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CLUBS URGED TO TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH EU DATA PROTECTION RULES

GAA Clubs need to act NOW to prepare and protect themselves from strict new Data Protection Regulations which will come into force early next year.

Under new EU legislation, the Data Protection Commissioner will have the power to impose fines of up to €20 million, and also give individuals who have suffered a data breach the right to pursue a case through the courts.

The new regulations will have an impact on every GAA Club and how you handle the personal data of your members.

To ensure that we as an Association are ready, the GAA has targeted this coming November 2017 as a deadline for EVERY Club to be in order ahead of the arrival of the new regulations.

An extensive information, education and training programme is being put in place in Croke Park and will be made available to all Clubs and Counties in the coming weeks and months.

This is not something that any of us can ignore.

The General Data Protection Regulations or GDPR is new EU legislation which will come into effect on May 25th 2018 and, whilst there is a substantial amount of time to comply,

it is important that the GAA is aware of the significant differences between the current Data Protection legislation and that which will come into effect in 2018 and the greatly increased consequences of non-compliance.

What is Data Protection Legislation?

Data Protection legislation is primarily focused on protecting the rights of individuals and ensuring that the privacy of those individuals is not compromised. It applies where an individual or organisation (defined in the legislation as the Data Controller) collects, stores or processes any data about living people, often referred to as personal data, on any type of computer or in a structured filing system.

It applies to any information that can be used to identify a living individual, Personal Data, and includes a person's name, address, date of birth, phone number, email address etc. There are other categories of information which currently are defined as Sensitive Personal Data which require more stringent measures of protection and these include religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, trade union membership, medical information etc.

The GAA has implemented processes to comply with the current Data Protection Legislation. However, upcoming EU Legislation called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will significantly impact on



the GAA and will necessitate changes in how Members' data is captured, processed and managed.

The new legislation gives a significant increase in power to the Data Protection Commissioner including ability to impose fines of up to €20 Million for non-compliance. It also provides for civil litigation where individuals who have been impacted by non-compliant management of their personal data.

GDPR applies to the GAA and every individual GAA Club will need to adapt how they currently operate to ensure compliance. There is no 'grace' period and compliance must be achieved by May 25th 2018.

In reality, because of the way GAA Clubs

typical operate, the GAA Clubs need to have all of the changes needed for GDPR compliance completed by November 2017 to allow for GDPR compliant processes during the Membership renewal period for November to March 2018.

Specific implications for the GAA.

Outlined below are some of the implications of the new legislation for the GAA:

- The new legislation places the onus on what are termed 'Data Controllers' to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the legislation.
- All individual GAA Clubs, County Boards and Provincial Boards are Data Controllers, as defined in the legislation, as they capture personal information about their members.
- Each Club, County and Province must take steps to comply with the new legislation.
- The GAA centrally will ensure that relevant contractual inclusions are in place for service providers, known as 'Data Processors', that the GAA uses.
- Individual Units must ensure that similar inclusions are in place for any Data Processors that they use locally.
- GAA Clubs must obtain Consent from their members to process their data. The request for consent must be clear and informative and describe what the information being requested will be

used for, who will have access to it and for how long it will be kept. Members must be informed of their rights under the legislation and how they can raise a complaint.

- GAA Members will have the right to request a copy of all information held about them. This is known as a Subject Access Request and all information must be provided within one month of receipt of such a request.
- A Data Catalogue, or map of information held, along with the purposes, retention periods and recipients of data collated about members must be in place to facilitate Subject Access Requests.
- The GAA will provide guidance for the systems that it utilises and Clubs must have processes to manage information that they capture outside of 'official' GAA systems.
- Processes for ensuring data is accurate, complete and up to date must be in place.
- Similarly, complete deletion (right to be forgotten) or migration of data must be supported.
- Data protection by design must be in place. The GAA will issue guidance on this including a project management methodology which will account for it.
- Privacy Impact Assessments must be in conducted on all projects to ensure the risks are identified and mitigated.
- A Data Protection Officer must be nominated – This may not need to be a full-time role but it should be someone suitable qualified and experienced for the role.
- The GAA centrally will need to provide 'Data Protection Officer' services to Clubs.

- Breaches of Data Protection legislation must be reported and a process must be in place to ensure this happens.
- Security measures must be in place to prevent unauthorised access.
- Data transfers to non-EU countries must be carefully managed.
- Responsibility is on Data Controllers, the GAA and each GAA Club, County Board or Provincial Board to demonstrate that processes and procedures are in place to comply.

The GAA, with appropriate Legal Counsel, intends to leverage the pathway outlined by the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner as a framework for compliance with GDPR. It is fully intended to take full ownership of GAA Centralised systems and to provide specific instructions to Clubs, Counties and Provincial Boards, as well as staff, volunteers, committees and other stakeholders, on how to comply.

Plans for Compliance

There are three area of focus that will be used to facilitate GDPR compliance within the GAA. These are as follows:



1. **Technology** It will be impossible to deliver compliance without the use of technology. Secure, accurate and access controlled systems to capture, process, maintain and delete information are critical. Upgrades and improvements in the functionality of centrally managed GAA IT Systems will be required to comply with GDPR and work is well underway to deliver the changes necessary within the timelines required. One of the primary areas being enhanced is the central GAA database (Servasport). This will have a new 'Member App' which will streamline the GAA membership registration process and facilitate GDPR compliant communications.
2. **Processes** Significant work is required to develop, implement and monitor processes that can ensure compliance with the requirements of GDPR. Guidance on how to implement these processes will be provided to all GAA Clubs, County Boards and Provincial Boards and will include guidance on how to manage paper documentation containing Personal Data. In addition, processes to provide Data Protection Officer expertise, to GAA units that require it, will be included.
3. **People** The most important factor in delivering GDPR compliance is the people who will be capturing and processing the Personal Data of our members. It is imperative that a comprehensive awareness campaign is undertaken to ensure that every GAA member is aware of both their rights as individuals under the new legislation and their



responsibilities if they are tasked with managing Personal Data. In depth guidance and training, including classroom and on-line training, will be needed to support volunteers and ensure they are equipped to comply with GDPR.

Next Steps and Timelines

Over the coming weeks a series of updates will be issued to the broader GAA Community to increase awareness of GDPR and to provide reassurance that support will be provided.

In parallel, the IT system enhancements and training materials required will be finalised and will be deployed on a phased basis during November, December and January. It is envisaged that all of the supports required will be in place by March 2018, well in advance of the May 2018 deadline. Further information and updates regarding progress will be provided on an ongoing basis.

KNOW YOUR SPORT? YOU COULD WIN AN EXCLUSIVE CROKE PARK MATCH DAY EXPERIENCE WITH GRMA

G rma, the GAA's new membership card and rewards programme, is offering its members the chance to win an exclusive Croke Park match day experience and be part of the GAA Communications team for the day of a massive All-Ireland semi-final.

To win, grma members are asked to submit an article relating to the upcoming weekend of action at Croke Park on August 5/6.

Two All-Ireland football quarter finals will take place on August 5 involving Leinster and All-Ireland champions Dublin and Ulster champions Tyrone. On Sunday, August 6 there will be an All-Ireland hurling semi-final.

You could write a match report, a feature, analysis piece or player profile based on a game that weekend and submit it to grma@gaa.ie

The winning entry will have their piece carried on gaa.ie and in the GAA Club Newsletter and the winner will get to travel to Croke Park for an All-Ireland football semi-final and be part of the GAA Communications team and see the big match build up from the inside with exclusive behind the scenes access.

