

## **Cumann Lúthchleas Gael - Coiste Átha Cliath**

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

#### **Comhdháil Bhliantúil**

#### **Páirc Parnell**

#### **29ú Samhain, 2023**

### **An Clár**

1. Minutes of last AGM
2. Adoption of Standing Orders
3. Secretary's Report
4. Chairman's Address
5. Appointment of Tellers

#### **Standing Orders for Convention**

1. The Proposer of a Resolution or Amendment thereto, may speak for 5 minutes but not longer.
2. A Delegate speaking to a Resolution, or amendment, shall not exceed 3 minutes.
3. The Proposer of a Resolution, or Amendment, may speak a second time for 5 minutes, before a vote is taken, but no other Delegate may speak a second time to any Resolution or Amendment.
4. The Chairman shall, at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the Proposer to reply, after which a vote will 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.

## The following people served on committees in 2023.

### **Bord na nÓg (County Youth Management Committee)**

- Cathaoirleach - Déaglán Ó Laoire ( Declan O'Leary) Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin / Lucan Sarsfields
- Leas Rúnaí - Ailin Conchur ( Alan O Connor) Naomh Uinsionn / St Vincents
- Ball / Member – Máire Ní Riáin (Maura Ryan ) Naomh Oilibhéir Pluincéid Eoghan Ruadh /St Oliver Plunkett Eoghan Ruadh
- Ball / Member - Déaglán Ó Coltair ( Declan Coulter ) Naomh Barróg
- Ball / Member – Máirtín Ó Coinín ( Martin Rabbitt) Na Fianna Primary Schools Representative
- Ball / Member – Póilín Ó Cuilinn ( Pauline Cullen ) Nh Pádraig P. / St Patricks P. County Children's Officer
- Ball / Member - Bean Uí Lochlainn ( Bernie MacLaughlin) Na Cloigthí C. /Round Towers Clondalkin Coaching & Games

### **CCC1 (County Youth Competitions Control Committee One)**

- Cathaoirleach – Máire Ní Riain (Maura Ryan ) Naomh Oilibhéir Pluincéid Eoghan Ruadh /St Oliver Plunkett Eoghan Ruadh
- Leas Cathaoirleach - Pól Ó Gamhna ( Paul Gaffney) Beann Éadair
- Ball / Member – Gráinne Ní Gamhna ( Gráinne Gaffney) Oileán na hÉireann / Erins Isle

### **CCC2 (County Youth Competitions Control Committee Two)**

- Cathaoirleach - Déaglán Ó Coltair ( Declan Coulter ) Naomh Barróg
- Leas Cathaoirleach - Páid Ó Finn (Pat Finn ) Naomh Jude / St Judes
- Ball / Member - Dónall Ó hArrachtáin (Danny Harrington) Naomh Mearnóg
- Ball / Member - Ailin Ó Linneáin ( Alan Linane) Naomh Mhuire / St Marys

### **Coiste Eisteachta na nÓg (County Youth Hearings Committee)**

- Cathaoirleach - Liam Mac Mathúna ( Liam McMahon ) Croimlinn / Crumlin
- Rúnaí - Ailin Conchur ( Alan O Connor) Naomh Uinsionn / St Vincents
- Ball / Member - Daibhéid de Hearfort ( Dave Harford ) Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna / Ballyboden St Enda's
- Ball / Member - Néill Ó Ceallaigh (Niall Kelly ) Tomás Dáibhís / Thomas Davis
- Ball / Member - Aodhán Ó Scolaí ( Aidan Scully ) Fine Ghallainn / Fingallians

## **Tuarascáil An Rúnaí**

### **Introduction**

This marks my fifteenth annual report, and subsequently, I will delve into the changes observed in activity levels over the past 15 years. The primary objective is not to pinpoint the most successful clubs in Hurling or Football but to underscore Coiste na nÓg's continuous achievement of a key goal: increasing the participation of children in hurling and football.

From the outset, my role has been to ensure the seamless operation of our games, taking into account the diverse needs of individuals, ranging from elite Under 16 players to the Under 8 Football mentors stepping into the realm of Go Games.

In addition to providing support to the dedicated officers of Bord na nÓg, CCC1, CCC2, and Juvenile Hearings Committees, who generously contribute their time to the county, my responsibility extends to assisting all Club Juvenile Chairpersons and Secretaries, Delegates, Mentors, and Parents. This assistance encompasses explaining and offering advice on decisions made by our various officers.

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### **CCC1 Go Games Programme (U8 to U12)**

The CCC1 season kicked off on Saturday, 11th February, with U12 Football, and by Saturday, 25th February, all five age groups had completed their initial round of games in both codes. Year on year, we observed a marginal decline of 1.5% in both Football and Hurling playing numbers. This marks the first instance of a decrease, and we eagerly anticipate the 2024 entries with heightened interest. The reduction maybe influenced by the impact of the pandemic on our nursery programs, particularly evident in the lower under 8 age group players entering CCC1 compared to the equivalent numbers in 2022.

For the 2023 season, CCC1 issued over 10,600 fixtures, strategically scheduling 24 dates for both codes. A total of 130 competitions were established, including 32 competitive U12 Leagues. This followed the completion of U12 grading games as teams transitioned from a multi-group Go Game format at U8 to U11, progressing to single teams at the under-12 age grade.

The 2023 season witnessed the implementation of the 2022 Go Games Rules Review, marking the first amendment to the playing rules since 2010. The review, conducted by the Coaching and Games Department under Ger O'Connor, Dublin GAA Director of Coaching and Club Development, received positive feedback. Clubs will be updated shortly on the approach to team entries for the 2024 season in December.

You can view/download the rules at <https://www.dublingaa.ie/juvenile/regulations>.

Further insights into the CCC1 season will be provided by Cathaoirleach CCC1, Maura Ryan, later in this report.

As stated earlier, this marks my fifteenth annual report, providing an opportunity to reflect on CCC1 activity levels over the past 15 years.

