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An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2012

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An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2012

30 agus 31 Márta 2012
Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork

Dé hAoine, 30 Márta

4.30 - 5.30pm	Development Workshops
6.00 - 7.30pm	Registration
8.00pm	Fáilte
8.15pm	Adoption of standing orders
8.20pm	Minutes of Congress 2011
8.25pm	Insurance:
	– Presentation
	– Round table clarifications
	– Q&A
	– Vote on Motion 12 re Rule 23.1
9.00pm	Consideration of Playing Rules Motions
10.00pm	Críoch

Dé Sathairn, 31 Márta

8.45am	Registration
9.00am	Financial Accounts
9.20am	Reports: Provincial, International Units, National Education Councils, Sub-committees
9.40am	Ard Stiúrthóir's Report
10.00am	Teenage Retention:
	– Presentation
	Michael McGeehin, Director of Coaching Ireland
	Mary O'Connor, Director of Camogie
	– Discussion
10.45am	Break
11.15am	Consideration of motions
12.30am	Address by Uachtarán Joan O'Flynn
1.00pm	Lón
2.20pm	One Club Model
	– Vote on Motion 3 re proposed Rule 5.12
2.30pm	Consideration of motions
3.25pm	Venue for Congress 2013
3.30pm	Address by Uachtarán Tofa Aileen Lawlor
4.00pm	Críoch
7.30pm	Mass
8.00pm	Congress Dinner

BUANORDAITHE (Standing Orders)

1. The proposer of a resolution or an amendment may speak for five minutes.
2. A delegate to a resolution or an amendment may not exceed three minutes.
3. The proposer of a resolution or an amendment may speak a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken. No other delegate may speak a second time to the same resolution or amendment.
4. An Cathaoirleach may, at any time she/he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the proposer for a reply. When that has been given a vote must be taken.
5. An Cathaoirleach may consider any subject not on An Clár provided she/he receives the consent of the majority of the delegates present.
6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on An Clár except with the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present, entitled to vote and voting.

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Teachtaireacht ón Uachtarán

Tugann An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil seans dúinn breathnú siar ar an bhliain atá thart. Is féidir le gach éinne atá bainteach le Camógaíocht bheith fíorbhródúil as imeachtaí 2011.

The Ard Stiúrthóir's report, the various Committee reports and the financial reports comprehensively outline the key activities of 2011 and emerging issues. It is clear that the Association is making exciting progress to realise the ambition and vision outlined in our national development plan 2010-2015 *Our Game Our Passion*. From a very strong performance in implementing our priorities in 2011, I want to comment on and commend a number of strategic developments.

Strategic review of our playing rules

At national level, in 2011 a strategic review of the playing rules was undertaken. The innovation of a national online survey on rule changes was very useful. This was combined with active consultation with players, referees, coaches and administrators.

All the indications are that the game is considered strong and no major surgery is required! The proposals before you, in the Congress papers, reflect a preference to:

- retain the distinguishing features of Camogie;
- clarify certain aspects of the game, including the degree of physical contact (incidental and not deliberate) and distinguish between technical fouls, rough play and aggressive play and
- introduce new elements that incentivise participation (up to eight substitutions in all league games at all levels) and spectacle (two points for a score from a sideline ball).

The process around the playing rules review was as important as the outcome. The widest input to the formation of the rules was facilitated. It is heartening to see the various elements that make up the Association having their say in our decision making and this made a difference to the project. As the opportunity to review the playing rules only comes around every three years, this was vital work.

A Game of Our Own, Camogie's Story

The publication of our first national history was an outstanding achievement of 2011. Mary Moran has done the Association a great service to document the narrative of our 107 year history and to fulfill one of the strategic goals of our Development Plan. A superb national launch in Dublin, regional launches in Armagh, Galway and Cork and a presentation of the book to Uachtarán na hÉireann, Michael D. Higgins all greatly added to the reputation of the new title.

Identifying player welfare needs

Player welfare, as it is popularly spoken of, rarely distinguishes the needs of female athletes. The Camogie Association's first player welfare committee was set up in 2009. As its term concludes, it is timely that it has produced the first baseline survey of player welfare needs. This project has opened a new chapter of research within the Association, providing the basis for further work as well as consideration of how to respond to player welfare needs. The details are outlined in the relevant Committee report.

Towards a more inclusive sporting culture

Just as social attitudes to women are somewhat more progressive these days, sports culture, in general, is too. It is heartening that there is greater representation and inclusion of Camogie in the national and local media; in funding programmes for coaching and development; in bursaries awarded to third level players; in sports awards and so on. These are encouraging signs of how the culture associated with sport is becoming more inclusive of women's achievements and abilities. We all, of course, want to see faster progress but things are certainly going in the right direction.

The playing in Croke Park of our All Ireland Senior and Intermediate Club finals in March and three Camogie All Ireland finals on the one Sunday in September, in consecutive years, is a great example. It is a clear statement that we consider all our players equal in stature and equal to other Gaelic players.

A number of other development initiatives underway in 2011 are very significant examples of positive moves

to break down differences between men and women, girls and boys playing Gaelic games.

One Club initiative

The first is the One Club initiative that commits to the equal promotion of the games, ideals and aspirations of the Camogie, GAA and Ladies Football Associations at local club level. The model will enable clubs, who voluntarily opt to administer Camogie, GAA and Ladies Football codes, to do so through a single membership system and a unified club structure.

For clubs that operate in an integrated way already, we learn from your resourcefulness and innovation how to shape and build relationships and structures that accommodate and support all codes. You are creating a new sporting culture at club level.

We know from your experience that any challenges and concerns can be worked through. We also know the benefits of that new sports culture, underpinned by equality and respect for all. Club identity is mutual – shared within and between families, within and between Gaelic codes whether played by girls or boys, men or women.

On a practical level efforts and decision making around fixtures, facilities, fundraising, coaching and so on, particularly at a time when there is genuine pressure on resources, are more effective as all codes have a say and work together, on behalf of the club.

National Hurling and Camogie Development Centre

This is a very exciting new development, announced in early March 2012. The Centre, based in Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) will also employ a mobile unit. With investment by the GAA and WIT, the Centre will work to ensure that sports science learning and knowledge positively influence hurling/camogie coaching and games development.

Our own investment in games development means that the Camogie Association is well placed to continue to contribute to, as well as benefit from, the technical knowledge and support of the Centre. It is of strategic value to the future of Camogie that we are part of this wonderful resource and a pleasure to acknowledge our active inclusion in it. The Centre will greatly complement our ambition to develop new Camogie clubs and to strengthen existing units.

Our children

The third strategic development is the work in progress between the three Associations to develop a single child welfare strategy. Whilst very complimentary to the spirit and the letter of the One Club Model, this common strategy should extend to all units in each Association. All children, regardless of Gaelic code,

spend the vast majority of their games' time in club facilities. It is paramount that each child is safe and feels safe playing our games. Wearing another hat as Chair of the GAA Implementation Group on its Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport, I am delighted with the excellent progress of this project and look forward to its fruition shortly.

Purposeful as well as passionate

Sport is not insulated from the most severe economic circumstances. At all levels of the Association, we are coping with a reduction in financial resources and the challenge of some clubs losing their members to foreign shores in pursuit of work.

Turning adversity into an opportunity is not the easiest of things. Continuing to be motivated by our passionate commitment to our national game while becoming more purposeful in everything we do will get us through this and will allow us to remain creative in expanding interest and participation in Camogie. This approach has characterised our work at every level in 2011 and our new County Volunteer of the Year Awards is a recognition of this.

At national level all our Committees led by their Chairs, and our full time team, led by Ard Stiúrthóir, Sinead O'Connor have worked very hard over the past 12 months. Jackie Brien, Chair of Connacht Camogie steps down this year. I acknowledge and thank him for his contribution to Ardchomhairle for many years. The national level combines with an extensive network of voluntary activity at clubs, in schools and colleges, at county and Provincial levels and abroad.

I also sincerely thank Christy Cooney, GAA President, for his active and inclusive support to camogie during his term, Irish Sports Council and Sports NI for their continued support and all our sponsors.

To each of you, thank you. Your selflessness is inspiring and your work ethic, passion and purposefulness are, noticeably, creating a stronger Association and a stronger game.

Since 2009, working to advance Camogie has been a wonderful privilege and honour. I experienced many personal kindnesses and the opportunity you gave me turned out to be a journey I will forever cherish. I took very seriously the trust you showed in me in 2008 and worked to uphold that. I know my successor Aileen will do likewise and I wish her every success and enjoyment in the role for the next three years.

Joan O'Flynn

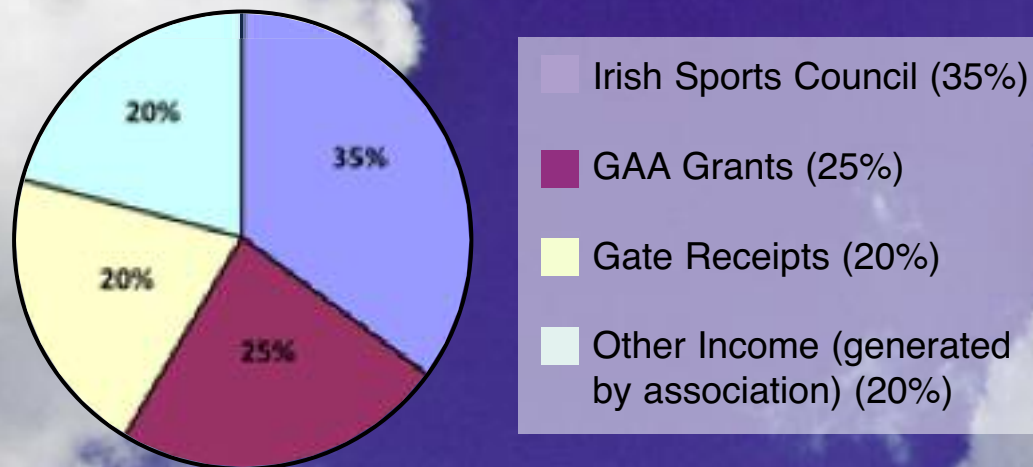
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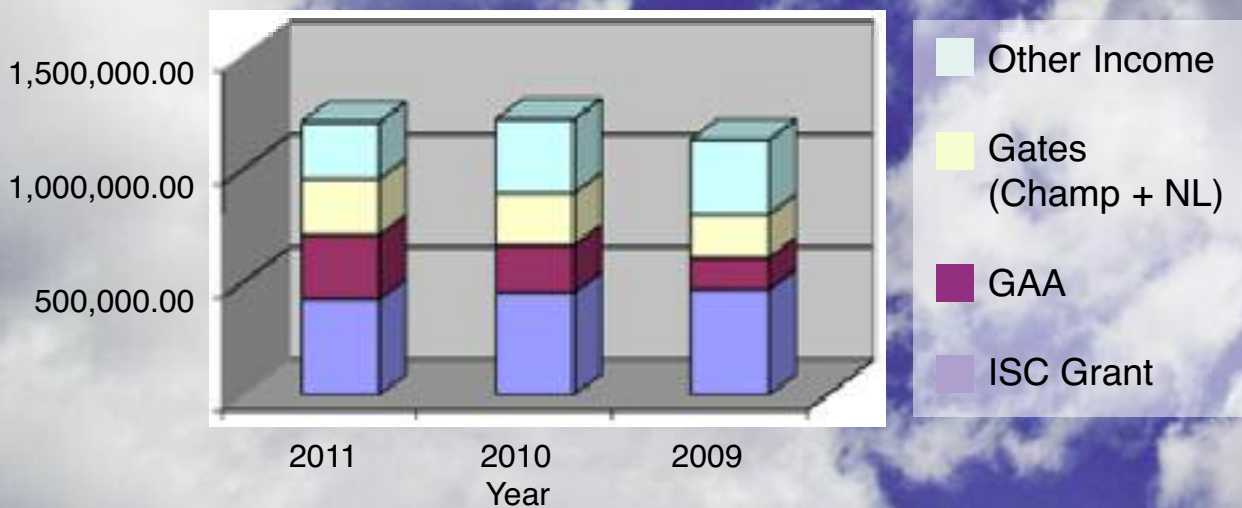


Highlights from 2011

Total Income 2011



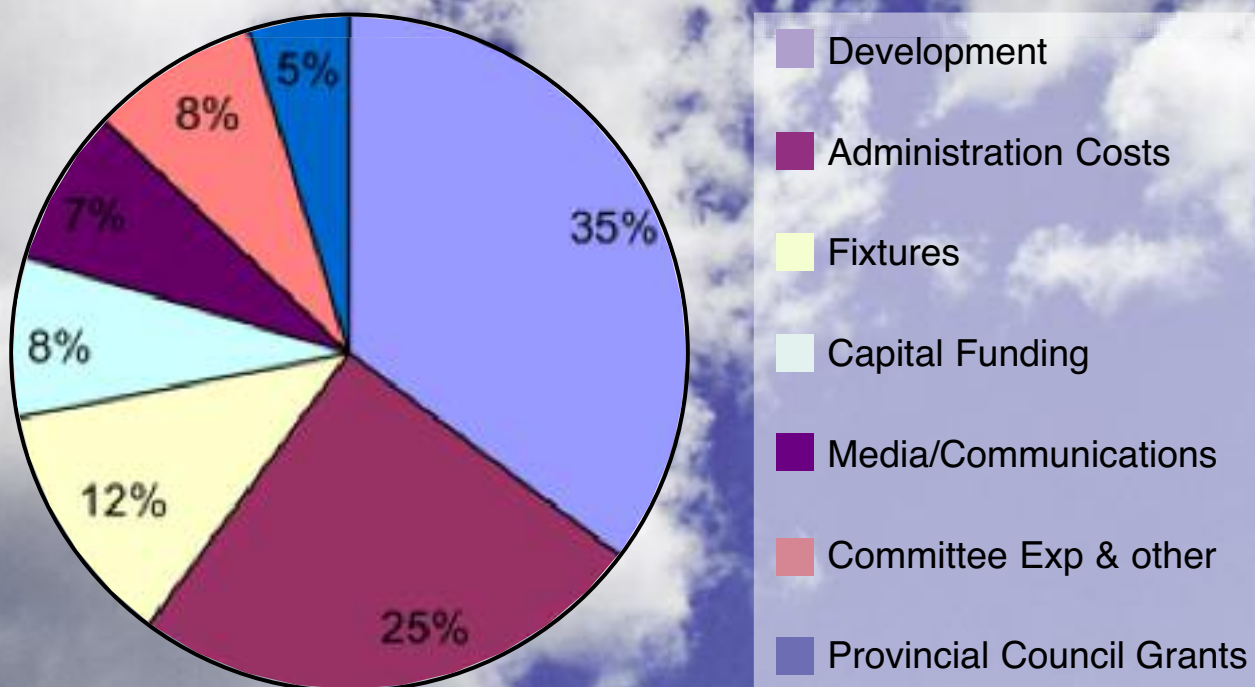
Sources of Income 2009 to 2011



Items to Note

- ❖ **€100,000 paid to counties for Capital Funding**
- ❖ **€8,000 paid in grants to counties who reached All-Ireland Senior, Intermediate and Junior Championship Finals**
- ❖ **€6,000 paid in travel grants for All-Ireland club fixtures**
- ❖ **€17,000 spent re launch of camogie history book**
- ❖ **€62,900 paid in grants to provincial councils**

Total Expenditure 2011





Tuairisc an Ard Stiúrthóra

Introduction

As I reflect on 2011 for Camogie there are stand out moments that strike me as is the case in every year; watching 5,000 pour in to Croke Park in early March for the senior and intermediate All Ireland Club Finals; Waterford putting the disappointment of the last two years behind them to capture the All Ireland Premier Junior title in September; the inaugural Legends tournament and the numerous development events that were run throughout the year introducing camogie to some of our newest members, are just some of the highlights.

Overall it has been another great year for camogie with our club numbers at their highest point in the Association's history and continued plans to introduce camogie to more clubs throughout 2012. However, it does not mean that all is rosy in the garden and there are a number of areas of concern which I hope to highlight throughout my report.

As in my reports for the past couple of years I will report to you on the developments and the achievements of the Association under the headings of the Camogie Association's national development plan "Our Game Our Passion." However, as I go through the achievements I am struck by the challenges we face as an organisation. As I present these challenges to you as the decision makers within the Camogie Association to consider them and take them on board.

Camogie: A democratic organisation vs "Croke Park"

The Official Guide is, unfortunately in many ways, an under-utilised tool within the Association. Too often it is only referred to in times of crisis; when a team fails to show up for a fixture, or when a player gets a red card. It is used too often as a tool to get away with things and get around things rather than as a tool to govern our organisation at every level.

There are rules in place to safeguard members and the interest of units at all levels. The objectives of the Association and the core values (Rules 2.2 and 2.3) should frame everything that we do in the organisation.

Objectives of the Camogie Association:

- To promote, develop and manage Camogie in Ireland and internationally
- To promote the active participation of women in sport
- To work in partnership with the wider Gaelic games family
- To foster an awareness of the richness of our national culture, including the Irish language
- To support Irish industries
- To create a safe environment for our members and supporters
- To promote community development and community spirit

Core values of the Association:

- Inclusiveness
- Voluntarism
- Equality in accordance with the relevant equality legislation and fair play
- Anti-racism and anti-sectarianism
- Openness, accountability and professionalism,
- Respect and welfare towards our members

In any organisation, the official guide is the gospel according to which it is run. The same is true of Camogie and I would urge members to see it exactly as this. I ask units to use it to empower themselves to influence and change the Association for the better.

In the congress papers you see before you today we have received motions from eight of the 28 county boards and four international units and we have no motions brought to congress by any of the four provincial councils or either of the national education councils. In summary we have received motions from eight units out of a possible 38. That's just 21% of our units submitting motions to Annual Congress [Please note: motions were submitted by a small number of units but could not be considered as they were not submitted on time or were not properly proposed through annual conventions.]

The Official Guide is the day to day tool by which we run our organisation. Annual Congress is the annual

opportunity for units to have their say on how this guide should be shaped and yet in 2011 only 21% of our units have taken the opportunity to make changes.