Entry is open to grma members only who are required to be Over 18 and entries need to be submitted on or before August 14.

grma (or, Go Raibh Maith Agat) is the new GAA rewards programme. GAA members and supporters can now earn points for going to games and avail of rewards and special offers. Points can be redeemed for rewards such as GAA jerseys, footballs, sliotars and Croke Park tours. GAA members can also use points for match ticket discounts for selected fixtures. Register today! <https://grma.gaa.ie/>



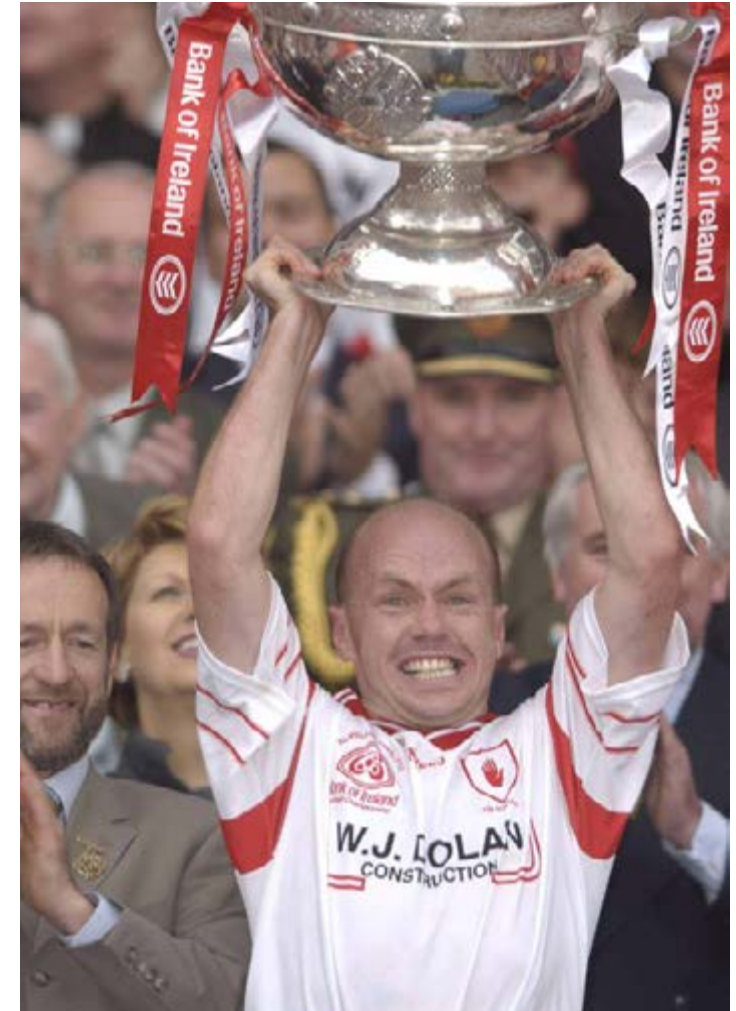
WINNING GRMA CLUBS ANNOUNCED FOR COACHING LEGENDS

The winning clubs have been announced in the grma competition to win a coaching session with a GAA icon.

To win, grma members are asked to submit an article relating The Naomh Conaill club in Donegal have won a coaching session with Tyrone legend Peter Canavan.

In hurling, the Clooney Quin club in Clare are set to receive an expert session with Kilkenny hero DJ Carey.

Clubs who have 50 or more members registered with the grma scheme are in line for more exciting competitions in the months ahead. Watch this space!



EIRGRID CALLING ALL GAA FANS TO SHARE THEIR FAVOURITE MOMENTS IN TIME FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A DIGITAL CLOCK AND SCOREBOARD FOR THEIR GAA CLUB

EirGrid, the state-owned company that manages and operates Ireland's national grid, has launched the 'EirGrid Moments in Time' campaign as part of its timing partnership with the GAA.

The campaign encourages GAA fans to share their favourite GAA 'Moments in Time' on Facebook or Instagram using the #EirGridGAA & tagging their GAA club.

Be it as a fan watching your county lift the Sam Maguire or Liam MacCarthy cup for the first time, or having the pre-match chats over breakfast, EirGrid want to see it all!

The competition will run right up to the All-Ireland football final in September and those that enter are in with a chance of winning a brand new digital clock and scoreboard for their GAA club. One winner will be selected in each province.

Best of luck to all participants.



Seán Cavanagh and Eddie Brennan in Croke Park to launch the 'EirGrid Moments in Time' campaign, as part of its timing partnership with the GAA. The campaign will culminate with a club in each province winning a digital clock and scoreboard. To enter post an image of your favourite GAA moment of the championship on Instagram or Twitter using #EirGridGAA. More information & T&C's available at www.eirgridgroup.com. Pictured at the launch are Tyrone footballer Sean Cavanagh with his daughters Eva, left, age 6, and Clara, age 4.

CONCUSSION: IF IN DOUBT, SIT THEM OUT!!!

Concussion is a brain injury and can be caused by a direct or indirect hit to the player's head or body. Concussion typically results in an immediate onset of short lived signs and symptoms. However in some cases, the signs and symptoms of concussion may evolve over a number of minutes or hours.

Concussion diagnosis is a clinical judgement by a suitably qualified medical professional.

GAA Concussion Guidelines

The GAA Concussion Guidelines are based on international best practice and are approved and regularly reviewed by the GAA's Medical, Scientific and Welfare Committee. The guidelines are based on the following key principles:

- Concussion is a brain injury that needs to be taken seriously to protect the long term welfare of all players.
- Any player suspected of having sustained a concussion, should be removed immediately from the field and should not return to play on the same day.
- Where a Team Doctor is present, he should advise the person in charge of the team (i.e. Team Manager) in this regard and the player must not be allowed to continue his participation in the game.
- Concussion is an evolving injury. It is important to monitor the player after the injury for progressive

deterioration.

- Concussion diagnosis is a clinical judgement – Use of the SCAT 3 (Sport Concussion Assessment Tool 3RD Edition) can aid the doctor in his /her diagnosis.
- Players suspected of having a concussion, should have adequate rest of at least 24 hours and then should follow a gradual return to play (GRTP) protocol.
- Players up to the age of 18 should have a two week rest period and then should follow a GRTP protocol
- Players should receive medical clearance (by a doctor) before returning to play.
- The guidelines have received widespread acknowledgement and praise for their emphasis on the principle "if in doubt, sit them out".

Further resources including the full guidelines, the GAA's E-Learning Course and advice sheets for Players, Coaches, Parents and Referees are available on <http://learning.gaa.ie/Concussion>

Clubs are encouraged to ensure the GAA's Concussion Awareness Poster is on display in dressing rooms – Posters can be requested by e-mailing gearoid.devitt@gaa.ie



CONCUSSION

NOT ALWAYS A KNOCK-OUT!

ACTION PLAN	SYMPTOMS
R ecognise <i>the signs and symptoms</i>	• Headache
R eport <i>if suspicious, don't hide it</i>	• Confusion
R ehab <i>with rest and medical guidance</i>	• Nausea
R eturn <i>after following Return To Play Protocol and getting medical clearance</i>	• Dizziness
	• Double/Blurry Vision
	• Sensitivity to Light
	• Feeling Hazy or Groggy
	• Just not 'feeling right'
	• Memory Problems
	• Pressure in Head

For the Return to Play Protocol and further information on Concussion see learning.gaa.ie/Concussion

IF IN DOUBT, SIT THEM OUT!!!

PLAY SAFE



Hurling Helmets

The GAA would like to remind all players at all levels in all Hurling Games and Hurling Practice Sessions it is mandatory for, and the responsibility of, each individual player to wear a helmet with a facial guard that meets the standards set out in IS:335 or other replacement standard as determined by the National Safety Authority of Ireland (NSAI).

All players are advised that in the event of a head injury occurring, if the helmet being worn does not meet the standard or is modified or altered from the original manufactured state, they are not covered under the terms of the GAA Player Injury Fund.