CCC1 encompasses games for U8, U9, U10, U11 & U12 age groups, occurring each Saturday morning countywide between 9:30 am and 1 pm. These fixtures, employing the Go Game model, totaled over 10,600 in 2023, evenly split between Hurling and Football.

#### Growth in Numbers (2008-2023)

- Football: +82%
- Hurling: +135%
- Ratio of Hurling to Football participation: 89 (2023) vs. 68 (2008) children per 100 joining a Club.

#### Clubs without Football Teams in 2008:

- Cabinteely
- Na Gaeil Óga
- Ranelagh Gaels
- Shankill
- St Brendans
- St Colmcilles
- St Kevins Killians
- Starlights
- Tyrrelstown

Significant Growth in CCC1 Football Activity (2008-2023) > 200%:

1. Beann Eadair +364%
2. Innisfails +206%
3. St Finians N. +600%
4. St Finians S. +432%
5. St Judes +214%
6. Stars of Erin +786%
7. Trinity Gaels +202%

CCC1 Football Activity (2008-2023) > 100<200%:

1. Ballinteer St Johns +183%
2. Ballyboden St Endas +111%
3. Castleknock +135%
4. Clanna Gael Fontenoy +127%
5. Erin Go Bragh +130%
6. Fingallians +112%
7. Geraldine P. Moran +150%
8. Man O War +106%
9. Nh. Mearnog +142%
10. St Annes +171%
11. St Marys S. +173%
12. St Sylvesters +139%
13. St Peters (Ballyboughal, Clann Mhuire & Garristown) +111%
14. Templeogue Synge Street +142%
15. Wanderers +114%

Clubs without Hurling Teams in 2008:

- Cabinteely
- Garda Westmanstown Gaels
- Geraldine P. Moran
- Na Gaeil Óga
- Ranelagh Gaels
- Robert Emmets
- Shankill
- St Annes
- St Brendans
- St James Gaels An Caislean
- St Kevins Killians

- St Patricks D.
- Stars of Erin
- Tyrrelstown
- Wanderers

Significant Growth in CCC1 Hurling Activity (2008-2023) > 200%:

1. Ballinteer St Johns +384%
2. Beann Eadair +986%
3. Commercials +291%
4. Nh Mearnog +209%
5. O'Dwyers +205%
6. St Brigids +215%
7. St Finians S. +432%
8. St Judes +214%
9. St Patricks P. +591%
10. St Sylvesters +295%
11. Trinity Gaels +278%

CCC1 Hurling Activity (2008-2023) > 100<200%:

1. Castleknock +144%
2. Clanna Gael Fontenoy +167%
3. Clontarf +108%
4. Cuala +136%
5. Erin Go Bragh +181%
6. Fingallians +139%
7. Lucan Sarsfields +138%
8. Nh Olaf +132%
9. Round Towers C. +151%
10. Setanta +158%
11. Thomas Davis +114%

The purpose of presenting these statistics is not to emphasize the achievements of specific clubs in Hurling or Football but rather to spotlight grassroots efforts over the past 15 years. While the data does highlight clubs that have witnessed significant growth, it's important to note that there are also instances of clubs that have regressed or struggled to capitalize on the overall increase in playing numbers. This could be attributed to various reasons. Consequently, it is crucial to collaborate with these clubs, addressing any obstacles they face, and fostering continuous development within the critical age group of Under 8 to Under 12.

### **CCC2 Programme (U13 to U16)**

In 2023, the season commenced on Saturday, February 11th, and by Sunday, February 26th, all grades in both football and hurling were underway. Throughout the year, CCC2 has meticulously organized 296 competitions and issued over 3,900 fixtures. Year on year, there has been a noteworthy 3% increase in football activity and a commendable 7% surge in hurling playing numbers.

The comprehensive program is designed to offer our young players a structured activity plan, including:

- U/13: 5 Grading matches and 9 League games, totaling 14 dates for both football and hurling.
- U/14: Phase One consists of 5 games, followed by Phase Two with another 5 games and Knockout matches, resulting in a total of 13 dates for both codes.
- U/15: Involves 5 Feile games, followed by 7 League matches, providing a total of 12 dates for each code.
- U/16: Encompasses a 7-game League, followed by Round Robin Championship and Knockout games, resulting in a total of 13 dates for both football and hurling.

As I draft this report, our ongoing competitions remain incomplete. Initially, the intention was to conclude the U13, U14, and U15 age categories by the week ending November 12th. The CCC2 season for our U16s was due to conclude on Saturday, November 25th, featuring Championship and Shield Football Finals. Unfortunately, adverse weather conditions in recent times have significantly disrupted our plans.

Currently, CCC2 is collaborating closely with the County Hurling & Football Development Officers, anticipating the National Development Calendar, which will provide the dates for the Feile and Development squad tournaments in 2024. In conjunction with Bord na nÓg and CCC1, our objective is to circulate a 2024 Juvenile Fixture Calendar akin to the one implemented in 2023.

While recent weeks have been marred by unfavorable weather, CCC2 is steadfast in the belief that the paramount goal is not merely to expedite the completion of our competitions in the early autumn, merely for the sake of meeting a deadline. Rather, our focus is on ensuring that our players have a comprehensive games program that keeps them engaged for as long as possible. This approach is not dictated solely by the desire to meet Finals dates promptly but is rooted in providing a meaningful and sustained experience for our players.

In response to feedback from clubs in recent years, CCC2 has taken into consideration requests to avoid scheduling games on Bank Holiday Weekends and has refrained from planning a full program of activity in the months of July and August. While it may be disappointing and less than ideal to witness some competitions extending into the month of December, particularly for those involved in upcoming finals, we trust that the commitment to a player-centric approach will be appreciated.

Cathaoirleach CCC2, Declan Coulter, has more detail on the programme later in this report and I fully support his comments.

CCC2 games catering to the U13, U14, and U16 age groups are held on Saturday afternoons, while U15 matches are scheduled for Sunday mornings.

