THANK YOU SINCERELY FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK THROUGHOUT A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR OUR SPORT.**

go to on a regular basis to ensure that our association runs smoothly. This year has been a tough year on you all having to adapt to working remotely and the challenges that that brings. Despite the financial impact of suffering wage cuts with the added worry of the threat of job losses looming heavily you never faltered in your dedication to your role or willingness to work hard. The level of dedication you display to your job is inspiring and I hope it is appreciated by our members just as much as their

Association and the production line for so many of our top players I thank you sincerely for your outstanding work throughout a challenging 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. They will be an invaluable way of keeping members involved in handball as we emerge from Covid-19 restrictions.



To our clubs that host games especially those during Covid-19. 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 and for your patience throughout an extremely frustrating year, it is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to hopefully seeing you all throughout 2021.

In conclusion, we have never experienced a year quite like 2020 in our sport. While the year started with the hopes and excitement of finally opening our new centre and celebrating our major finals nights to releasing ambitious plans to host a spectacular World Championship in 2021, we found ourselves in the midst of a pandemic the likes that has never been seen before in most of our lifetimes.

Our sport has suffered greatly and has been shut down for most of the past year. We have never had so little handball or so little contact with our fellow members and handball friends. The uncertainty that we face into in relation to the pandemic and how it will manifest itself in 2021 is the cause of great concern and the most frustrating aspect is the lack of clarity as this remains an ever-changing situation with little certainty about the future.

The whole world is experiencing turmoil right now, people have lost

their jobs and face financial worries, families have lost loved ones and also the chance to properly say goodbye to them. Weddings and special family occasions have been cancelled and peoples lives have been changed completely to the point where a simple handshake or a hug is now deemed dangerous. When we put it into perspective maybe our troubles are insignificant in comparison, however we cannot underestimate the importance of our sport and the positive impact that handball has on thousands of members both physically and mentally.

We will do everything in our power to guide our association through the next months and years ahead and to protect our clubs and members to ensure our association survives this and thrives when we come out the other side. We ask you to work with us as we cannot do this alone and without your co-operation, patience and understanding.

We have already seen the monumental effort by members all over the country some working as frontline workers, others helping out in voluntary capacity supporting the efforts to combat the virus. On a positive note we also have seen a return to handball and how this can be achieved in a safe manner so we know that we are capable of doing it again thanks to our wonderful volunteers and officials.

It will take a huge collective effort at all levels to ensure that we emerge from this difficult time but I am confident that we can achieve this. We fight every day for handball to gain the exposure and respect it deserves and we are strongest when we fight together as one association and support each other.

We have a lot to look forward to including the opening of our new national centre, our strategic plan and hopefully a rescheduled World Championships that will be a huge celebration of handball. We must use this time of non-activity to strengthen our clubs from an administrative point of view and to upskill and develop our volunteers, officials and administrators so that we will be in a stronger position when we do finally return to a full calendar of games once more.

I wish you all the very best of health for 2021 and hope that whatever you are going through that you have the adequate support and help to guide you through it.

Handball will survive this, handball will come back stronger and there will be better days ahead when we will meet again on and off the courts to celebrate the sport we love.

Stay safe and keep up the good work.

**John Kelly**  
National Manager

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# 2020 COMPETITIO

**Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic meant that action was limited on the courts throughout 2020. There were a few months that saw some action and we take a look back on those now:**

#### JANUARY

One of the few months in 2020 where Covid-19 was not an issue saw the first competition of the year see Diarmaid Nash come from a game down in the final against current Irish #1 Robbie McCarthy to retain his John Gaffney Memorial title in Ballaghaderreen, winning 7-15, 15-3, 11-6.

Nash survived a scare in the Round of 16, edging veteran Kerry man Dominic Lynch 15-14, 15-9. He followed this up with two straight game victories over fellow Banner men Fergal Coughlan & Colin Crehan.

McCarthy, after ousting Martin Mulkerrins in the SF, looked set for his second title win of the season when storming to the opener 15-7. But Nash slowly started claiming control and took the win to lay down a marker for the coming season.

The 2020 She's Ace Festival Weekend was certainly one to remember with a total of 190 females headed west to smash our entry records, aged from 9 through to 40+.

The showpiece grade was the Elite Ladies Open, where we had 18 high quality performers play out group stages on Friday & Saturday, before the knockout stages on Saturday evening. The last two ladies standing were Martina McMahon (Limerick) & Catriona Casey (Cork). Both players are very regular competitors in Finals over the last few years, producing spectacular handball and forming a fascinating rivalry that twists and turns all the time.

Having lost to Casey in December's Breacach Open, Martina took the honours this time round with her attacking power play just incredible on the day. Preceding the main Final were the 17&U and 15&U Finals. Amy Brennan (Kilkenny) was the standout player all day in the 15&U grade, surviving a 30 player field to eventually see off Tyrone's Clodagh Munroe in the Final. Noelle Dowling then made it a double for Kilkenny as she produced a brilliant

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comeback to oust Chloe Philpott (Clare) and retain her title.

The 30th Annual Gael Linn competition took place in Tinryland HC, Carlow with Moycullen (Galway) coming out top of the pile following a 72-36 final victory against Monaghan's Monaghan Harps. In the Solas section, Tuamgraney (Clare) overcame Abbeyknockmoy (Galway).

## FEBRUARY

The National AGM took place in the McWilliam Park Hotel in Claremorris which saw Mayo's Dessie Keegan take the reigns as the Uachtarán of GAA Handball from outgoing President Joe Masterson.

The 4 Wall Adult Nationals took place in Mayo venues and were a huge success. The finals were set

for Aughagower and a packed house witnessed some thrilling Handball between our country's finest. Little did they know this would probably be the final time that year that they would see live handball.

Robbie McCarthy and Martina McMahon both retained their Irish 4-Wall Nationals titles in impressive fashion. Martina was hot favourite, especially given her number one rival over the last few years, Catriona Casey, was not in the draw. The Limerick woman comprehensively saw off Sinead Meagher 15-2, 15-3 in the semi-final with 5-time Champion Aisling Reilly also cruising through, defeating teenager Mollie Dagg in two games.

In the Final, Martina wowed the crowd with her usual attacking play and long-range shooting, but Reilly

proved crafty and caused plenty of problems herself. A 15-6 opening game win for Martina left Reilly with an uphill battle, but she did fight back to hold a 10-6 lead in the second before succumbing 15-11.

In the Men's SF's, the return of Paul Brady was a big story leading into the weekend. But top seed Robbie McCarthy ended the fairy tale return with a 15-8 win, before Brady unfortunately had to retire with a shoulder injury during the interval.

The second SF was a humdinger between Martin Mulkerrins and Diarmaid Nash, something we come to expect when these two take to the court together. Mulkerrins had the edge this time and saw out a tough 15-12, 15-13 win.

In the Final, McCarthy raced to an early 5-0 lead, but Mulkerrins buoyed



by a vocal support fought his way back into the game, with scores tied at 6-6. McCarthy is a class act though and rose his game when needed, seeing out a 15-7, 15-8 win to draw level with four Irish 4-Wall Nationals titles on the all-time list (with Tony Healy). The scoreline maybe doesn't reflect the competitiveness and quality of the match, with both stars producing spectacular Handball at times.

The 4 Wall Colleges took place in Kingscourt with the main titles going to Kilkenny's Billy Drennan representing Kilkenny CBS when he captured the Boys Senior Singles title while Kilkenny's Noelle Dowling of Presentation college Kilkenny took home the Girls Senior Singles title to start what was a very successful year for both players.

Also in February the ICHA 4Wall singles event took place in Belfast with Missouri State's Sam Esser and DCU's Fiona Tully taking the Open titles.

Also at third level the USHA Collegiates took place at the University of Texas with the Open Singles titles going to Shane Dunne (ITT) and Galway's Ciana Ní Churraoin representing Minnesota State University. The Mens Open Doubles title was won by David Walsh and Adam Walsh (CIT) with Fiona Tully and Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh capturing the Women's Open Doubles representing DCU.

The O'Neills 4-Wall All Ireland championship also kicked off towards the end of February and the early rounds in both went mainly to script with the favourites all advancing.

Cavan's Paul Brady had been listed to take part in the Last 32 but following his withdrawal at the Irish Nationals he withdrew injured once more.

### MARCH

We entered March with the air of excitement building as the O'Neills 4-Wall All Ireland singles championships was reaching the penultimate stages.

to set up another encounter between the two top female handballers that everyone was looking forward to. In her semi final Martina McMahon defeated Roscommon's Fiona Tully 21-9, 21-3 with Casey locking horns with her old adversary Aisling Reilly and coming out 21-10, 21-10 victor in the other semi.

The national Cumann na mBunscoil day took place in Kingscourt prior to the semi finals with some excellent skill on show from the young school children from across the country. Following their games the kids got the chance to watch some top level handball in the 4-wall semi finals to cap off a brilliant day for the youngsters.

So we were set for Kingscourt once more as the National Handball Centre had not yet opened due to a delay with the snag list. It promised to be an outstanding weekend of action but to everyone's dismay the country went into partial lockdown on 12th March with a cease on all sporting activity ordered until the 29th March. Hopes were high that this was just precautionary measures and that action would resume then however on the 27th March a full lockdown was introduced meaning at least another three weeks of no action on the horizon.



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The Men's semi finals saw Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy taking on Armagh's Charly Shanks with Galway's Martin Mulkerrins facing off against Clare's Diarmuid Nash in another mouthwatering battle. McCarthy's passage to the final was pretty straightforward defeating Shanks 21-4, 21-4 but the second semi final produced another three game thriller with Mulkerrins as he did at the Irish nationals earlier in the year edging the contest on a 10-21, 21-9, 21-12 scoreline.

It set up an enticing final of McCarthy v Mulkerrins a repeat of the Irish Nationals final just a month earlier.

The Ladies Semi finals went according to script with the top two seeds booking their place in the final

### APRIL

We entered April under a cloud with an uncertainty hanging over any future events due to this Covid-19 virus that had by now gripped the country. The announcement to extend the full lockdown by 3 weeks on April 10th came as a major blow to all involved in the game but the country's safety had to be a priority and life as we knew it changed immeasurably with handshakes and hugging banned and social distancing becoming the new norm. Further events fell by the wayside as the ban on indoor sports continued.

A number of online initiatives were run over the month of April including the release of a colouring booklet and activity booklet to keep kids that were at home from school busy. There

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was also a series of home Handball challenges and online circuit sessions to keep members active during lockdown.