The attached handout is an information sheet for distribution to players at all

levels and is also available on: <http://learning.gaa.ie/mouthguardshurlinghelmets>

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mouthguards are Mandatory

Since January 1st 2014, it has been mandatory for players in all grades to wear a mouthguard in all Gaelic football games and practice sessions.

The introduction of this rule has led to a drop of 37% in the number of dental injury claims made via the GAA Injury benefit fund, resulting from incidents in Gaelic football training sessions and matches in grades up to Minor in 2013. At adult level a similar drop of 39% has occurred, proving the benefits of wearing a mouthguard in reducing the risk of dental injuries.

NO MOUTHGUARD? NO GAME!

Key Points

- All Gaelic footballers must wear a mouthguard in practice sessions and matches.
- It is the responsibility of each individual player to use a mouthguard
- A properly fitted mouthguard is the best available protective device for reducing the incidence and severity of sports-related dental injuries
- Players can be sent-off in a game for not wearing a mouthguard
- Players will not be covered under the GAA player injury scheme if they don't comply with the mouthguard rule
- No Mouthguard? No Game!

Mouthguard Exemption

A player can apply for a mouthguard exemption application from which can be requested by e-mailing playerwelfare@gaa.ie

The player in question must provide supporting medical evidence clearly stating why a mouthguard cannot be worn. Further information on the above is available at the following link: <http://learning.gaa.ie/mouthguardshurlinghelmets>

If you have any queries in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact Gearóid Devitt - GAA Player Welfare Officer @ gearoid.devitt@gaa.ie / 01-8658610

CLUB PLANNING PROGRAMME

Originally launched in 2008, the Club Planning Programme (CPP) is designed to support Clubs in the development, implementation and review of Club Plans. Under the current GAA Strategic Plan, covering the period 2015 – 2017, the Club Planning Programme is undergoing a period of review and update to ensure it continues to meet the needs of Clubs developing Plans. Some of the key features of the updated Programme are:

- Club Planning Facilitators working within each County.
- Updated resources including the Club Planning Pack and online supports.
- Updated Club Planning Workshop.
- Improved implementation, monitoring and evaluation supports.

How Does the Club Planning Programme work?

Throughout the Autumn of 2017, the updated Club Planning Programme will be in a pilot phase that will see 15 Clubs enter the updated Programme. Each of the Clubs will go through the following process of Design, Develop and Deliver the Plan.

The duration of this process will largely be at the discretion of the Club; however, the design and development phase should take between two to three months and the recommended Club Plan duration will be from one to three years.

How can a Club get involved?

Getting involved in the Club Planning Programme in 2017 is very straight forward. Your County Development Officer is currently seeking interest from Clubs, therefore any Club interested in being a part of the Club Planning Programme should contact its County Development

Officer at...
developmentofficer.[COUNTY NAME]@gaa.ie

Online Module on Effective Meetings

The GAA has developed an online module to help all Officers meetings run more effectively.

About the Module

Meetings are an essential part of running a GAA Club Executive, County Management Committee or Provincial Council. Running meetings so that they run smoothly and achieve what they are supposed to is not as easy as it sounds but it is a skill that can be developed. A well-managed meeting can encourage cooperation between members because people can be made aware of developments across their area of interest in the Association and contribute to them. Meetings also play an important role in developing team spirit, as volunteers feel a part of changes and plans that they have helped shape. They are especially useful for problem solving. On the other hand, meetings that are not well run can be a source of frustration for members and slow down progress with developments. Considering this, the GAA has developed an online module to support officers at club, county and provincial levels to run



more effective meetings. It is a time-saving guide to planning and running meetings from start to finish which covers preparation, keeping the meeting on track, complying with the GAA Constitution & Rules, and follow-up on actions. It includes best practice advice for dealing with challenging individuals, as well as downloadable templates for creating effective meeting agendas and meeting minutes.

What you'll learn

1. Approaches, rules and tips for running effective meetings
2. How to prepare and organise a Club Annual General Meeting
3. Tools and templates to organise and run

effective meetings

Accessing the Module

1. To access the module, complete these steps:
2. Open an internet browser on your laptop or PC – (Our preferred browser is Google Chrome. Please note that the module is not compatible with a phone or tablet device)
3. Ensure that pop-ups are enabled on your computer – Click here for guidance on unblocking pop-ups 4. Click on this link - <http://learning.gaa.ie/courses/EffectiveMeetings/>

More information For more information, visit - <https://sway.com/1LMvqc1RpCILd7yN>

CAMOGIE ASSOCIATION HURL WITH ME NATIONAL DAY

The GAA National Games Development Centre was the venue on Sunday June 25th, for the Camogie Association's National Hurl with Me Day. The Hurl with Me programme, in conjunction with the National Dairy Council, has been rolled out in 24 clubs across the country over the month of May & June. This national day was a chance for both children and parents to showcase all the new skills they have learned. From early morning, participants began arriving with almost 1000 parents and daughters taking to the field over the course of the day. The National Dairy Council nutritionist, Caroline O'Donovan, also gave a talk on sports nutrition for parents on the day.

The Hurl with Me programme brings together both daughter and parent to training sessions in the club. Parents are coached a skill of the game by a Camogie Tutor and they in turn teach their daughter this skill. The programme has proved extremely successful in retaining players, recruiting parents to help and to improving the overall development of the player.

The YouTube link below has all the action from the day.

<https://youtu.be/e5TCHdMqvZg>



Thomas Davis GAA Club from Tallaght in Dublin



St Enda's, Derrymacash in Armagh

INCLUSION - SAFE HOME IRELAND



Safe Home Ireland

Emigrant Support Service

Providing advice, information and support to Irish emigrants seeking to return or move to Ireland



ADVICE & INFORMATION



OUTREACH VISITS



HOUSING ASSISTANCE



CONNECT

Acting as a link for those who choose to stay in their adopted countries

Safe Home Ireland
St. Brendan's Village, Mulranny, Westport, Co. Mayo, Ireland

Tel: 098 36036
Tel: 00 353 98 36036 (from UK)
Tel: 011 353 98 36036 (from USA)

Email: info@safehomeireland.com
Web: www.safehomeireland.com





SAFE HOME IRELAND

EMIGRANT SUPPORT SERVICE

It is the Vision of Safe Home 'to ensure that anyone considering of returning or moving to Ireland is given every opportunity to make an informed decision'

Established in 2000, Safe Home Ireland is a small Irish based Charity that primarily assists older Irish born emigrants to explore the option of returning to secure accommodation back in their native counties. We also offer an information, advisory and outreach service to anyone, regardless of age or circumstances, who may be considering moving/returning to Ireland. Our work is spread across the 26 counties and we provide advocacy and outreach supports at every stage of their journey from the initial enquiry abroad to actual return home. Our head office is located in Co. Mayo and our outreach offices are in Limerick and Galway.

There are four pillars to our work as follows:

ADVICE & INFORMATION

We provide an information and advice service to anyone (regardless of age or circumstances) who may be contemplating returning or moving to Ireland. This is particularly important for single people and families who are unsure where to start or what to do to begin with.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

We assist **qualifying** Irish born emigrants to return home, primarily to social housing schemes back in their native areas. We do not manage or build any properties of our own but we work in conjunction with Housing Associations who provide housing for our qualifying applicants throughout Ireland. To apply for housing through Safe Home, applicants must be: (a) Irish born emigrants living abroad (b) aged 57 years or older (c) capable of independent living (d) living in rented accommodation abroad and unable to provide accommodation for themselves out of their own resources on their return to Ireland.

OUTREACH

As part of our outreach work and where it is feasible we carry out home visits with Safe Home housing applicants throughout the UK. In the UK we can meet with applicants in their own homes, go through the application process in detail, answer any questing they may have and assess their situation. We also provide an outreach and advocacy service to people who have returned home (regardless of age or circumstances or location), who need assistance with general resettlement and integration in Ireland. This could include assistance with paperwork involved in applying for services, rights and entitlements as well as signposting on to other relevant support agencies that may be of assistance.