Participation Overview for 2023 & 2008:

Sport	Teams (2023)	Teams (2008)	Percentage Change (C'23 v C'08)
Football	361	216	+67%
Hurling	279	129	+116%

Another interesting observation is the increase in the number of clubs fielding "B", "C", "D" teams at each grade.

- *Football:*
  - Teams with "B," "C," and "D" grades: 155 (C'23) vs. 49 (C'08)
- *Hurling:*
  - Teams with "B," "C," and "D" grades: 105 (C'18) vs. 11 (C'08)

CCC2 / CCC1 Activity Comparison with 2008:

- Football: +67% (CCC1 +89%)
- Hurling: +116% (CCC1 +135%)
- Hurling-to-Football Ratio: 77% vs. 60% (CCC1 89% vs. 69%)

The guiding philosophy of Coiste na nÓg Átha Cliath is encapsulated in the mantra, "As many as possible, as long as possible, in the best environment possible." The return to the traditional under 18 age grade at the Club level has played a pivotal role in maximizing player participation at the under 16 age grades in Dublin. This is particularly evident in U16 Hurling and contributes significantly to the observed increase in CCC2 hurling this year compared to the previous year.



In Dublin, we have organized competitions throughout the entire year for every age grade up to and including under 16. With a well-defined and structured program, I firmly believe that our primary goal should be to keep as many of our players together within their respective age groups including at under 16. This approach ensures a clear and cohesive development pathway for our young athletes.

While reviewing activity since 2008 I would like to highlight some Clubs who been able to increase their CCC2 activity by a greater margin than at CCC1 thereby clearly bridging the gap between CCC1 ( U8 to U12) and CCC2 ( U13 to U16):

- Ballymun Kickhams - Football
- Castleknock - Hurling
- Clanna Gael Fontenoy - Football & Hurling
- Erins Isle - Football & Hurling
- Faughs - Hurling
- Fingallians - Football & Hurling
- Kilmacud Crokes - Football & Hurling
- Na Fianna - Football & Hurling
- Nh Barrog - Football
- Nh Mearnog - Hurling
- Nh Olaf - Hurling
- St Oliver Plunkett ER - Football & Hurling
- O'Dwyers - Football
- Raheny - Hurling
- Skerries Harps - Football
- St Maurs - Football & Hurling
- St Patricks D. - Football
- St Peters - Football
- Templeogue Synge Street
- Whitehall Colmcille - football

To complete this review it is great to see the following Clubs enter teams in 2023 at CCC2 compared to the year 2008.

- Beann Eadair - Football & Hurling
- Erin Go Bragh - Football & Hurling
- Garda Westmanstown Gaels - Football & Hurling
- Man O War - Football
- O'Dwyers - Hurling
- Na Gaeil Óga - Football & Hurling
- Ranelagh Gaels - Football & Hurling
- Round Towers L. - Football & Hurling

- Shankill - Football & Hurling
- St Annes - Hurling
- St Kevins Killians - Football & Hurling
- St Patricks D. - Hurling
- Stars of Erin - Football & Hurling
- Starlights - Football
- Trinity Gaels - Hurling
- Tyrrelstown - Football & Hurling
- Wanderers - Football & Hurling
- Wild Geese - Hurling

### **Discipline**

When addressing the issue of discipline within our games, it is disheartening to witness the repeated instances of juvenile game abandonments across the nation, drawing attention through various media channels. The alleged abuse of referees has emerged as a significant concern, gaining national headlines and proliferating on social media platforms, often accompanied by video evidence.

I appreciate the introduction of Rule 7.3(o) in the Official Guide during Congress 2023, specifically targeting Team Officials officiating at Juvenile Games. This rule stipulates that for infractions falling under Rule 7.2(c) Categories IIa, IIIa, IVa, or Va, the minimum time suspension shall be doubled for Team Officials at Juvenile Games.

For instance, a Mentor receiving a straight Red Card in an under 13 Football match for Abusive language towards a Referee or Disruptive Conduct is charged under Rule 7.2(c) Category IIa. The application of new rule 7.3(o) results in a minimum suspension of eight weeks, along with a one-match suspension in the same Code and at the same Level.

However, a significant concern arises when considering the practical implications of this suspension. The suspended Mentor, potentially a parent of one of the players, can still take charge of the Under 13 Hurling team the following week. Is it possible his child could be denied playing football for eight weeks? Policing such suspensions, particularly with the vast number of teams involved( nearly 2,500 in 2023), poses a substantial challenge for CCC1 & CCC2.

It is imperative to prioritize the elimination of abuse directed at our referees, necessitating a cultural shift on GAA sidelines. While acknowledging that reeducating individuals will take time, there is a pressing need for clubs to take proactive measures. Clubs, through their structures, should act decisively to identify and address individuals who misbehave at all matches, especially juvenile games. Relying solely on Parnell Park to address these issues is an inadequate acknowledgment of responsibility by the club.

The unacceptable behavior witnessed at adult matches has no place in juvenile games, irrespective of perceived "mitigating circumstances." Should clubs with mentors, supporters, and players consistently in breach of regulations face sanctions? This is a crucial question that demands thoughtful consideration to ensure the fostering of a respectful and positive environment in our games.

As I issue this report with competitions still to finish:

- 194 Disciplinary Notices issued compared to 207 in 2022
- Clubs fined € 3,650 v €5,250 in C'22 ( 11 offences involving 8 different Club)
- Club placed in Bond € 0 v €1,150 in C'22
- 168 Straight Red Cards issued to Player v 165 in C'22
- 18 Clubs issued with warnings on future behaviour v 26 in C'22

Breakdown of 194 Disciplinary Notices:

	CCC1	CCC2
7.2.b III	1	151
7.2.b IV	0	16
7.2.c.2a	0	4
7.2.d I	2	3
7.2.d.2	0	3
7.2.d.3	2	11
7.2.e	0	1

Analysis of 168 Straight Reds:

No of offences	Penalty
139	1 match
22	2 match
4	2 weeks
1	3 match
1	4 match
1	4 weeks

## **Concussion Awareness**

We can take great pride in the escalating levels of activity in recent years, with an increasing number of children, both boys and girls, joining in our national sports. In light of this positive trend, it becomes imperative to underscore the significance of concussion education. Despite the multitude of games played each year, the reality is that many won't have trained medical personnel on-site. Therefore, it is crucial to emphasize to our juvenile mentors the importance of erring on the side of caution when a player sustains a blow to the head, ensuring that young players are not permitted to return to the pitch.