### MAY

There was a glimmer of hope on May 5th as the government announced that restrictions would begin to ease. There was still no green light for indoor sports however and so our clubs were left in limbo with no action and no sign of a return to the sport they love. The positive news was that the situation regarding Covid-19 was beginning to improve and work was ongoing on creating a return to play protocol that would allow clubs to reopen. A huge body of work was undertaken with the GAA and the Sport Ireland expert groups in a bid to come up with a set of recommendations for clubs to follow to allow them to reopen in a safe manner.

Our online Club learning webinar series was launched with 300+ participants taking part in an eight-week Webinar Series delivered for the benefit of our Clubs. Weekly guest speakers from the GAA and GAA Handball Staff delivered presentations on a range of topics. In May webinars were held on:

- Learning Opportunities for Club Officers
- Volunteer Recruitment & Retention
- Finance for Clubs

### JUNE

The online webinars continued into June with a further 5 webinars taking place covering the following topics:

- GAA Injury Fund and GAA Insurance Cover
- Coaching, Getting the Basics right
- How Social Media can benefit your Club
- Child Safeguarding within your Club
- GDPR for Clubs

June brought a further glimmer of light as progress was made with a return to play document and the country continued to improve and case numbers were dropping.

On the 26th June the GAA Handball Return to Play document was launched with the much needed positive news that there was at last a plan for handball activity to return. The plan was broken down into four phases with a stepped return to full activity.

Phase one of handball's return was permitted from the 27th June with



a return to outdoor handball. Indoor activity was still restricted until phase two but at least clubs had a roadmap now and could see a future. Covid officers were appointed in clubs and sanitiser, posters and signage installed as clubs readied themselves for a much-anticipated return to action.

### JULY

The 20th July saw a return for indoor activity with 1v1 training permitted indoors. Not all clubs reopened as some remained shut with Covid-19 still present in the community and the chance of infection still very real. Other clubs did not have the manpower to enforce the new protocols and so had no option but to remain closed during a very difficult time for all concerned.

A series of online initiatives were continually rolled out to keep our members active and to generate some much needed exposure for the sport. A facilities audit was conducted throughout July. This was a comprehensive audit on all playable Handball Facilities in Ireland and included a detailed breakdown

of facilities that are part of Handball Clubs, GAA Clubs, Community Centres, Leisure Centres or Schools. The audit is available to view on our website.

### AUGUST

On the 10th August we moved to phase 3 of the Roadmap with a return to competition at club/county level permitted in singles play only. While progress was slow to reopen we were heading in the right direction and thankfully there had been no cases recorded in Handball settings due to the care and effort taken by our wonderful volunteers to provide safe environments.

Work began on collating data for the GAA Handball Strategic plan in August and a survey was released to all members for their input to the plan.

Then on the 31st August Phase 4 of the Roadmap came into play with a return to intercounty action in singles format permitted. There were no spectators permitted but members were happy to be back in the courts and those who felt that they did not wish to reopen were completely entitled not to.



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## SEPTEMBER

September saw the long-awaited return of Handball at National Level with the county at Level 2 restrictions meaning that intercounty competition was permitted to take place.

Following a decision by Ard Chomhairle to run only the Senior Singles and Juvenile grades the Myclubshop.ie Softball Senior Singles kicked off in early September.

There was a nervousness among venues in terms of hosting games which meant that not all venues were available to host games. This was perfectly understandable given what had gone on in the previous six months.

There was one big shock in the Ladies Quarter Finals as Westmeath's Aoife McCarthy shocked times champion Catriona Casey to advance on a 21-20, 12-21, 11-8 scoreline. There were no such shocks in the other games with Martina McMahon proving too strong for newcomer Laura Finn

while Kilkenny pairing Ciara Mahon and Aoife Holden made the semi finals at the expense of Pauline Gallagher and Aishling O'Keefe respectively.

The early rounds of the Mens Senior Singles went mainly to script with one shock result as Galway's Diarmuid Mulkerrins took the scalp of the experienced Gavin Buggy in the Round of 16. Wexford's Barry Goff turned back the years to march to a semi final and dreams of a first Senior singles titles appeared within reach of the Wexford man. The final four pairings saw Robbie McCarthy take on Meath's Gary McConnell with Goff taking on Galway's Martin Mulkerrins.

McCarthy displayed a ruthless efficiency in dispatching McConnell 21-8, 21-3 while Mulkerrins was equally as efficient in the first game winning 21-5 however the second was a different story and Goff made the Moycullen man work hard to steal a 21-19 win and seal a spot in his first ever Softball singles final.

The Ladies semi finals saw Ciara Mahon take on Aoife McCarthy fresh from her win over Catriona Casey. By virtue of her quarter final win McCarthy started as favourite but she could not replicate the form she had showed previously and she ran into a formidable opponent in Mahon who booked her place in the final on a 21-10, 21-10 scoreline. In the other semi-final Martina McMahon was leaving nothing to chance as she ruthlessly dispatched of Kilkenny's Aoife Holden to book her spot in the final for a year in a row.

Huge thanks must go to the venues for stepping up and hosting the games to ensure a championship could take place and especially to Crinkle HC who hosted both the semi finals and finals day and this allowed us to live stream all the games.

September also saw the roll out of the She's Ace online conference series which saw a 3 part series of online sessions aimed to Inspire, Educate

and Listen. Hosted by Sky Sports Grainne McElwain it featured a host of Handball personalities as well as guests from the wider GAA family and was a great success.

### OCTOBER

The Myclubshop.ie All-Ireland Singles Softball Finals went ahead on the 3rd October in Crinkle, Offaly. Great credit is due to the Crinkle club in particular Kevin Cooke for providing a safe environment for players and officials and enabling a select number of spectators mainly players families to get to see the action. For those who could not get to see the game live MacAV once again provided a top-class streaming service to ensure nobody missed a minute of the action.

On the court there was a break in tradition with the Ladies Minor Singles final kicking off the programme for the first time. This was followed by the Boys Minor Singles and usually the Ladies Senior then the Men's Senior Final.

This year to promote Ladies Handball as part of the 20x20 initiative the Ladies final was given top billing on the finals programme. It was a move that proved popular and one that will be replicate on a rotational basis going forward.

There was also a break in tradition in the Ladies final with first time finalist Ciara Mahon taking on hot favourite Martina McMahon going for her third title in a row. Limerick's Martina McMahon is a real joy to watch when she is in full flow, and finals day was one of those days as she won her 3rd consecutive All-Ireland Ladies Softball Singles title.

It was a shame no spectators were allowed in to watch Softball's biggest day of the year but a free GAA Handball Stream Service enabled Handball fans all over the world to watch from the comfort of their own homes.

Ciara Mahon was appearing in her first Senior Final having regularly made Senior SF's. The Clogh club woman couldn't get to grips with Martina's power in the opener, falling 21-2, but with scores tied at 6-6 in the second, things were looking up for Mahon, who showed showed great courage and fight, chasing down every ball.

But in the end it was Broadford's McMahon who was able to make points at greater ease as she closed out the match 21-8 to seal her 4th title in all.

GAA Handball Uachtaran Dessie Keegan commented in his post-match



speech that "Martina McMahon is a once in a generation handball player" and that opinion is widely held across the Handball community.

In the Ladies Minor Final there was a first ever win for Kilkenny as Noelle Dowling defeated Clare's Chloe Philpott 21-11, 21-12. It was surprising that such a strong Softball county like Kilkenny had never won the grade before, but Dowling put that to bed with a strong showing and never really looked in doubt. She will now join her fellow county colleagues Ciara Mahon

& Aoife Holden in the senior ranks.

Billy Drennan made it a double for the Cats as he sealed the Boys Minor title with a hugely impressive victory over Tipperary's Rory Grace. Drennan produced some breathtaking Handball to seal his first Minor crown, defeating Tipperary's Grace 21-12, 21-5. Drennan is a top Hurler who starred for Kilkenny Minors last year, and now follows in the footsteps of fellow hurling stars DJ Carey (1989 Doubles) & Richie Hogan (2006 Doubles) as All-Ireland Minor Softball champions.



The Men's final also saw a first time finalist Martin Mulkerrins taking on seven time champion Robbie McCarthy. The two were scheduled to meet in the 4-Wall Senior Singles final but that fell to Covid so this match was eagerly awaited among handball fans.

There is no doubting Robbie McCarthy is up there with the greatest players ever to play the game of Handball, and in the big court in particular he excels.

Having raced into an early 12-3 lead, the result looked a formality, but Mulkerrins to his credit made McCarthy work in the first and rallied back with the scores tied at 15-15.

But that was to be the signal for McCarthy to up his game again as he closed out the second game and then match with his supreme court craft and paddle kills to capture his eighth Senior Singles title in ten years, an incredible feat.

The finals day had whetted the appetite for more handball action and everyone was looking forward to the Myclubshop.ie Juvenile Semi Finals

and Finals later that month.

Unfortunately, we received the news we had been dreading that on the 6th October the country was to move back to Level 3. The Myclubshop.ie Juvenile Semi Finals had been set for the 11th October with the finals set for 25th October but this meant the heart-breaking decision was made for us that the Juvenile semi-finals and finals could not go ahead as planned. This was a massive blow to the young players who had made it through their provinces to play in an All-Ireland semi-final and possibly a final.

This heartbreak was compounded with an announcement on 23rd October that the country would enter Level 5 restrictions for 6 weeks.

## NOVEMBER

With the country still in Level 5 the planned rescheduling of the 4-Wall finals weekend and Juvenile finals did not take place.

Attention switched to online learning once more and a series of online referee workshops took

place including the first female only workshop.

The online club forum was also launched and began on the 30th November with four webinars taking place over four weeks each aimed at a different committee role.

## DECEMBER

December arrived and talk of lifting lockdowns to allow people to travel home for Christmas meant there was hope that some form of handball could be played in the final month of the year.

From December 1st the country was placed on Level 3 restrictions meaning that individual indoor handball could take place.

However, any hopes of any meaningful competitive handball taking place was snuffed out as numbers began to creep up again and the government instructed a Level 5 lockdown to be implemented from Christmas Day.

This was a final blow in what had been a truly annus horribilis for handball members and enthusiasts.



### NATIONAL COACH EDUCATION:

#### Coaching Courses:

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has been hugely disruptive to our Coach Education programme in 2020, and has forced a rethink in our delivery. Whilst this has been challenging, it has also been refreshing to see the willingness for change and adaptation among the public, and the opportunities this provides us with going forward.

In a practical sense, we were only provided the opportunity to host five Coaching Courses at national level pre lockdown in March, with five further courses scheduled for April that had to be cancelled at short notice. Typically, it is in Q3 & Q4 annually that we see the majority of our National Coach Education Courses delivered, so the restrictions on court openings and the continued uncertainty around a return to practical delivery has meant a hugely

reduced programme of courses in 2020.