CONNECT

Finally, Safe Home Ireland acts as a link with home for emigrants. We do this primarily through our monthly Newsletter and e-bulletin, which is disseminated globally as well as through our social media platforms. We realise that 'Coming Home' is not for everyone but staying connected with Ireland is particularly important for most emigrants.

For further advice, information or support contact us directly at:
Safe Home Ireland, St. Brendan's Village, Mulranny, Co. Mayo. Tel: 00 353 98 36036;
 Email: info@safehomeireland.com; Website: www.safehomeireland.com.

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 DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF IRELAND

CARLOW'S LIFELONG SERVANT

By JOHN HARRINGTON, GAA.ie

TF Tommy Murphy isn't already commonly known as 'Mr. Carlow GAA' in his native county, then someone should consider conferring him with that title, sharpish.

The Myshall-man has now given an incredible 32-years of unbroken service to Carlow County Board in a variety of roles, and shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon.

Currently Carlow's PRO, his voice is instantly recognisable to listeners of KCLR FM for his news, views, and commentary on all things Carlow GAA, and for decades he's been an invaluable font of information for journalists all over the country looking for the inside track on the Carlow footballers or hurlers.

Such is his labyrinthine knowledge of Carlow football or hurling, that quick phone-calls to Tommy rarely tend to be that.

Suckered in by his good humour and flair for conversation, you'll soon find yourself powerless to resist following him down a rabbit-hole of Carlow GAA history and genealogy. Not surprisingly, he was in talkative form this week when we rang, because these are salad days for Carlow football.

Last 16 of the All-Ireland SFC for the first time in their history, their

longest summer run since winning the Leinster SFC title in 1944, nothing has ever come close in the last 32 years as far as Murphy is concerned.

"Saturday's win over Leitrim was probably one of the best days we've ever had," says Murphy.

"The reaction of both the players and people after the game was something else, especially the kids. Something that we have been waiting for for a long, long time.

"There's a great buzz around the county as it's as much to do with the manner that the lads are playing in as anything.

"It has united all the clubs and I suppose it's finally satisfying a hunger that has been there for a long, long time."

There have been far more defeats to mull over than victories to celebrate during Murphy's 32 years of service to Carlow GAA, but his vocation has never wavered.

"It's not about the big stuff," he says. "It's about the players that play the game and the clubs as well as the county. We tend to live the moment and think about the highlights, but there's a lot more to the GAA than that.

"When you see the lads out on the field there's a lot more after going on before they go there behind the scenes that helped get them there.

"And I certainly do like the banter going to and from matches. I heard a right one there after the match against London.

"Owen Mulligan passed by Seán Murphy, who would be a salt of the earth farmer, and Mulligan said, 'I have three All-Ireland medals', or words to that effect. Seán just replied, 'Jaysus, I have 500 ewes and two John Deere tractors!'

"He never batted an eye-lid! You don't get any better than that!"

Murphy isn't a bad man for the banter himself. While on his way to Carlow's Leinster SHC clash against Laois last month he noticed a lamb belonging to his friend PJ Byrne had gotten into a cabbage patch. He knew PJ was in London for Carlow's All-Ireland SFC Qualifier against the Exiles, so he texted KCLR's Brendan Hennessy – 'Tell PJ Byrne to leave the match and come home as quick as he can, the lamb is in the cabbage patch!'

The message was passed on and PJ was able to get one of his neighbours to put the lamb in, but, as Tommy said on KCLR before the Carlow-Laois match, 'You'd fear for the lamb when PJ comes home.'

So, how did the lamb fare in the end?

"I was talking to PJ after and I asked him, 'Is the lamb alright?'" says Murphy.

"He said, 'It is for another few weeks! I know what he meant!'"

Every lamb in Carlow will surely be tied up securely for today's All-Ireland SFC Round 3B game against Monaghan, because half the county will decamp to the biggest match Netwatch Dr. Cullen Park has seen for a long time.

"Possibly the last real big game in Carlow was Dublin against Laois in the All-Ireland minor replay in 2003," says Murphy.

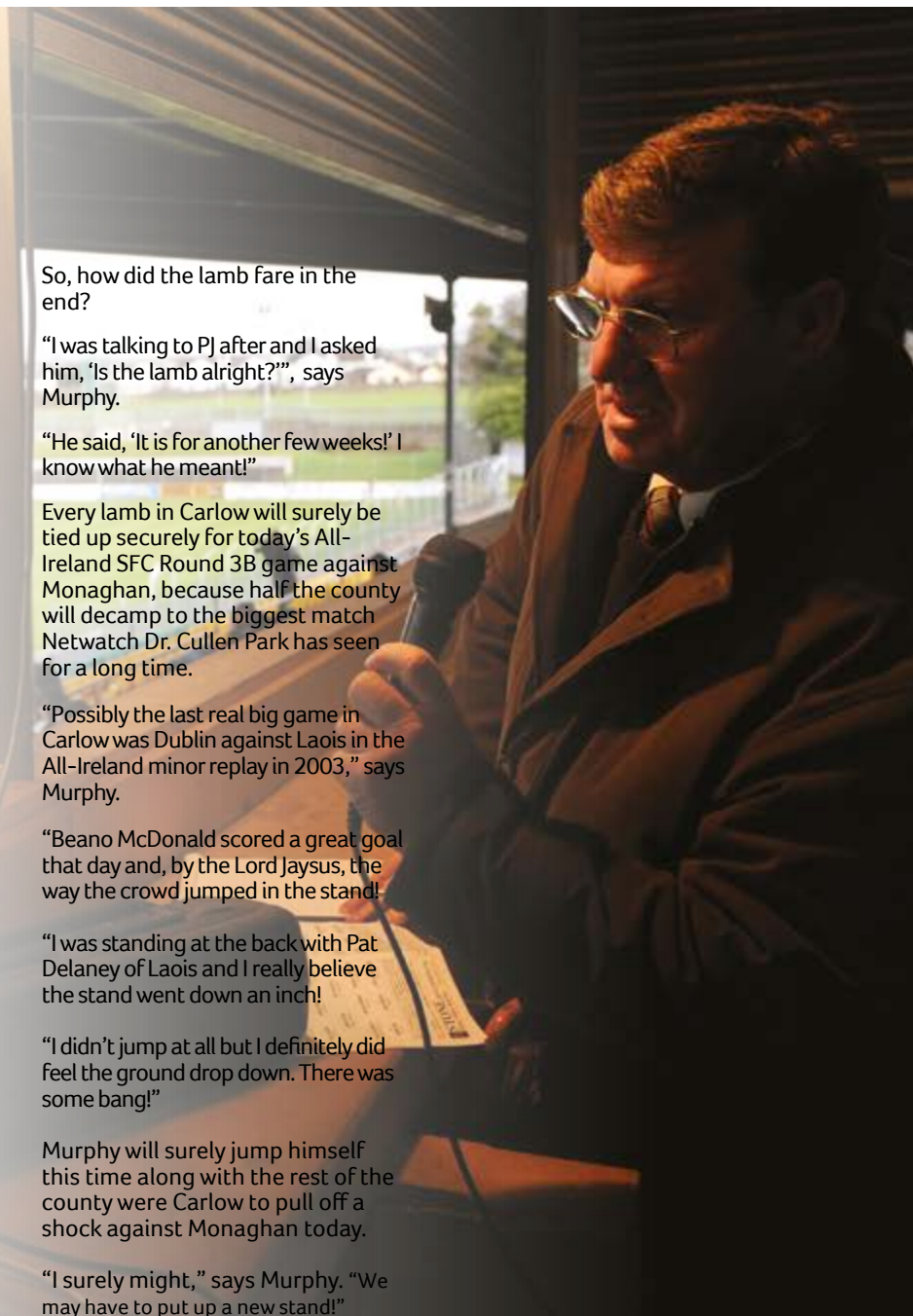
"Beano McDonald scored a great goal that day and, by the Lord Jaysus, the way the crowd jumped in the stand!