Reiterating this message consistently is vital. Our game regulations permit unlimited substitutions, providing mentors the flexibility needed to prioritize player safety. Even in U16 Championship games, where there are constraints on substitutions, a player can be replaced if there is a concern about concussion. Nevertheless, mentors should always consider the perspectives of the Referee, who is in closer proximity to any on-field collisions than those on the sideline. Let's reinforce the concussion message repeatedly to ensure the well-being of our young athletes.

## **Signs and Symptoms**

Contrary to popular belief, most concussion injuries occur without a loss of consciousness and so it is important to recognise the other signs and symptoms of concussion.

Symptoms include:

- Headache
- Confusion
- Nausea
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double/blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Feeling sluggish, hazy or groggy
- Just not 'feeling right'
- Concentration/memory problems
- Pressure in head

### Return to Play

- A player with a diagnosed concussion should never be allowed to return to play on the day of injury.
- Return to play must follow a medically supervised stepwise approach and a player should never return to play while symptomatic.

### Action Plan

- Recognise the signs and symptoms
- Report if suspicious, don't hide it
- Rehab with rest and medical guidance
- Return after following Return To Play Protocol and getting medical clearance

### **Conclusion**

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the dedicated individuals and committees who have played a pivotal role in the success and growth of Coiste na nÓg throughout the year.

Firstly, my heartfelt thanks go to the officers of Bord na nÓg, CCC1, CCC2, Juvenile Hearings Committee, and County Hearings Committee. Your unwavering assistance and support have been invaluable in navigating the challenges and successes of the past year.

Special recognition is due to Declan O'Leary, Cathaoirleach Coiste na nÓg, Maura Ryan, Cathaoirleach CCC1, and Declan Coulter, Cathaoirleach CCC2, for their exceptional guidance and contributions to our endeavors.

A big shoutout to the Club Go Games Referee Coordinators for their tireless efforts in allocating referees for our Go Games program. Your commitment to overseeing nearly 500 referees each weekend is truly commendable, and I want to express my gratitude for your crucial role in making our games possible.

I must also extend my appreciation to Danny Harrington for his outstanding work in assigning nearly 4,000 referees for CCC2. Utilizing our website effectively, Danny has kept all parties informed in a timely manner, ensuring the smooth operation of our games.

I want to acknowledge and thank my colleagues at Parnell Park, Ger O'Connor, John McNicholas and County Chairman Mick Seavers, for their collaboration and support with a special mention to Anne O Dea for her invaluable assistance particularly this year. Special thanks to Paddy Maloney, Noel Brady, Tony O'Shea, and all the stewards who contributed to the success of our juvenile finals. I would also like to pay tribute to Patsy Kieran who passed away in late December last year. Patsy went out of his way to facilitate the playing of as many juvenile games in Parnell Park over the years. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

A significant moment for Dublin GAA was the retirement of John Costello, our County Secretary of 29 years. John has played a pivotal role in transforming Dublin GAA into the modern organization it is today. His dedication and continuous championing of juvenile affairs have been instrumental in the healthy position of Coiste na nÓg Átha Cliath today. Míle Buíochas Seán. A warm welcome to our new County Secretary, Finbarr O'Mahony, and best wishes for the years ahead. I am confident he will receive the full support of all the Dublin GAA community.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to all club officials, delegates, mentors, and referees for their unwavering support in 2023. I eagerly anticipate our collective efforts in providing opportunities for all young players, regardless of their abilities, within the GAA family. Let us continue to foster a sense of community, where every child feels they belong and can thrive. As I complete my fifteenth year as Secretary to Coiste na nÓg, I am continually inspired by the dedication and effort of so many individuals working towards a common goal. Our Olympian attitudes, values, and philosophies shine through in every game and activity, making us all proud of juvenile-level GAA in Dublin.

Damian Ó Murchú  
Rúnaí  
Coiste na nÓg

## **Chairperson CCC1 Annual Report**

In January 2023 over 978 football teams and 877 hurling teams were entered in the CCC1 Go Games programme. This saw an marginal decrease of 1.5 % in Football Teams and 2.0 % decrease in Hurling teams on 2022. The scheduled games commenced on 26th February and concluded 4th November which will see some U12 playoffs taking place up to 2nd December. Many friendlies continue to be arranged for U8-U11's so that's a lot of games for our juvenile teams in the county!

Congratulations to all U12 teams at every level who have won themselves a Dublin medal. It's a big achievement for our little ones.

It really is great to see so many players participating in CCC1 Go Games every week. However, there is one gripe that has been raised at our delegate meetings and that is teams showing up on a Saturday with well under the prescribed number of players. This can leave young players on the sideline for the opposition. This is not what CCC1 Go games are about. CCC1 would again ask clubs to really assess if they are capable of fulfilling the number of team entries chosen at the start of the year.

With the above in mind, I welcome the implementation of the New Go Games rules in full as set out by Ger O'Connor and his team in the Coaching and Games Department. As well as the rule changes, these new rules will now allow for a smaller number of players to play on each team which will of course be beneficial to our young players while also helping teams that struggle for numbers on a Saturday morning. I wish clubs every success with these new rules on the ground and look forward to getting positive feedback in 2024.

We are also bringing back our blitzes into the Games programme . There will be one blitz played by each age group in the year. The code will get rotated every year. These blitzes were always a huge success with the players so I thank Damian for being able to get this back up and running in 2024.

There was no negative feedback on the CCC1 Games schedule at the CCC1 Delegates meeting held in October.