Unfortunately, too often there is an impression that the Camogie Association is run by "Croke Park." I am often unsure as to what people are referring to when this term is used so I think that it is useful to point out the following:

- Ardchomhairle, the Association's central council, governs the organisation between congresses:
 - o There are fifteen people on this council
 - o Three of these members are directly elected by Congress:
 - Uachtarán
 - Coaching and Games Development Member
 - Communications and PR Member
 - o Eight members are directly elected by the provinces (the provincial chairs and delegates)
 - o The two trustees are selected and nominated by Ardchomhairle
 - o The Ard Stiúrthóir is a member of the council but does not have voting rights
- There are approximately ten national sub-committees which determine the policies and procedures of the Association and implement the objectives of the National Development Plan during any given presidential term.
 - o There are an additional 70 to 80 voluntary members who serve on these national sub-committees.
 - o These sub-committees make recommendations to Ardchomhairle on their areas of responsibility and in some cases (e.g. THDC) have delegated authority.
- There are thirteen people on the full-time:

- o Five on the administrative team based in Croke Park
- o Eight based regionally with the development team
- o It is the role of the full time team to work to deliver on the national development plan and to ensure that the Association operates on a day to day basis within the lines of the Official Guide.

The point I wish to demonstrate above is that the Camogie Association is very much a volunteer led organisation and it is important that members and units see it as that and take responsibility for it as that. It is you the delegates that vote on motions, that elect members to positions and therefore direct and influence the Association. It is important therefore that units empower themselves and take responsibility for influencing and shaping the organisation of which we are all so proud.

But in order for units, members and delegates to do this they need to be informed. It is the responsibility of all of the people listed above, the full time team, Ardchomhairle, the sub-committees, to communicate information that is important to the running of the organisation. It is important that our communication channels at all levels improve. At national level the new and improved website, facebook, the ezine and the twice yearly magazine are just some of the ways in which we are working to inform our membership better of what is happening within the Association at all levels.

It is the job of Ardchomhairle members to bring information back to the provinces. At provincial level it is the job of the provincial delegate to bring all important information back to the county board, at

county board level it is important that the county board delegate brings the information back to the club. When we send information to county secretaries, to PROS, to treasurers it is important, where relevant, that it is shared with all clubs within the county. Likewise when the county secretary sends something to all clubs it is imperative that the club secretary shares

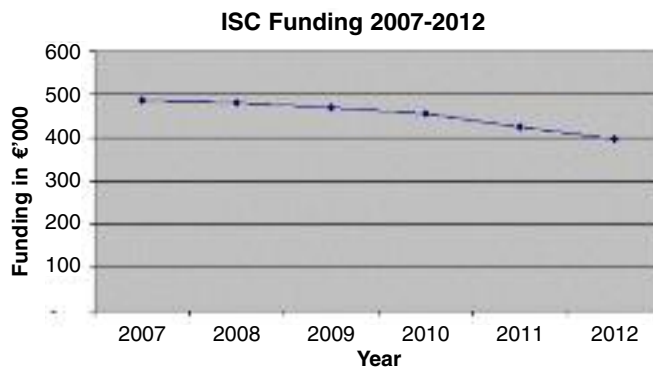
Joan O'Flynn, Camogie Association President Ryle Nugent, Commentator and RTÉ Group Head of Sport with (from left) Intermediate captains Jane Adams (Antrim) and Colleen Atkinson, (Wexford), Senior captains Brenda Hanney (Galway), and Ursula Jacob, (Wexford) and Junior captains Nicola Morrissey, (Waterford) and Lisa McCrickard, (Down), during captains day ahead of the 2011 All-Ireland Camogie Championship Finals in association with RTE Sport.



this information with all club members at a club meeting. Again, we must all take responsibility for communicating at the relevant levels of the organisation.

Funding the growth of Camogie

In recent years the level of funding that has been invested in camogie has increased significantly. The sources of funding have also diversified somewhat. As we go to print with this report we have been informed that we have been successfully awarded €5,000 from the Equality and Innovation fund to create "Camogie for All" an adapted physical activity workshop that will enable coaches to coach players with physical, learning and sensory disabilities. However, we have also just been informed that funding from the Irish Sports Council has been cut by a further €30,000 for 2012 representing a 7% cut in funding from 2011. Since 2007 that represents a total reduction in funding of €90,000 [ISC Funding 2007: €485,850]. This presents a significant challenge to the Association at a time when funding from all sources is declining.



The exception to this in recent years has been the funding received from the GAA. This has increased significantly in the past five years. In 2011 the presidents of the GAA, Camogie and Ladies Football also agreed that funding for provincial councils would now be provided centrally by the GAA to both camogie and ladies football. The result is that the Association is now in receipt of core funding of €200,000 from the GAA.

Sourcing sponsorship remains a huge challenge for the Camogie Association and given market conditions this will be the case for some time to come. What is encouraging from this year's accounts is that our gates from championship have increased and league gates have held close to 2010. This tells us that people want to see our games and that they are willing to pay for the privilege. This gives us a strong message about the value of our game to our supporters and it is important that we acknowledge this. Gate prices have

not been increased in the past two years and in some instances (under-age games) the admission price has decreased. Therefore it is even more encouraging to know that even in times of economic challenges for people that they continue to come to and support our games.

None of the above areas of funding are within our control. The one area that remains within our control is that of our affiliation fees and I firmly believe that we must take collective responsibility to ensure that the Camogie Association can continue to operate at its current level in terms of development and administration. The Association has made huge strides in recent years and this has required a huge investment of peoples voluntary time but also a significant monetary investment. If outside sources of funding continue to fall then we have to look inwards as an Association to ensure that there is sufficient funding to run the Association.

Affiliation fees currently represent just 10% of the income of the Association at €125,000. While it is good to see this increasing in recent years I am asking you as the decision makers to take away the information in these congress papers and bring it back to your provincial, county and club delegates. I am asking you to tell them about the work that is being done and what needs to be done in the future. If we come with a proposal to congress for 2013 to increase affiliations I will be asking you to refer back to this report and all the reports of congresses for the last number of years to remind

yourselves of what has been achieved and to ask yourselves if you can continue to see the association operate on an affiliation fee that is no longer adequate to meet the needs of our players, coaches, administrators, referees and general members.

I fully realise that this is not the only money that clubs are required to pay to county boards and provincial councils. There are competition fees, levies and other charges. That is why I think we must consider an individual affiliation to members. There are very few organisations that do not require each member to pay a portion of a membership fee to the national governing body to fund the day to day running of the organisation. I know if members see the good work that is being done and take on board the case for a nominal individual membership fee it would place the Association in a much stronger and self sufficient position.

At this stage I think it is worth looking at how the Association spent some of its money in 2011 and I would like to point out the payment of or commitment to the following grant schemes:

County Development Grants	€30,000
Provincial Council Grants	€62,900
Capital Funding Grants	€100,000
All Ireland Final Grants	€8,000
TOTAL	€200,900

This payment of/commitment to grants directly to units at club, county and provincial level represents 17% of the total income of the Association. In addition €461,000 has been spent on the development of the game. This combined with the grants above accounts for 50% of the expenditure of the Association. This demonstrates the Association's commitment to ensuring that the money that is being generated by the Association is going back to the units that are promoting the game and into the further development and growth of the game.

We will have to be prudent in the coming years and ensure that we retain the current level of work and activity being delivered by the Association. This will mean some changes to schemes/programmes that may have become established in the past few years. While we are in the fortunate position of having a healthy level of cash reserves on our balance sheet at present it is imperative that we retain this as a buffer to see the Association through these economically challenging times.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUMMARY

GROWING PARTICIPATION

New Club Info from Dev Team

One of the major focuses of the National Development Plan "Our Game Our Passion" is the growth of Camogie through new clubs. While it is always useful to present the facts and figures on such matters I think it is also important that we know a little bit about these new clubs that are popping up in counties across Ireland. I have included in my report, courtesy of the full time regional development officers "the story" of 29 of these new clubs. For existing clubs it is always good to be reminded of where it all began and for those of you who know of potential new club areas it might provide some of the necessary inspiration to get things started. It is great to read of the humble beginnings of these new clubs and I congratulate all involved in their set up and thank them for their work; the regional development co-ordinators, county development officers, county boards officers, the club

members themselves and the respective GAA clubs for their support.

Four Masters Camogie Club (Donegal Town), Donegal

Over the last few years there has been a resurgence in Camogie in Donegal Town, culminating with the official affiliation of the Four Masters Camogie Club in 2011. Since then numbers have increased and they now have approximately 55 girls registered for Camogie within the club. Ages start at pre-primary where they hope to build the foundation of the Club for many years to come. This year the club will be fielding teams at Under 8, 10, 12 and 14. They have seen several of their Under 14s having trials for the County team with three girls being chosen to represent Donegal. This year those three girls have been put forward for trials for the Under 16 Donegal County team.

All in all, camogie is looking good at the Four Masters club and hopefully it will go from strength to strength in the years to come.

McCumhails Camogie Club (Ballyboffey), Donegal

McCumhails Camogie club was officially established in 2011. 2012 sees the club in its second year in existence and the club will field teams at U8, U10, U12 and U14 level. There are approx 45 girls registered with the club, with four trainers who completed Camogie's Camán Get a Grip foundation course in 2010 and a foundation referee course in 2011. McCumhails had four girls on the U14 Donegal county team in 2011. McCumhails Camogie club also had the honour of competing in the U14 Camán and Run competition held in Croke Park on All Ireland Final day 2011. With so much achieved in such a short space of time the future looks bright for Camogie for McCumhails Camogie Club.

Dungloe Camogie Club, Donegal

With Dungloe Hurling club catering for girls interested in playing Hurling up to U12 the Dungloe Camogie club was established in 2011 to give girls in the area the opportunity to play Camogie after the age of 12. In 2011 Dungloe participated in Hurling GO Games blitzes at U8, U10 and U12 level and the clubs first ever Camogie team participated in Donegal Camogie competitions at U14 level. In its first year the club's hard work was rewarded with 3 girls representing Dungloe on the Donegal U14 county team. In 2012 the club will be working hard to increase the number of girls registered with the club and it will continue to ensure that girls in Dungloe get the opportunity to enjoy playing Camogie.

Abbeyknockmoy, Galway

Abbeyknockmoy Camogie Club set up in early 2011. A hurling club existed in the area but there was no camogie club for the girls. Caroline Murray Regional Development Officer for Galway in conjunction with the Galway Camogie County Board organised indoor sessions to start the club. National school visits took place before the first indoor session to promote this new activity for the area. A notice was placed in the local mass newsletter also.

Indoor sessions commenced in January and February once a week over a 2 hour slot. After 4 weeks of this, an information night was held and parents were asked to attend coaching workshops while their daughters trained in the hall. The parents attended the workshops and would practice what they learned the following week with the girls. By mid March the girls moved outdoors with improved weather.

There are now 80 registered members from U8 to U12. In September 2011, the club's under 12's were invited to Croke Park to play at half time on All Ireland final day. This opportunity for a new club really helped promote the club and it continues to attract new members as a result of the exposure it received. A camogie- Get a Grip! coaching course was also held in the club in September 2011 and was partially funded by the Galway County local sports partnership. 15 coaches from the club attended the course.

Commercials Camogie Club, Dublin

Commercials are a well established hurling club on the outskirts of Dublin in the village of Rathcoole. In 2010 a group of female parents decided camogie would be re-born in Commercials after a 20yrs absence! They set about putting a plan in place for the following year which included an open day, launch, Mum & Me Programme and camog-aerobics for mothers in the area. Promotion in the local schools and at St Patricks Day parade ensured girls flocked to the club for the open day in March.

At the end of last year they had 60 juvenile girls playing on teams as well as in the club nursery. They have worked hard at getting their section up and running and Camogie will no doubt be the sport of choice for girls in the Rathcoole area. The club received a start up grant from the Camogie Association which helped towards equipment for the sudden influx of juveniles. Location wise Commercials is very accessible on the Naas Road into Dublin and are always keen to have other clubs visit. They will be a host club for this year's Féile in Dublin so Good Luck to all taking part! Special mention to GPO Tom O'Mahony and parent and mentor Deirdre Maher for all their hard work in making the Camogie club a success

Lurgan, Virginia, Cavan

52 players from the Virginia area play Camogie for the Lurgan Camogie club. The club has come about from a lot of hard work from Áine O'Reilly at Primary School and John Kearney and Raymond Preston at club level. Last year the club received the club start up grant.

Mullagh Cuchulainns, Cavan

47 players registered to play from the ages of 6-13 years. Players come from the National schools in Mullagh and Cross as well as other surrounding areas. Sharon Kiernan is the main contact for the new camogie club in the area who is ably assisted by Carmel O'Reilly, Pauline Doughty, Catherine Cahill, and Lucy Reilly. The club welcome any new girls to join with training every Tuesday night at the indoor Sports Centre at Mullagh GAA pitch at 5.30pm. Thanks to the Mullagh GAA club for their support, John Hayes (Mullagh National School) and Father Ollie Reilly who helped organise and promote the school visits. The club received equipment help from their Regional Development Officer when starting up.

Clann na nGael, Athboy, Meath

25 Juvenile Members.
The club has come about from the promotion of Camogie by the Meath Camogie County Board. Fiona Mullen is the main contact and the club are currently receiving help with equipment from the Regional Development Officer.

Kilskyre, Meath

20 Adult Members
The club has come about from the promotion of Camogie by the

Meath Camogie County Board. The club are currently playing at adult level and are receiving help from the Regional Development Officer and Meath County Board on organising their club officers and volunteers.

Geraldines, Louth

20 Juvenile Members, 8 Adult members.
The club have received help from their Regional Development Officer in organising a Camogie Hurling FUN day, running a 'Camán Get a Grip' foundation course within the club and also in running a 'Come Hurl With Me' programme.

Longford Slashers Camogie Club, Longford

50 members
Longford Slashers Camogie started up approximately 5 years ago under the guidance of Pauline Gray and Una Boland. Initially the club took part in challenge games and blitzes against Roscommon and Leitrim teams. In 2010 the club entered the Féile Na nGael competition in Clare as representatives of county Longford. In 2011, the club officially affiliated to Leinster Council as a club and participate in competition in Westmeath. In 2011, the club again represented Longford in Féile, this time travelling to Galway. The club continues to strive thanks to a lot of hard work from Frances Sheahan, Pauline Gray, Madeline Doyle and Peter Sheahan.

Muinebheag Camogie Club (Bagenalstown), Carlow

Muinebheag Camogie Club was officially set up in January 2011. A new Committee was formed when 30+ parents and local people attended a Community meeting. Everyone present that evening took a role on the Committee. First job was organising a launch of the club via a Fun day. During the next few weeks the committee members completed Foundation coaching courses and attended Code of Ethics and Child Officer Courses. Muinebheag CC got a timely boost by receiving a €1000 start up grant from the Camogie Association. The organising was in full swing, promotion was rampant throughout the town and schools visits to all the local primary schools ensured that all potential club players were notified. There was a fantastic reaction from the local community with a total of 80 girls attending the Fun Day.

During the fun day Mary O'Connor gave the girls their first taste of Camogie. After the fun day the girls began training every Friday evening throughout the summer months.

A total of 35 Mums took part in a Mum & Me Camogie programme, which was funded by the Carlow Sports Partnership. In 2011, the first year of the clubs existence they participated in U8, U10 and U12 Go Games blitzes throughout Carlow. To cap an exciting year for the Bagenalstown Community, Emma Lillis a Muinebheag Camogie player was selected to present the O'Duffy Cup to the crowd in Croke Park on All Ireland Final Day.

Setanta Camogie Club, Carlow

Setanta GAA club was officially set up in September 2011. This is the eighth official Camogie club in Carlow to be formed. Setanta is a Hurling and Camogie Club set up in the centre of Carlow Town. A local community group set up this new club securing the use of the Carlow Institute of Technology GAA grounds and facilities. The club is running under the new GAA Camogie One Club Model. Pat Ahern and Mary Bates have been the driving force behind this new club. The club was officially launched by Uachtaran Tofa Cumann

Luthchleas Gael Liam O'Neill on the 10th September 2011 in the Carlow Institute of Technology and is working hard at promoting Camogie throughout the primary and secondary schools within the Carlow Town area. This is a huge catchment area and the strong club school link should ensure the sustainability of this Camogie club for years to come.

Kilmore Camogie Club, Wexford

Kilmore Camogie Club was set up in March 2011. The driving force behind this new club set up was former Wexford inter county camogie player Marion Cousins. Marion left no stone unturned in ensuring her beloved sport Camogie was once again played on the Quays of Kilmore. A community meeting saw the beginning of this new club. All committee positions were filled on the first meeting night by parents and local community members. The local schools were the first port of call. Promoting the new club through the local schools to attract as many girls as possible to the club. This was successful with 50+ girls attending the club launch Fun Day held in the local club. Training began immediately and teams were entered into the Wexford Go Games schedule. Noel Wilson Camogie Development Officer ran a Mum & Me programme in the club. 16 Mums participated and the majority of which are now heavily involved in the club. Kilmore applied for the €1000 start up grant and succeeded. It's onwards and upwards with the preparation of future Wexford Camogie players.

Naomh Eamann, Castletown, Laois

Naomh Eamann formed in 2010 and officially registered with the Laois County Board in 2011. Naomh Eamann, Castletown is situated in the heart of hurling in the mid west of the county between Mountrath and Borris in Ossory. Two former Laois inter-county Camogie players Mary Treacy and Ber Fitzpatrick were the driving force behind the re-forming of this Camogie club. Ber Fitzpatrick represented Laois as the ambassador for the Camogie Associations Millennium year festivities. This club has received a lot of support from both the Laois County board and the Castletown GAA club. The local schools were a key target for this new club, both primary schools and secondary schools. Mary is a local primary teacher and ensures the promotion within the primary schools in the locality whilst another committee member Teresa Bennett, a teacher in Heywood Community School ensures the club school link occurs in this famous school. In 2011 Naomh Eamann participated in u8/u10/u12/u14 and u16 camogie Go games, league and competition. In 2011 some of the Naomh Eamann camogie players took part in the Laois Coillte Development Squad which saw these players play on the hallowed turf in Croke Park.

St Joseph's Camogie Club, Laois

St Joseph's Camogie Club is situated in the South East of County Laois in the community of Ballyadams, located between Stradbally and Ballylinan towns. Originally a strong football area St Joseph's introduced Hurling in the last number of years. With the introduction of hurling came and interest in Camogie. Ann Smith a sister of the famous Laois brothers Mick and Sean Dempsey urged the community to set up a new Camogie club. The local school Ballyadams currently participates in the Laois Cumann na mBunscol competitions and has done so since 2010. This is due mostly to the fact that Tommy Fitzgerald current Laois inter-county hurler joined the staff. Deirdre Roan and Anne Walsh now continue to train the Camogie team in the school. A strong club school link has been created by the St Joseph's club committee and a Wall Ball coaching workshop was

held by Mary O'Connor in Milltown in September 2011. This club registered with the Laois County Board in 2011 and participated in U10 and U12 Go Games blitzes.