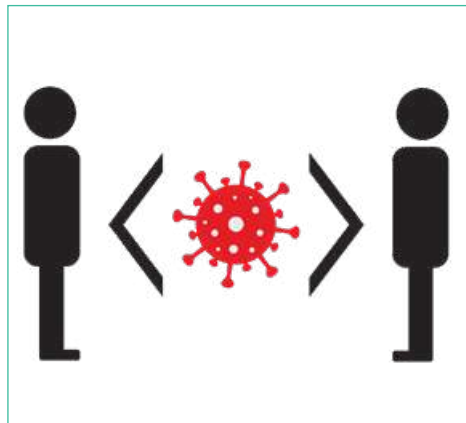
- Inservice's delivered in Carlow & Wicklow
- Foundation Award Courses delivered in Leitrim, Limerick & Louth

In my coaching and development report last year, I stated that going forward it is intended to make a slight change to the delivery process of our



FACE TO FACE COACHING	COURSES	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
In-Services	3	45	36	81
Foundation Award	3	35	5	40
Level 1 Award	0	0	0	0

DATA: January – March 2020



certified coach education courses on two fronts; (i) making a concerted effort to target counties that have not hosted a course in several years, (ii) prioritising the delivery of the more advanced two-day Level 1 Course, ideally with one minimum per province. This is a change from the current delivery on request approach. While we never got the opportunity to develop this strategy in 2020 the same principle will apply upon our return to the courts.

With an uncertainty surrounding the early stages of 2021 we have to adapt and find new ways of delivering our coach education. We are continually working on new and innovative ways to deliver our coach education programme.

#### **Coaching Resources:**

On a positive note, we currently have a considerable bank of top-

quality Coaching Resources available on the national website, which was re-released constantly since March across our social media platforms. It always surprises me when bringing these resources to the attention of course attendees nationwide, that many were not aware of their existence. So, I again encourage all elected Club Officials to continually make them aware to your club members. Everything Coach Education related designed by GAA Handball is made for our members, free of charge, and has utilised the knowledge of the top coach-education minds in our sport.

New coaching resources are in the pipeline, but we will always welcome with open arms any suggestions/ topics from our club coaches, that they believe would be beneficial to the growth of our game.

#### **Court Ready Series**

In 2020 we have added another new resource to our already extensive bank. GAA Handball have teamed up with Tommy Gallagher Injury Management for an ongoing monthly "Court Ready Series" feature, aiming to provide members with important information in relation to Performance, Injury, Injury Reduction, and Rehab in Handball.

Our hope is that some of these insights, experience, knowledge and expertise will help our players perform better, recover quicker, and play for longer. The "Court Ready" series will consist of monthly articles, supported by key images and videos. Downloadable PDF's will be available at the bottom of each article, and will be permanently located in our Coaching Resources section at [www.gaahandball.ie](http://www.gaahandball.ie).

## COACHING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2020

Currently we have three features available for viewing;

- Shoulder Mobility
- Hip Rotation
- Ankle Mobility

### Online Coach Education

Online Learning was brought to prominence in 2020 out of necessity, but that is by no means a negative. In fact, it has proven to be quite beneficial and it is an area that GAA Handball will continue to utilise going forward.

A successful "Coaching Essentials" webinar was delivered as part of our Club Learning Webinar Series in May, focusing on coaching tips, technique essentials, and overcoming common obstacles. Numerous adaptations of this course were also hosted on request from parts of the wider GAA community.

GAA Handball are currently working with Sport Ireland Coaching to offer a blended learning delivery of GAA Handball's Foundation Coaching Award. Essentially this means part of the course will be delivered online, with a shorter follow up practical session required at a later date to complete certification. A pilot version was delivered with full time Provincial GAA Coaching Staff, which proved successful and enabled us to learn what can and can't work via an online format.

### Coach Developers:

In further positive news, our team of National Coach Developers (formerly Tutors), is due to expand as Fergal Coughlan Sr (Clare) and Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh (Dublin) are currently undertaking their training with Sport Ireland.

Fergal has a wealth of national and international experience as a player and coach, whilst Meadhbh, a PE Teacher by trade, will become our third female coach developer, and will play a key role in the future development of female coaches in GAA Handball as part of our wider She's Ace programme.

*Current National Coach Developers (12):*

- John O'Donoghue (Tipperary)
- Ryan Daly (Tyrone)
- Tadgh Carroll (Cork)
- Enda Timoney (Dublin)
- Damien Martin (Roscommon)
- Fiona Shannon (Antrim)
- Darragh Ruane (Mayo)
- Nevan McCartin (Galway)
- Marguerite Gore (Wexford) (In Training)

*Billy Drennan (Kilkenny) and Mikey Kelly (Galway)*



- Fergal Coughlan (Clare) (In Training)
- Meadhbh Ní Dhálaigh (Dublin) (In Training)
- Darragh Daly (National Development Officer)

If you think you have what it takes to become a National Coach Developer, get in contact with development. [handball@gaa.ie](mailto:handball@gaa.ie) to discuss the matter. We are always looking for suitable additions to enhance our Coach Education Programme.

### NATIONAL HANDBALL ACADEMY

Now in its second year, the National Handball Academy continued, albeit in a forced reduced capacity.

The programme was developed to provide an elite player pathway for juvenile players aged U14 - U18, aiming to ensure our next generations of players are adequately supported to make the breakthrough into elite senior players, nationally & internationally.

Thankfully we got some individual one to one sessions completed in February pre lockdown, for which I would like to thank Tony Healy and Fiona Shannon for willingly giving up their time to pass on their knowledge and experience onto the Academy members. Tony and Fiona competed at the highest of levels internationally during their playing days, so for our squad members to receive this service is invaluable to their development.

### 2020 Squad:

- Mark Doyle (Wexford), Billy Drennan (Kilkenny), Mikey Kelly (Galway), Kyle Jordan (Kilkenny), Clodagh Munroe (Tyrone), Chloe Philpott (Clare), Amy Brennan (Kilkenny), Emma Kinane (Galway).

With no further practical sessions possible, we adapted and found an online method of support for these young players, putting them through a five-week sports psychology course, covering topics such as physical/mental readiness, perception, goal setting, building confidence and motivation. Each session was superbly delivered by elite senior female Handballer, and now a sports psychology professional, Ciana Ni Churraoin.

Upon completion of the National Handball Centre, where GAA Handball can finally have a practical base, we intend to expand the Academy opportunity into the Softball and 1-Wall codes and develop the next generation of talented players in these respective courts also.



### CLUB IONTACH

**Our Club Iontach programme is well up and running now since its launch last year, with 40 Clubs currently registered and working towards accreditation.**

Club Iontach is GAA Handball's quality standards programme for

Clubs nationwide, devised to help guide clubs to achieve minimum operating standards in four core areas, aimed at improving all aspects of club development;

- 1) Club Management
- 2) Communications, Image & PR
- 3) Coaching & Development
- 4) Safety

With the current restrictions on playing still in place, now is the perfect time for Clubs to work on their Club Iontach Accreditation, making the most of the situation to strengthen as a Club. Whilst 40 Clubs registered is an excellent start, it does still mean we have huge room for growth for the remaining 140 Clubs. I would strongly encourage all Clubs to take a look at this programme in 2021, and begin the road to accreditation. There are no deadlines to pressure Clubs, instead they can work at their own pace towards full accreditation.

Two Clubs; Corduff HC (Monaghan) and Greencastle HC (Tyrone), have already thrown their full weight behind Club Iontach and have been awarded "Gold Status". I commend both Clubs for their proactive approach as they continuously endeavour to create positive sporting experiences in a safe, enjoyable and supportive environment.

#### The Benefits:

- Enhance Club's ability to attract new members, as both players and administrators
- Improve the Club's overall sustainability and effectiveness
- Raises the bar in terms of Club standards across the country, which will in turn lead to better structures, competitions and an overall stronger association for all members
- Receive a "Club Iontach Accredited Club" Display Plaque for your Club at a national event, to showcase the excellent work the Club is doing in promoting GAA Handball
- Club Feature to be published on national website



#### COUNTY IONTACH

To complement our Club Iontach Accreditation Scheme, we have just finalised a new County Iontach Scheme, which provides guidance for all our County Boards.

The aim is not to assess each County Board, but to set targets, provide awareness of good

governance, and to establish support mechanisms to aid progress.

The guide sets out 34 criteria for your County Board to strive towards, across 4 topics;

- (i) County Management
- (ii) Communications, Image & PR
- (iii) Coaching & Development
- (iv) Safety

A comprehensive bank of 20 detailed appendices and templates has been devised to aid progress. In addition, myself as National Development Officer, and our Club Support Officer Pauric Dowdall will always be on hand to support County Boards as best we can.

Full details and a permanent base for all County Iontach documentation is available in the Clubzone section of the national website.

#### REFEREE EDUCATION

##### Referee Pathway

The Referee Pathway continues to operate with the Foundation and Level 1 Award for all codes being delivered via an online capacity. Given the requirements of a practical Handball match for Level 2 & Level 3, these stages are currently on hold.

Four hundred participants have attempted the Online Foundation Award, a number that I personally would like to see increase significantly in 2021. The Foundation Award is designed to make it as accessible

## PATHWAY OVERVIEW 4 STAGES:

**FOUNDATION:**  
PASS ONLINE MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUIZ

**LEVEL 1**  
ATTEND A REFEREE CLINICS

**LEVEL 2:**  
PASS OBSERVATION OF REFEREEING AT COUNTY/PROVINCIAL LEVEL

**LEVEL 3**  
PASS OBSERVATION OF REFEREEING AT NATIONAL LEVEL

and user friendly as possible, allowing participants to attempt it from the comfort of their home in their own time.

It is important to stress that the purpose of the Referee Pathway is not solely to upskill aspiring Referee's, but to also educate and upskill all



# REFEREE EDUCATION



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members of the Handball community; players, coaches, parents, spectators.

Refereeing can be a thankless job, and more often than not it is a real struggle at all levels of our game to source willing referees. Put simply, this makes it more difficult to provide increased playing opportunities for our membership base, something as players we all want.

How can we remove some of the negative connotation around Refereeing?

- (i) Clear up any misunderstanding you might have on rulings.
- (ii) Ensure as a player and referee alike, you show the same level of respect to others as you would want to receive yourself.

I don't expect everyone to learn the rulebook inside out, but I do think it is reasonable to ask that in 2021, members take 30 minutes some evening and attempt the multiple-choice Foundation Quiz. Even you even learnt one new rule through doing it well that is still progress. For more details see [www.gaahandball.ie/clubzone/referee-education](http://www.gaahandball.ie/clubzone/referee-education).

### Online Referee Workshops & Social Media

Unlike our Coach Education Courses, where a practical session is vital, online workshops for our Level 1 Referee Award has turned out to be a great addition, so much so that these will be regularly rolled out annually going forward.