I would ask all clubs to encourage their lead U12 mentor to attend the delegate meeting so that they can get an idea as to how the gradings at U12 work. It is so important that they try to get this right from the get go in January.

## **Discipline**

While the number of referee reports filed with CCC1 was not huge, the fact remains that there was still disciplinary issues at some of our underage games. What were the issues?

- Mentors shouting abuse at the ref
- Mentors shouting abuse at the players
- Mentors shouting abuse at opposition mentors
- Parents shouting abuse at the ref / opposition mentors

We must remember that this not and will never be acceptable behaviour. I do understand that some clubs are trying to deal with this at the older levels, but sad to say clubs need to take a closer look at the U8-U12 age groups too. Some clubs have been disciplined by CCC1 and we will continue to do so where necessary. We are all aware of the shortage of referees so we need to start as we mean to go on. Mentors and players represent our clubs every time the team takes to the pitch. Good behaviour usually starts with the team mentors and this is reflected by the players and also by the sideline.

I would also ask that clubs, while trying to defend their mentors at times, accept that ill discipline on the sideline towards referees/players/opposition mentors will not be accepted by CCC1.

### Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who has helped make CCC1 programme successful this year. To my colleagues on CCC1, Paul and Grainne for all their dedicated work throughout the year. Thanks to John Costello, Runaí Dublin County Board and Mick Seavers, Cathaoirleach Dublin County Board for their constant support of our young players. Thanks also to Declan O'Leary, Cathaoirleach Bord na nÓg and Declan Coulter, Cathaoirleach CCC2.

I would like to thank all the volunteers at club level who make it all happen week in week out. To all the referee co-ordinators who ensure the teams have referees for their games, to all pitch co-ordinators who allocate pitch space to home teams and to all the team mentors who ensure the young players get to play their games at the weekend. Most of all I would like to thank, the players and their parents for their commitment to making our hurling and football programme a success during the year.

Last but not least to Damian Murphy, Runaí, Coiste na nÓg. Without Damian none of the above would happen. While we all think club level, Damian has to think and plan for Dublin. He is always in search of new ideas to promote both codes and to try and get as many young players involved in GAA from an early age. Without his help and outstanding organisational skills, CCC1 would not be the resounding success it is in Dublin.

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Cathaoirleach CCC1  
Máire Uí Riáin



### **Chairperson CCC2 Annual Report**

This is my first year as Cathaoirleach CCC2 having taken over the role from Declan O'Leary and I would like to thank Declan for all his support and advice over the year. Once again, this year we have seen an increase in player participation and teams entering our competitions. This can only be testament to the great work and commitment from all involved and I would like to thank club delegates, club officers, committee members and all who commit their time and energy to supporting and promoting our juvenile games programmes.

Our games programmes for this year have not yet concluded however I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all who compete for their teams, clubs, supporters and for their own personal enjoyment.

#### **Competitions**

Our competitions for 2023 were due to finish on 25th November with the last U16 championship finals. However bad weather has caused a bit of havoc with the past couple of weeks, and we find ourselves with a mix of games, semi-finals, and finals still to complete in different age groups. We built in a back match date of 2nd December but may find that we must go beyond this. However, the committee have made the decision that we will not fix any games beyond the 9th of December and any unfinished competitions may have to be concluded towards the end of January 2024.

We continued our 2023 programme of competitions on the same basis as 2022 in terms of league and championship format which has been very successful to date. The competition format that has raised some questions and has been discussed at the recent CCC2 delegates meeting is the under 15 Feile na Gael and Feile Peil na nÓg which continues as a multi weekend competition as opposed to single weekend. The benefits of multi weekend far outweigh single weekend not least of all for the fact that we can continue to include shield competitions giving teams more games and opportunity to compete in semi-finals and finals.

The requirement for panels to be submitted at a certain stage of championship competitions has helped to balance the competitions and stop clubs from moving players between A & B teams to gain an advantage.

#### **Referees**

Put quite simply, our games programme and competitions would not happen without our referees and a special thank you to all who referee our games on a weekly basis. While some may take for granted that a referee will be appointed, and with a

confirmation call from club mentors that the referee will turn up on the day. What people may not be aware of is, the amount of organising and communication that it takes to make sure referees are appointed and available. On this note a special thanks to Danny Harrington for his tireless work to make all this happen each week.

In terms of the numbers of referees supplied by clubs it is still disappointing to see some clubs enter multiple teams at the various age groups and yet supply a minimal number of referees or none at all.

The plea from CCC2 to all clubs is to please look at the number of “active” referees you supply and encourage club members to get involved.

### ***Discipline***

Unfortunately, as with previous years, discipline [or lack of] continues to be a matter of concern. The report by secretary Coiste na nÓg gives a breakdown of disciplinary notices in terms of numbers, sanctions, fines etc. However, it is not just the numbers that are of concern but rather the abuse by some mentors, parents, supporters, and sidelines towards referees, opposition sidelines and in some cases towards juvenile players.

It would be wrong to suggest that this happens at all games and in fact if balanced against the number of games played on a weekly basis, one could argue that it is quite a low percentage. However, it simply should not happen at all and the level of abuse that can be shocking and can range from,

- *Persistent challenging of referee authority*
- *Foul, abusive and threatening language*
- *Threatening behaviour towards referees*
- *Following referees to car/carpark after a game??*
- *Negative verbal interaction with juvenile players.*

This year we have lost one referee who has decided to stop because of abuse received at games. The behaviour of sidelines feeds into the behaviour of players on the pitch and we can usually see a correlation between the two.

While CCC2 will where possible, issue a sanction against individuals, we will ultimately hold clubs responsible for the behaviour of mentors, parents & supporters.

Some clubs when issued with notices and sanctions have taken positive steps to address the issue. We would ask that all clubs please inform sidelines that any type of abusive behaviour is simply not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

### **2024 - Calendar**

While we have not yet been in a position to issue a calendar [draft] for 2024 we will aim to do this for the first week in December. However, we will work on the basis that the 2024 Calendar will mirror and follow the same format as this year.