Doneraile, Cork

No. of members: 55

Doneraile camogie club formed on May 9th 2011. Schools visits, followed by Club Formation meeting and follow up visits by Cork Development officer Mariead Donovan set the club in motion. Fantastic support from parents and the local teachers in addition to a coaching programme in the all-girls primary school by Esther O'Leary has laid a good foundation for the club who hope to field up to U14 in 2012.

Aghada, Cork

No. of members: 57

Aghada are well and truly established under the stewardship of Barry Day, an able committee and numerous coaches. The club participated well in Corks Go Games blitzes and leagues in 2011 and are confident that they will have numbers for an under 14 team also in 2012. Once again, Cork Development Officer Mairead Donovan and the Cork Juvenile Board were very heavily involved in this clubs start up and continue to give Aghada excellent support.

Crosshaven, Cork

No. of members: 55

Crosshaven GAA pitch is located on one of the most scenic settings imaginable and since a fantastic Club Launch Day in June, the club has taken off. Driven by Collette O'Connor and Sean Pierse and very well supported by parents and locals, massive enthusiasm for camogie has been generated and the club have plans to develop their coaching prowess in 2012. The local primary school has come on board in a big way through the purchase of equipment and supporting camogie coaching during schools hours.

Smith O'Briens, Clare

No. of members: 42

Club formation meetings and a Club Come and Try it Day were held in 2010 and Smith O'Briens formally registered as a camogie club in 2011. This club has come about as a result of 3 years of schools camogie coaching in Killaloe Girls Primary school. Both Smith O'Briens GAA Club and primary principal Maura Sheehy were hugely instrumental supporting club start up. The club have spent the winter honing their skills indoors and are keen to run a Mum & Me programme in 2012 as well as support the rejuvenation of camogie in the secondary school, spearheaded by Rosie Foley and Eilis Kavanagh.

Cratloe, Clare

No. of members: 62

Following two winters of indoor coaching run by members of the Clare Senior Camogie Team, parents in Cratloe became keen for their girls to follow in the footsteps of Cratloes successful hurlers. A fantastic launch day in April saw members of the Cratloe camogie team of the 1960s mix with the budding stars of the future. Support from primary principal Jody O'Connor and Cratloe GAA Club was crucial in the initial stages of club development. Still a very new club with an extremely active committee led by Michelle Gardiner, the club has participated in a number of coaching workshops while players have honed their skills indoors during the winter months. They are eagerly looking forward to the Go Games blitzes in 2012.

Dr. Crokes, Kerry

No. of members: 28

Dr Crokes formally registered in 2011, following club start up in 2010 and a great blitz day in Muckcross House in July. Initially supported by Wexford man Matt O'Neill and the Dr Crokes Juvenile Committee, the club recruited coaches Margaret Hickey and Veronica Stack. Following a successful schools coaching programme Sept – Dec 2011, it was felt that the re-naming of the club as the Killarney Camogie Club would provide an opportunity for girls in Killarney to play camogie regardless of their football loyalties. This was endorsed and supported by all GAA clubs and Killarney Camogie Club will have a Club Launch Day on Sun Feb 26th.

Clanmaurice, Kerry

No. of members: 33

Clanmaurice camogie club formed in May 2011 to cater for adult players in the Tralee/North Kerry area. The club has since cultivated a large membership and hosted and won a Junior Club Tournament in October sponsored by the Imperial Hotel Tralee. This taste of success has generated great enthusiasm and there have been rumours of early morning sessions on Banna Strand this January! On March 3rd, Clanmaurice will travel to the Legends Tournament in Dublin and play Gortlettra of Leitrim – another new adult club – as a curtain raiser to the Legends final.

Effin, Limerick

No. of members: 40

Hurling has never been going so well in Effin so it was only natural that camogie would follow. Driven by the enthusiasm and hard work of Noreen Bluett and Mary O'Riordan, Effin are in safe hands. Club formation meetings and Club Launch Days in May helped to get parents and players on board. As ever, Limerick Development Officer Sean Condon was a constant support and in 2012 we hope that the club will benefit from some additional help from LIT Work Placement student Sinead O'Riordan.

Arravale Rovers, Tipperary

No. of members: 36

Tipperary Town all-girls primary schools have benefited from camogie coaching with Siobhan Ryan and Jamesie Hogan for the past 3 years. This created the appetite for club formation and in 2010 the club was established. Arravale Rovers formally registered in 2011 and will benefit from schools coaching and club development work by LIT Work Placement Student Diarmuid Ryan in 2012 as the club seeks to establish itself as a strong and vibrant part of the Arravale Rovers GAA family.

Modeligo, Waterford

No. of members: 33

Modeligo formally registered in 2011 and fielded in Go Games blitzes and mini leagues at U12. The club has been greatly supported in its start up phase by the Waterford Camogie Board and is looking forward to also fielding at the U14 age group in 2012.

Ballyduff Upper, Waterford

No. of members: 38

Following an indoor coaching scheme as part of a Second Level GAISCE coaching project in conjunction with Blackwater College Lismore and Waterford LSP, demand for a camogie club was identified by coaches Paul and Ciara. Despite a tiny population, hurling and now camogie are central to life in Ballyduff Upper.

Driven by dynamic Chairperson Ann Kennedy and supported by Juvenile GAA Secretary Catherine Harris, the club ensures that every available girl in the parish enjoys playing camogie in Ballyduff. The club took part in the Go Games blitzes in 2011 and are looking forward the 2012 playing season.

Mount Sion, Waterford

No. of members: 55

Mount Sion GAA, as one of the foremost hurling clubs in Waterford, were extremely enthusiastic in their welcome for camogie when approached by some members of the Ardkeen Camogie club for support. Since then, the club has formed a camogie executive, run a hugely successful Mum & Me programme, recruited new coaches for the U8 & U10 age groups and have a junior team preparing hard for the 2012 season under the tutelage of Waterford star Eoin McGrath. Juvenile GAA Chairman Peter Welsh has supported the development of camogie in Mount Sion every step of the way. 2012 promises to be an exciting year for camogie in Mount Sion!

Abbeyside, Waterford

No. of members: 66

Abbeyside camogie club hosted a massive Club Launch Day in April 2011 with over 90 girls taking part. This was made possible by the excellent club committee led by Maria Wright and Clare Egan. WIT Work Placement Student Patricia Jackman laid much of the groundwork for this club's development in her coaching role in the schools in Dungarvan and Abbeyside. New club coaches also took part in a Foundation Camogie Course and will be looking to consolidate and grow numbers in 2012 as well as take part in Go Games at all age groups

Reformed Clubs: Erin's Own, Cork
Brian Borus, Tipperary
Knockshewgowna, Tipperary
Lixnaw, Kerry

U14 Schools of Excellence

This year 24 counties organised U14 schools of excellence in line with Camogie Association policy. Each squad had at least six training sessions and attended two regional blitzes. Two regional blitzes were organised by Director of Camogie Mary O'Connor in April across five venues. 1500 players participated in these blitzes.

There is a fantastic programme of development now available to players at this age. Some adjustments have been made to the policy document for 2012 and efforts are now being made to ensure that there is a cohesive programme of fixtures for players at inter-county level at this age group. It is important that we attain the correct level of participation at this age group and that everything that players experience at this stage is fun as well as being developmentally appropriate. We speak regularly at all levels of the Association about the difficulties of holding on to players at this age group. Making sure they have the

correct games programmes and that they are enjoying camogie are the first steps.

240 of these players U14 players got to once again grace Croke Park in July 2011 for the annual Schools of Excellence day sponsored by John Torpey. The counties that participated were as follows:

Armagh	Cavan	Westmeath
Laois	Limerick	Louth
Clare	Waterford	

It is fantastic to think that in 2011 almost 500 camogie players from 16 counties have had the privilege of the Croke Park experience:

- 120 on All Ireland Club finals day
- 60 for the Dublin v Kilkenny National Camogie League double header in February
- 240 U14 players at the Schools of Excellence day
- 180 players on All Ireland Finals day in September

I would like to thank Croke Park Stadium and the GAA for its support. It has been an important promotional tool for us at this age group for the last number of years.

Josie Dwyer, Wexford, is challenged by Noreen Coen, Galway during the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Final, in association with RTE Sport, at Croke Park.



GAA Joint Initiative

The GAA Joint initiative began in 2010 and since its inception 17 clubs have been formed under the programme, nine additional clubs since I wrote my report in 2011:

Drumcliffe/Rosses Point, Sligo	Dungloe, Donegal
Longford Slashers, Longford	Killaloe, Clare
McCumhalls, Donegal	Cratloe, Clare
Dundalk Geraldines, Louth	Killarney, Kerry
Michael Cusacks, London	
Scartaglen/Castleisland, Kerry	

The approach taken through this initiative is to target existing GAA/hurling clubs to establish a camogie club and it has been very successful. Work is ongoing to establish additional clubs under the scheme.

Féile 2011

Féile na nGael was hosted by Galway in 2011. Despite poor weather conditions the parade, one of the highlights of the weekend, went ahead and was a great success. The standard of play seems to improve ever year and there were some thrilling games over the course of the entire weekend. It was fantastic to see London/Birmingham with a team as well as participation from Sligo, Longford, Louth, Donegal, counties that a short few years ago did not participate at this event.

Congratulations to Galway County Board on a job well done and to the local Féile Committee in Galway.

There are have been a couple of areas where we plan to make some improvements for Féile 2012 and these are being considered at present by the National Féile Committee.

Féile 2012 takes place in Dublin and is a huge opportunity for camogie in the capital to showcase and promote the game. I would ask all counties to note that the competition takes place at the later date of July 5th, 6th and 7th. I would be concerned at the shift from a Friday, Saturday, Sunday event to the Thursday – Saturday scheduling of Féile. While there is good reason for the change (the availability of Croke Park for the finals) I do think it is putting enormous strain on all the players, families and officials concerned in terms of time off work to facilitate the event.

Mum and Me programme

The Mum and Me programme continues to go from strength to strength. The programme was delivered in

eighteen venues in 2012 [2011: 13 venues]. The long term positive impact that this programme can



have on the club and the individual mothers and daughters who participate is significant and I strongly believe that is a programme that all clubs should consider looking at as a way to bring in new people to the club at the start of each year. It gives mothers the opportunity to try a sport their daughter is now playing and gives them the confidence to get involved more in the club as well as providing an outlet to them for physical activity.

International

Internationally camogie is experiencing unprecedented growth. This year the Uachtarán attended the first ever game to be played at the Asian Gaelic Games, the participation in CYC (North American equivalent of Feile na nGael) grew from the 2010 levels, Europe has consolidated its efforts in the four existing camogie clubs, strides have been made to improve the state of camogie in adult clubs in North America and camogie continues to go from strength to strength in Australia. As more of our camogie players leave our shores it is comforting to think that there are increasing opportunities for them to bring camogie with them.

The Association has supported this development in many ways:

- Uachtarán attended Asian Gaelic Games and CYC Championships
- Director of Camogie Development attended the North American Finals
- Uachtarán and Ard Stiúrthóir attended ECB convention
- Referee training course provided to 15 referees in London in May 2011

By the time we get to congress Mary O'Connor, Director of Camogie and two of our coaching tutors, Siobhán Ryan and Noel Wilson will have travelled to Paris to deliver a foundation coaching course and a skills workshop to over 40 enthusiastic camogie players from across Europe some of whom are Irish and many of whom are not.

I think it is worthy of mention the effort that it takes to organise and play in our international units. The challenges facing these units are very different to those facing our traditional clubs at home. They face huge travelling distances (many journeys involving flights), short playing seasons, small number of teams to

compete against and the transient nature of players passing through a club. And yet the international units embrace the challenges with infectious enthusiasm and dedication. They are a credit to our Association.

Social inclusion/diversity

It is important that we continue to ensure that camogie is available to all young potential camogie players, irrespective of ability, ethnic, economic or other background. In order to do this we continually offer camogie playing opportunities, primarily through our education system to ensure that players who might not normally get access to a camogie club get the opportunity to try the game during school hours. The Association, through the development team, has delivered a number of development initiatives in schools in disadvantaged areas throughout 2011. The areas identified for 2011 were: Waterford City, Louth, Kerry, Athlone and Tipperary Town. In total eight initiatives were held in these regions bringing camogie to more than 600 young players.

As mentioned earlier in the report the Association has just received funding to develop "Camogie for All" an adapted physical activity workshop that will enable coaches to coach players with physical, learning and sensory disabilities. It is important that we empower our coaches and mentors to provide camogie to players of all abilities so that the opportunity is there for every young girl in Ireland to play Camogie.

Education sector

One of the keys to the successful development of camogie in any club is the promotion of the game in the local feeder primary schools and secondary schools. The Camogie Association constantly highlights this to clubs and aims to help clubs maximise the potential of the link between the schools and the club through the Club School Link Workshop, nine of which were delivered in 2011. To underpin this the development team has in 2011 introduced a 3 step approach to introducing camogie to primary schools: 1) Indoor camogie blitz pre-Christmas 2) Outdoor camogie blitz spring 3) Outdoor camogie blitz summer. This approach was taken in almost 100 primary schools in 2012 with almost 2000 participants. This is in addition to the many schools already taking part in Cumann na mBunscol competitions. The key, of course, to ensuring that camogie is strong in our schools is to equip the teachers in these schools. The Camogie Association delivered two teacher in-service training days in conjunction with Ladies football as well as having modules included in six GAA courses.

In the context of teenage retention camogie in 2nd Level schools is essential in sustaining the interest of our young players. 2nd Level Colleges Camogie Council oversees a large number of fixtures every year and is providing games for schools of all abilities at both senior and junior level.

In addition to this the development team is now working within counties to increase the number of schools playing camogie at this level and to assist in providing competition for schools within their own county. It is important to do this as not all schools will provide the support required to bring teams to provincial and All Ireland competition level. What is important here is the continued opportunity for players to play camogie in secondary school. This is also supported through the Gaisce and Green Card initiatives which train mainly transition year students to become coaches and referees.

The Association continues to support the development of third level students and camogie bursaries were again awarded to the following recipients:

Áine Keogh DKIT (Meath)	Laura Twomey DCU (Dublin)
Ciara Donnelly QUB (Tyrone)	Sarah Ann Fitzgerald WIT (Laois)
Paula Gribben UUJ (Down)	Naomi Carroll Mary I (Clare)
Eleanor Mallon UUJ (Antrim)	Carolyn Motherway UL (Cork)
Róisín Connaughton NUIG (Roscommon)	Eileen McElroy UCD (Monaghan)

CCAO continues to cater for the competitive camogie players in third level institutes. The Ashbourne and Purcell combined weekend remains one of the big weekends on the camogie calendar and it is important that this outlet for players is maintained.

IMPROVING PERFORMANCE

Refereeing

As in all sports the issue of refereeing is one that constantly raises its head and of course we all have our own opinions on who we think is a good referee and who is not. In the past couple of years enormous work has been carried out in terms of developing fitness tests, written tests and the introduction of referee assessments. All of these tools means that we no longer have to rely on opinion to know who is a good referee. A good referee is someone who passes the fitness test, passes the written test and performs well on assessments. In fairness to our referees this is something that is long overdue. Referees carry out an extremely difficult role making key decisions in a split second in crucial games and at crucial times in games. Making sure that referees are properly trained to

make these decisions is important. As you will see from the report from the Referees' Development and Support Sub-Committee 440 referees have been trained under the referee foundation course in 2011. That is double the number trained in 2010. This was achieved through the delivery of 13 foundation courses, 11 Green Card courses and three advanced referee courses.

To ensure that inter-county referees were up to speed a national seminar was held in February 2011 which included workshops on playing rules, assessment and a discussion forum on issues arising for referees. The first national referees presentation night was held in October of last year. This is something that will hopefully become an annual event in the camogie calendar as it is important that we show our appreciation for referees. Former referees were also honoured on All Ireland Day at a special lunch which brought together the referees of the last 50 All Ireland Senior Camogie finals.

The next important step in the development of referees is the roll out of the Referee Pathway. Similar to the player pathway it identifies the various stages of a referees career and demonstrates to aspiring referees the pathway to success for them. It also outlines the key capacities required by a referee at each level. This type of tool is essential in terms of determining the training needs of referees at all levels and also in terms of demonstrating to potential referees the potential progression through their refereeing career.

The most obvious issues facing our referees is respect. We hear stories every week from all codes of sport about referees and the abuse that they receive. It is important that we all take responsibility in ensuring that our players and our supporters respect referees and that if they do not that they are aware that there are consequences.

Another area of development that requires attention for 2012 is the development of female referees. The number of female referees has decreased significantly with only one female referee on the national panel in 2011. It is important that we identify the reasons why our players do not view refereeing as an option when their playing career ends. I believe that the referee pathway will help some way towards identifying how we can attract more females to refereeing. In the short term we have set a number of targets in terms of involving female referees at inter-county level in an introductory capacity.

I would like to thank all those referees and match officials that officiated throughout the year for the Association. I would also like to thank those who took

time out to assist with the Poc Fada in 2011. This was a new departure to involve referees in the scoring for Poc Fada participants but it is something that I hope we will be able to do again in 2012.

Coaching

The National Coaching and Games Development plan clearly outlines the highlights of the achievements under this heading. The delivery of 34 Camán Get a Grip Courses qualifying 670 coaches is testament to the work being carried out by the committee and the 30 coaching tutors that are active throughout the country. In total almost 2000 camogie coaches have now completed the Camán Get a Grip Foundation course and the continued roll out of this course is essential to ensure that we establish a sound base of qualified coaches across all of our clubs. In addition there are over 300 level 1 qualified coaches. The priority for 2012 is to roll out at least 10 level 1 Camán Get Hooked Courses.

In order to ensure that we have sufficient tutors available to deliver these courses the Association is investing a further €15,000 in training up 15

additional tutors in 2012 that will be qualified to deliver the Camán Get a Grip coaching course (foundation). This will help ensure a greater spread of available tutors geographically.

I would urge all delegates to encourage your club and school coaches to complete the camogie coach education courses and to be familiar with the camogie player pathway which is available on the camogie website.

Player Welfare

Player welfare is a very broad area but at all levels of the

Association we have a responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our players. During 2011 the Player Welfare Committee carried out some interesting

research which has been outlined in the Committee report. The Player Welfare Survey has generated some interesting information for the Association's consideration and it is important that we act on some of the key findings of this survey.