In November we ran three Online Referee Workshops and had 80+ attendees, with an almost 50/50 split on gender. These workshops are designed to be very interactive, increasing knowledge of commonly misunderstood rules, but importantly also providing tips on communication and refereeing styles.

We do need to increase the number of Referee Tutors to deliver our





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workshops, so if this is of interest to you, please contact development. [handball@gaa.ie](mailto:handball@gaa.ie).

Another strand of communication for Referee Education we delivered this year was the regular posting of rulings across our social media platforms. This will be continued throughout 2021.

### SCHOOLS 1-WALL INITIATIVE:

#### Schools Membership Scheme:

The latest edition of the Schools Membership Scheme was launched in September and coincides with the new school year.

Based on feedback, we added an extra option for increased Beginner Balls (Challenger 1). This special offer, subsidised by GAA Handball, remains open all year round for Primary and Secondary Schools, available once a year per school. I would encourage all our Handballing teachers out there to avail of this offer, joining the hundreds of school already registered.

#### School Courts:

It has been very positive to see numerous schools commit to building 1-Wall courts in 2020. Presentation College, Milltown (Kerry) erected two full sizes indoor courts, with Silvermines NS, Tipperary installing a mini-indoor wall.

St John's the Baptist Primary in Belfast cleverly marked out court lines on an existing outdoor space to create two mini walls, showcasing the simplicity it is to develop the game in a school setting.

St Colmcille's PS, Carrickmore (Tyrone) constructed a superb full size outdoor court, complete with high enclosed fencing, and doubling up as a football/hurling skills wall on the reverse pitch side.

Corduff HC, Monaghan continued their much to be admired efforts in growing the game locally, by installing a mini outdoor freestanding wall at Corcreagh NS. Impressively, this is not the first time the club have built a Handball Wall for one of their feeder schools.

There are many other schools and clubs building walls which is fantastic to see and if your club/school needs any advice on building a wall contact the development team who will be only too happy to help.



### CLUB LEARNING:

#### Club Learning Webinar Series:

Our Club Support Officer Pauric Dowdall developed a club learning series to complement last November's Club



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Forum and provide ongoing learning opportunities for our clubs. With face-to-face meetings prohibited under Covid restrictions the club learning moved online with great results.

Throughout May & June 300+ participants took part in an eight-week Webinar Series delivered for the benefit of our Clubs. Weekly guest speakers from the GAA and GAA Handball Staff delivered engaging and interactive presentations on the below topics over an eight-week period.

- Learning Opportunities for Club Officers – Eoghan Tuohy GAA Officer Development Co-ordinator.
- Volunteer Recruitment & Retention – Oliver Keating National Officer Development Committee.
- Finance for Clubs – Kathy Slattery National Finance Manager & Marion Donnelly former treasurer of Monaghan County Board.
- GAA Injury Fund and GAA Insurance Cover – Sinead Leavy & Ciara Clarke GAA Insurance Department
- Coaching, Getting the Basics right – Darragh Daly, National Development Officer
- How Social Media can benefit your Club – Lisa Hayden, GAA Digital Content Manager
- Child Safeguarding within your Club – Gearoid O Maoilmhichil & Michelle Harte GAA National Children's Office
- GDPR for Clubs – Kelly Cunningham GAA Data Protection Officer.

Literature and recordings for all of the above webinars are permanently located on the national website for Clubs to refer back to when needed. Thank you to all the presenters who helped make this series a huge success. We look forward to many more learning opportunities in 2021.

### Online Club Forum:

Following on from the successful Club Forum held in 2019 the second running of our annual Club Forum successfully took place online this year. The Forum took place via four webinars in November and December.

In total 120 attendees, split over 45 Clubs participated in this year's event, as full-time staff members Pauric Dowdall and Austin McKenna provided informative webinars on:

- Role of the Club Chairperson



### Covid-19: Safe Return to GAA Handball

Club Briefing Webinar #1



- Role of the Club Secretary
- Role of the Club PRO
- Role of the Club Treasurer

Copies of each session are available at [www.gaahandball.ie/clubzone/](http://www.gaahandball.ie/clubzone/) downloads, whilst audio recordings are also available on our YouTube channel (search GAA Handball TV).

All going well we will plan to run our third Club Forum in November 2021. How we will deliver this forum will heavily depend on public health advice. We will start making plans for a face-to-face forum and we hope to see you all in person in November. Club Support Manual

In 2021 we plan to release a "Club Support Manual", this will be available both in hard copy and soft copy on our website. A hard copy of the manual will be disturbed to each of our clubs.

The idea behind the manual is for it to be a comprehensive resource that Clubs can refer to on all aspects of successful Club Management and Governance. It will have a vast array of information, separated into several different sections, all in one place which we believe will be a very valuable asset to each club.

As always, we value your feedback immeasurably and we plan to hold an online meeting for our clubs to go through what we have included, and if there is anything clubs feel we should add to make it even better. Please keep an eye on your emails and GAA Handball social media pages for further details.

### FACILITY AUDIT:

In 2020 we completed a comprehensive audit on all playable Handball Facilities in Ireland. This includes a detailed breakdown of facilities that are part of Handball Clubs, GAA Clubs, Community Centres, Leisure Centres or Schools.

Further breakdown is available to view per county, and also what exact court type is in each location (4-Wall, 60x30 Indoor, 60x30 Outdoor, 1-Wall Indoor, 1-Wall Outdoor).

The audit has also been submitted to Sport Ireland for inclusion in a new "National Database of Sports & Recreation Amenities."

The audit is available to view on our national website, and we welcome any further additions if known. Contact [development.handball@gaa.ie](mailto:development.handball@gaa.ie).

# She's ACE

WOMEN IN HANDBALL

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# SHE'S ACE

## WOMEN IN HANDBALL

## PROGRAMME

**The 20x20 Campaign introduced in October 2018 aimed to create a measurable cultural shift in the presentation and perception of women's sport in Ireland.**

GAA Handball were proud to sign up as members of the 20x20 initiative and over the past number of years there has been some tremendous developments in women's handball. The standard of the game has risen to new levels. There has never been as many women playing the game both recreationally and competitively and we are beginning to see more females become involved in the administration and officiating side of the sport. All positive indicators that we are moving in the right direction.

## SHE'S ACE FESTIVAL WEEKEND:

Last January GAA Handball hosted a record breaking She's Ace Ladies Festival Weekend in Mayo & Sligo, as 190 females of all ages (8 through to 40+) travelled from all corners of the country to play.

In it's 7th year this event has grown so popular that ten 4-Wall courts and five 1-Wall courts are now required to run the 330+ scheduled matches. This growth is fantastic and extremely encouraging for the future of Ladies Handball.

The weekend is quickly becoming one of the standout events on the GAA Handball calendar with a mix of social and competitive action the order of the weekend. It gives women from all parts of the country no matter what age or skill level the opportunity to meet up and enjoy some competitive Handball as well as the social events that happen outside the courts. Some impressive growth statistics for the She's Ace tournament include:

- 2020 saw a record 190 players take part.
- There was an increase in playing numbers in every grade.
- A record 19 Ladies Open players took part in 2020. The format provides a much-needed pathway for younger players to break into the senior ranks.
- There has been a 133% growth in the Ladies Challenger grade in 2020 from 2019 numbers.
- In total we have seen a 64% growth of playing numbers in the last 5 years.
- 60 Clubs were represented in the 2020 event.
- 18 girls (aged 13&U) attended an Elite Coaching Clinic with Catriona Casey (multiple All-Ireland Senior Champion) & Sinead Meagher (reigning 19&U World Champion)

## SHE'S ACE ONLINE CONFERENCE SERIES

As the pandemic affected how we all went about our daily lives, in September GAA Handball refocused our offerings and how we support and interact with our female members as part of our Sport Ireland funded Women in Sport Programme. With this in mind, we hosted a new She's Ace Online Conference Series for Women in Handball. The Series aimed to Inspire, Educate & Listen to our female members, and was hosted by Sky Sport GAA's Grainne McElwain. We believe there was something for everyone in this 3-part series, which was released live on Facebook, but can



be watched back on GAA Handball TV (YouTube).

Three key areas were focused on, and a great line-up of guest speakers joined the conversation from a variety of backgrounds in Handball and the wider GAA.

- **Episode 1: Coaching/ Administration** – Fiona Shannon (Antrim), Marguerite Gore (Wexford), Tracey Kennedy (Cork GAA Chairperson) discussed the coaching/administration side of sport in the first episode. Cork's Tracey Kennedy gave a fascinating insight to the challenges she faces as a female administrator in a male dominated sport and how she overcame those challenges to take up the position of Cork GAA chairperson.
- **Episode 2: Participation** – Michelle Warren (Tyrone), Aishling Mullin (Galway), Mary Burke (Mayo), Lyn Savage (LGFA) discussed all things participation from recreational to competitive with Lyn Savage from the LGFA discussing the phenomenal Mothers & others campaign ran by Ladies football over the past number of years that has increased participation levels.
- **Episode 3: High Performance** – Catriona Casey (Cork), Megan McCann (Armagh), Ciana Ni Churraoin (Galway) shared tips and stories in relation to high performance and gave a glimpse into what it takes to be a top level handballer.

The series was a huge success and plans for further series are already in the pipeline. It is essential that we continue to provide a platform for these essential conversations to take place.

## ADMINISTRATION

In the past three years we are delighted to report an increase in the number of females involved in the administration side of the sport.

At present 53% of our clubs currently have one or more female officer. At county level 40% of county boards have one or more female officers. While it is encouraging to see the numbers of female administrators rise it is important that the right support mechanisms are in place to keep them involved and to attract more females to administrative roles.

At national level we were delighted to welcome our first female Provincial Administrator meaning for the first time there is a female voice on our Ard Comhairle committee. This is a welcome development in what has been a male dominated committee for the past number of years. Over the next number of years, we will aim to encourage more females to take on positions in GAA Handball as we aim to achieve the target of 30% female representation as set down by Sport Ireland's policy of gender balance on NGB boards.

The trend in recent years of having lady referees for our top ladies games is a hugely positive development and one that we hope will attract further females to take up refereeing. A first

female only referee workshop was ran this year to encourage more females to get involved in the officiating side of handball and was a great success.

The strength of our female administrators was highlighted in our Women in Handball online initiative earlier this year where we profiled a number of our female coaches, administrators and referees.

## PARTICIPATION

This year's competition calendar was severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic meaning that only a select number of competitions were played in 2020.

Despite this there have been a number of positive moves that were broadly welcomed in the promotion of Ladies handball.