"I was standing at the back with Pat Delaney of Laois and I really believe the stand went down an inch!

"I didn't jump at all but I definitely did feel the ground drop down. There was some bang!"

Murphy will surely jump himself this time along with the rest of the county were Carlow to pull off a shock against Monaghan today.

"I surely might," says Murphy. "We may have to put up a new stand!"



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in the last five years has been allocated to GAA Clubs for the redevelopment of pitches and clubhouses



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over the next four years will be spent on the GAA Healthy Club Project in partnership with Irish Life targeting 60 Clubs across 32 counties reaching 44,638 members



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DON'T RISK THE ODDS WITH NEW GAA GAMBLING RULE

Players, team management or match officials prohibited from betting on game in which they are involved.

The recent match-fixing allegations concerning Athlone Town FC and the fines imposed on two of Ireland's Olympic boxers in Rio has again highlighted the harmful impact that insider gambling can have on sport.

Couple this with international research indicating that athletes – and especially those engaged in team sports – are an 'at risk' group when it comes to gambling addiction, and the need for the GAA to protect both the integrity of its games and the wellbeing of its members comes into sharp focus.

It is hoped that the motion passed at this year's congress in Croke Park – and now in force – will go some way to achieving both. But only if everyone abides by it and knows the consequences of failing to do so.

The new Rule (1.18 – Betting – in the Official Guide Part 1) states that: 'A Player, a Team, a member of a Team Management or a Match Official involved in a Game is strictly prohibited from betting on the outcome of any aspect of the Game concerned.'

Any breach of the rule shall be penalised in accordance with Rule 7.2 (e) – Misconduct Considered to have Discredited the Association – and carries a minimum eight-week suspension while debarment and expulsion from the Association may also be considered for either individuals or entire teams/units.

To assist in the policing of this new rule, which now applies to all games carried out under the GAA's auspices, the Association has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Betfair and is currently

in discussions to consider a similar relationship with the Irish Bookmakers Association. The MOU allows for both parties to share relevant information should a suspected breach of rules or regulations have taken place.

To support clubs and counties in educating their players, coaches, and officials on the topic of gambling awareness, the Community & Health department in Croke Park is developing a workshop that will be made available to interested units through their network of County Health & Wellbeing committee tutors towards the end of 2017.

This workshop – designed in consultation with addiction counsellors and GAA players who have fallen foul to problem

gambling – will, amongst other things, explore the relationship between sport and gambling while probing the reasons why athletes are more prone to gambling addiction than the rest of the population. It will also provide units with a sample gambling policy they can adopt to help protect their members and our games while raising awareness of the risks involved in what many consider to be an innocent flutter.

For more information on the GAA's work concerning gambling awareness go to gaa.ie/my-gaa/community-and-health/gambling-alcohol-drug-education/



DRUGS IN OUR SPORTS: DON'T BE A DOPE

Already this year we have seen how the shadow of a failed drugs test can fall across the GAA World.

Authorities in charge of drug testing in Ireland have repeatedly stated that they do not perceive there to be a problem with performance enhancing drug abuse in Gaelic games. However, the fact that GAA players are capable of making simple mistakes through poor choices in the area of purchasing health supplements proves the need for greater vigilance and education in this area.

All GAA members are subject to the Anti-Doping Rules as adopted by the Irish Sports Council (Rule 1.16 GAA Official Guide 2017). While any player may be selected for testing, there is a particular focus on testing with regard to Senior Inter-County players.

The onus is on players to educate themselves on their rights and responsibilities with respect to Anti-Doping. Due to the World Anti-Doping Agency's principle of strict liability Ignorance is not a defence.

The General Anti-Doping E-Learning Course (2015) for all members is available at the following link: http://learning.gaa.ie/courses/Anti_Doping_Awareness/



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bk6HerGfIZw>

A new player specific e-learning course for players and officials involved with Senior Inter-County Panels can be accessed by following the instructions at the below link:

[Accessing the 2017 GAA Senior Inter-County Player E-Learning Course](#)

Further information on Anti-Doping is available at the following link:

http://learning.gaa.ie/courses/Anti_Doping_Awareness/

Sport Ireland Trained GAA Anti-Doping Tutors are available to present an Anti-Doping by request to Clubs, Schools, Higher Education Institutes, Development Squads and Inter-County Panels by contacting gearoid.devitt@gaa.ie

Supplements

The GAA recognises the demands of Gaelic games and indeed the training and nutrition challenges they present. The Association also recognises that there are many factors that contribute to optimal athletic performance such as genetics, training, commitment, motivation, rest and recovery, along with good nutrition and hydration practices. These factors are the cornerstone of performance therefore using a sport nutrition supplement will not substitute for a less than adequate nutrition and/or hydration strategy. Sports supplement companies use powerful marketing campaigns to imply that the use of sports supplements are essential for maximising performance; however, much of the publicity is not based on sound scientific evidence.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Z6YOQ9PKtl>

KEY POINTS

- Vitamins, minerals, herbs, meal supplements, sports nutrition products (e.g. Protein, Creatine, BCAAs), and natural food products are all classed as supplements
- Players may use them to maintain health, recover from exercise, enhance training adaptations, gain weight, burn fat and/or supplement their diet or for medical reasons
- Risks with supplements are categorised in terms of health and possible doping violations
- Batch tested products are not as risky; however, no guarantee can be given on the safety of a supplement
- Be aware that supplements which claim to be muscle building or fat burning are more likely to be associated with contamination
- The use of supplements is not recommended for any player under the age of 18
- Players should seek the opinion of a registered Sports Dietician/Nutritionist and their Team Doctor on any supplements

RISK MINIMISATION

Choosing to take a sports supplement is a balance between weighing up the risks (i.e. contamination and a potential sporting ban) against a potential exercise performance benefit. If you choose to take a supplement, make a decision after considering the following:

- Need – Do I need additional ingredients in my diet? If so, can I get them from food?
- Risk – If not, what risks are involved with a supplement that might help?
- Consequences – Understand the sanctions for taking a contaminated supplement



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5dGFmv3QmA>

CONTAMINATED PRODUCTS

The issue of contaminated products has been acknowledged in the new 2015 code. If a player can establish no significant fault or negligence then the sanction can range from a reprimand to a maximum of two years. To manage the risks of supplements:

- You MUST undertake thorough internet research of any supplement products before it is consumed.
- This search should include the name of the product and the ingredients/ substances listed.
- Information revealed as a result should be further investigated and players are advised to keep evidence of their research.
- Screen shots should be taken and the results saved in a folder. All saved information should be backed up.
- Check if the product is batch tested on www.informed-sport.com.

Remember each player is personally responsible for any substances that may be found in his body, whether he intended to cheat or not. Realise that contaminated supplements may result in at least a two year ban from sport.

An information sheet on supplements for players and mentors is available at

<http://learning.gaa.ie/sites/default/files/Information-Sheet-Sports-Supplements%202016.pdf>



CLUB LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

It has been a hectic 15 months for everybody involved with the GAA's Club Leadership Development Programme (CLDP).

Most of the feedback has been positive surrounding the programme with the stated aim to provide the principal GAA Club Officers - Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO - with the basic knowledge and core leadership skills required to fulfil their roles effectively.

That is the objective with the National Officer Development Committee (NODC) which has been hugely encouraged by the response of participants.

Paddy Flood, Chairperson of the Committee, is delighted by how the CLDP is working. "The mission of the National Officer Development Committee is to provide officers with training and learning of the highest quality and to engage all officers in a culture of continuous learning. In turn, the benefits will be harvested in stronger, more effective clubs. The generous volunteerism of officers is supported by high quality learning opportunities from the Association."