You will see from the annual accounts that €13,500 has been allocated to a player welfare scheme. Ardchomhairle has taken a decision to create an injury fund that can be accessed in exceptional circumstances. Work is in progress in drawing up the structure of this programme and will be made available when approved by Ardchomhairle.

Fixtures

Once again we see an increase in the number of fixtures played in 2011 (224) over 2010 (214). It is positive to note that the number of withdrawals has reduced year on year from six to four and that the number of walkovers has halved going from 16 to eight. It is imperative that we continue this trend and aim to get to a point where we have no withdrawals or walkovers.

Grade:	NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	Total No. of Fixtures in 2011	Total No. of Fixtures in 2010	Total Withdrawals in 2011	Total Walkovers in 2011
Division 1	15	12	0	0
Division 2	21	21	1	0
Division 3	11	16	0	0
Division 4	5	6	0	2
National League Totals	52	55	1	2
	CHAMPIONSHIP			
U16A	15	12	0	0
U16B	14	14	0	0
U16C	26	11	1	4
Senior Championship	31	25	0	0
Intermediate Championship	15	15	0	0
Premier Junior Championship	12	13	0	0
Junior A Championship	9	15	2	0
Junior B Championship	11	8	0	2
Minor A Championship	9	12	0	0
Minor B Championship	9	8	0	0
Minor C Championship	9	14	0	0
Gael Linn	3	3	0	0
Club Championship	3 played in 2011 6 played in 2012	9	0	0
Championship Totals	172	159	3	6
Overall Totals:	224	214	4	8

In my 2011 Congress report I expressed concern at the one group championship and the impact this would have, not just on the teams participating, but on the

club players sitting on the sidelines waiting for club action to resume. I am pleased that the championship has reverted to a two group championship for 2012. The format still allows for a realistic chance of progression for all counties and ensures a decent number of games for all counties.

In 2012 I would ask counties to make the most of the games that they have in home venues. Use these games as an opportunity to showcase camogie in your county. Involve children at half time through mini-games, invite clubs to bring groups along (juveniles are admitted for free so use this as a marketing tool to attract them). Where possible secure the county ground, particularly for championship games and showcase the game and your teams to your local supporters and the local media.

An Taoiseach Enda Kenny T.D. with Joan O'Flynn, President of the Camogie Association, before the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Final at Croke Park.

In drawing up the fixtures schedule for 2012 we again looked at the timing of the various competitions. For this year we are going to trial holding the minor competitions in the early part of the year to avoid



clashes with adult competition and to avoid the situation where a good minor player must play one day with her under-age team and the next day with her adult team.

Once again I would like to acknowledge and thank those venues that hosted games for us during 2011. The standard of venue used for All Ireland competitions at all levels is something that we constantly strive to improve on. Counties have made huge strides in terms of sourcing county venues for home games and at national level we continue to work to source the best and most suitable venues for all concerned.

Our thanks to:

Dublin:	Limerick:
St. Finian's, Newcastle	Killmallock
Naomh Peregrine	Gaelic Grounds
Craoh Chiaráin	
Commercials	Meath:
Fingallians	Donaghmore Ashbourne
	Pairc Tailteann
Tipperary:	
Semple Stadium	Nowlan Park, Kilkenny
The Ragg	O'Raghallaigh's, Louth
Nenagh	De la Salle, Waterford
	Clonkill, Westmeath
Monaghan:	Stradone, Cavan
Clontibret	Trim, Kildare
Inniskeen	

On the field of play 2011 was a great year for Camogie. Wexford secured back to back league and championship titles and also secured the intermediate title. At the third year of asking Waterford captured the Premier Junior title in the most dramatic of fashions, adding it to their earlier Division 2 league win. It was Ulster to the fore at Junior A and B with Armagh and Monaghan winning these two titles respectively. Tipperary showed that they will continue to be a force to be reckoned with capturing both the minor and U16 A titles. Limerick likewise had a great year winning both the minor and U16 B titles. Armagh added to their glories with the Minor C title and while Down did not quite manage to snatch the premier junior title they ensured victory in a hard fought U16C final against Carlow. Meath and Westmeath kept the Leinster flag flying capturing the Division 3 and 4 national league titles respectively.

The return of the club finals to Croke Park was a fantastic occasion last March. Killimor emerged senior champions with Eoghan Rua securing the first ever intermediate All Ireland Club title. The 2011 All Ireland Junior Club Final brought the season to an

end with Inagh/Kilnamona emerging victorious.

In March 2011, to coincide with the All Ireland Club Finals, the Legends Tournament was piloted. The brainchild of Director of Camogie, Mary O'Connor, the competition was set up as a 7-a-side competition for former inter-county players. What transpired was a day of great fun, excitement, a few laughs and a display of some amazing skill levels from players who had not worn a county jersey in some years. It was fitting that many of the players who played that day would have played when Biddy Phillips was in the prime of her refereeing career and we were delighted to have members of her family in attendance and to hand over the Biddy Phillips Cup to tournament winners Kilkenny. The competition takes place again this year before the club finals and we are hoping for an increase in the number of teams participating and an equivalent increase in the level of fun!

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP

"Volunteering for Camogie" an information booklet designed to assist clubs in attracting volunteers and to identify volunteering roles was launched at Congress 2011. The document has proven a very useful tool for units at all levels and in particular new clubs as they set about enticing volunteers to assist with the running of the club.

Following this launch the Volunteer and Officer Support and Development Committee drew up the criteria for the Volunteer of the Year Awards.

We are delighted that we will honour the winners of these inaugural awards at the All Ireland Club Finals in Croke Park.

2011 County Volunteer Award Winners:

Antrim	Joanne O'Connell	Laois	Mary O'Neill
Armagh	Fiona Shortt	Limerick	Mike Murphy
Cavan	Anne Donnellan	London	Sheila Fernandez
Cill Dara	Katherine Martin	Mayo	Emmet O'Brien
Clare	Aisling Collins	Meath	Teresa Tormey
Cork	Sheila Spillane	Monaghan	Geraldine Clarke
Doire	Eileen Gribbin	Offaly	Noreen Feeney
Donegal	Manus O'Donnell	Roscommon	Marie O'Brien
Down	Maura Quinn	Tipperary	Bernie O'Dowd
Dublin	Geraldine Prendergast	Tír Eoghain	Fionnuala McGrath
Galway	Phil Gannon	Waterford	Mary Russell
Kerry	Pete Young	Westmeath	Martina Heffernan
Kilkenny	Catherine O'Shea	Wicklow	Monica Jameson

At national level I would like to congratulate Máirín Fulham who was presented with last year's Sighle Nic

an Ultaigh Distinguished Service Award.

Congratulations also to Katie Forde who received the GAA Preisdent's Award.

During 2011 the participants in the camogie specific Sports Administration Course graduated from Athlone IT. This course was a fantastic success and we are currently in discussion with AIT to run a similar course again in the near future.

One of the targets set under this NDP goal was that the provincial councils would hold provincial club forums. I would like to commend both Connacht and Munster on the excellent job that they did in hosting the first ever camogie provincial club forums. Both forums were extremely well attended and the programme on offer at each forum presented all attendees with interesting and relevant speakers. It is great to see the provincial councils re-inventing their role and embracing the developmental aspect of the Association. Congratulations to all involved.

ENHANCING CAMOGIE'S PROFILE

At Congress 2011, Director of Communications and Marketing, Claire Egan launched the Association's Communications and Marketing plans. The plans have proven a useful tool in implementing the Association's overall national development plan and in achieving increased visibility and profile for Camogie.

The level of communication, the quality and the frequency of it have increased significantly in recent years. The Association's new look website presents the Association as a vibrant, professional, active Association.

The level of interest and interaction on the Association's facebook page has established it as a very useful and effective way of communicating directly with almost 10,000 of our members.

The monthly ezine has grown in popularity and is another useful way for people to keep up to speed with what is going on in the Association.

The number of match programmes being produced by the Association presents a significant opportunity to portray

a positive image of the Association and the Communications and Website Committee has been

instrumental in putting together the key match programmes over the past three years and I thank them sincerely for their work.

All of these communication methods combined have resulted in a significant increase in the level of communication the Association has with its members. Of course this must always be combined with the traditional sources of communication including print, radio and TV coverage.

Coverage of this kind is vital at local level as well as national level and in 2011 the Association continued its commitment to upskilling PROs. A national PRO workshop was held in March 2011 in Croke Park. The workshop which was facilitated by the Communications and Marketing Director and the Communications and Website Committee was well attended and proved useful to those PROs who could make the event.

Constant strides are being made to increase the level and the frequency of national coverage and while it remains a challenge it is encouraging that the Association does exceptionally well in particular in terms of print media and radio coverage relative to other comparable sporting organisations. The issue of national TV coverage continues to exercise many of members. While it would be great to have lots of games on live TV the coverage and support we have received from RTÉ in recent years has helped to increase the profile of the Association significantly. In particular the exposure that camogie received via RTÉ Radio in 2011 was fantastic and continued growth here will help to further expose camogie. As an association we will continue to work with RTÉ to maximise our TV coverage but I think it is important to recognise the incalculable value of exposure on national radio. I would like to thank in particular Ryle Nugent and Paul Byrnes for their exceptional support in 2011 and hope that we can continue to further strengthen the relationship between RTÉ and the Camogie Association.

The Communications and Website Committee also selected the 2010 Camogie Association Media Awards and Mick Dunne Award Winners. The event was held on the eve of the All Ireland Club Finals in Croke Park. Winners were acknowledged for their achievements and for their continued work in promoting camogie. I would like to congratulate all of the winners.



Camogie Association Media Awards:

Match Programme: Armagh County Final
Local Radio Station: Clare FM
Provincial Newspaper: Offaly Express
Website: Dublin Camogie Board

RTE Mick Dunne Awards:

PRO of the Year: Wexford Camogie PRO Barbara Ryan
Photograph of the Year: Caroline Quinn
Published Work: I Gotta Feeling by Dean Goodison
 (story of Wexford's All Ireland win)
National Coverage of Camogie: Irish Examiner

Commendations:

Match Programme: Wicklow County Final
PRO of the Year Commendation: Cavan PROs Michelle Dunne, Margaret McCabe
Photograph of the Year Commendation: Michael Harpur, 'The Echo', Wexford.

As we know our greatest asset is our players. The All Stars Banquet continues to be the best opportunity for us as an Association to recognise their achievements and their commitment to the game. All Stars 2011 was again a hugely enjoyable event and I would like to sincerely thank Tony Towell, Managing Director of O'Neills, for his continued support for this event. O'Neills has sponsored the All Stars since its inception in 2004 and in the current economic climate we are extremely appreciative of this continued support. I would also like to thank the players, their families and friends and county boards for continuing to support the All Stars. I would like to congratulate all the nominees and all of the winners of All Stars, Soaring Stars and Intermediate soaring Stars. Each and every nominee and recipient is worthy of the highest degree of respect for their dedication and commitment to Camogie.

My congratulations also to Ursula Jacob who received the September Irish Times Sportswoman of the Month Award and to the Wexford senior camogie team who were nominated by RTÉ for the Team of the Year Award.

Attendance at games

I mentioned earlier in my report that increased gates indicate an increase in the number of people attending our games. Unfortunately, however, the attendance at our All Ireland Finals in September was down on 2010. It is vitally important that we support our own game, particularly on the biggest day in the camogie calendar. I present below to you a table which outlines the usage of those tickets purchased and paid

for by clubs for the All Ireland Camogie Finals. Overall only 50% of tickets were used by clubs. We very often hear from members and supporters that admission prices for gates are high. Yet clubs are paying for three tickets for camogie's big day and in 50% of cases letting them go to waste. It is a real shame that clubs and counties do not see the opportunity that these tickets present to them – give them to the hardest working members of the club committee, give them to club players living or working in Dublin. At a time when every cent counts for everyone I think clubs should be positive in their approach to utilising these tickets and I would ask all clubs to make a concerted effort to make sure that these tickets are used in 2012.

	<i>Tickets purchased</i>	<i>Tickets not used</i>	<i>% Tickets not used</i>
Antrim	66	9	14%
Armagh	51	38	75%
Carlow	21	10	48%
Cavan	30	21	70%
Clare	81	41	51%
Cork	168	129	77%
Derry	69	37	54%
Donegal	18	4	22%
Down	63	11	17%
Dublin	117	55	47%
Galway	102	41	40%
Kerry	9	6	67%
Kildare	57	37	65%
Kilkenny	99	64	65%
Laois	24	10	42%
Limerick	78	28	36%
Louth	18	13	72%
Mayo	9	2	22%
Meath	45	19	42%
Monaghan	12	9	75%
Offaly	33	21	64%
Roscommon	21	6	29%
Tipperary	105	71	68%
Tyrone	27	14	52%
Waterford	60	29	48%
Westmeath	39	20	51%
Wexford	102	15	15%
Wicklow	39	17	44%
	1563	777	50%

To assist in increasing the attendance figures on All Ireland Day a number of events were run throughout the day to encourage attendance:

- Mini-games:
 - o 8 teams participated from clubs around the country
 - o Each team played at half time in premier junior and intermediate games
- o Received a full set of pink and white gear for the event
- Camán and Run:
 - o 60 entries
 - o 8 selected to participate
 - o All other entries were offered a deal on tickets
 - o Commentated on by Marty Morrissey and shown on the big screen
 - o Winners received a set of 4 pink Camogie All Ireland Day jackets
- Mascots:
 - o Limited to pitchside and concourse
 - o Handed out flags to people as they entered the stadium
 - o Created a sense of fun and interaction on the day
- All Ireland Senior Finals Referees Lunch:
 - o 28 of the 34 referees from the last 50 senior All Ireland Finals were in attendance
 - o Memento presented to each referee by Uachtarán Joan O'Flynn
- Club Twinning programme
 - o In addition a club twinning programme was organised between Dublin clubs and clubs travelling from other counties. The idea behind this programme was to encourage clubs to travel to Dublin, take advantage of the opportunity to play games and then travel to Croke Park for the finals. It was disappointing that not all of those Dublin clubs that hosted teams travelled on to Croke Park for the finals.

I ask all members to consider the information I have just presented in relation to the All Ireland Finals and encourage fellow members to attend the 2012 All Ireland Camogie Finals.

Sponsorship

The climate is difficult at all levels for sponsorship; at club level, at county level and at national level. During 2011 we were delighted to welcome on board the Irish Daily Star sponsors of the National Camogie League. The Star gave exceptional support throughout the national leagues and this support continued in the form of coverage throughout the championship season. We are delighted the Star is staying on board with the Association as partner for the 2012 leagues and I would like to thank Eoin Branningan, Sports Editor for his support for the sponsorship.

At the start of 2011 Gala announced the end of its involvement with the All Ireland Camogie Championship series. We were delighted that RTÉ came on board as partners for the championship for 2011. Involvement with one of the strongest brands

in the country was an enormous boost to the Association and I would like to thank all involved in RTÉ for their work on this.

John Torpey continues to support the U14 Schools of Excellence and Coillte have remained on board with the Association to provide hurleys for dedicated development initiatives. MMI Group came on board as sponsors of the Camogie Golf Classic and have committed to remaining on board from 2012. I would like to thank Esme Murphy, Patricia and Liam Woods for their longstanding support of and commitment to camogie. O'Neills as already mentioned have been involved with the All Stars since 2004. I would like to thank all of these organisations for their continued support for camogie. It is important that we keep all existing sponsors on board and that we also continue to work to attract new sponsors for all aspects of the Association.

Fundraising

In the past couple of years the Association has held two fundraisers. The first of the 2011 fundraisers took place in July. The MMI sponsored Golf Classic was held in Castleknock Golf Club. We were delighted to have the likes of John Treacy of the Irish Sports Council, Esme Murphy of MMI, former All Ireland medal winner Miriam Malone, Wexford manager JJ Doyle among the participants on the day.

The festivities continued on into the evening and the event was a great success not just from the point of

view raising funds for the Association but from the point of view of bringing together people who have been involved in camogie in the past and reconnecting them with the Camogie Association.

The second fundraiser was the annual Night at the Dogs in Shelbourne Park. The event was again very successful in terms of raising funds for the Association although it is a difficult sell in some respects. There are a couple of elements of this event that we are looking to improve the exposure we get and the finance we make from the event.

I thank all of those who supported both of the events through sponsorship, prizes and buying teams/tickets for the event.

History

Last year I was delighted to report that Mary Moran, past president, was compiling a history of the Camogie Association. In December 2011 the history "Camogie – A Story of Our Own" was published and launched by President Joan O'Flynn in Croke Park in front of an attendance of over 100 people. There will be launches in Connacht, Ulster and Cork to further promote the book and I would urge all those with an interest in the Association's history to avail of copy (on sale from the Camogie Office). Congratulations to Mary on completing what was a long and time consuming project and on behalf of the Association we thank her for her dedication to the project.

Ursula Jacob (right), Wexford Senior captain, celebrates with Wexford Intermediate captain Colleen Atkinson, after both Wexford teams won their respective All-Ireland finals at Croke Park.



EXCELLENT GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AC Meetings

During 2011 there were a total of 19 Ardchomhairle meetings:

- 12 full meetings
- Seven meetings in relation to investigations

There was an exceptional time commitment required by all Ardchomhairle members to attend this number of meetings in a year, most of which took place on Wednesday evenings.

		<i>Meetings Attended</i>	<i>Total Meetings</i>
Joan O'Flynn	Uachtarán	19	19
Sinéad O'Connor	Ard Stiúrthóir	19	19
Phyllis Breslin	Trustee/Treasurer	17	19
Liz Howard	Trustee	17	19
Catherine O'Hara	Cathaoirleach Cúige Uladh (outgoing)	3	5*
Bridghidin Heenan	Delegate – Cúige Uladh	17	17
Jackie Brien	Cathaoirleach Cúige Connacht	11	15
Geraldine McGrath	Delegate – Cúige Connacht	13	15
Catherine Neary	Cathaoirleach Cúige Laighean	16	19
Mary Connor	Delegate – Cúige Laighean	13	19
Morgan Conroy	Cathaoirleach Cúige Mumhan	4	7*
Marie Kearney	Delegate – Cúige Mumhan/Secretary	17	19
Lynn Kelly	CCAO	2	7*
Sr. Mairéad Ní Fhearáin	Comhairle na nIarbhunscoileanna	3	7*
Eamonn Browne	Cathaoirleach Cúige Mumhan (incoming)	8	12**
Miriam O'Callaghan	Communications and PR Member	7	12**
Sheila O'Donohoe	Coaching and Games Development Member	9	12**
Kathleen Woods	Cathaoirleach Cúige Uladh (incoming)	5	12**
Aileen Lawlor	Uachtarán Tofa	10	12**

* Completed term in Mar 2011
** Began term in April 2011

Wexford manager J.J. Doyle celebrates victory over Galway at the end of the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Final, in association with RTE Sport, at Croke Park.