Two new cups for Ladies Competitions in honour of two prominent figures of the game were approved. The Julie Long Cup, which is being kindly donated by the Long Family and friends of Julie will be awarded to the winner of the Ladies 4-Wall Minor Singles while the Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin Cup will be awarded to the winners of the 4-Wall Ladies Senior Singles. Munster GAA Handball have also generously committed to donating a cup for the 4-Wall Ladies Senior Doubles competition. There are still a number of competitions in both codes that do not have cups but steps are being made to rectify this so that all our elite ladies competitions have a cup to match the significance of the competition.

This year saw the Ladies Minor Final added to the Softball Finals programme in a bid to promote the Ladies Minor grade. This meant that the game was live streamed as part of the All-Ireland Finals package which was well deserved recognition for the players involved.

In a change to the norm and as part of our commitment to the 20x20 movement the Ladies Senior Final took centre stage on that same programme, a first for GAA Handball and a move that was positively welcomed by all. Going forward our Mens and Ladies Senior Finals will be alternated to provide equal coverage to both.

We currently have a wealth of talent in our ladies game with a host of top-class players at senior level added to possibly the strongest ladies underage crop of players in a long time and this all bodes well for the ladies game.

At the moment we are blessed to be around to witness the

outstanding rivalry between our top two ladies players Catriona Casey and Martina McMahon, one of the greatest rivalries not only in handball but in sport in general. These two phenomenal players are great role models to inspire the next generation of female stars.

While numbers in female grades have been steady over the past number of years 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 in the near future. We can only address this if we fully understand the reasons for the drop off and by acting accordingly to try and prevent this from happening in the future.

We have an excellent pool of female talent at underage level and it is vital that we put the supports in place to allow them to continue to play handball and progress to the senior ranks.

We now have more females taking up the game as a recreational sport thanks in no small part to the She's Ace tournament and the fun element that it provides. We cannot underestimate the value of increasing this pool of players and attracting more people to play recreationally.

## THE FUTURE

The 20x20 campaign may have come to a close but the message lives on. GAA Handball will continue to strive to boost media coverage, attendance at key events and overall participation. The key message of our ongoing campaign will be to Inspire – the next generation of Female stars, Educate – our members and our administrators and to Listen – to our members and tailor our plans accordingly.

A lot of great work has been done over the past three years at local and national level and this must not stop here. By working together at all levels of the association we can see even more progress in the years ahead.

Everyone can help accelerate the progress of Women in Handball by pledging to do just one small thing to help this policy to promote female handball. Whether you're a club who can help create greater parity and opportunities for girls, a pro who can help increase visibility of female handball, somebody who can attend a game and show your support or a person who can simply encourage a young woman to get involved in sport, we need everybody to row in and to ensure the success of 20x20 is continued and built upon.





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CLG na hÉireann**

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**DRAFT DIRECTORS'  
REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

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**Financial Year Ended  
31 October 2020**

# STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

**M**anagement 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



**Deasún MacAogain**



**Seán Ó Ceallaigh**



## DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

### Board of Directors

- Deasún MacAogain (Uachtarán)
- Seosamh Mac an Mháistir (Iar Uachtarán)
- Sean Ó Ceallaigh (Bainisteoir Naisiunta)
- Conchur Mac Dónaill
- Caitrín Ní Fionnagáin
- Máirtín Ó Leathlobhair
- Seathrún Mac Aidicín
- Piaras Ó Leathlobhair
- Liam Mac an Mhaistir
- Padraig Ó Muirís
- Dónal Ó hAodha
- Diarmuid Ó Raghallaigh
- Síomón Ó Maolruanaidh

### Secretary and Registered Office

Croke Park, Jones Road, Dublin 3

### Bankers

AIB, 140 Lower Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9

### Auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
One Spencer Dock  
North Wall Quay  
Dublin 1



# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT to the members 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 (the "financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the organisation's assets, liabilities and financial position as at 31 October 2020 and of its surplus and cash flows 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, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements, which comprise:

- the balance sheet as at 31 October 2020;
- 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:

- managements' 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 Annual Report and 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 the 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: [https://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description\\_of\\_auditors\\_responsibilities\\_for\\_audit.pdf](https://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 the organisation's 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

# STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS

## FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Schedule	2020	2019
Income		€	€
Registrations		85,648	103,451
Gate receipts		2,810	9,750
Competition and event income		6,767	30,204
Sports Ireland grants*		104,166	101,334
GAA grants	1	210,600	251,000
Sponsorship and commercial income		-	24,523
Women in sport grant - Sports Ireland *		10,000	9,667
Profit on sale of merchandise	2	16,637	11,327
Other income		1,879	5,168
		<u>438,507</u>	<u>546,424</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Women in sport		(19,938)	(37,094)
Competition and event expenses		(30,269)	(87,432)
Provincial and other grants		(98,930)	(4,000)
3rd level grants		(-)	(5,000)
Promotional materials		(24,999)	(21,816)
Trophies and medals		(12,225)	(24,991)
Meetings and officials' travel		(17,637)	(47,122)
Coaching, leadership and development		(44,149)	(71,250)
Administration and general	3	(191,764)	(236,525)
Depreciation		(769)	(1,033)
		<u>(440,680)</u>	<u>(536,263)</u>
<b>Operating (deficit) / surplus</b>		(2,173)	10,161
Grant from Central Council - world deficit		100,000	100,000
<b>Balance at beginning of year</b>		<u>(1,106,463)</u>	<u>(1,216,624)</u>
<b>Balance at end of year</b>		<u>(1,008,636)</u>	<u>(1,216,624)</u>

\* 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 2020

	Notes	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Non – current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	4	767	1,536
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventory - handball courts		-	250
Receivables	5	518,308	386,949
		518,308	409,447
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables	6	(483,997)	(451,234)
Bank overdraft	7	1,043,714	(1,043,714)
		(1,527,711)	(1,494,948)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		(1,009,403)	(1,107,999)
<b>Net liabilities</b>		(1,008,636)	(1,106,463)
<b>Represented by</b>			
Accumulated deficit		(1,008,636)	(1,106,463)

On behalf of the board



Deasún MacAogain



Seán Ó Ceallaigh

# 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 2020.

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

Following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, all handball activity ceased in line with Government guidelines. Due to handball being a predominantly indoor sport there has been no activity since that date. Ongoing support is received from CLG Ard Chomhairle, despite the constraints that they are under with diminished revenues by way of the annual grant and also support was received from Sports Ireland. Covid support grants to units have been provided for.

Liathróid Láimhe CLG. na hÉireann reported an operating deficit of €2,173 (2019: surplus €10,161) for the year ended 31 October 2020 and a net surplus of €97,827 (2019: €110,161). At the year end the accumulated deficit on reserves amounted to €1,008,636 (2019: €1,106,463). 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 Cumann Lúthcleas Gael is expected to 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:

**4. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

	Office Equipment €	Computer Equipment €	Total €
<b>Cost</b>			
At 31 October 2019	17,424	44,330	61,754
Additions for the year	-	-	-
At 31 October 2020	17,424	44,330	61,754
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>			
At 31 October 2019	16,932	43,286	60,218
Charge for year	492	277	769
At 31 October 2020	17,424	43,563	60,495
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 October 2019	492	1,044	1,536
At 31 October 2020	-	767	767

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 5. RECEIVABLES

	2020 €	2019 €
Amounts due from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael	479,607	338,047
Other receivables	38,701	48,902
	<u>518,308</u>	<u>386,949</u>

## 6. PAYABLES

	2020 €	2019 €
Payables and accruals	169,429	20,000
Taxation and social welfare	10,000	10,000
Deferred income	301,666	418,332
Other payables	2,902	2,902
	<u>483,997</u>	<u>451,234</u>

## 7. BANK OVERDRAFT

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:

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost</b>		
Amounts due from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael	<u>479,607</u>	<u>338,047</u>
<b>Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost</b>		
Taxation and social welfare	10,000	10,000
Bank overdraft	<u>1,043,714</u>	<u>1,043,714</u>

## 9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

### (a) Capital commitments

At 31 October 2020 and 31 October 2019 capital commitments of nil existed.

### (b) Contingent liabilities

At 31 October 2020 and 31 October 2019 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 directors approved the financial statements.

# SCHEDULES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>SCHEDULE 1</b>		
<b>GAA Grants</b>		
Annual grant	115,600	156,000
Administration grant	70,000	70,000
Promotional grant	25,000	25,000
	<u>210,600</u>	<u>251,000</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 2</b>		
<b>Profit on sale of merchandise</b>		
Sale of Handballs	77,369	63,181
Opening inventory	-	-
Purchases	60,732	51,854
Closing inventory	-	-
Cost of sales	<u>60,732</u>	<u>51,854</u>
	<u>16,637</u>	<u>11,326</u>
<b>SCHEDULE 3</b>		
<b>Administration and general expenses</b>		
Staff costs	167,313	206,698
Printing, stationary, advertising and office supplies	5,174	8,304
Postage and telephone	7,901	9,672
Audit and professional fees	6,000	6,000
Interest, charges and financial costs	5,017	206
Miscellaneous	1,372	2,015
	<u>191,764</u>	<u>236,525</u>

# TOP THAI SUMMARY 2020



## ALL THE RESULTS FROM THE HANDBALL YEAR

### 4-WALL RESULTS

#### GAA HANDBALL O'NEILLS ALL IRELAND 4-WALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – MEN'S SENIOR SINGLES

##### Last 32

- Q1: Mayo (Vinnie Moran) W/O Cork (Brendan Fleming) scr  
 Q2: Wexford (Gavin Buggy) dft Tyrone (Sean Kerr) 21-20, 21-8  
 Q3: Roscommon (Rikki O'Gara) W/O Cork (Daniel Reihan) inj.  
 Q4: Wicklow (Michael Gregan) dft Tyrone (Shane O'Neill) 21-6, 21-10  
 Q5: Meath (Brian Carroll) W/O Cavan (Paul Brady) inj.  
 Q6: Kilkenny (Peter Funchion) dft Westmeath (Colm Jordan) 21-3, 21-9  
 Q7: Cork (Michael Hedigan) dft Mayo (Joe McCann) 21-18, 21-12

##### Last 16

- Q8: Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) W/O Mayo (Vinnie Moran) inj.  
 Q9: Kerry (Dominick Lynch) dft Kilkenny (Patrick Funchion) 15-21, 21-16, 21-14  
 Q10: Armagh (Charly Shanks) dft Wexford (Gavin Buggy) 21-10, 21-14  
 Q11: Clare (Colin Crehan) dft Roscommon (Rikki O'Gara) 21-10, 21-10  
 Q12: Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) dft Wicklow (Michael Gregan) 21-2, 21-11