"As the programme heads towards its third year, plans are afoot to support the modules of the programme with additional structured support for club planning," Flood reveals.

"Planning is the bedrock of success in any organisation and in the coming year, clubs will be offered additional support in putting a club planning process in place." "New initiatives will be introduced also. "In addition, a successful pilot programme involving support from Microsoft has provided club officers with support in using each officers Microsoft Office 365 account more effectively.



Noel Connors (Waterford hurler), Uachtarán Aogán Ó Fearghail and Paddy Flood, Chairperson of the CLDP



"Club officers have warmly welcomed this hands on practical support in the pilot phase of the initiative and it is due to extend to all counties later in 2017."

For the first year it was rolled out in 17 counties approximately 1,000 officers were exposed to the programme in 2016. That figure includes two deliveries in Britain, and provided a concrete goal in 2017 to aim to hit all remaining counties as well as any county that wanted to run it a second time.

The programme itself is split into core and optional modules. The core modules basically involve an induction which all officers are required to attend, plus role specific modules.

Every CLDP Module is delivered by a volunteer Leadership Associate. All Associates have participated in extensive training before the

Programme was first rolled out and again through in-service training that was delivered in October 2016.

Many of these Associates come from a GAA background, whether it be from a Club, County, Provincial or National Level, so there is often a wealth of experience in the room that Club Officers can benefit from.

The programme will be maintained during the next few years with the NODC eager to ensure that club officers needs will be met. As with 2016, the Programme will undergo a review of the content and the best delivery methods.

This is all to ensure the content of the Programme is relevant and that it is what club officers want and need. Feedback is gathered at times from those attending it, the Development Officers rolling it out in the counties, the



Associates who are delivering it. Lastly the NODC members will feed into where they see it going.

“All that feedback is taken together allowing the Programme to be adapted as necessary with a view to commencing rollout again from the autumn onwards, but with January to April being the main delivery window.

To find out more about the Club Leadership Development Programme in your county, contact your County Development Officer or County Secretary.

OFFICE 365

The GAA's partnership with Microsoft Ireland provides each of the principal club officers - Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and PRO - with access to Microsoft's Office 365 package for no cost. The package includes an official

GAA e-mail account and access to a full range of services, including:

- Email – Microsoft Outlook
- Calendar – Microsoft Outlook
- Spread sheets – Microsoft Excel
- Documents – Microsoft Word
- Presentations – Microsoft PowerPoint
- Notes – OneNote
- Storage in the cloud – OneDrive

With a subscription to Office 365, you get:

- The latest Office web apps, like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook.
- The ability to install on PCs, Macs, tablets, and phones.
- 1 TB of OneDrive cloud storage.
- Feature updates and upgrades not available anywhere else.

Because Office 365 works with all your devices, you can start creating on your PC or Mac,

continue editing on your tablet, and then finish up on your phone.

All this is possible because you can save your files to the cloud on OneDrive and get to them from anywhere.

Store any type of file, including images, spreadsheets, presentations, and more. Office 365 comes with mobile versions of Office for all your devices. These mobile apps come with premium features that you can't get anywhere else.

GETTING STARTED

Each Club Secretary should contact his/her County IT Officer to access Official GAA e-mail accounts on behalf of his/her Club. He/she will verify that you are entitled to one and contact the Microsoft Support Desk (mail.support@gaamail.ie) to arrange the set-up on your behalf. Once set-up, you will receive an e-mail from Microsoft which will contain step-by-step information on getting started.

Once you have your e-mail address and password, sign in to mail.gaa.ie to unlock the full features of Office 365.

- Click the Sign in button at the top right corner of your screen.
- Type in the email and password you use with Office 365 e.g. chairperson.stsaviours.dublin@gaa.ie
- Once you've signed in, you'll see the Office 365 home page.
- From here, you can check your email, access your files on OneDrive, or edit a

document.

- By signing in to Office 365, you can work seamlessly on your files whether you're at work, at a match, or at home.

TRAINING & SUPPORT

Learning material and training videos on the following topics are available online:

- Getting started
- Mail and calendar
- OneDrive
- Office Web Apps
- Mobile
- Further Help & Training
- QuickStart Guides

To access these, visit - <http://learning.gaa.ie/office365>

Ergo (<http://www.ergogroup.ie>) is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner headquartered in Dublin. They have a dedicated support desk which is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. Contact details are as follows:

Support e-mail: mail.support@gaamail.ie

Phone: +353 1 8843258

ONLINE MODULE ON EFFECTIVE MEETINGS

The GAA has developed an online module to help all Officers meetings run more effectively.

ABOUT THE MODULE

Meetings are an essential part of running a GAA Club Executive, County Management

Committee or Provincial Council. Running meetings so that they run smoothly and achieve what they are supposed to is not as easy as it sounds but it is a skill that can be developed. A well-managed meeting can encourage cooperation between members because people can be made aware of developments across their area of interest in the Association and contribute to them. Meetings also play an important role in developing team spirit, as volunteers feel a part of changes and plans that they have helped shape. They are especially useful for problem solving. On the other hand, meetings that are not well run can be a source of frustration for members and slow down progress with developments.

Considering this, the GAA has developed an online module to support officers at club, county and provincial levels to run more effective meetings. It is a time-saving guide to planning and running meetings from start to finish which covers preparation, keeping the meeting on track, complying with the GAA Constitution & Rules, and follow-up on actions. It includes best practice advice for dealing with challenging individuals, as well as downloadable templates for creating effective meeting agendas and meeting minutes.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

1. Approaches, rules and tips for running effective meetings
2. How to prepare and organise a Club Annual General Meeting
3. Tools and templates to organise and run

effective meetings

Meet the Instructor

Jody O'Connor - GAA Leadership Associate

Jody is from the Cratloe GAA Club in Co. Clare and is an Associate of the GAA Club Leadership Development Programme. In this role, Jody facilitates training for club officers on their roles and responsibilities.

Participant feedback

"I thought it was perfect and covered every aspect of what is required. Any new Secretary or officer who studied that module would understand how the role has to be performed."

"The module is excellent. Key information is presented in a wide range of interesting ways. It is interactive with, again, a nice variety of activities to maintain the participant's interest. The links to supporting documents are also useful. The content in this module will be a great reference point and support for Chairpersons and Secretary."

"My initial reaction is that this is a very good module. It is well structured and easy to navigate. The content is excellent and I learned a lot from it. Anyone doing this module online would certainly know what was necessary to conduct effective meetings."



Accessing the Module

1. To access the module, complete these steps:
2. Open an internet browser on your laptop or PC – (Our preferred browser is Google Chrome. Please note that the module is not compatible with a phone or tablet device)

3. Ensure that pop-ups are enabled on your computer – [Click here](#) for guidance on unblocking pop-ups
4. Click on this link - http://learning.gaa.ie/courses/Effective_Meetings/

More information

For more information, visit - <https://sway.com/1LMvqc1RpCILd7yN>

GAA NOW

GAANOW is a new online video platform available worldwide on GAA.ie which houses in-game clips, weekend round-up packages, archive footage and other bespoke content.

For more details visit www.gaa.ie/gaa-now



GAA NOW

The home of GAA Action



PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT! IS YOUR CLUB READY TO ACT?

The following video shows the value of a defib as a life saving device at a club fixture in 2015.

ACT to Ensure Heart Safety at your Club

Accessible – make sure that your defibrillator is stored in an area where ACCESS is not restricted, remember time is critical. Specialised units are available for outdoor storage.

Charged – Ensure that your defibrillator is fully CHARGED and that self-tests have passed by carrying out weekly inspections. Ensure that your battery and pads (pad-paks) have not reached their expiry date.