Official Guide

As I mentioned earlier in my report the Official Guide is the bible to the daily running of the Association. The rules in their current format are still relatively new and I commend all administrators in their diligence in

implementing new rules and in doing their best to interpret these rules. The first 12 to 18 months of the implementation of any new set of rules will always be challenging. We have been through a massive learning curve in relation to their implementation in 2011 and I hope that we have learnt from this process.

The introduction of the mandatory procedures for the disciplinary code has also been a challenge. Following congress it was necessary to draw up procedures to accompany the new Official Guide. These procedures were issued in June 2011 which in itself was a challenge as counties and provincial councils were

implementing new procedures half way through the year.

Ardchomhairle has recently considered these procedures and changes have been made to improve the code.

It is important that all units operate by the rules of the Association. This includes the following:

- Financial reporting procedures
- Implementation of rules in relation to conventions,

nominations and motions to Annual Congress

- Meeting deadlines set and abiding by approved by laws;

The three areas I have highlighted above are areas that are clearly stated in our Official Guide and yet units frequently do not adhere to the regulations.

In recent years we have carried audits of units including clubs, county boards and provincial councils and this continued in 2011. Additional units will again be audited in 2012 in an effort to help units improve their procedures, to improve their financial reporting to their board and delegates and generally to improve the practices and procedures that may in some cases have just been carried on from executive to executive.

Child protection is an area that remains high on the agenda for the Camogie Association. As an Association we have engaged fully with both the Access NI procedures in Northern Ireland and Garda vetting procedures in the rest of Ireland. What is very positive is that our members now see these vetting procedures as positive, a way of ensuring that they are protected as volunteers as well as ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our children. I would like to particularly thank Mairéad Ní Mhaoleoin, Marie O'Brien and Kathleen Woods for their work on the national committee and for Kathleen for her work in Northern Ireland. I would also like to sincerely thank Ray Quigley for his working processing thousands of garda vetting applications, a job which he carries out with exceptional dedication and huge ability.

Relationship with the GAA and other bodies

Our relationship with the GAA has always been an integral part of how the Association operates. The wider Gaelic Games family is a huge network and we are an integral part of that. Working with the GAA is important to the continued development of Camogie. Where hurling is strong camogie will be strong and where camogie is growing hurling will grow too. The launch of the national hurling development plan is a huge step forward in terms of the Camogie Association and the GAA working together. One key element of this plan is the creation of the National Centre of Development for Hurling and Camogie in WIT. This centre will make available to camogie and hurling counties the expertise and advice needed to bring teams to a higher level of performance with a focus on developing counties.

The Hurling Development Committee through chairperson Liam O'Neill, Uachtarán Tofa CLG, is fully committed to a joint approach of the development of camogie and hurling. It is up to us in the Camogie

Association to ensure that we make this plan work for the betterment of camogie. Our thanks to Liam, Pat Daly, and all the members of the HDC for embracing camogie within this plan and to Mary O'Connor, Director of Camogie, who has been instrumental in the development of this plan.

The One Club Model is another huge step in the direction of increased co-operation between the organisations. You will see before you a motion in relation to this model. Increased participation is the right way forward for the Gaelic Games family. This model will take the first step in providing to clubs the means to operate as a single unit. I would like to thank the One Club Model Committee chaired by Seán Walsh and Kieran Leddy secretary for their work on this and to the camogie representatives on the committee, Geraldine Beattie Greene, Colm Hoban and Orla Considine for their input and commitment to the task.

I would like to thank Paraic Duffy, Ard Stiúrthóir, and all this team in the GAA and Croke Park Stadium for their ongoing support. I would also like to thank Criostóir Ó Cuana for his support during his term as Uachtarán CLG and wish him the best as his term comes to an end. As always we are indebted to the GAA provincial councils and county boards for their support and to the GAA games managers, GPOs and coaches who support our game on a daily basis.

The Irish Sports Council and Coaching Ireland are two other key stakeholders in terms of the development of our game. The Irish Sports Council continues to fund our activities under huge financial constraint. I would like to thank John Treacy for his continued support and commend him and all in the Irish Sports Council for their great work. I would like to also commend them on the programmes being rolled out to NGBs in 2012 in terms of training and development. They will prove

to be a huge support to organisations and are a great way of helping NGBs to improve their operations. Our thanks to Erika Murphy who is a constant source of support within the Sports Council also.

Our relationship with Coaching Ireland has gone from strength to strength in recent years. I would like to thank Michael McGeehin and Catherine Bird for their work with Camogie. It is only in years to come that we will truly see the benefits of

Photographed at the launch of the National Hurling and Camogie Development Centre on 16th February 2012 (from left): Criostóir Ó Cuana, Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael; Mary O'Connor, Director of Camogie Development and Development Committee member, and Liam O'Neill, President Elect of the GAA and Chairman of the Hurling Development Committee.



the work that we have done as qualified coaches come through the system and the standard of players improve.

The Federation of Irish Sports, under the direction of Sarah O'Connor CEO, continues to do great work in lobbying on behalf of all sporting organisations at a time when there are many items fighting for space at the cabinet table. It is important that we have such an organisation to bring forward the collective voice of sport and ensure that it is on the agenda for government.

Conclusion

As most of you will now know Máire Uí Scoláí is hanging up her boots as national results co-ordinator. Máire has given years of service to the Association at national level both in this role and as National PRO. Máire's has been selfless in giving of her time to Camogie and we are extremely grateful to her as an Association for the tireless work she has done to promote camogie. I would also like to pay tribute to her husband Niall who put up with this for so many years! Whether it was making sure Máire had the car to go to games, or sending an email for her from home as she stood on the side of a pitch somewhere I know that Niall is big part of the reason that Máire was able to give such commitment to camogie. Thank you Máire.

Full time team

I would like to thank the full-time team for the fantastic work that they do in promoting and developing camogie. Each and everyone member of the team is dedicated to their role and they go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that camogie succeeds. I would like to thank Siobhán Lafferty who has joined us on maternity cover for Paula Bruen and I would like to congratulate Paula and Killian on the birth of Tom.

Mary, Caroline, Yvonne, Deirdre, Eve, Ger, Lizzie and Jenny continue to be enthusiastic and energetic in their roles developing the game. I think the fact all of them are involved in playing and coaching the game outside of their full time roles is a strong indication of their love for the game.

Brid, Regina, Claire, Paula and Siobhán combine to make a fantastic administrative team at head office. The level of co-operation to deliver on a varied and extensive programme is fantastic and the team has built a very impressive level of expertise in their various fields.

The combined strengths and commitment of the full time team make my role as Ard Stiúrthóir hugely rewarding and I am grateful to each of the team for their work and support.

Thank you

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that I have worked with over the past 12 months and in particular to Ardchomhairle for its support and direction. I would like to congratulate Joan as she completes her three year term as president. The role of president while hugely rewarding is a challenging and time-consuming role. It takes a huge amount of dedication and on behalf of the Association I would like to thank Joan for the level of commitment she has brought to the role in her three years. I would like to congratulate her on her many achievements during her three year term and wish her the best of luck in her future involvement with Camogie. I would like to also take this opportunity to wish Aileen Lawlor, incoming president, the best of luck in her three years ahead. I look forward to work with Aileen and hope that together we can continue to raise the game for Camogie.

Sinéad Ní Chonchúir

SINÉAD NÍ CHONCHÚIR
Ard Stiúrthóir

Camogie Association sponsors



Comhairle Connacht

Tuairisc 2011

Counties	No. of Clubs 2011	No. of Clubs 2010	Increase/Decrease
Galway	35	34	1
Mayo	3	3	0
Roscommon	8	7	1
Leitrim	1	1	0
Sligo	3	1	2
Total	50	46	4

Niamh Kilkenny, Galway, in action against Michelle O'Leary, Wexford in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship, Round One at Bellefield, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

Summary Report 2011

It is with pleasure that I report on the Activities of the Council over the past year. 2011 was a fairly successful year for the Province. The following events took place within the Province:

- Administration Course held in Ballinasloe for Clubs in February, 2011.
- Connacht Club Forum held in Claregalway in April, 2011 attended by 60 people from 25 clubs
- Development funding assisted with the setting up of a website which will be launched in 2012.
- Bursaries were awarded to three 3rd Level students from Galway, Mayo and Roscommon.
- Hurleys, helmets and coaching equipment purchased from Development funding received from Ardchomhairle.
- Four new Clubs affiliated in 2011 – one in Galway, one in Roscommon and two in Sligo bringing the



Brenda Hanney, Killimor, in action against Rosie O'Mahony, Inniscarra in the All Ireland Senior Camogie Club final at Croke Park.



total number of Clubs affiliated in the Province to 50.

- On the playing fields the Province was successful with Killimor winning the Senior Club final in March, 2011.
- Rachel Monaghan from the Mullagh Club in Galway was runner-up in the Poc Fada in August, 2011.
- Galway hosted the Féile na nGael in June, 2011 and was a tremendous success for all counties in the Province as some new teams were invited to take part from Mayo, Sligo and Roscommon.
- Various Clubs in the Province are enhancing the profile of Camogie with articles and photographs appearing in the Provincial publication of 'Into the West' on a regular basis.
- Schools in the Province are being encouraged to take part in the Colleges competitions with assistance being provided from some of the Council's Officials with coaching sessions having been held in a number of Schools/Centres over the winter months.
- The Council for the past three years has given recognition to the Junior Provincial Player of the Year and the Senior Provincial Player of the Year whilst also recognising the Administrators by presenting an Administrators Award at the Annual Connacht G.A.A. Press Awards.

Conclusion

In conclusion we have a busy year ahead with many hurdles to cross in our task to bring camogie to as many areas as possible in the Province, but with the assistance of our Development Personnel – we are lucky that 3 of them are from the Province and are working very hard to achieve our aims as set out in our Development Plan. It is to be hoped that all Clubs will link in with the new website which will be launched in spring 2012.

Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2011:

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Intermediate Club	Ardrahan	Four Roads
Junior A Club	Athleague	Turloughmore
Junior B Club	Killimor	Na Brideoga
Junior Championship	Galway	Roscommon

Sínithe ag: Muireann Uí Chonbhuidh
Rúnaí na Comhairle

Comhairle Laighean

Tuairisc 2011

Counties	No. of Clubs 2011	No. of Clubs 2010	Increase/Decrease
Carlow	8	6	2+
Dublin	39	39	0
Kildare	19	19	0
Kilkenny	33	33	0
Laois	8	7	+1
Louth	6	6	0
Meath	15	14	+1
Offaly	11	12	-1
Westmeath	14	13	+1
Wexford	34	33	+1
Wicklow	13	12	+1
Total	200	194	6

League. Westmeath were very unlucky to be beaten in the All Ireland Final replay. Offaly reached the U16B All Ireland Final but were beaten by a very strong Limerick side. Congratulations are extended to the provincial club winners, Oulart the Ballagh retaining the Senior title, The Harps on winning a 6th successive Intermediate title and Myshall winning the Junior title but travelled to London the following weekend and were beaten in the All Ireland Semi Final.

Leinster Counties did extremely well at the All Stars and Manager of the Year was JJ Doyle of Wexford – managing two adult teams to All Ireland titles. Our Junior Gael Linn were narrowly beaten by Munster in the Final.

Summary Report 2011

2011 was a year to remember for Leinster Camogie firstly, Aileen Lawlor was elected as Uachtarán Tofa and Miriam O'Callaghan PR & Communications Representative then Wexford retaining the O'Duffy Cup and Division 1 League Title and their Intermediates making up for 2010's disappointment winning the Intermediate All Ireland title. Meath had a successful year by winning the Division 3 National

2011 was a year that brought new challenges with the new An Treorai Oifigiúil especially for our THD Committee. It was also the first year of the GO Games and by the reports given clubs were very happy and all girls got plenty of playing time.

Development

With thanks to Jenny Duffy, Eve Talbot, Gerard

Edel Maher, Kilkenny, in action against Chloe Morey, Clare in the All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.



Gribben and Lizzie Flynn Leinster counties were kept busy or should say Jenny, Eve, Gerard and Lizzie were kept busy.

Just a sample of what has been done in Leinster and what will continue to be done:

- Second level league running in Kildare – Minor 6 schools – Junior 4 schools
- Mum & Me programme Naas, Kildare – 28 mothers – funded by Kildare LSP
- Secondary schools increase in Dublin from 2010 (26) to 2011 (33)
- Sport agus Spraoi DCU – 12 schools – 160 girls – funding from Fingal County Council
- Puck around Town project with Dublin City Council – 150 girls at blitz – 6 areas involved – Drimnagh, Inner City, Ballymun, Ringsend, Tallaght and Crumlin.
- Mum & Me programmes x 4 in Dublin – Nh Maurs (22), Commercial (24), Good Counsel and Nh Olafs starting December
- Camogie Aerobics – November in Commercial, Dublin – 20+ mothers
- Intercultural Weekend Dublin – 3 clubs – 160 girls involved
- New club for 2012 – Fingallians, Dublin – girls training on Thursday – 30+ at sessions.
- Teacher In-service Dublin – 20 teachers participated
- Teacher In-service course = 23 participants - Wexford
- Mum & Me Programme Kilmore = 20+ participants – Wexford
- County 1st Year Blitz now planned for January 2012 with 8 schools participating – Wexford
- Secondary Schools Coaching programme = 6 schools (140 participants) – Wexford
- Mum & Me programme's (LSP Funded) – Carlow
- Burren Rangers / Carnew Emmets = 20 Mums and 26 girls – Carlow & Wicklow
- Muinebheag = 38 mums and 38 girls – Carlow
- Secondary schools Coaching programme with Carlow IT
- Primary All-girl schools programme with Carlow GAA
- 1st Year Blitz Competition with 7 schools participating – followed on in 2012 – Carlow
- Inter county plan for 2012 – Carlow
- U Can Awards system – Wicklow
- Club Open / Fun Day in Geraldines, Dundalk. 200+ children attended.
- Joint Camogie / GAA DCU teacher training college foundation course delivered with Paudie Butler – 38 teacher trainees attended.
- Level One Coaching Course has been piloted in Dublin and will be ready to deliver next year.

Richard Mulholland, Leinster's Development Officer along with County Development Officer put a plan together for Ardchomhairle for funding. We were very successful in getting funding and Leinster also is putting their own funding towards the Development of Camogie in Leinster. Coaches have been in schools coaching all ages, so far we have had some excellent reports and things will only get busier for 2012.

Finally, PJ Fulham our PRO has retired this year after holding down so many positions in Leinster for 32 years. He will be a great loss to Leinster and we will miss his knowledge and his great memories he used to share with us throughout the years. Thank you PJ for all you did for Leinster Camogie over the many many years and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2011:

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Senior Championship	Wexford	Offaly
Junior Championship	Meath	Kildare
Minor A Championship	Kilkenny	Dublin
Minor B Championship	Offaly	Carlow
U16 A Championship	Kilkenny	Dublin
U16 B Championship	Offaly	Laois
Senior Club	Oulart the Ballagh (Wexford)	Ballyboden St Enda's (Dublin)
Intermediate Club	The Harps (Laois)	Dicksboro (Kilkenny)
Junior Club	Myshall (Carlow)	Lough Lene Gaels (Westmeath)

Sínte ag: Rachel Ni hOgain
Rúnaí na Comhairle

Comhairle na Mumhan

Tuairisc 2011

Counties	No. of Clubs 2011	No. of Clubs 2010	Increase/Decrease
Clare	28	26	+2
Kerry	6	3	+3
Cork	59	58	+1
Limerick	26	25	+1
Waterford	20	16	+4
Tipperary	35	33	+2
Total	172	158	13

Summary Report 2011

2011 Achievements under the National Development Plan

Growing Participation

- Munster Summer Leagues:
 - o Non-county player league during June and July
 - o 197 games played by 44 teams in 5 Divisions with 7 finals played

- 4 x Player Performance and Lifestyle Programmes:
 - o Tipperary
 - o Limerick
 - o Clare
 - o Kerry
- 7 x Mum & Me Programmes:
 - o 5 Cork
 - o 1 Tipperary
 - o 1 Waterford
- Sport & Spraoi IT Tralee: Introduction to camogie for 1st & 2nd years. 103 participants
- Secondary Schools Camogie:
 - o Munster Colleges 92 schools participated in 35 Competitions,
 - o Munster Colleges 60 schools in 7's competitions
 - o Waterford Colleges committee established

Jill Horan, Tipperary, in action against Tina Hannon, Offaly in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship, Round 2 at Semple Stadium, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.



Improving Performance

- Munster Club Forum Mallow: 110 in attendance;
 - o Coaching practical's
- Foundation Level Courses: 14
- Workshops: 24 delivered in Munster on:
 - o Coaching
 - o Administration
 - o Go Games
 - o Parent Workshops
 - o Goalkeeping
- Referee Courses:
 - o 4 x Green Card
 - o 5 x Foundation
 - o 3 x Go Games
- Primary Schools Coaching:
 - o 48 schools across the province received camogie coaching. (e.g. New club areas, struggling areas)

Volunteer Development and Leadership

- Primary Teacher In-service:
 - o 4 x Workshops, 1 Week Course in Thurles
- Second Level Servicing Officers
 - o Appointed to run domestic second level competitions in 5 Munster counties.
- Administration workshops in Cork & Kerry

Enhancing Camogie's Profile

- Transition Year Media Programme piloted in Clare by Clare PRO & Camogie Board.
- Excellent local coverage of county finals and fantastic work done by county PROs across the province.

Excellent Governance and Organisational Development

- Generic Email Addresses: from Jan 2012, all Club Secretary email addresses in Munster will be: secretary.club.county.camogie@gaa.ie e.g. secretary.moycarkeyborris.tipperary.camogie@gaa.ie
- Work Placement Students: Clare x 1, Waterford x 2

Other

- Pan Celtic
- U14 Schools of Excellence Squads in Croke Park
 - o Clare, Waterford & Limerick

Conclusion

2011 has been a very productive year for Munster Camogie, with the introduction of 13 new clubs and all competitions completed on schedule. Success came

to the Interprovincial team in Gael Linn and 3 Munster players received "All Star Awards", with seven of the successful Waterford team receiving "Soaring Stars Awards". Patricia Jackman won her third All Ireland Poc Fada Competition. All Ireland honours went to Tipperary's U/16 "A" team and they also won the All Ireland Minor title, Limerick won the U/16 "B" All Ireland, and also were crowned All Ireland Minor "B" Champions. Waterford won the National League Division 2 and the All Ireland Junior Championship. Inagh (Clare) won the All Ireland Junior Club Final.