- Q13: Meath (Brian Carroll) dft Kildare (Niall O'Connor) 21-4, 21-15  
 Q14: Kilkenny (Peter Funchion) dft Tipperary (Ger Coonan) 21-7, 21-4  
 Q15: Clare (Diarmuid Nash) dft Cork (Michael Hedigan) 21-3, 21-13

##### Quarter Finals

- QF1: Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Kerry (Dominick Lynch) 21-3, 19-21, 21-1  
 QF2: Armagh (Charly Shanks) dft Clare (Colin Crehan) 19-21, 21-9, 21-6  
 QF3: Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) dft Meath (Brian Carroll) 21-11, 21-8  
 QF4: Clare (Diarmuid Nash) dft Kilkenny (Peter Funchion) 21-11, 21-4

##### Semi-Finals

- SF1: Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Armagh (Charly Shanks) 21-4, 21-4  
 SF2: Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) dft Clare (Diarmuid Nash) 10-21, 21-9, 21-12

##### Final

Postponed due to Covid-19

#### GAA HANDBALL O'NEILLS ALL IRELAND 4-WALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - LADIES SENIOR SINGLES

##### Last 16

- Q1: Armagh (Megan McCann) dft

- Q2: Kildare (Mollie Dagg) dft Clare (Clodagh Nash) 21-10, 21-15  
 Q3: Tipperary (Sinead Meagher) dft Clare (Doireann Murphy) 21-14, 21-6  
 Q4: Westmeath (Aoife McCarthy) dft Cork (Aishling O'Keeffe) 21-5, 21-10

##### Quarter Finals

- QF1: Limerick (Martina McMahon) dft Armagh (Megan McCann) 21-5, 21-1  
 QF2: Roscommon (Fiona Tully) dft Kildare (Mollie Dagg) 21-8, 21-20  
 QF3: Antrim (Aisling Reilly) dft Tipperary (Sinead Meagher) 21-14, 21-6  
 QF4: Cork (Catriona Casey) dft Westmeath (Aoife McCarthy) 21-4, 21-4

##### Semi-Finals

- SF1: Limerick (Martina McMahon) dft Roscommon (Fiona Tully) 21-9, 21-3  
 SF2: Cork (Catriona Casey) dft Antrim (Aisling Reilly) 21-10, 21-10

##### Final

Postponed due to Covid-19

#### GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 4-WALL ADULT SINGLES - SEMI FINALS

##### Leinster v Connacht

- MS Kilkenny (Billy Drennan) dft Mayo



(Lorcan Conlon) 21-16, 21-4  
**U21S** Louth (Ben Devlin) dft Galway (Oisín Ó Cualáin) 15-21, 21-16, 21-12  
**JBS** Wexford (David Kenny) dft Galway (Naoise Ó Flaithearta) 21-15, 21-4  
**JS** Kilkenny (Brian Mahon) dft Galway (Seamus Conneely) 15-21, 21-11, 21-13  
**IS** Kilkenny (Shane Dunne) dft Mayo (Ian McLoughlin) 21-2, 9-21, 21-10  
**O35AS** Wexford (Gavin Buggy) W/O Mayo (Joe McCann) inj.  
**O35BS** Kilkenny (Anthony Martin) dft Mayo (Aidan Connaughton) 21-5, 21-8  
**MAS** Westmeath (Colm Jordan) dft Roscommon (Sean Jennings) 21-6, 21-13  
**MBS** Wexford (David Stanners) dft Galway (David Davoran) 21-16, 21-20  
**SMAS** Wexford (Tommy Hynes) dft Mayo (Michael Ginley) 21-1, 21-3  
**SMBS** Galway (Kieran Hanley) dft Wexford (David Redmond) 20-21, 21-16, 21-18  
**GMAS** Meath (Tom Sheridan) dft Mayo (Joe Dowling) 21-5, 21-5  
**GMBS** Westmeath (Joe Mulvanney) dft Sligo (Gerry Coleman) 21-7, 21-9  
**EMAS** Dublin (Egin Jensen) dft Mayo (George Miller) 21-9, 21-3  
**EMBS** Kildare (Brendan Higginbotham) dft Galway (Brendan McNeela) 21-6, 21-6  
**DMAS** Kildare (Micky Dowling) dft Mayo (Michael Heraty) 21-1, 21-5  
**DMBS** Leitrim (Ed Lee) dft Wexford (Jimmy

Dunne) 21-7, 21-15  
**RMS** Carlow (John Rossiter) dft Mayo (Pat Hopkins) 21-8, 21-1  
**O70S** Dublin (Eugene Kennedy) W/O Galway (Morgan Darcy) scr.  
**LMS** Kilkenny (Noelle Dowling) dft Galway (Saidhbh Ní Flaithearta) 21-14, 18-21, 21-17  
**LJBS** Wexford (Clíodha O'Connell) dft Galway (Kelly Curran) 21-1, 21-12  
**LJS** Galway (Niamh Heffernan) dft Wexford (Cora Doyle) 21-11, 21-18  
 Byes to All-Ireland Finals  
**LIS** Galway (Aishling Mullin)

#### Ulster v Munster

**MS** Monaghan (Eoghan McGinnity) dft Tipperary (Rory Grace) 21-4, 21-5  
**U21S** Cork (Cian O'Driscoll) dft Tyrone (Turlough Clarke) 21-5, 21-1  
**JBS** Monaghan (Oran Kiernan) dft Tipperary (Niall Quinn) 21-18, 21-12  
**JS** Tyrone (Gabhainn McCrystall) dft Clare (Ciaran Malone) 21-20, 21-13  
**IS** Monaghan (Gavin Coyle) dft Clare (Fergal Coughlan Jnr) 21-7, 21-13  
**O35AS** Tyrone (Shane O'Neill) dft Limerick (JP O'Connor) 21-11, 21-9  
**O35BS** Cork (John Horgan) dft Antrim (Con Collins) 21-15, 21-12  
**MAS** Kerry (Dominick Lynch) dft Cavan (James Brady) 21-10, 21-5  
**MBS** Cork (Paul Walsh) dft Antrim

(Thomas Maguire Jnr) 21-13, 13-21, 21-15  
**SMAS** Antrim (Paul Graham) dft Limerick (Paul Hedderman) 21-2, 21-3  
**SMBS** Clare (Aidan Moroney) dft Tyrone (Seamus McCrory) 21-11, 21-12  
**GMAS** Tyrone (Niall Kerr) dft Limerick (Tomas Donegan) 9-21, 21-15, 21-19  
**GMBS** Cork (Philip O' Carroll) dft Monaghan (John McGeough) 21-11, 21-11  
**EMAS** Cork (John Herlihy) dft Monaghan (Paul Cassidy) 21-20, 21-10  
**EMBS** Antrim (Kieran Cooper) W/O Limerick (John Hennessy) scr.  
**DMAS** Antrim (Thomas Maguire) dft Cork (Jerry Guiney) 2-0  
**DMBS** Limerick (Stephen McNerney) dft Antrim (Anthony McCann) 12-21, 21-19, 21-15  
**RMS** Cork (Pat Morris) dft Donegal (David Mulhern) 21-17, 21-19  
**O70S** Antrim (Seamus Graham) W/O Tipperary (Jim Ryan) scr.  
**LMS** Tyrone (Mairead Fox) dft Clare (Chloe Philpott) 21-6, 4-21, 21-19  
**LJBS** Cork (Aoife Hurley) dft Tyrone (Clare Conway) 21-19, 8-21, 21-17  
**LIS** Tyrone (Eilise McCrory) dft Clare (Catriona Millane) 21-7, 21-4  
 Byes to All-Ireland Finals  
**LJS** Tyrone (Michaela McCartan)

# RESULTS SUMMARY 2020

## GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 4-WALL ADULT SINGLES – FINALS

Postponed due to Covid-19

## GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 4-WALL ADULT SINGLES - SEMI FINALS

### Leinster v Connacht

MS	Kilkenny (Billy Drennan) dft Mayo (Lorcan Conlon) 21-16, 21-4
U21S	Louth (Ben Devlin) dft Galway (Oisín Ó Cualáin) 15-21, 21-16, 21-12
JBS	Wexford (David Kenny) dft Galway (Naoise Ó Flaithearta) 21-15, 21-4
JS	Kilkenny (Brian Mahon) dft Galway (Seamus Conneely) 15-21, 21-11, 21-13
IS	Kilkenny (Shane Dunne) dft Mayo (Ian McLoughlin) 21-2, 9-21, 21-10
O35AS	Wexford (Gavin Buggy) W/O Mayo (Joe McCann) inj.
O35BS	Kilkenny (Anthony Martin) dft Mayo (Aidan Connaughton) 21-5, 21-8
MAS	Westmeath (Colm Jordan) dft Roscommon (Sean Jennings) 21-6, 21-13
MBS	Wexford (David Stanners) dft Galway (David Davoran) 21-16, 21-20
SMAS	Wexford (Tommy Hynes) dft Mayo (Michael Ginley) 21-1, 21-3
SMBS	Galway (Kieran Hanley) dft Wexford (David Redmond) 20-21, 21-16, 21-18
GMAS	Meath (Tom Sheridan) dft Mayo (Joe Dowling) 21-5, 21-5
GMBS	Westmeath (Joe Mulvanney) dft Sligo (Gerry Coleman) 21-7, 21-9
EMAS	Dublin (Egin Jensen) dft Mayo (George Miller) 21-9, 21-3
EMBS	Kildare (Brendan Higginbotham) dft Galway (Brendan McNeela) 21-6, 21-6
DMAS	Kildare (Micky Dowling) dft Mayo (Michael Heraty) 21-1, 21-5
DMBS	Leitrim (Ed Lee) dft Wexford (Jimmy Dunne) 21-7, 21-15
RMS	Carlow (John Rossiter) dft Mayo (Pat Hopkins) 21-8, 21-1
O70S	Dublin (Eugene Kennedy) W/O Galway (Morgan Darcy) scr.
LMS	Kilkenny (Noelle Dowling) dft Galway (Saidhbh Ni Flaithearta) 21-14, 18-21, 21-17
LJBS	Wexford (Clionda O'Connell) dft Galway (Kelly Curran) 21-1, 21-12
LJS	Galway (Niamh Heffernan) dft Wexford (Cora Doyle) 21-11, 21-18
Byes to All-Ireland Finals	
LIS	Galway (Aishling Mullin)

### Ulster v Munster

MS	Monaghan (Eoghan McGinnity) dft Tipperary (Rory Grace) 21-4, 21-5
U21S	Cork (Cian O'Driscoll) dft Tyrone (Turlough Clarke) 21-5, 21-1
JBS	Monaghan (Oran Kiernan) dft