- *U13 - Grading Leagues followed by League (single round)*
- *U14 - Qualifying Round Robin in two phases, followed by Cup competitions. Grading will be a combination of self-grading and U13 grading League performance from 2022.*
- *U15 - Dublin Féile multi-weekend model in Spring and Leagues concluding in Autumn.*
- *U16 - League & Championship model*

We will also aim to keep with the holiday break in late July through August.

### **Thanks**

Thanks to my fellow committee members Pat Finn, Alan Linnane and Danny Harrington for their commitment, assistance and time. Thanks to County Chairman Mick Seavers and recently retired County Secretary John Costello for their support. I would also like to wish every success to our new, recently appointed County Secretary Finbar O'Mahony.

Thanks to Anne O'Dea for all the admin work behind the scenes.

Thanks to Ger O'Connor [Coaching & Club Development] and all his coaching staff for their hard work and dedication to our juvenile games.

Thank you again to Declan O'Leary (Chair of Bord na nÓg) and the members of Bord na nÓg for all their help and hard work.

A very special thanks to Damian Murphy [Runaí, Coiste na nÓg], without whom it is safe to say the role of Cathaoirleach CCC2 would be an impossible task. Our games programme at juvenile level is at the high standard it is at because of his hard work and commitment.

Finally, a huge thanks to all the officers, mentors, players and supporters from every club for assisting us in providing a games programme that we should all be extremely proud of.

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Deaglain O'Coltair  
Cathaoirleach CCC2

### **Coiste Eisteachta na nÓg – Juvenile Hearings Committee Report -2023**

Coiste Eisteachta na nÓg is the Juvenile Hearings Committee. We arrange and conduct hearings sought by clubs into various disciplinary sanctions issued by CCC1 and CCC2. This year we met only once in person to deal with a number of cases. A number of other cases were dealt with online and via email. Almost all cases involved, unfortunately, misbehaviour by adults.

I would like to thank all clubs who availed of our committee's procedures and Runai, Coiste na nÓg, who were unfailingly polite and courteous to deal with. I would ask all clubs to be respectful of referees as we move forward into next season. Unfortunately most of the cases that come before us often involve poor behaviour which, in this day and age, really cannot be tolerated any more. While all parties are entitled to a fair hearing, this committee will not hold back from penalising people and clubs who abuse referees. It is also worth noting that young people imitate what they see adults doing. This needs to be borne in mind.

It's also incumbent on clubs to know the rules of seeking hearings and appealing decisions. A lot of clubs don't and this can often result in requests for hearings being ruled out of order.

I would like to thank the members of the committee for their help and assistance during the year. Our chairman is Liam MacMathuna from CLG Croimghlinn and the other members of the committee are Neil O'Ceallaigh, Tomas Daibheis, Daithi de Hearfort (Baile Buadain/Naomh Eide) and Aodhaon O'Scullai (Fine Ghallain)

**Ailin O'Conchur (Naomh Uinsionn.)**  
**Rúnaí Coiste Eisteachta na nÓg,**

Roll of Honour 2023		
FOOTBALL		
GRADE	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
U12 Football Division 1	St Vincents 1	Clontarf 1
U12 Football Division 2	St Sylvesters 1	Kilmacud Crokes 1
U12 Football Division 3	St Judes 1	Naomh Olaf 1
U12 Football Division 4	Shankill	Skerries Harps 1 / Clanna Gael Fontenoy 1
U12 Football Division 5	Cuala 2	Erin go Bragh
U12 Football Division 6	Man O War 1 / O'Dwyers 1	
U12 Football Division 7	Stars of Erin 1	Thomas Davis 1
U12 Football Division 8	Round Towers L. / Kilmacud Crokes 3	
U12 Football Division 9	Raheny 2	Castleknock 3
U12 Football Division 10	Naomh Mearnog 2	Clanna Gael Fontenoy 2
U12 Football Division 11	St Patricks (P)	Na Fianna 3
U12 Football Division 12	Tyrrelstown	Parnells
U12 Football Division 13	St Maurs 2	Stars of Erins 2
U12 Football Division 14	St Peters	St Sylvesters 3
U12 Football Division 15	Na Dubh Ghall	Robert Emmets
U12 Football Division 16	Thomas Davis 2	Ranelagh Gaels / Trinity Gaels
U12 Football Division 17	Raheny 3	Na Fianna 4
U12 Football Division 16	Cabinteely	St Peregrines 2
U13 Football Division 1	Ballyboden St Enda A	Whitehall Colmcille A
U13 Football Division 2	Naomh Mearnog A	Nh Olaf A / Fingallins A/Cuala A
U13 Football Division 3	Lucan Sarsfields A	Nh Barrog A / Templeogue SS A
U13 Football Division 4	O'Dwyers A	GPM A / O'Tooles / Erins Isle A
U13 Football Division 5	St Peregrines / St Sylvesters B / Ranelagh Gaels	
U13 Football Division 6	Stars of Erin	Ballyboden St Endas C / Whitehall Colmcille B
U13 Football Division 7	St Finians N	Erin Go Bragh / Nh Meranog B
U13 Football Division 8	Na Fianna C	Raheny B / Cuala B
U13 Football Division 9	St Brigids C / Nh Olaf B	
U13 Football Division 10 North	St Peters B	Whitehall Colmcille C
U13 Football Division 10 South	Clanna Gael Fontenoy B	Wanderers / St Judes C