We are extremely thankful to the G.A.A. both at club and county level for the continued support they give to their sister sport. We thank Joan O'Flynn for the professional way she carried out her duties while in office and we wish her well as she completes her term as Uachtarán. We wish the incoming Uachtarán Aileen Lawlor every success and we in Munster will endeavour to help make her path along the way as smooth as possible.

Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2011:

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Senior Championship	Cork	Clare
Intermediate Championship	Limerick	Waterford
Junior Championship	Cork	Limerick
U/16 "A"	Tipperary	Clare
U/16 "B"	Waterford	Cork
U/16 "C"	Limerick	Kerry
Minor Championship	Clare	Cork
Senior Club Championship	Drom/Inch (Tipperary)	Douglas (Cork)
Intermediate Club Championship	Lismore (Waterford)	Clonoulty/Rossmore (Tipperary)
Junior Club Championship	Inagh (Clare)	An Rinn (Waterford)

Síníthe ag: Marion Uí Greachain
Rúnaí na Comhairle

Comhairle Uladh

Tuairisc 2011

Counties	No. of Clubs 2011	No. of Clubs 2010	Increase/Decrease
Antrim	22	21	+1
Armagh	18	17	+1
Cavan	10	9	+1
Derry	23	23	+/-
Donegal	6	2	+4
Down	20	21	-1
Fermanagh	0	0	+/-
Monaghan	4	4	+/-
Tyrone	9	10	-1

- Armagh winning the All-Ireland Minor C Championship
- Down U16's winning the All-Ireland C title
- Ulster Colleges winning the Interprovincial Championship
- Eoghan Rua winning the 2010 All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship
- Soaring Stars for Jane Adams (Antrim), Fionnuala Carr, Orla Maginn, Catherine McGourty, Niamh Mallon (Down) and Colette McSorley (Armagh)
- New clubs set up in 2011 in Donegal and in Cavan
- 8 counties who have volunteer CDO's in place to coordinate development work in their counties.

Summary Report 2011

Ulster Camogie can report a good year in 2011, there were many successes on and off the pitch with various teams representing their Province, county, club and college with distinction. It was also a big year for Governance and volunteer development

Antrim fans at the Antrim v Limerick All Ireland Minor 'B' Championship Final, at Donaghmore/ Ashbourne GAA Club, Co Meath.

2011 Achievements

- Armagh winning the Nancy Murray Cup
- Monaghan winning the All-Ireland Junior B title

Growing Participation

In 2011 there was 3 additional clubs emerging in Ulster with potential of more clubs in their infancy. To encourage greater participation Ulster Coaching and Development Committee led by Mary Connolly hosted various competitions at all levels. At U14 level the Ulster Féile had 6 divisions with clubs all over the province taking part. A re-tweak of this competition



will see a greater level of completion. In clubs across Ulster Go Games is emerging as a force, while the strength of Go Games was evident as they were played at half time of the Ulster Finals in the Morgan Athletic Grounds in Armagh in June. In Donegal, a development blitz which included Antrim, Cavan, Derry and the hosts Donegal at U14 level boosted the on-going work in the county. At Colleges level, the competitions continue to grow, with an increase in schools from Cavan and Monaghan entering competitions. This was evident with the success of Loreto Cavan winning the Junior D title. At Pat's Maghera, approximately 500 girls participated in a blitz which was organised by their A Level P.E. class under the tutelage of Catriona Scott. Three additional clubs in Donegal and 1 additional club in Cavan, vastly important for the developing counties

Aerial action between Derry and Wexford in the All Ireland Intermediate Camogie semi-final, at Páirc Tailteann, Navan.



Improving Performance

In March 2011, a Players Forum took place in Belfast which looked at issues of player development, welfare, and building aspirations for Camogie players throughout their career. Ulster Camogie ran a series of Coaching Development Initiatives in 2011. At the start of the year, Veronica Curtin of Galway along with husband Damian Coleman of Connaught GAA delivered a coaching clinic with specialised themes to over 60 coaches in Cookstown. Mary O'Connor along with RDO's Lizzie Flynn, Yvonne Byrne and Ger Gribben took a Coaching the Coaches training day in Ballygawley, Tyrone. The RDO's delivered a cross section of the Coaching Development Initiatives which was aimed at allowing those who attended to in turn deliver the initiatives such as 'Mum and Me' to all those attended. Ulster Camogie has actively sought tutors to deliver Foundation and Level One courses to deliver province wide in 2012. Donegal and Monaghan appeared in underage finals for first time in a number of years. Cavan and Tyrone also collected silverware in Ulster underage competitions.

Volunteer Development and Leadership

Ulster Camogie, working alongside Ulster GAA has provided coach and volunteer education programmes across the Province. Workshops for new club and county officers were held in Cookstown in January 2011 and this programme was expanded for all club and county officers per county at the turn of the year. After the introduction of the THD Committee's in 2011, Ulster Camogie recognised the difficulties that committees were facing. With this in mind, in November Ulster Camogie invited Catherine Neary and Marie Kearney to deliver a workshop on the relevant procedures. This was the first of its kind and the 'pilot' project will have benefits across the country in 2012. Ulster Camogie provided a training workshop for Counties Children Officers. This will be expanded on in the coming year. Ulster Camogie enjoys a great relationship with Ulster GAA who are always on hand to lend their support and expertise in volunteer development

Enhancing Camogie's Profile

The Ulster Camogie Players Forum in the Balmoral Hotel brought together a number of high profile panellists and guests. Mary O'Connor was keynote speaker with media representatives Paddy Heaney (Irish News) and QFM Sports Editor Paddy Hunter, chairing the panel discussion. The Ulster Club Championships were launched in Armagh with all clubs involved appearing before the media with Kathleen Woods

addressing the assembled media. The second Annual Ulster Camogie Awards lunch promoted and highlighted the top players, administrators and volunteers in Ulster. The event was sponsored by NWP Recycling with Minister for Sport Carol Ni Chuilín MLA the special guest. The Ulster Camogie website will be going through a revamp which will have been re-launched by the time Congress comes around. Having our Ulster Finals in the Morgan Athletic Grounds helped to promote the top level players Ulster currently has. The finals for 2012 will again be held in the Armagh venue on June 17th

Excellent Governance and Organisational Development

2011 has been a big year for Ulster Camogie. Ulster Camogie has worked hard to improve its Governance in the past 18 months. This has been highlighted by the conclusion of an audit by FPM which gave an improved level of assurance. Since the Audit, Ulster Camogie is on the verge of increasing their level of assurance again in January 2012. This has been highlighted by the Implementation Framework standing from the NSPCC. Sport NI were so satisfied that they funded the position of a new Administration Manager. As this was in the middle of a 3 Year Funding Programme, the appointment of a Development Officer could not be made until the next round of funding (March 2013) as Sport NI procedures require all funded organisations to have an administrative officer in place before a Development Officer can be funded. Sport NI has begun correspondence with Ulster Camogie on the next round of funding and both parties are committed to the future development of Camogie in Ulster. This is vitally important as currently An Cumann Camógaíochta only provide Regional Development Officer's for four of the nine Ulster counties.

Ulster Camogie has taken huge strides in 2011 and hopes to continue further development in 2012. Ulster

Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2011:

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
U14 Blitz-Section A	Derry	Antrim
U14 Blitz –Section B	Antrim	Armagh
U14 Blitz – Section C	Cavan	Armagh
U14 Championship Shield	Cavan	Donegal
U14 Championship Cup	Derry	Antrim
U16 Championship Shield	Tyrone	Monaghan
U16 Championship Cup	Derry	Antrim
Minor Championship Shield	Armagh	Tyrone
Minor Championship Cup	Antrim	Armagh
Ulster Junior Championship	Tyrone	Monaghan
Ulster Intermediate Championship	Armagh	Cavan
Ulster Senior Championship	Antrim	Derry
Ulster Senior Club	Antrim-Loughgiel Representing Ulster	No Competition
Ulster Intermediate Club	Coleraine (Derry)	Ballycran (Down)
Ulster Junior Club	Cushendall (Antrim)	Crosserlough (Cavan)
Bridie McMenamin Shield Representing Ulster	Castletara (Cavan)	Clontribet (Monaghan)
Ulster Premier Club League	Loughgiel (Antrim)	Eglis (Tyrone)
Ulster Shield Club League	Ballycastle (Antrim)	Portaferry (Down)
Mid Ulster Club League	Granemore (Armagh)	Ballyholland (Down)

Camogie is very thankful for the dedicated group of administrators and volunteers among our clubs and counties. Ulster Camogie would like to thank Catherine O'Hara who has stood down from our Executive Committee after many years of distinguished service. Ulster Camogie also wishes to again express our sympathies to the families, friends and club mates of both Karen Coyles R.I.P and Martin Mulholland R.I.P who have gone but will always be so fondly remembered.

Síniú ag: Breige McGilligan
Runaí

Rosemary Hughes-Merry
*Ulster Camogie Council
Fixtures Administrator*

Western Australia (Perth) Board

Tuairisc 2011

No. of Clubs 2011	No. of Clubs 2010	Increase/Decrease
1	1	0

Club name: Western Swans Camogie Club, WA
(New club name – previously Camogie WA)

Summary Report 2011

Introduction

Western Swans Camogie club continues to grow and increase in player numbers. Last year 2011 (first year of entering Melbourne 7 (Feb) & State Games in Brisbane (Oct) reached the final of both competitions which was a great achievement. Entered a team to Melbourne 7's Feb 2012 and will enter a team in the Australasian Games which will be in Perth this year. Currently the only Camogie club in Perth and will continue to be the only club until (and dependent on) player numbers and financials for 2012 are better known. Competing with six ladies football teams for player numbers (many players for western swans also play football). Club funds raised have been used to purchase O'Neills equipment and kits from Ireland. All sponsorship money used towards subsidising flights (50% paid) for players to travel to Brisbane and accommodation (100%). Funds raised also contributed towards bus travel to and from pitches, hire of training grounds etc. Great assistance provided from GAAWA President to incorporate exhibition games into Family days at Sunday games and other WA competitions. (4 exhibition games held 2011 and one with a winning trophy – Anzac Day tournament).

Competitions 2011 (Provincial)

- 2011 Achievements under the National Development Plan:
 - o Currently reaching the 7s and State games is the club strategic plan. Continued training and internal games will be played informally alongside the Hurling Club league and championship.
 - o Growing Participation – Increase in players at training from average of 14 to now 25 plus
 - o Improving Performance – Great improvement in skill and confidence in players with great commitment and dedication from players and coaches involved. Six well deserved All Star Awards received at the Australasian Games by

Western Swans players.

- o Volunteer Development and Leadership – Continued Committee with AGM raising continued involvement from current members and new members.
- o Enhancing Camogie's Profile – Continued PR with local Irish papers etc and fundraisers in local community.
- o Excellent Governance and Organisational Development – Continued fundraising and abiding by registration process and GAAWA governing body direction.

Other

Assisting a Perth Aboriginal children's project planned for 2012. Several Western Swans committee members will sit on the Underage Development Committee which will be established this year under GAAWA.

Conclusion

State Games being held in WA for 2012 will assist with financials for the club as travelling and accommodation is very expensive.

Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2011:

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Melbourne 7s	NSW	Camogie WA (W Swans)
Australasian Games	QLD	WA (W Swans)

Sínithe ag: Chantelle McNeill,
Western Swans Secretary

NSW Board

Tuairisc 2011

No. of Clubs 2011	No. of Clubs 2010	Increase/Decrease
5	4	+1

Club names: Central Coast, Clan Na Gael, Craobh Padraig, Cormac McAnallens and Michael Cusacks.

Summary Report

Camogie was first played in NSW and is now being played in three more states (VIC, QLD and WA). 2011 saw five teams compete in a 7-a-side league and championship in NSW. The NSW season starts in April and ends in September. The league competition takes place first (April – July) with a break of 1 to 2 weeks before the championship starts (July – September). The standard of Camogie being played has improved year on year. Both the league and championship were well contested in 2011 and little now separates the five teams involved. In 2010 the league competition was won by Clan Na Gael and the championship was won by Central Coast.

2011 also saw NSW compete in the Australasian Championships. Our Camogie team narrowly lost out on a place in the final, losing by a single point to WA. In 2012 NSW will again have 5 teams competing in the league and championship. This year it is hoped that we will have at least a 9-a-side competition as the number of players at each club has increased to such an extent that a 7-a-side competition is no longer sufficient.

Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2011:

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
League	Central Coast	Michael Cusacks
Championship	Michael Cusacks	Central Coast

Sínithe ag: Fiona Cotter
Rúnaí

Melbourne-Victoria 2011

No. of Clubs 2011	No. of Clubs 2010	Increase/Decrease
2	2	0

Teams in Victoria: Melbourne Shamrocks and Sinn Fein
In 2011 there were no competitive camogie games in Victoria. The games were played as "friendly" matches between Melbourne Shamrocks and Sinn Fein. There were no set number of players but the teams gave/received to make up the most equal amount of players per team that were available on the day. The games were played with commitment and determination despite their "friendly" nature.

That being said, camogie has thrived in strength and numbers in 2011. The skill level of the players has improved dramatically since our first attempts to put together teams since 2008. There have been games every 3rd week, a step up from 2010 which only had four matches allocated. This has encouraged and promoted an increased attendance at training and fostered a more competitive atmosphere. In 2011 both clubs took on permanent coaches, allowing a more serious mindset towards training and competing. Sinn Fein also played in the 7-a-side interstate competition.

2011 also saw the bringing together of both clubs to create an Australasian State Camogie team to compete in the first Australasian Camogie competition. Although we were not as successful as we would have liked, the participation has brought camogie forward not only State wide but Australia wide. It has forged a new determination between the clubs to drive camogie forward within the State. From here we are aspiring to create a 3rd camogie team in the coming years, thus creating a viable competition and to promote the development of a camogie pitch within Gaelic Park.

2012 so far has shown a massive influx of camogie players. Both clubs are currently preparing to join together for their first trip to the Irish Cultural Festival over the Snowy Mountains in Jindabyne to play an exhibition camogie match at the end of Jan. From there we will be competing for the first time in the Railway Cup mid Feb and preparing to compete against each other in the Padraig Pearses 7-a-side competition 2012 late Feb.

We look forward to a safe and successful 2012.

Sínithe ag: Andrea Keane
Camogie Co-ordinator Victoria

Brisbane-Queensland

Tuairisc 2011

No. of Clubs 2011	No. of Clubs 2010	Increase/Decrease
1	1	0

Setting up in Brisbane

Up until 2009, Queensland had never witnessed our great game of Camogie. But things began to change when Roisin Brouder and Orla Carey set their sights on setting up a Camogie Club. With a lot of hard graft behind the scenes and hours of effort, the numbers of girls training began to grow and we started to see the initial pieces of the first Camogie team in Brisbane come together. In late 2010, Emeralds Camogie was officially established.

The first season

Through fundraising, with growing numbers and two coaches now on board, we were set up very well for

the 2011 season. We began our official Camogie season in November 2010 with training and a few practice games under the summer heat. Our debut wasn't even to be held in the state, as we travelled to Melbourne for Padraig Pearses 7's Competition, unfortunately getting beaten by Western Australia in the semi-final.

In the following March, we played an exhibition game at our home grounds at Gaelic Park in Willawong on Irish Festival Day to a massive crowd and we proved that we meant business for 2011. We were very eager to impress and spread the word that Camogie would be stamping its mark in Brisbane, 2 years after the Hurling was set up here. Thankfully, we had plenty support behind us from both the Hurling and the QGFHA.

We continued training throughout the year and formulated our own Brisbane Winter Championships.

A camogie mascot with supporters before the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Semi-Finals at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.



Our numbers allowed us to successfully see three teams take part in the 7-a-side competition, Éire Óg, Cul Cailíní and the winners Naomh Padraig. It was a really great feeling to see Camogie take off in Brisbane, see the numbers growing and getting a great turnout to training and games. The hurling became more skilful and no-one could tell who the Aussies on the teams were! From 5 girls in 2009 to 35 girls mid-season in 2011 we were surely doing something right.

The Inaugural Australasian Camogie Championships 2011

The Brisbane season came to an end, but already we had our sights on training for the inaugural Camogie Championships, at the Australasian State Games, being held in Brisbane. Because of the fact of it being our first year as an established group, holding our first Championships, and Camogie being introduced for the first time at the State Games, we considered this to be a very big deal and were eagerly awaiting the challenges ahead of us at the Championships.

It is great for the development of Camogie, that in an 11 month period, we witnessed firsthand its expansion, new teams within the Club budding into life and the game being recognised at International level. Added to this, the Championships being held "on home soil", the potential to make history in our own State increased our excitement levels.

We upped the ante, players worked and trained hard and we made our panel of 25. Players from all corners of Ireland were selected, but also 3 Australian girls, who had taken up the sport, for the very first time that year.

Nerves were flying in the build up, but excitement got the better of us and the week-long competition came upon us. Trying to keep this very exciting story short and to the point is difficult, especially about the week we had. We paced through the week, undefeated against the other States, WA, NSW and Victoria. They most certainly weren't easy games to win, especially on Final Day, against our old rivals from earlier in the year at the 7's – WA. It was a tough game but we stormed ahead, and beat WA in probably one of the most exciting Camogie games many of us have come across. Another first was the final being played under lights before a big crowd.

It has been such a fantastic journey setting up Camogie in Brisbane. The year we had, Emeralds Camogie first year established, getting to play our first local competition and then top it all off by being the first ever Australasian Camogie Champions, Captained

by Player of the Tournament, Marie O'Halloran from Co. Clare, is a great year for Camogie in Brisbane.

Camogie can only grow from strength to strength in Brisbane and around Australia, especially with the influx of Irish but also the interest from Australians and girls from other countries wanting to pick up a hurley.

Aims and Goals for 2012

Our main aim for 2012 is to build on the successes we had in 2011. At Club level we plan to increase from 7 to 13 a-side for our Brisbane Winter Championships.

Our first training session back this week we had 22 eager girls, already massive interest rolling over from last year and picking up six new players including four Aussies. We are sending a strong panel of 14 to Melbourne in February for the 7's Competition and plan to do even better this year.