Trained – Ensure there are enough TRAINED rescuers to respond anytime the Clubhouse or pitches

are occupied. Certified training courses are available from

- the Irish Heart Foundation (www.irishheart.ie)
- Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (www.phecit.ie)
- Heart Safety Solutions (www.hearts.ie)
- The Cormac Trust (www.thecormactrust.com) (Ulster only)

Further information on the GAA Defibrillator Scheme, including the association's guidelines for clubs and the defib purchase and trade in scheme see:

<http://learning.gaa.ie/Defibrillator%20Scheme>



GAA OVERSEAS SANCTIONS MANDATORY TRAVEL INSURANCE

All players that will be seeking an Official GAA Sanction from Central Council to play in North America (USGAA), New York or Canada for the summer are reminded that travel insurance must be arranged in Ireland before they commence their journeys. Players should note the following:

Like the vast majority of travel insurance policies, the option offered by the GAA can only be purchased by individuals before they leave Ireland. Important points for players to note include:

- The GAA is willing to accept alternative insurance if it is appropriate; however a Sanction will not be granted to any player that does not have a valid Travel Insurance policy in force for the duration of his trip.
- Players must ensure that their Travel Insurance policies extend to cover the playing of Gaelic football and/or hurling as part of a team including the playing of matches. This is not automatically covered under the majority of standard Travel Insurance policies unless agreed in advance with Insurers. Proof of this must be explicitly stated in the copy of the insurance policy provided.
- The cost of insurance will depend on the duration of a player's stay in a particular country.

- Players wishing to play in North America must purchase cover for a minimum of 90 days. It is the player's own responsibility to ensure they are covered for all dates of potential fixtures.
- Travel insurance is not a private health insurance. It only covers players if there is a sudden and unexpected accident or if a player becomes ill during his trip.
- Generally where doctors appointed by Insurers deem treatment in Ireland// Britain more appropriate, players will be repatriated home for treatment.
- Players playing overseas are not covered under the GAA Injury Benefit Fund.

The following are the steps which player's need to take to purchase the required insurance:

- Go to the following link - <http://www.chubbinsure.ie/travel/>
- Choose Backpacker cover for a minimum of 90 days. It is the player's own responsibility to ensure they are covered for all dates of potential fixtures. If you do not have cover for a fixture you will not be eligible to play or covered in the event of a sudden or unexpected accident.

- Please Note: ensure you select 'Worldwide Cover inc. US/Canada/ Caribbean'
- Members of Clubs in the 32 Counties of Ireland can purchase the insurance; please ignore the reference to the

Six Counties, which states 'excluding Northern Ireland'

- Choose the most accurate number of days that you will be staying in North America / New York / Canada

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Policy Schedule
Travel Insurance

Your Policy No: [REDACTED]

Period of insurance

Cancellation cover begins: 20 March 2017	Holiday begins: 22 March 2017	Duration: up to 6 months Minimum of 3 months
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Policyholder's details

Who applied for this cover: [REDACTED]	Home address: [REDACTED]	Type of policy: Single trip
Who is covered: You		Area of travel: Worldwide incl. USA, Canada and Caribbean (exc. Cuba) Worldwide incl. USA is required

Person(s) insured

Name: [REDACTED]	Gender: Male
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Cover details

Your policy cover: Travel Insurance for a Worldwide trip inc. USA, Canada and Caribbean (exc. Cuba).	Policy endorsement(s):
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- Minimum for North America is 90 days
- Please read and accept the terms and conditions of the policy and apply for the cover
- Fill in all the required fields in order to obtain your documentation
- Once purchased, the confirmation letter should be submitted along with the Official Sanction Form to your County Secretary who will submit it to the relevant Department in Croke Park
- Once approved, all Sanctions will appear on the relevant lists on the Official GAA website

IMPORTANT NOTES

Only the 'Backpacker cover inc. US/Canada/Caribbean will suffice. A Sanction will not be granted if a player purchases 'Budget' cover Holders of the J1 Work and Travel Programme Visa who have purchased insurance from their travel agency may not be required to purchase GAA Travel Sanction cover. To verify that your cover is sufficient, please send a copy to sinead.leavy@gaa.ie

If you have further queries on the insurance, please contact Chubb Insurance By phone:

(from 09:00 to 17.00 on weekdays) 1800 200 035 or if calling from outside Ireland 353 (0)1 440 1765

PLAYING IN NORTH AMERICA / AUSTRALASIA / CANADA / NEW YORK / EUROPE

Each year, approximately 3,000 players leave Ireland on a temporary basis and play Gaelic games whilst overseas. The rules pertaining to process for obtaining permission to play are listed below:

AUTHORISATIONS

A Weekend Authorisation is required by any player intending to assist a Club in a game under the jurisdiction of the New York Board or the European Board.

The Official Authorisation must be submitted by the relevant County Secretary to Croke Park on the Wednesday before the game.

An Authorisation is valid for one weekend only other than where there is a replay of the game for which the Authorisation was granted

A player intending to play on a longer term basis in the area governed by one of the

following Boards - the New York Board or the Canadian Board - must obtain an Official Sanction from Central Council.

A player intending to play on a longer term basis in the area governed by the USGAA board (formerly North American) must obtain an Official Sanction or an Official J1 Sanction from Central Council.

Note - A player who has been included on an Inter-County Senior Championship list submitted to the Referee, in accordance with Rules of Specification 2.5 (ii)(a) for a game in the current year's Championship shall not be eligible to be accepted for Registration as a member of any Club in the North American County Board Jurisdiction.

Exception - A player who has been included on an Inter-County Senior Championship list submitted to the Referee, in accordance with Rules of Specification 2.5 (ii)(a), for a game in the current year's Championship, who holds a valid current J1 Visa or meets the eligibility requirements to obtain a J1 Visa, and who obtains an Official J1 Sanction may be accepted for registration.

Such a player may only have his J1 Sanction approved once his team has been eliminated from the Senior Inter-County

Championship (including All-Ireland qualifier games).

The J1 Visa concerned with this Exception is the J1 Work and Travel Programme Visa only - i.e. the four month Visa for 3rd Level Students.

GENERAL RULES

- A Sanction entitles a player to play with a Club from March 1 until the end of October
- Sanctions to USGAA (North America), New York or Canada, will not be granted after July 1
- A player who has received a Sanction will not be able to play again with his Club in Ireland for 30 days after the date of approval of his Sanction in Croke Park
- Sanctions are only available to current members of Clubs in Ireland
- For more information, go to Rule 6.12 of the Official Guide.

APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms are available to download from the following link

<http://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/rules-regulations/overseas-sanctions>



WHAT WOULD YOUR CLUB DO WITH €20,000?



17 March 2017; Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Aogán Ó Fearghail presents Tervor Smyth, Bridget Smyth, Krissi Smyth, Lynette Smyth, Oisín Smyth and Cody Smyth from Whitehall Colmcille's, Dublin, who won an "All Ireland Football Final package 2017" during the presentation of prizes to the winners of the GAA National Club Draw at Croke Park in Dublin. Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Aogán Ó Fearghail Photo by Ray McManus/Sportsfile

The printers and prizes for the 5th GAA National Club Draw are being prepared! Is your club prepared to receive €20,000?

Last year in the region of €1.5 million was raised through the draw with all funds retained by clubs who took part in the draw. Tickets for the 2018 Draw will be available in July giving your club 7 months to go all-out and raise €20,000.

For those who are new to the National Club Draw (NCD) here is some information on how it operates and how your club can raise €20,000 and possibly more!

- This is an opportunity for clubs to raise up to €20,000. Each club retains all the proceeds from the tickets sold by their club. All prizes are provided by Ard Chomhairle.
- All tickets, posters and prizes are provided by the Ard Chomhairle.
- Tickets are €10 each.
- Every club receives at least 100 tickets or more based on previous years NCD sales. More tickets can be requested and a maximum of 2,000 can be sold.
- Every county has a NCD County Liaison Officer(s) who co-ordinates the distribution of tickets in August and collection of tickets in February.