U14 Division 1 Football Cup	St Peters / r Na Fianna A	
U14 Division 2 Football Cup	Nh Mearnog A / St Patricks (D) A	
U14 Division 3 Football Cup	Whitehall Colmcille A / Crumlin	
U14 Division 4 Football Cup	Ballyboden St Enda B / Cuala A	
U14 Division 5 Football Cup	Castleknock B / Erin Go Bragh	
U14 Division 6 Football Cup	Lucan Sarsfields C / St Patricks (D) B	
U14 Division 7 Football Cup	O'Dwyers B / Raheny B	
U14 Division 8 Football Cup	St Maurs B / Kilmacud Crokes E	
U14 Division 1 Football Shield	Templeogue Synge St A / Castleknock A	
U14 Division 2 Football Shield	St Judes A / Clontarf A	
U14 Division 3 Football Shield	St Maurs A / O'Dwyers A	
U14 Division 4 Football Shield	Craobh Chiaran Scoil Ui Chonaill / Round Towers L	
U14 Division 5 Football Shield	St Vincents B	Kilmacud Crokes C
U14 Division 6 Football Shield	St Patricks P	Ballinteer St John B
U14 Division 7 Football Shield	Stars of Erin	Thomas Davis B
U14 Division 8 Football Shield	Lucan Sarsfields D	Whitehall Colmcille B
U15 Football Division 1	St Sylvesters A	Na Fianna A / BSE A / St Judes A
U15 Football Division 2	Lucan Sarsfields A	Castleknock A
U15 Football Division 3	Ballinteer St Johns A	St Brigids
U15 Football Division 4	Fingal Ravens	O'Tooles
U15 Football Division 5	Skerries Harps	Ballyboden St Endas B
U15 Football Division 6	Na Fianna B	Trinity Gaels / Erins Isle
U15 Football Division 7	Thomas Ashe / St Judes B	
U15 Football Division 8	Garda Westmanstown Gaels	St Vincents B
U15 Football Division 9	TBC	TBC
U15 Football Division 10	St Oliver Plunketts ER B	Clontarf C
U15 Football Division 11	Whitehall Colmcille B / Nh Olaf B / Na Fianna D	
U15 Féile Peil Division 1	Kilmacud Crokes A	Clontarf A
U15 Féile Peil Division 2	Na Fianna A	Raheny A
U15 Féile Peil Division 3	Fingallians A	Ballymun Kickhams
U15 Féile Peil Division 4	St Annes	St Peters
U15 Féile Peil Division 5	Fingal Ravens	St Kevins Killians
U15 Féile Peil Division 6	Kilmacud Crokes B	Ballyboden St Enda B
U15 Féile Peil Division 7	St Patricks P	Ballinteer St John B
U15 Féile Peil Division 8	St Finians N	Templeogue Synge St B

U15 Féile Peil Division 9	Lucan Sarsfields B	St Vincents B
U15 Féile Peil Division 10	Stars of Erin	St Maurs B
U15 Féile Peil Division 11	Ballinteer St John C	Kilmacud Crokes C
U15 Féile Division 1 Shield	St Sylvesters A	St Vincents A
U15 Féile Division 2 Shield	St Maurs A	Naomh Barrog A
U15 Féile Division 3 Shield	Templeogue Synge Street A	Naomh Olaf A
U15 Féile Division 4 Shield	St Sylvesters B	Thomas Davis
U15 Féile Division 5 Shield	St Patricks (D)	Parnells
U15 Féile Division 6 Shield	Na Fianna B	Beann Eadair
U15 Féile Division 7 Shield	St Judes B	Tyrrelstown
U15 Féile Division 9 Shield	Castleknock B	Ballyboden St Enda C
U15 Féile Division 10 Shield	Naomh Barrog B	Templeogue Synge Street C
U15 Féile Division 11 Shield	Shankill	Na Fianna D
U16 Football Division 1	Lucan Sarsfields A	St Sylvesters A
U16 Football Division 2	St Patricks (D.) A	Castleknock A
U16 Football Division 3	Whitehall Colmcille A	Skerries Harps A
U16 Football Division 4	Thomas Ashe A	Trinity Gaels
U16 Football Division 5	St Peregrines	St Brigids A
U16 Football Division 6	Round Towers L.	Ballymun Kickhams
U16 Football Division 7	Man O War	St Patricks P.
U16 Football Division 8	Tyrrelstown	St Patricks (D.) B
U16 Football Division 9	Beann Eadair	Raheny B
U16 Football Division 10	Skerries Harps B	Cuala C
U16 Football Championship A	Kilmacud Crokes A / Ballybode St Endas A / Na Fianna A	
U16 Football Championship B	Thomas Ashe A / Raheny A / St Peters	
U16 Football Championship C	Ballinteer St Johns A / St Marys S. / St Peregrines	
U16 Football Championship D	Ballymun Kickhams / St Finians N. / St Patricks P.	
U16 Football Championship E	St Vincents B / Castleknock B / St Sylvesters B / Templeogue Synge Street B	
U16 Football Championship F	Erin Go Bragh / Ballyboden St Endas C / Beann Eadair	
U16 Football Championship G	Ballydoden St Endas D / St Judes C / Templeogue Synge SS C / Shankill	
U16 Football Shield A	St Sylvesters A / Cuala A / St Oliver Plunkett ER A / Castleknock A	
U16 Football Shield B	Nh Mearnog / Whitehall Colmcille / Skerries Harps A / Fingallians A	
U16 Football Shield C	Ballyboden St Endas B / St Brigids A / St Judes B / Nh Olaf	
U16 Football Shield D	Kilmacud Crokes B / Cuala B / Ranelagh Gaels	

U16 Football Shield E	St Monicas / Ballinteer St Johns B
U16 Football Shield E	St Brigids B / Skerries Harps B / Cuala C / St Oliver Plunkett ER B