Ultimately, we have our sights set on travelling to Perth for the Australasian Championships to retain our historical title. As reigning Champions, we can only continue to thrive and build from Club level to succeed in retaining our Cup in October.

Our Coaches from last years' season continue with us this year and it seems we have an excellent base set up for the 2012 season already. As a team within the Brisbane Hurling Club we will continue to focus on funds and fundraising to keep us financially sound by seeking sponsorship and assistance where possible.

Managers/Founders:

Róisín Brouder (Murroe/Boher, Co. Limerick)
Orla Carey (Birr, Co. Offaly)

Asian County Board

Tuairisc 2011

No. of Clubs 2011	No. of Clubs 2010
2	0

Club names: Singapore Gaelic Lions
Dubai Celts
+ additional players from within
the Region

Summary Report 2011

The First Camogie match in Asia was held this year at the Asian Gaelic Games in Suwon, South Korea on October 16th.

To date, Camogie has not been part of the Asian County Board's remit, mainly due to the lack of numbers in the region with Camogie skills or experience. However, in recent years with the downturn in Ireland we have seen an increase in players in the Region and this has helped to build Camogie. This year's game was a Challenge Match between two amalgamated squads, which helped to gauge the number of players in the region and to build the profile of the sport. Next year, the aim is to create a full competition, albeit with limited numbers.

Currently we have Camogie squads in just 2 clubs – Singapore Gaelic Lions and Dubai Celts and a lot of enthusiasts in the various other clubs in the Region.

Rosie Cusack, Tara (London), in action against Rose-Ann O'Loughlin (left) and Patricia O'Loughlin, Inagh (Clare) in the All Ireland Junior Club Camogie Championship final at Donaghmore/ Ashbourne GAA Club, Co Meath.



The aim this year is to build on this through;

- Equipment: Support for the strengthening of existing squads through ACB grants for equipment.
- Coaching: Each year the ACB hosts a DCU student on work experience. The chosen candidate this year is a Camogie player. She will visit 7 clubs in the Region over 6 months and we aim to conduct camogie coaching sessions where feasible.
- Competition:
 - o Singapore Gaelic Lions will attend the Gulf Gaelic Games in Dubai in March 2012, where there will be a Camogie Competition.
 - o The 2012 AGG will add a Camogie Cup to the Agenda.

We are very much in the early stages of development, but the enthusiasm is very high and we will aim to build on this to create a solid base for Camogie in Asia and the Gulf over the coming seasons.

Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2011:

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Asian Gaelic Games	Combined White team	Combined Blue team

Sínithe ag: Blathnaid MacNamara
Rúnaí

Coiste Chontae London

Tuairisc 2011

No. of Clubs 2011	No. of Clubs 2010
7	8

Club names:

- Bros Peares
- Croydon
- Erin Go Bragh
- Father Murphys
- Green Isle
- John Mitchels
- Michael Cusacks
- Tara

Summary Report 2011

Introduction

2011 was a mixed year for London Camogie. For the first time ever a London club reached the All Ireland Club Championship Final; further strides were made in our underage development with our Under 14 development squad attending Féile na nGael and newly established Michael Cusacks took part in the Junior Competitions. That being said there were a number of difficulties throughout the year; we were unable to fund a county team, were without a full County Board and the introduction of Rule 29.1 had an adverse effect on the structure of our competitions and 2011 proved a difficult year for the administration and management of our domestic competitions.

2011 Achievements under National Development Plan

Further progress was made under London Camogie Development 2010-2013 with the following achievements:

- New Junior Club, Michael Cusacks, emerged
- Consolidation of links with The London Minor Board
- Go Games continue to be implemented in London
- Under 14 development squad, comprising of girls from London and Birmingham, goes from strength to strength with a number of blitzes being held during the year. The ability of the girls is improving and they must be commended for their efforts on the pitch and boundless enthusiasm for the sport.
- Participation at Féile na nGael in Galway in June by the Under 14 Squad

- Annual Referees course was held in Camden Irish Centre
- Participation at PRO conference in March

2012 Goals

The following development initiatives are the focus for 2012:

- Continued focus on underage structures
- Enhancing Camogie's profile around the country
- Fundraising to reposition the county to participate in the National Competitions in 2013
- Further training of Referees to ensure the highest possible standard in matches
- More training for coaches and mentors
- Training of officers to ensure a more effective Board and ensure longevity of the Board going forward.

Conclusion

We are expecting another exciting year for London Camogie in 2012 and look forward to building on the achievements of 2011 and further reinforce the brand of Camogie in London and in the UK. The main priority for the current board is to seek to address the impact of rule 29.1 on the County Competition structures to ensure we maintain and foster the level of passion, development and success for London Camogie for years ahead.

Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2011:

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Senior Championship	Tara	Croydon
Junior Championship	Bros Peares	John Mitchells
Senior League	Tara	Croydon
Junior League	John Mitchells	Tara
Junior Reserve Cup	Unfinished Competition	

Sínithe ag: Bríd Ní Aichir
Rúnaí

NACB Board

Tuairisc 2011

Club names: San Francisco
St Mary's Chicago
Eire Óg Boston
Seattle
Indianapolis
Washington DC
Rogue Camog's
Denver

Summary Report 2011

In 2011 the NACB saw growth of 1 Club at junior level; this was the Indianapolis Camogie Club. The Club was started by participants who took part in a Coaching and Tutoring course.

The North American Finals were a great success and were boosted by the attendance of the Director of Camogie Development Mary O'Connor. Mary was on duty to make the presentation on the day of the Finals and afterwards gave a one hour wall ball workshop to players from the Junior Clubs

North American Finals September 2nd to September 4th 2011

Venue: Treasure Island, San Francisco

General Overview:

- Treasure Island has five pitches in a former navy base.
- Two pitches were regulation GAA size with the other three being considerably smaller.
- Games started at 8am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Players on every team wore wrist bands to determine if they were home based or sanctioned.
- Teams playing had to reregister every day to ensure players were in the system the previous day.
- Úna Kearney refereed four games on Friday and two games on the Sunday.

Senior Camogie teams participating:

- St Mary's Chicago
- San Francisco
- Eire Óg Boston
 - o These teams played each other on Friday in a round robin competition.

- o With St Mary's Chicago and Eire Óg Boston making the final to be played on Sunday.

Junior (all American born players):

- Rogue Camog's (made up of Denver and the twin cities)
- Indianapolis
- Washington DC Gaels
- Seattle
 - o All teams supplied a referee and one team from the previous game supplied umpires and sideline officials.
 - o These teams all played each other once with Rogue Camog's and Washington DC Gaels making the Junior Final
 - o Seattle and Indianapolis making the Junior Shield Final
 - o With all finals to be played on the Sunday.

Results of games played on Sunday September 4th:

- Rogue Camog's were victorious over Washington DC after extra time in an entertaining game.
- St Mary's Chicago were victorious over Eire óg Boston in the senior final.
- Indianapolis were victorious over Seattle in junior final.

In 2012, the NACB 5 Year Strategic Plan will focus on creating more competitions and more underage development.

Sínithe ag: Mary Prendiville

European Board

Tuairisc 2011

No. of Clubs 2011	No. of Clubs 2010	Increase/Decrease
5	4	+1

Club names: Belgium A
Belgium B
Luxembourg
Paris
Zurich

Summary Report 2011

2011 was a year of further growth for camogie in Europe. From its inception in 2008, the European championship has gone from strength to strength. In the early days, it was a matter of getting the numbers from any club to play a match in football gear, but things have changed, and it's now a competitive matter with Belgium putting out two teams this year, and the first 9-a-side matches being played in Europe with all teams in jerseys and skorts.

2011 Championship:

The tournaments were held in four locations throughout Europe: Den Haag, Budapest, Zurich, Belgium

Growing Participation:

There were 63 ladies who took part in the 2011 Championship – all teams had increased their playing numbers. The best attended tournaments were The Hague and the finals in Brussels with five teams attending each. There were three teams in Zurich and only two in Budapest. Nearly 40% (39.7%) of players are non Irish players in 2011. Keeping these ladies playing will be key to the growth of camogie in the coming years. A way has to be found to integrate players who have no club into competitive teams as camogie isn't yet spread across the breath of Europe. From a development point of view, there will need to be careful attention paid to integrating new teams into tournaments. For clubs in the initial stages, travelling to a tournament to get well beaten by far more experienced teams will cripple camogie in the early stages. To this end, a developmental weekend each year should be incorporated into the playing calendar, with incentives for clubs to attend.

Improving Performance & Volunteer Development

The skill level and fitness is much improved and there are several members on each team (including new members) that can rise the ball and hit it 50 yards which allows for much more competitive and free flowing games. There are now free takers on each team. Soon, the level of playing generally will approach the Irish junior standard. 2012 will bring the first developmental weekend for Camogie in Europe ever, which will bring on the skill levels hugely prior to the start of the 2012 championship. A foundation level training course will be available at the same time – which will equip the coaches with enhanced leadership and a greater array of skills for the year to come.

Enhancing Camogie's profile:

The profile of Camogie in Europe was heightened considerably by the attendance of Joan O'Flynn and Sinéad O'Connor at European Convention. They had the opportunity to meet the girls on the ground who are putting in the hard work, and all of the ladies found their presence inspiring and are really motivated for championship 2012.

Excellent Governance and Organisational Development:

The development of camogie is assisted each year by running the tournaments alongside the hurling which makes transport and logistics easier for all teams across Europe. The newly designed European Co. Board website has given us a more invigorated image to project to all potential players.

Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2011:

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Euro Camogie Championship	Belgium A	Zurich

CCAO

Tuairisc 2011

No. of Colleges/ Institutes 2011	No. of Colleges/ Institutes 2010	Increase/ Decrease
25	27	-2

Ainmneacha na gColáistí: UCC, UCD, UL, NUIG, UJJ, CIT, WIT, AIT, NUIM, QUB, St Pats, Trinity, DCU, DIT, IT Carlow, IT Tralee, Mary I, DKIT, LIT, Sligo IT, St Mary's, Coláiste Freobel, Marino, UUC, GMIT.

Summary Report 2010

A chairde, blain maith a bhí ag an CCAO i 2010/11

The Ashbourne and Purcell Cup and Shield competitions were again played as a joint event over the one weekend at NUIG. This proved hugely successful and a great weekend of camogie was had by all. Our Fr. Meaghair competitions were a success in which many of the smaller colleges competed. Division

1 and 2 league competitions were both played out. An All-Ireland Fresher's 7-a-side competition as well as north and south regional competitions were held during the year.

2010 Achievements under the National Development Plan

Growing Participation

Camogie at Third Level was played in 25 colleges and we are trying to increase these numbers every year. We have also restructured our championship competitions for 2011/12 season to ensure each college is participating at their own standard which makes for better competition. This will hopefully increase our numbers.

Improving Performance

A number of Coach Education programmes are held

*Miriam Crowley,
University College
Cork, in action
against Katie Power,
Waterford IT in the
Ashbourne Cup
Final at Pearse
Stadium, Salthill,
Galway.*



in Third Level Colleges annually. The Women in Sport programme is also held in conjunction with second levels in a number of third level colleges annually.

Volunteer Development and Leadership

In conjunction with An Cumann Camógaíochta scholarships were presented to students to help enhance their leadership qualities in terms of administration. These scholarships were presented after candidates were interviewed. Ashbourne/Purcell Audience Assessment Surveys were presented to students at the weekend to hear the views of the students.

Enhancing Camogie's Profile

www.ccao.ie our website is up and running. It provides information on all third level activity and is up dated on regular basis.

Excellent Governance and Organisational Development

Our executive is made up of both members with vast experience and little experience of camogie at committee level. This blend helps bring new ideas to the table as well as ensures the smooth running of competitions

Other

As an organisation we need to put a Transfers Hearings and Disciplinary Committee

in place. This will hopefully be completed in the next few months. Also the number of matches played by each college needs to be analysed and reviewed. We are currently in correspondence with An Cumann Camógaíochta regarding seasons for inter-county, college and club competition.

Conclusion

Ag deireadh, bhí bliain maith ag an CCAO. Míle buíochas le chach a thug cabhair duinn i rith na bliana

Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2011:

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Ashbourne Cup	WIT	UCC
Ashbourne Shield	NUIG	CIT
Purcell Cup	QUB	DCU
Purcell Shield	DIT	TCD
Fr. Meagher Cup	NUIM A	St. Mary's, Belfast
Fr. Meagher Shield	Freobel	NUIM B
Freshers Competition	WIT	UCC
Division 1 League	UCC	UUJ
Division 2 League	DIT	LIT

Sínithe ag: Ríona Ní Bhuachalla
Rúnaí na Comhairle



Katrina Parrock, Waterford IT, in action in the Ashbourne Cup Final versus University College Cork at Pearse Stadium, Salthill, Galway

Comhairle Chamógaíochta na nIarbhunscoileanna

Tuairisc 2011

	No. of Schools 2011	No. of Schools 2010	Increase/Decrease
Cúige Chonnacht	15	16	-1
Cúige Laighean	40	42	-2
Cúige na Mumhan	76	79	-3
Cúige Uladh	40	40	-
Total	171	177	-6

Summary Report 2011

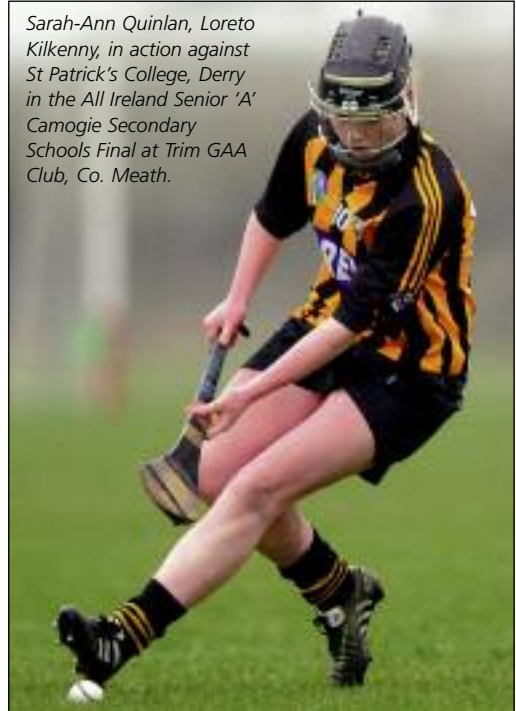
2011 saw 31 school games played between the end of January 2011 and April 2011 with 7 schools winning All Ireland titles. Loreto Kilkenny continued their dominance by claiming the Junior A and Senior A titles. Presentation Thurles took the Junior B title beating Coachford Community College having lost to them in the Munster final. The Junior D and Senior D competitions turned out to be very entertaining competitions with only one score being the difference in both finals.

Officers of Comhairle na nIarbhunscoileanna attended all the Provincial AGMs during the year and it was very pleasing to get a full compliment of eight officers elected in Connacht and in Leinster where they were struggling to get people involved at committee level.

2011 was the first year that we had a servicing officer for Comhairle na nIarbhunscoileanna and it proved invaluable and a resounding success. Paul Beecher did an excellent job as servicing officer. We would encourage and propose the appointment of a servicing officer to all the provincial colleges councils and in Dublin. Munster colleges have a servicing officer in Ester O'Leary and her experience and work is invaluable in the completion of all 27 competitions under the auspices of Munster colleges.

All Colleges councils would like to see more

Sarah-Ann Quinlan, Loreto Kilkenny, in action against St Patrick's College, Derry in the All Ireland Senior 'A' Camogie Secondary Schools Final at Trim GAA Club, Co. Meath.



of our finals played at major venues in the future.

In conclusion Comhairle na nIarbhunscoileanna wishes all the best to all teams competing and hope that all the girls enjoy themselves, win or lose, and form long lasting friendships even after their playing days are over.

Sínithe ag: Proinsias Ó Críodáin
Rúnaí na Comhairle

Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2011:

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Junior A	Loreto Kilkenny	St Patricks Maghera
Junior B	Presentation Thurles	Coachford Community College
Junior C	Maryfield College Drumcondra	Coláiste an Dún Iascaigh Cahir
Junior D	Heywood Community School	Abbey Community College
Senior A	Loreto Kilkenny	St Patrick's College Maghera
Senior B	Grennan College Thomastown	St Louis Grammar School Ballymena
Senior C	Castlecomer CC	St Dominics Cabra
Senior D	Kilmacthomas Waterford	Mercy Roscommon
Sevens A	Pres Kilkenny	St Flannans Ennis
Sevens B	Borris Vocational School	St Louis Ballymena
Sevens C	Castlecomer Community College	St Aloysius Carrigtwohill
Interpro	Ulster	Leinster

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Competitions Management Committee

Members: Brenda Craig
Jenny Cultra
Rachel Hogan
Marion Graham
Maeve Healy
Regina Gorman (Fixtures
Administrator – Croke Park)

No. of Meetings held: 10

Conference Call meetings: 30

Function of Competitions Management Committee is as follows:-

- Produce Annual National Fixtures for 2012.
- Liaise with Ladies Football National Fixtures Committee to prevent fixture clashes.
- Oversee running of all National Fixtures
- Liaise with referees Committee and appoint Referees for all National Fixtures
- Review annually the Competition Guidelines
- Deal with all correspondence relating to Competitions
- Make recommendations when necessary to Ard Chomhairle

Photographed at the announcement of the MMI Group as the official sponsor of the 2011 Camogie Association Golf Classic (from left): Esme Murphy, Sales Manager, MMI Group; John Treacy, Chief Executive of the Irish Sports Council, and Joan O'Flynn, President of the Camogie Association.



Achievements 2011

- Completion of all National Fixtures on schedule
 - Adult League – 4 competitions
 - Adult Championship – 5 competitions
 - Minor Championship – 3 competitions
 - U16 Championship – 3 competitions
 - Club Championship – 3 competitions
- Held successful meeting with County representatives and took on board proposals when compiling 2012 fixtures.
- 2012 Fixtures published to all counties by Oct 2011 per rule.
- Senior and Intermediate Club Finals played in Croke Park for first time. (This has been retained for 2012 (Finals Sunday March 4th)
- Upgrade of Fixtures and Results system visible to all via www.camogie.ie – this can be updated with results by referees immediately after games
- Increase in number of Double Header games with other GAA codes (Football and Hurling)
- Increase in number of Referee Assessments which has assisted in referee appointments

Plans for 2011/'12

- Continue to work nationally with GAA family. Clubs and County Boards and Provincial Councils must develop similar links with their GAA counterparts locally.
- Continue to use the Referee's Assessment program when assigning referee's to fixtures.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

National Resource Management Committee

Members:

Joan O'Flynn, Uachtarán
 Aileen Lawlor, Uachtarán Tofa
 Sinéad O'Connor, Ard Stiúrthoir
 Eamonn Browne, Cathaoirleach,
 Comhairle na Mumhan
 Kathleen Woods Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Uladh
 Jackie Brien, Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Chonnachta
 Catherine Neary, Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Laighean
 Phyllis Breslin, National Treasurer and Trustee
 Liz Howard Trustee
 Miriam O'Callaghan, Iar – Uachtarán
 Aileen Pierce (Dublin)
 Geraldine Beattie-Greene (Roscommon)
 Ciaran Quigley (Kildare)
 Paula Bruen, Finance Manager

The Committee also provided recommendations to Ardchomhairle on the implementation of development funding to Provincial Councils. It also considered the application process for the administration of once off capital funding to units, announced at the end of 2011.