- The Draw will take place in the 8th March and prizes distributed to the lucky winners in Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day before the Club Finals.
- Clubs can qualify for the additional Club Specific Draw by:
 1. Selling a minimum of 200 tickets.
 2. Recording all sold tickets on the online ticket recording system.
 3. Accounting for all funds raised in the club accounts - i.e. the amount shown in club income should correspond with the total ticket sales amount.
 4. Adhering to all terms and conditions of the Draw.

NEW - There are more prizes than ever before and we look forward to announcing them in the summer.

NEW - Regional Champions have been assigned throughout the country who will be promoting the draw and available to answer questions.

To find out who is your NCD County Liaison Officer, or for any other queries don't hesitate to contact sarah.holland@gaa.ie or nationalclubdraw@gaa.ie

For greater insight click <http://www.gaa.ie/news/2017-national-club-draw-winners/>

ONE CLUB GUIDELINES

The GAA is pleased to announce the publication of new 'One Club' Guidelines aimed at streamlining the activities of the GAA, Ladies Gaelic Football Association and the Camogie Association and enhancing further co-operation.

The new guidelines which was endorsed by the GAA's Central Council on Saturday June 17 and by the LGFA and the Camogie Association.

The new guidelines suggest best practice under the following headings: Structure and Governance, Coaching and Games Development, Finance and Fundraising and Our Games Our Code.

GAA Director General Páraic Duffy said: "We are pleased to have worked with both of our sister organisations and agreeing on these guiding principles which we believe will be an aid to the many clubs that organise football for men and women, boys and girls, hurling and camogie.

"The GAA strives to be a family orientated organisation providing games for all and our efforts to deliver on this aspiration are enhanced when we work closer with both Ladies Gaelic Football and Camogie.

"I hope and believe this initiative will lead to further talks and closer bonds that will further enhance the work we already do together."

Joan O'Flynn, Director General of the Camogie Association added: "We receive ongoing interest and enquires from clubs who want to work with their ladies football and GAA counterparts to administer Gaelic games on a unitary or One Club basis.

"These guidelines offer practical advice and support on how to do this. This is an important initiative as an inclusive club both reflects and strengthens its family and community base. The guidelines will assist

volunteers to work together on areas such as fixtures, coaching and games development, children's welfare, fundraising and so on. This approach consolidates the connections across all Gaelic games' codes".

Helen O'Rourke, LGFA CEO, added: "We are pleased to have been involved in the process in recent months that has led to the publication of what are practical guidelines that will assist the different branches of the Gaelic games family in their ongoing

cooperation within a club setting.

"Many of our club units already work closely together for the betterment of all of our games and we look forward to the continuation of that collaboration in the months and years ahead."

The guidelines can be accessed by clicking [here](#).



Ballyboden St Endas ladies footballer Emily Flanagan, left, camogie player Rachel Ruddy and footballer Michael Darragh Macauley at the launch of the One Club Guidelines at Croke Park in Dublin.

NO LARGE BAGS OR BACKPACKS ALLOWED IN CROKE PARK

Following a review of safety procedures with the relevant statutory authorities, Croke Park can confirm that as of Sunday, 25 June 2017, patrons will not be permitted to take large bags and backpacks into the stadium for all match day and concert events.

Smaller bags (no bigger than A4 - 8.27in/21cm × 11.7/ 29.7cm) will be permitted but may be subject to searches and patrons are urged not to bring bags at all where possible.

Please allow plenty of time to get into the stadium, and for match entry procedures, ticket checks and searches, we would advise arriving at the stadium at least 1 hour before throw-in.

We would like to thank our patrons in advance for their cooperation with this matter as we look forward to a fantastic season of concerts and matches in Croke Park over the coming months.

For further information, please visit <https://crokepark.ie/match-day/faq>



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FUNDÚIREACHT SHEOSAIMH MHC DHONNCHA

Tuilleann teanga na Gaeilge ómós agus gean mór ag gach leibhéal den Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, ach go minic ní bhíonn sé éasca a theacht ar bhealaí praiticiúla chun sin a léiriú, go háirithe acu siúd nach bhfuil chomh líofa sa teanga agus ba mhaith leo a bheith.

Is ar an údar sin a bunaíodh Fundúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha i mblíana chun cuidiú a thabhairt do gach cumann sa tír atá ag iarraidh an Ghaeilge a chur chun tosaigh i measc a gcuid baill féin. In ómós an Iar-Uachtaráin agus an Iar-Iománaí Joe McDonagh atá an scéim ainmnithe agus tá sé leagtha amach ar bhealach a dhéanann oibair na gclubanna i bhfad níos éasca agus iad i mbun na hoibre.

An chúis atá leis sin go bhfuil go leor tacaíochta le fáil ón eagraíocht Glór nan Gael.

Níl le déanamh ag an gclub ach táille €30 a íoc a chlúdaíonn iad ar feadh tréimhse 3 bliana agus a luaithe agus a bhíonn sin déanta beidh gach cúnaimh le fáil acu ó Ghlór na nGael agus Bonn Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha le fáil acu le crochadh ina gclub-theach, ach toradh sásúil a bheith ar a gcuid oibre.

Tá oibríthe ag Glór nan Gael i ngach ceantar den tír agus iadsan sásta a dhul isteach i gclubanna agus cabhair agus comhairle a thabhairt maidir le gníomhartha agus

imeachtaí a spreagfaidh úsáid agus foghlaim na Gaeilge i measc na mball.

Tá liosta gníomhaíochtaí ina bhfuil 70 rud nach bhfuil deacair a dhéanamh aonaithe mar bhunchloch – rudaí simplí praiticiúla. Ar chuid acu sin tá dhá-theangachas a bheith i réim ar fhógraíocht, suíomh idirlín an chlub, ranganna a chur ar fáil, páirt a ghlacadh i ‘Seachtain na Gaeilge’, seisiún traenála trí Ghaeilge nó ciorcail comhrá a eagrú agus a leithéid sin.

Is rudaí simplí iad ar fad nach bhfuil mórán deacracht lena n-eagrú ná le iad a chur chun cinn agus is iontach an deis í an Fhondúireacht do chlubanna a ndualgais agus a meas ar an teanga a chomhlíonadh agus a chur chun cinn.

Is fearr ná sin fós gur féidir le clubanna atá cláraithe deontas a lorg ó Fhondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha chun cuidiú lena ngníomhaíochtaí ar son na teanga a chur i gcrích.

Cuirfidh an Fhondúireacht maoiniú meaitseála ón chiste ar fáil d’imeachtaí r bhonn €2 do gach €1 a chuireann an club féin ar fáil – uasmhéid €400.

Déan teagmháil le Glór na nGael ag clg@glornangael.ie nó ag oifigí s’againn chun labhairt le ball foirne i do cheantar féin faoin chlárú leis an Fhondúireacht. Tá táille €30 chun clárú ar feadh tréimhse bliana féilire.



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Gael go smior ab ea Seosamh Mac Donncha agus níl bealach is fearr ag clubanna Chumann Lúthchleas Gael lena n-ómós a léiriú dósan agus don chultúr agus don teanga a raibh grá aige di, ná tacú leis an scéim seo.

Coiste Náisiúnta na Gaeilge, in conjunction with Glór na nGael, have devised a scheme

through which clubs in all counties can avail of professional support in their endeavours to promote an Ghaeilge. Fundúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha is a practical and simple way to honour one of our greatest Gaels, the late Joe McDonagh, and to ensure that one of the passions nearest to his heart lives on.

Fundúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha = The Joe McDonagh Foundation
Tuilleann = earns
bealaí praiticiúla = simple ways
tacaíocht = support
dhá-theangachas = bilingualism



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