	Tipperary (Niall Quinn) 21-18, 21-12
JS	Tyrone (Gabhain McCrystall) dft Clare (Ciaran Malone) 21-20, 21-13
IS	Monaghan (Gavin Coyle) dft Clare (Fergal Coughlan Jnr) 21-7, 21-13
O35AS	Tyrone (Shane O'Neill) dft Limerick (JP O'Connor) 21-11, 21-9
O35BS	Cork (John Horgan) dft Antrim (Con Collins) 21-15, 21-12
MAS	Kerry (Dominick Lynch) dft Cavan (James Brady) 21-10, 21-5
MBS	Cork (Paul Walsh) dft Antrim (Thomas Maguire Jnr) 21-13, 13-21, 21-15
SMAS	Antrim (Paul Graham) dft Limerick (Paul Hedderman) 21-2, 21-3
SMBS	Clare (Aidan Moroney) dft Tyrone (Seamus McCrory) 21-11, 21-12
GMAS	Tyrone (Niall Kerr) dft Limerick (Tomas Donegan) 9-21, 21-15, 21-19
GMBS	Cork (Philip O' Carroll) dft Monaghan (John McGeough) 21-11, 21-11
EMAS	Cork (John Herlihy) dft Monaghan (Paul Cassidy) 21-20, 21-10
EMBS	Antrim (Kieran Cooper) W/O Limerick (John Hennessy) scr.
DMAS	Antrim (Thomas Maguire) dft Cork (Jerry Guiney) 2-0
DMBS	Limerick (Stephen McNerney) dft Antrim (Anthony McCann) 12-21, 21-19, 21-15
RMS	Cork (Pat Morris) dft Donegal (David Mulhern) 21-17, 21-19
O70S	Antrim (Seamus Graham) W/O Tipperary (Jim Ryan) scr.
LMS	Tyrone (Mairead Fox) dft Clare (Chloe Philpott) 21-6, 4-21, 21-19
LJBS	Cork (Aoife Hurley) dft Tyrone (Clare Conway) 21-19, 8-21, 21-17
LIS	Tyrone (Eilise McCrory) dft Clare (Catriona Millane) 21-7, 21-4
Byes to All-Ireland Finals	
LJS	Tyrone (Michaela McCartan)

## GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 4-WALL ADULT SINGLES – FINALS

Postponed due to Covid-19

## GAA HANDBALL ALL-IRELAND 4-WALL JUVENILE - SEMI FINALS

### Ulster v Leinster

GU14S	Kilkenny (Katie Brennan) dft Tyrone (Caislin Tracey) 15-2, 15-6
GU14D	Kilkenny (Una Duggan/Holly Byrne) dft Tyrone (Laura Duff/Keeva Owens) 15-4, 15-3
GU15S	Kilkenny (Eimear Barron) dft Monaghan (Aoibhainn McCluskey) 11-15, 15-11, 15-6
GU15D	Kilkenny (Aisling Cooney/Aine Sharkey) dft Tyrone (Aoife Kerr/Molly Darcey) 15-1, 15-6

GU16S	Tyrone (Clodagh Munroe) dft Kilkenny (Amy Brennan) 18-21, 21-16, 11-3
GU16D	Tyrone (Cloda McNamee/Aoibhinn Daly) dft Wexford (Ellie Murphy O'Gorman/Rachel Goff) 21-3, 21-9
GU17S	Laois (Una Brophy) dft Antrim (Deirbhile O'Neill) 21-20, 21-12
GU17D	Kilkenny (Lauren Power/Nathania Jackson) dft Tyrone (Aoibhinn Gallagher/Bronagh Farley) 21-6, 21-1
BU14S	Kilkenny (Connor Doyle) dft Tyrone (Ruairi McCullagh) 15-3, 11-15, 15-11
BU14D	Kilkenny (John Hayes/Cathal Buckley) dft Tyrone (Ruairi Kerr/Martin Coyle) 15-12, 15-8
BU15S	Armagh (Fiachra O'Duill) dft Wexford (Bobby Doyle) 21-14, 21-9
BU15D	Cavan (Niall Magee/Matthew Smith) dft Wexford (Conor Horan/Shane Kehoe) 15-5, 15-1
BU16S	Kilkenny (Kyle Jordan) dft Monaghan (Aidan McGeough) 21-12, 21-7
BU16D	Cavan (Adam McKenna/Oliver McCrystal) dft Kilkenny (Daniel Hanrahan/Thomas Sharkey) 21-12, 21-13
BU17S	Kilkenny (Sean Barron) dft Armagh (Conor McLean) 21-10, 21-12
BU17D	Wexford (Ben Keeling/Conor Dobbs) dft Tyrone (Ciaran McNally/Darragh Nixon) 21-7, 21-11

### Munster v Connacht

GU14S	Roscommon (Shauna Corrigan) dft Tipperary (Christine Percy) 15-9, 15-13
GU14D	Cork (Carmel Kelleher/Leah O'Riordan) dft Galway (Kacey Shevlin/Ruth O'Hara) 15-1, 15-2
GU15S	Clare (Aine Lenihan) dft Sligo (Karley Cooney) 15-5, 10-15, 15-4
GU15D	Clare (Fina Close/Eimear Rodgers) dft Galway (Jade Heery/Ava Killian) 15-0, 15-5
GU16S	Galway (Emma Kinane) dft Clare (Leah Minogue) 21-5, 21-20
GU16D	Tipperary (Hannah Grace/Leanne Gold) dft Galway (Eadaoin Nic Donncha/Sky O Maille) 21-19, 4-21, 11-7
GU17S	Roscommon (Siobhan Treacy) dft Cork (Sarah O'Malley) 21-7, 21-13
GU17D	Galway (Brona Ni Cheallachain/Orlaith Ni Churraoin) dft Tipperary (Ciara Morris/Avril Dooley) 21-2, 21-3
BU14S	Cork (Cameron O'Sullivan) dft Galway (Feidhlim O'Diolluin) 4-15, 15-8, 15-8
BU14D	Cork (Cian Dunning/Tomás O'Connor) dft Mayo (Sean Mannion/Keith Mellett) 15-1, 15-2
BU15S	Galway (Paraic McNeela) dft Clare (David Considine) 15-12, 15-11
BU15D	Mayo (Alan Gilmartin/Darragh Sweeney) dft Clare (Liam Madden/Mici Sheedy) 11-15, 15-14, 15-1
BU16S	Galway (Mikey Kelly) dft Waterford (Charlie Treen) 21-4, 21-5



- BU16D Sligo (Cormac Finn/Eoin Kerrigan)  
W/O Cork (Eoghan Daly/Hayden  
Supple) 18-18 Cork ret. inj.
- BU17S Clare (Gearoid Sheedy) dft Galway  
(Ryan O'Toole) 21-5, 21-0
- BU17D Cork (Evan Enright/Cathal Ducey)  
dft Mayo (Conor Hanahoe/Eoin Fox)  
21-13, 21-6

## GAA HANDBALL ALL-IRELAND 4-WALL JUVENILE - FINALS

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## GAA HANDBALL 4-WALL ADULT NATIONALS - FINALS

- Men's Open – Robbie McCarthy (WM) dft  
Martin Mulkerrins (Gal) 15-7, 15-8
- Ladies Open – Martina McMahon (Lim) dft  
Aisling Reilly (Ant) 15-6, 15-11
- Men's A – Ryan Mullan (Tyr) dft Ciaran Malone  
(Clare) 6-15, 15-9, 11-4
- Men's B – Conor O'Gorman (Mon) dft Cormac  
McMahon (Cav) 15-4, 15-1
- Ladies B – Ellen O'Connor (Kild) dft Katie  
Barrett (Car) 15-10, 15-8
- Men's C – Ciaran Brennan (Mon) dft Eimhin O  
Diolluin (Gal) 15-14, 15-6
- Masters B – David Daveron (Gal) dft David

- Stanners (Wex) 14-15, 15-4, 11-5
- Silver Masters A – Paul Hedderman (Lim) dft  
Paul Graham (Ant) 8-15, 15-9, 11-10
- Silver Masters B – Paul Walsh (Cork) dft Phillip  
O'Carroll (Cork) 15-10, 15-5
- Golden Masters A – Tom Sheridan (Mea) dft  
Tomas Donegan (Lim) 15-6, 15-6
- Diamond Masters – Martin McEntee (Mon) dft  
Jimmy Reilly (Mea) 15-2, 5-15, 11-7

## GAA HANDBALL SHE'S ACE

### 4-Wall Finals:

- 11&U: Fun Event
- 13&U: Carmel Kelleher (Cork) dft Christine  
Percy (Tipperary) 25-3
- 15&U: Amy Brennan (Kilkenny) dft Clodagh  
Munroe (Tyrone) 25-14
- 17&U: Noelle Dowling (Kilkenny) dft Chloe  
Philpott (Clare) 25-19
- Ladies Challenger: Sandra Gunning (Galway) dft  
Marie Kerrigan (Galway)
- Ladies B: Holly Hynes (Wexford) dft Micheala  
McCartan (Tyrone) 25-6
- Ladies Open: Martina McMahon (Limerick) dft  
Catriona Casey (Cork) 15-9, 15-11

### 1-Wall Finals:

- 11&U: Fun Event

Team Event: Team McCrory (Eilise McCrory,  
Linda Seoige, Jodie Keeling, Therese Hughes,  
Una Duggan, Claragh Lavery) dft Team  
McCartan (Michaela McCartan, Cliona Dunning,  
Anne Ronan, Alanna Coggeran, Emily McGinnity,  
Orlatih McNamara) 69-68

Mother & Daughter: Michelle Warren & Michaela  
McCartan (Tyrone) dft Carmel & Claire Reynolds  
(Mayo) 15-7

Beginners Challenge: Kaci Cunningham (Tyrone)  
dft Agnes Hurley (Cork) 15-10

## GAA HANDBALL GAEL LINN

### Corn Section

#### QF:

Monaghan Harps dft Abbeyknockmoy 60-32

Clogh W/O Boherbue scr.