<b>Roll of Honour 2023</b>		
<b>HURLING</b>		
<b>GRADE</b>	<b>WINNERS</b>	<b>RUNNERS UP</b>
U12 Hurling Division 1	Naas	Kilmacud Croke 1
U12 Hurling Division 2	Faughs 1	Ballybdoen St Enda 1
U12 Hurling Division 3	St Judes 1	Nh Olaf 1 / Clanna Gael Fontenoy 1
U12 Hurling Division 4	Fingallians 1 / Kilmacud Crokes 2 / St Maurs 1	
U12 Hurling Division 5	Erin Go Bragh / Castleknock 2	
U12 Hurling Division 6	Stars of Erin	Kevins HC / Skerries Harps 1
U12 Hurling Division 7	St Peregrines 1	St Judes 2
U12 Hurling Division 8	St Patricks P. / Trinity Gaels 2	
U12 Hurling Division 9	Beann Eadair / St Oliver Plunkett ER 2	
U12 Hurling Division 10	Parnells	Na Dubh Ghall
U12 Hurling Division 11	St Marks	Bray Emmets 2
U12 Hurling Division 12	St Judes 3	St Maurs 2
U12 Hurling Division 13	Fingallians 3 / St Finians S. 2	
U12 Hurling Division 14	Naomh Olaf 3	Skerries Harps 2
U13 Hurling Division 1	Ballyboden St Endas A	Kilmacud Crokes A
U13 Hurling Division 2	St Vincents A	Lucan Sarsfields A
U13 Hurling Division 3	Nh Barrog A	Clontarf A
U13 Hurling Division 4	O'Dwyers	Round Towers L.
U13 Hurling Division 5	Na Fianna B	Stars of Erin
U13 Hurling Division 6	Na Gaeil Óga	Geraldine P Moran
U13 Hurling Division 7	Naomh Mearnog B	Wild Geese
U13 Hurling Division 8	Round Towers C B	Kilmacud Crokes C
U13 Hurling Division 9	Kevins HC B	St Judes C
U14 Division 1 Hurling Cup	Ballyboden St Endas A / St Vincents A	
U14 Division 2 Hurling Cup	Round Towers C	Trinity Gaels
U14 Division 3 Hurling Cup	Nh Olaf / Whitehall Colmcille	



U14 Division 4 Hurling Cup	St Finians S.	Kilmacud Crokes B
U14 Division 5 Hurling Cup	Erin Go Bragh / Na Fianna B	
U14 Division 6 Hurling Cup	Castleknock C	St Patricks P.
U14 Division 1 Hurling Shield	Na Fiann A	St Brigids A
U14 Division 2 Hurling Shield	St Patricks D.	Nh Mearnog A
U14 Division 3 Hurling Shield	St Maurs A	Nh Barrog A
U14 Division 4 Hurling Shield	St Annes	Craobh Chiarain Scoil Ui Chonaill
U14 Division 5 Hurling Shield	Kevins HC / Setanta / Ranelagh Gaels / St Vincents B	
U14 Division 6 Hurling Shield	Ballinteer St Johns B / Na Fianna C	
U15 Hurling Feile Division 1	Raheny A	St Vincents A
U15 Hurling Feile Division 2	St Judes A	Na Fianna A
U15 Hurling Feile Division 3	Ballinteer St John A	Naomh Barrog
U15 Hurling Feile Division 4	Naomh Olaf A	Whitehall Colmcille
U15 Hurling Feile Division 5	Trinity Gaels	St Peregrines
U15 Hurling Feile Division 6	Kilmacud Crokes B	Kevins HC
U15 Hurling Feile Division 7	Wild Geese	Na Fianna B
U15 Hurling Feile Division 8	Kilmacud Crokes C	Lucan Sarsfields C
U15 Hurling Feile Division	Castleknock B	Ballinteer St John C
U15 Hurling Feile Div.1 Shield	Ballyboden St Enda A	Lucan Sarsfields A
U15 Hurling Feile Div.2 Shield	Fingallians A	St Maurs A
U15 Hurling Feile Div.3 Shield	O'Tooles	Faughs A
U15 Hurling Feile Div.5 Shield	Garda Westmanstown Gaels	Ballyboden St Enda B
U15 Hurling Feile Div.6 Shield	St Judes B	Bohernabreena St Columbus
U15 Hurling Feile Div.8 Shield	Kilmacud Crokes C	Lucan Sarsfields C
U15 Hurling Feile Div.9 Shield	Naomh Olaf B	St Maurs B
U15 Hurling League Division 1	Raheny A	St Vincents A
U15 Hurling League Division 2	St Sylvesters A	St Oliver Plunkett A
U15 Hurling League Division 3	Round Towers C	St Brigids / Ranelagh Gaels
U15 Hurling League Division 4	St Peregrines / Erins Isle	
U15 Hurling League Division 5	Garda Westmanstown Gaels	St Finians S.
U15 Hurling League Division 6	Wild Geese	St Judes B
U15 Hurling League Division 7	Southern Gaels ( GPM/Shankill) / Na Fianna B	
U15 Hurling League Division 8	Na Gaeil Óga	Castleknock B
U15 Hurling League Division 9	St Oliver Plunkett ER B / Nh Olaf B	

U16 Hurling A Championship	Ballyboden St Endas A / Kilmacud Crokes A	
U16 Hurling B Championship	Commercials / St Sylvesters	
U16 Hurling C Championship	Nh Barrog / Thomas Davis / Castleknock A	
U16 Hurling D Championship	Kilmacud Crokes B / St Vincents B	
U16 Hurling E Championship	Raheny B / Clontarf B / Na Fianna C	
U16 Hurling A Shield	Na Fianna A / Nh Meranog	
U16 Hurling B Shield	Trinity Gaels / Faughs	
U16 Hurling C Shield	Erins Isle / Nh Olaf / Clanna Gael Fontenoy	
U16 Hurling D Shield	St Patricks P / Erin Go Bragh / Lucan Sarsfields B	
U16 Hurling League Division 1	Raheny A	St Judes A
U16 Hurling League Division 2	Lucan Sarsfields A	Nh Mearnog
U16 Hurling League Division 3	Commercials	St Peregrines
U16 Hurling League Division 4	Skerries Harps A	Fingallians A
U16 Hurling League Division 5	Ranelagh Gaels	Scoil Ui Chonaill
U16 Hurling League Division 6	Lucan Sarsfields B	Kilmacud Crokes B
U16 Hurling League Division 7	Fingallians B	Beann Eadair

## **Motions**

No motions received from Clubs.

## **Recommendations**

No recommendations received from Clubs.