Kilfane dft Tuamgraney 44-29

Moycullen dft Breacach 60-33

#### SF:

Monaghan Harps dft Clogh 58-37

Moycullen dft Kilfane 51-36

#### Final:

Moycullen dft Monaghan Harps 72-36

### Solas Section

#### SF:

Abbeyknockmoy dft Clogh 64-43

## RESULTS SUMMARY 2020

Tuamgraney dft Breacach 55-29

### Final:

Tuamgraney dft Abbeyknockmoy 76-21

### GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND 4-WALL 2ND LEVEL COLLEGES CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Junior Girls Singles

- SF1: Amy Brennan (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) dft Aoibhann McCluskey (Beech Hill College, Mon.) 15-2, 15-1
- SF2: Chloe Philpott (St. Joseph's, Tulla, Clare) dft Sadhbh Ní Fhlaithearta (Coláiste na Coirbe, Gal.) 15-6, 15-5
- Final: Chloe Philpott (St. Joseph's, Tulla, Clare) dft Amy Brennan (Castlecomer CS, Kilkenny) 15-5, 15-9

#### Junior Girls Doubles

- SF1: Cloda McNamee/Clodagh Munroe (Dean Maguirc, Tyr) dft Lauren Power/Holly Byrne (Heywood CS, Lao) 15-1, 15-7
- SF2: Emma Kinane/Niamh Burke (HRC Mountbellow, Gal) dft Leah Minogue/Eimear Rodgers (Scariff CC, Clar) 15-9, 15-14
- Final: Emma Kinane/Niamh Burke (HRC Mountbellow, Gal) dft Cloda McNamee/Clodagh Munroe (Dean Maguirc, Tyr) 15-14, 15-1

#### Senior Girls Singles

- SF1: Noelle Dowling (Presentation College, Kilk) dft Caitlin Conway (Dean Maguirc, Carrickmore, Tyr) 15-2, 15-1
- SF2: Orla O'Brien (St. Joseph's, Tulla, Clare) dft Emily Philbin (Balla Secondary School, Mayo) 15-0, 15-1
- Final: Noelle Dowling (Presentation College, Kilkenny) dft Orla O'Brien (St. Joseph's, Tulla, Clare) 15-9, 15-8

#### Senior Girls Doubles

- SF1: Aoife Brophy/Una Brophy (Coláiste Mhuire, Johnstown, Kilkenny) Bye
- SF2: Cuilleann Bourke/Claire Reynolds (Balla SS, Mayo) Bye
- Final: Cuilleann Bourke/Claire Reynolds (Balla SS, Mayo) dft Aoife Brophy/Una Brophy (Coláiste Mhuire, Johnstown, Kilkenny) 15-3, 5-15, 15-4

#### Junior Boys Singles

- SF1: Kyle Jordan (Grennan College, Thomastown, Kilk) dft Sean Callan (St Macartan's College, Mon) 15-7, 15-8
- SF2: Rory Carthy (Roscommon CBS) dft Charlie Treen (St. Augustine's, Dungarvan, Waterford) 15-7, 15-9
- Final: Kyle Jordan (Grennan College, Thomastown, Kilkenny) dft Rory Carthy (Roscommon CBS) 15-10, 15-3

#### Junior Boys Doubles

- SF2: Niall Magee/Matthew Smith (Virginia College, Cav) dft John Hayes/Cathal Buckley (St. Kieran's, Kilk) 15-3, 15-3
- SF1: Jamie Howard/Michael Sheedy (Scariff CC, Clare) dft Brian Walshe/Conor Hession (Presentation College, Gal) 15-4, 15-3
- Final: Niall Magee/Matthew Smith (Virginia College, Cav) dft Jamie Howard/Michael Sheedy (Scariff CC, Clare) 15-1, 15-8

#### Intermediate Boys Singles

- SF1: Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS) dft Tiarnan O'Rourke (St Macartans College, Monaghan) 15-7, 15-1
- SF2: Cormac Finn (Coláiste Muire, Ballymote, Sligo) dft Sean Coughlan (Rice College, Ennis, Clare) 15-13, 12-15, 15-6
- Final: Billy Drennan (Kilkenny CBS) dft Cormac Finn (Coláiste Muire, Ballymote, Sligo) 15-4, 15-1

#### Intermediate Boys Doubles

- SF1: Joe Devereux/Conor Murphy (St. Peter's College, Wex) dft Szymon Polewski/Aidan McGeough (Beech Hill, Mon) 15-2, 15-6
- SF2: Mikey Kelly/Conor Duane (Clarín College, Gal) dft Patrick Crotty/



Final: Tiernan Slattery (Scariff CC, Clare) 15-12, 15-6  
Mikey Kelly/Conor Duane (Clarín College, Gal) dft Joe Devereux/Conor Murphy (St. Peter's College, Wex) 5-15, 15-12, 15-11

## Senior Boys Singles

SF1: Eoghan McGinnity (St Macartans College, Mon) dft Jamie Maher (Castlecomer CS, Kilk) 15-1, 15-1  
SF2: Alan Masterson (Rice College, Westport, Mayo) dft Sam Dunning (Coláiste Chraoibhin, Fermoy, Cork) 15-4, 15-12  
Final: Eoghan McGinnity (St Macartans College, Mon) dft Alan Masterson (Rice College, Westport, Mayo) 15-6, 15-9

## Senior Boys Doubles

SF1: Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill (Castlecomer CS, Kilk) dft Justas Daminskas/Niall McKenna (St Macartan's, Mon) 15-11, 15-0  
SF2: Colin Healy/Gearoid Healy (Scoil Mhuire, Cork) dft Enda Lawless/Cathal Curran (Coláiste Baile Clár, Gal) 15-2, 15-8  
Final: Kyle Dunne/Billy O'Neill (Castlecomer CS, Kilk) dft Colin Healy/Gearoid Healy (Scoil Mhuire, Cork) 15-2, 15-10

## SOFTBALL (60X30) RESULTS

### GAA HANDBALL MYCLUBSHOP.IE ALL IRELAND SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – MEN'S SENIOR SINGLES

#### Last 32

Q1: Westmeath (Colm Jordan) W/O Tipperary (James Prentice)  
Q2: Cavan (James Brady) W/O Kilkenny (Eddie Burke)  
Q3: Kilkenny (Shane Dunne) dft Wicklow (Chris Doyle) 21-19, 21-12  
Q4: Galway (Diarmuid Mulkerrins) dft Tyrone (Barry Devlin) 21-6, 21-4  
Q5: Wicklow (Michael Gregan) dft Tipperary (Kevin Dempsey) 21-12, 21-5

#### Last 16

A: Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Westmeath (Colm Jordan) 21-12, 21-15  
B: Kilkenny (Ciaran Neary) dft Kilkenny (Brian Mahon) 21-8, 21-12  
C: Meath (Gary McConnell) dft Cavan (James Brady) 21-9, 21-4  
D: Offaly (David Hope) dft Kilkenny (Shane Dunne) 21-5, 21-15

E: Galway (Diarmuid Mulkerrins) dft Wexford (Gavin Buggy) 21-20, 11-21, 11-5  
F: Wexford (Barry Goff) dft Tipperary (Ger Coonan) 21-13, 21-14  
G: Mayo (Joe McCann) W/O Wexford (Tommy Hynes)  
H: Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) dft Wicklow (Michael Gregan) 21-15, 21-13

## Quarter Finals

QF I: Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Kilkenny (Ciaran Neary) 21-1, 21-1  
QF J: Meath (Gary McConnell) dft Offaly (David Hope) 21-12, 21-3  
QF K: Wexford (Barry Goff) dft Galway (Diarmuid Mulkerrins) 21-6, 21-8  
QF L: Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) dft Mayo (Joe McCann) 20-21, 21-6, 11-7

## Semi-Finals

SF 1: Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Meath (Gary McConnell) 21-8, 21-3  
SF 2: Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) dft Wexford (Barry Goff) 21-5, 21-19

## Final

Final: Westmeath (Robbie McCarthy) dft Galway (Martin Mulkerrins) 21-15, 21-8

### GAA HANDBALL MYCLUBSHOP.IE ALL IRELAND SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – LADIES SENIOR SINGLES

## Quarter Finals

QF A: Limerick (Martina McMahon) dft Sligo (Laura Finn) 21-0, 21-0  
QF B: Kilkenny (Aoife Holden) dft Cork (Aishling O'Keefe) 11-21, 21-20, 11-4  
QF C: Kilkenny (Ciara Mahon) dft Mayo (Pauline Gallagher) 21-11, 16-21, 11-7  
QF D: Westmeath (Aoife McCarthy) dft Cork (Catriona Casey) 21-20, 12-21, 11-8

## Semi-Finals

SF 1: Limerick (Martina McMahon) dft Kilkenny (Aoife Holden) 21-1, 21-2  
SF 2: Kilkenny (Ciara Mahon) dft Westmeath (Aoife McCarthy) 21-10, 21-10

## Final

Final: Limerick (Martina McMahon) dft Kilkenny (Ciara Mahon) 21-2, 21-8

### GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND SOFTBALL ADULT SINGLES - SEMI FINALS

## Munster v Ulster

BMS Tipperary (Rory Grace) W/O Monaghan (Eoghan McGinnity) inj.

LMS Clare (Chloe Philpott) Bye

## Connacht v Leinster

BMS Kilkenny (Billy Drennan) dft Galway (Nathan Kelly) 21-0, 21-7  
LMS Kilkenny (Noelle Dowling) W/O Galway (Sadhbh Ni Fhaithearta) scr.

### GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND SOFTBALL ADULT SINGLES - FINALS

LMS Kilkenny (Noelle Dowling) dft Clare (Chloe Philpott) 21-11, 21-12  
BMS Kilkenny (Billy Drennan) dft Tipperary (Rory Grace) 21-12, 21-5

### GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND SOFTBALL JUVENILE - SEMI FINALS

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### GAA HANDBALL ALL IRELAND SOFTBALL JUVENILE - FINALS

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## ICHA RESULTS

### 4-WALL SINGLES

Men's Open: Sam Esser (MOST) dft Fergal Coughlan (UL)  
Women's Open: Fiona Tully (DCU) dft Niamh Heffernan (UL)  
Men's A: Anthony Fitzgerald (WIT) dft Oran Kiernan (DCU)  
Women's A: Aoife Holden (DCU) dft Clíodhna O'Connell (UL)  
Men's B: Daniel Farrelly (DKIT) dft Darragh Mulkerrins (UL)  
Women's B: Emily Sheridan Fox (NUIM) dft Claire Conway (UUM)  
Men's C: Anthony O'Connell (UCC) dft Colm Parnell (DCU)  
Women's C: Áine Guildea (AIT) dft Anna Robinson (UCD)  
Men's Challenger: Gavin Joyce (CIT) dft Jerry Cronin (CIT)

### USHA COLLEGIATES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 – UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Men's Open Singles: Shane Dunne (ITT) dft Diarmuid Mulkerrins (GMIT) 12-21, 21-17, 11-6  
Men's Open Doubles: David Walsh/Adam Walsh (CIT) dft Fergal Coughlan/Tadhg O'Neill (UL) 19-21, 21-15, 11-10  
Women's Open Singles: Ciana Ni Churraoin (MNSU) dft Fiona Tully (DCU) 21-11, 21-3  
Women's Open Doubles: Fiona Tully/Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh (DCU) dft Ciana Ni Churraoin/Maddie Kennedy (MNSU) 21-5, 21-17



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