Throughout the year the committee worked to ensuring legislative compliance and best practice in accordance with our responsibilities as a sports' governing body and an employer. It sought to do this while also continuing the Association's focus on development and expansion and managing the challenging economic constraints. The committee's diligence over the past three years in addressing compliance and best practice requirements was rewarded with a positive opinion on the Association in a recent governance audit by the Irish Sports Council.

No. of Meetings held: 7

The Resource Management Committee has, since Congress 2009, had three key areas of responsibility. There were (i) finance, budgetary and accounting policies and procedures; (ii) risk management and (iii) human resource policy and procedures.

In the past 12 months, as well as regular reporting and monitoring of the above areas, the Committee focused on a number of initiatives (see table). A number of these were advanced through sub-groups of the Committee.

Finance, Budgetary and Accounting	Risk Management	Human Resources
Development of a policy on authorisation procedures for expenditure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing audit of corporate insurance Ongoing audit of strategic risks and development of contingencies to manage these e.g. loss of funding, insurance claim, damage to reputation of Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future staff needs analysis Review of Camogie Association staff, salaries and terms and conditions (Employee Handbook)
Development of procurement policy		
Consideration of mandatory insurance scheme for Association		
Development of training event and financial procedures for Provincial and County Treasurers		
Treasurer's training procedures Sub Group: Miriam O'Callaghan, Geraldine Beattie Greene and Paula Bruen	Risk Management Sub Group: Ciaran Quigley, Paula Bruen, Sinéad O'Connor	Employee Handbook: Joan O'Flynn, Ciaran Quigley, Geraldine Beattie Greene, Sinéad O'Connor

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Volunteer and Officer Support and Development

Members: Máire Ní Cheallaigh
Gráinne Nic Gabhann
Caitríona de hÓra

No. of Meetings held: 4

Summary Report 2011

Tara Kennedy, Tipperary, in action against Meighan Farrell (left) and Kelly Hamilton, Kilkenny in the All Ireland Minor 'A' Championship Final at Semples Stadium, Thurles.

The Committee was set up to provide support for the volunteers in the Association. To that end we had the launch of our booklet 'Volunteering for Camogie' at last year's Congress which was a great success. That was our single most important achievement. We also drew up criteria for the Volunteer of the Year Awards and the highpoint of this will be the function for all

award winners in Croke Park on the day of the Club Finals.

As a Committee we achieved the aims set out in our terms of reference. We were a small Committee which left a lot of work for a few people to do but it was also a strength as we worked together very well.

The main challenge for Sub Committees is to liaise with the full time staff. This worked very well once we were assigned a member of the full time team, who was an excellent support.

I feel that as a Sub-Committee we can be happy that our efforts will be there after us.



SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

National Coaching and Games Development

Members: (Coaching) Sheila O'Donohoe (Chair), Collette Coady, Brigid Barnaville, Mary O'Connor, Ger Gribben, Damien Young, Siobhán Ryan, Kitty Fegan and Caroline Murray

(Education) Yvonne Byrne, Mairéad O'Callaghan, Noeleen Rooney, Noelle O'Driscoll, Lynn Kelly and Geraldine Kinane

(Participation) Katie Forde, Germaine Noonan, Valerie Crean, Maeve Healy, Mary Connolly and Noelle Kennedy

No. of Meetings held: Coaching (8)
Education (1)
Participation (0)

Outline of Committee's role:

This includes the establishment and overseeing the implementation of a five year Coaching and Games Development strategy and Coaching Plan by each county and Provincial Development Committee, liaison with Coaching Ireland, Irish Sports Council, the GAA and other relevant bodies concerned with coach education, overseeing the establishment and implementation of an integrated five year strategy for camogie at primary, post-primary and colleges' levels to meet the needs of all players; develop and

BELOW: Joan O'Flynn, President of the Camogie Association and Michael Ring T.D., Minister of State with responsibility for Tourism and Sport photographed in Croke Park at the launch of the 2011 All Ireland Camogie Championship with camogie players (from left): Ursula Jacob, Wexford; Claire McMahon, Clare; Orla Kilkenny, Galway; Jane Adams, Antrim; Rena Buckley, Cork; Danielle Smith, Dublin; Julie Kirwan, Tipperary; Nicola Morrissey, Waterford; Elaine Dermody, Offaly; Rosie Crowe, Cavan and Elaine Aylward, Kilkenny.



implement ways to strengthen the links between schools, colleges and clubs, review of participation in primary, secondary and third level colleges competitions and to oversee the development and implementation of a five year participation and games development strategy, taking particular account of meeting the needs of new players, developing players, players from a range of social and ethnic backgrounds and abilities and players overseas.

Key achievements for 2011

- 34 Caman Get a Grip! (Foundation courses delivered) with 670 coaches qualified across all four provinces and in Mary Immaculate College plus delivery of in-service courses for primary school teachers in 2 counties (Wexford and Tipperary) ; (2010: 27 courses and 543 coaches qualified)
- Successful extension of the Gaisce award for young coaches into Donegal, Offaly, and Meath
- Three new tutors trained via Coaching Ireland programme
- First tutor forum held
- Coaching Plan (road map for next 12 months on all aspects of coaching, supporting coaches and player development) agreed in conjunction with Coaching Ireland, the full time team and tutors
- Assisted in the selection of the Torpey Schools of Excellence and with the guidelines for underage inter-county development (u14,u15)
- Streamlining of the booking procedure for coaching courses via new web site
- Successful pilot of Level 1 course
- Review of competition structures across third level colleges with recommendations made to the CCAO executive
- Input to the Playing Rules Review Group

Challenges:

- Promoting greater awareness of the Player Pathway
- Lack of demand for coaching course in some counties
- Resourcing the support required to assist overseas units in developing the game
- Development of club/ school/college links
- Supporting participation growth in urban centres

Concluding remarks:

Considerable progress has been achieved over the past three years in meeting the key performance indicators from the 2010-2015 Development Plan specific to this committee which include all of those outlined in Priority 1 Growing Participation and in Priority 2 Improving Performance (goals 2c, 2d,2e and 2g). On the coaching side there are now 30 active tutors in place, the Level 1 coaching course is ready for delivery and initial exploratory work has taken place for the Level 2 course. On the education front meetings with 2nd and 3rd level Executives has yielded some progress and this remains a particularly important sector with the challenge of teenage retention in the sport. On the participation side most of the progress has been overseas units.

Sincere thanks to all the committee members, to all our tutors, to the full time Development team, Leinster Council GAA, Catherine Bird and her colleagues in Coaching Ireland. Finally a special word of thanks to Collette Coady for her magnificent work, particularly in the administration of the coaching courses.



Aerial action between Antrim and Limerick in the All Ireland Minor 'B' Championship Final at Donaghmore/Ashbourne GAA Club, Co Meath.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Child Protection and Welfare

Members: Mairéad Ní Mhaoileóin,
Kathleen Woods,
Maria Grandfield
Marie O'Brien

No. of Meetings held:

- 2 ordinary committee meetings
- Attendance at GAA Child Protection Seminar
- ISC tutor updating by some members of committee.

Summary Report 2011**Outline of Committee's Role:**

- To prioritise the welfare and safety of children and young people within An Cumann Camógaíochta.
- To keep Code of Ethics and Good Practice up to date taking cognisance of changes in legislation.
- To ensure that Children's Officers at Provincial and County level are aware of and trained in the standards expected under the Joint Code of Behaviour and the Code of Ethics.

- To support and promote the implementation of our Code of Ethics to all units with particular regard to maximising the use of www.camogie.ie as an education resource on child protection and welfare

Overall review of 2011

- Achievements
 - o Eight county boards have availed of the information session for Children's Officers. Galway, Cork, Limerick, Westmeath, Meath, Kildare & Ulster x (2)
 - o A number of our Children's Officers have attended the Child protection Day hosted by the GAA.
 - o Some sections of our code were updated and made available on www.camogie.ie. These include sample forms which can be downloaded and used by clubs.
 - o Two members of the subcommittee sit on the working group with Ladies' Football and the GAA to formulate a new joint code of best

*Joan O'Flynn,
President of the
Camogie
Association and
John Torpey, Torpey
Hurleys, with the
Armagh Team at
the Torpey Hurleys
Camogie Schools of
Excellence 2011 in
Croke Park, Dublin.*



practice. This is a continuation of the Joint Code of Behaviour which is now in its third edition.

- Challenges
 - o The appointment of Children's Officers is an essential element in the creation of a quality atmosphere. They act as a resource with regard to children's issues. We do not have active fully trained Children's Officers appointed in every club and county.
 - o All adults including coaches have a crucial leadership role to play in sport. The trust implicit in coach-child relationships in sport places a duty of care on all coaches to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the child while taking part in Camogie activities. It is of the utmost importance that all officers and officials are aware of the Code of Ethics and Good Practice and comply with all aspects of it.
 - o Although the Joint Code of Behaviour is in its third edition, a large number of clubs are not aware of its existence and are not fully implementing it. We need to be more proactive in promoting it.
 - o Raising awareness throughout all sections of An Cumann Camógaíochta is a challenge for all

of us. It is only by being aware that we can continue to ensure the safe enjoyment of our sport for everyone.

Concluding Remarks

We have come a long way since the initial meeting between An Cumann Camógaíochta and The Irish Sports Council in 2005. But we must never sit back and think our work is completed. The importance of Child Protection and Welfare cannot be overstated and An Cumann Camógaíochta should at all times prioritise the safety and welfare of all in our association.

Our rules and regulations should at all times ensure that young players have the right to participate in games and competitions at levels with which they feel comfortable.

The appointment of Children's Officers is an essential element in the creation of a quality atmosphere. They act as a resource with regard to children's issues.

It is important that all units of the Association appoint a Children's officer and that she/he is given the necessary support by all members in fulfilling their duties.

The Piltown, Co. Kilkenny, U12 team – Camogie Mini Games during All-Ireland Camogie Championship Semi-Finals at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.



SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Referees' Development & Support

Members: Dermot Connolly
Una Kearney
Aileen Lawlor
Rosie Merry
Frank McDonald
Pat McGivern
Fintan McNamara

No. of Meetings held: 3

Outline of Committees Role

- To Support and develop referees at all levels in line with the National Development Plan.

Achievements: Referee Courses

Foundation: 13 courses

Connacht: Galway
Leinster: Meath, Wexford
Munster: Clare, Cork, Limerick, Waterford
Ulster: Antrim, Cavan, Derry, Donegal, Down, London

Féile Course: Galway

Green Card: 11 courses

Donegal, Galway, Kildare, Laois, Louth, Mary Immaculate Limerick, Wexford (x2) Dublin, Cork and Kerry

Advanced: 3 courses

Wexford, Derry, Cork

Approximately 440 new referees have been trained this year, nearly double the figure from last year.

A number of courses were held in counties that previously have not held a course over the last two years and in some instances it was the first time a Camogie Referees course was facilitated.

Challenge

It is important that participants are given the opportunities to officiate at an appropriate level while starting out on their refereeing careers. We acknowledge that the number of participants at foundation courses are higher than the number of

those who actually officiate during their first year. Therefore we have included officiating at games and completing a referees' diary as an essential criteria for the course. This will ensure that participants will officiate at club games during their first year.

Due to the introduction of the Go Games in 2011 our foundation course sometimes proved to be too advanced for participants and /or confused them with the different rules for U14 games. The 1st Whistle course was designed specifically for the rules of the Go Games. It is envisaged that senior referees in every county will be able to give this course which will assist county boards in keeping the costs of facilitating courses to a minimum.

We all appreciate that one of the major reasons there is a high level of drop out from those going on to referee in their second year is the level of abuse experienced by some referees. The Go Games are the ideal starting point for any referee as it is a non-competitive game. We also recommend that all host clubs of Go Games blitzes have a referee co-ordinator present, someone who can help the referee or have a quiet word with an over enthusiastic parent or mentor.

Vast majority of queries and/or issues we receive from county boards pertain to minor and adult games. In many cases report writing is not satisfactory and referees are not familiar with current Camogie playing rules. The level 1 referees course is currently being revised in order to address some of these issues. We will ensure the current rules are available on the national website and we would encourage all units to ensure their match officials have a hard copy of the playing rules for 2012. In a number of counties they hold information sessions for referees and/or team mentors to familiarise them with the rules and to ensure a universal interpretation of them.

National Referees: Achievements

- A national seminar was held in February. Workshops on review of playing rules, assessment, problems / issues with refereeing & increasing no of referees were carried out
- DVD clips were shown from league & championship matches to highlight incidents e.g. rough play, yellow card incidents, technical fouls highlighted by assessors

- Fitness and written rule test were completed by National Referees prior to the commencement of the National League
- Rule test pass-rate was increased from 75% to 80%.
- Referees were given two opportunities to sit and pass the test, failure to attend and/or attain the pass-rate meant the referee was unable to referee games
- Championship fitness test was reviewed and the Yo-Yo Intermittent Test was used. This test is used by many other sporting bodies.
- A new referees uniform was issued.
- National Referees were invited to take part in the Playing Rules Review in September.
- Assessing of games continued during the championship.
- New assessors were invited onto the existing panel.
- The first National Referees Presentation was held in

Referee Walter Cole tosses the coin between Down captain Lisa McCrickard (left) and Waterford captain Nicola Morrissey before the All-Ireland Premier Junior Camogie Championship Final at Croke Park.

Croke Park in Oct. This was a social gathering where All-Ireland Referees were presented with their medals. All national referees, tutors, assessors and com members as well as An Uachtarán, Ard Stiúrthoir and office staff were invited.

- A number of referees received tokens of appreciation in honour of their service at national level – Paul Beecher, Oliver Webb and Frank McDonald.

Challenges:

Meeting national referees to ensure uniform interpretation and application of the rules during the season is difficult as there are very few dates free of fixtures, plus referees have family, work and other sporting commitments. Due to the small number of referees it is not feasible to hold national meetings in each province.

There were issues with the fitness tests this year.



- Many referees feel two tests (a league and championship test) are unnecessary especially considering they may only be appointed to one game in each campaign.
- A number of National Referees failed to attain the necessary pass-rate first time in the written rule test.
- Referees newsletter was not issued in the Winter due to committee members work commitments
- Number of female referees at National Level has dropped
- Rules Seminar for Inter-county managers had to be postponed due to the lack of interest.

Assessment:

Up until the end of August 2011 seventeen games were assessed by five assessors, the breakdown was as follows:

Level of Game	Number Assessed
Junior	6
Intermediate	5
Senior	6

The assessors all acknowledged an improvement in performance had been evident from the 2010 season. They felt aggressive fouls missed by referees far outweighed technical fouls and that yellow cards were not issued when necessary. They also felt that while referees are using more hand signals to communicate with players, mentors and spectators there was still room for improvement. Other general comments and observations were made at the meeting too. These have been noted by the committee and will be focused on at the next national seminar.

Referees are marked out of 100 and we follow the same mark scheme as the GAA.

Marks	Comment	No. Of Referees
70-79	Needs Improvement	6 (3 Junior)
80-85	Good	3
86-90	Very Good	3
91-100	Excellent	5

It should be noted that in some cases the same referee was assessed twice due to their involvement in semi-finals and or finals. In two separate cases where a referee was assessed earlier in the season, their mark improved on the second assessment. This shows that referees take on board the comments made by the assessors.

Challenges:

The number of assessors needs to be increased in order to assess more games at a wide variety of levels – five more assessors have been added to the panel

Provincial games need to be assessed

Games need to be assessed during the league

Referees need to receive their assessment form asap – due to the nature of the assessment process and its implications assessors take a lot of time and care when filling out the forms

Concluding Remarks:

While we continue to strive in developing and supporting our National Referees we also assist the other units in the Association by providing courses to meet their demands at club and school level. Over the last three years National Referees have benefited from our focus on consistency and application of the rules. Indeed as this work will continue through the assessment process and national meetings we hope the National panel have also acted as role models within their respective counties.

In November we met to discuss an initiative for recruiting female referees at National level but we are also very mindful of the issues that county boards deal with . . . minimum age of referees, report writing, ensuring referees know the rules, dealing with abuse etc. Referee courses have been amended to facilitate rule changes and are still being reviewed in order to provide the best education and support we can give to all of our referees at all levels within the Camogie Association. We continue to discuss and make proposals to Ard Chomhlairle where possible. I'd like to thank all the committee members, tutors, assessors, RDO's and all in the office for their time, expertise and hard work in 2011.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Communications and Website

Members: Chair: Eoghan Corry (Kildare) *
 Joan O'Flynn, Uachtarán
 Miriam O'Callaghan, Ardchomhairle
 Mary Moran (Cork)
 Niamh Archibald (Derry)
 Gerry O'Sullivan (Dublin)
 Alan Aherne (Wexford) *
 Liz Howard, Iar Uachtarán
 Shane Darcy (CCAO)
 Mary Burke (Meath)
 Katie Forde (London)
 Claire Egan, Director of
 Communications and Marketing
 *Stepped down in Summer 2011

No. of meetings: 5

The Committee's terms of reference identified key areas of responsibility to enhance the profile of Camogie. These were in relation to electronic and digital communications, a history of the Association, a national magazine *On the Ball*, match programmes, the annual Media Awards and upskilling of PROs.

All of these were initiated in 2009/10 and the Committee continued to develop or implement them further in 2011. Three projects, publication of the first history of Camogie by Mary Moran and launch in Croke Park in December, the development of a new website

www.camogie.ie and a re-designed ezine *Camogiezine* were successfully achieved during 2011.

The history launch, a national seminar for PROs and the presentation of the Annual Mick Dunne and Camogie Association Media Awards were planned and delivered by the Committee.

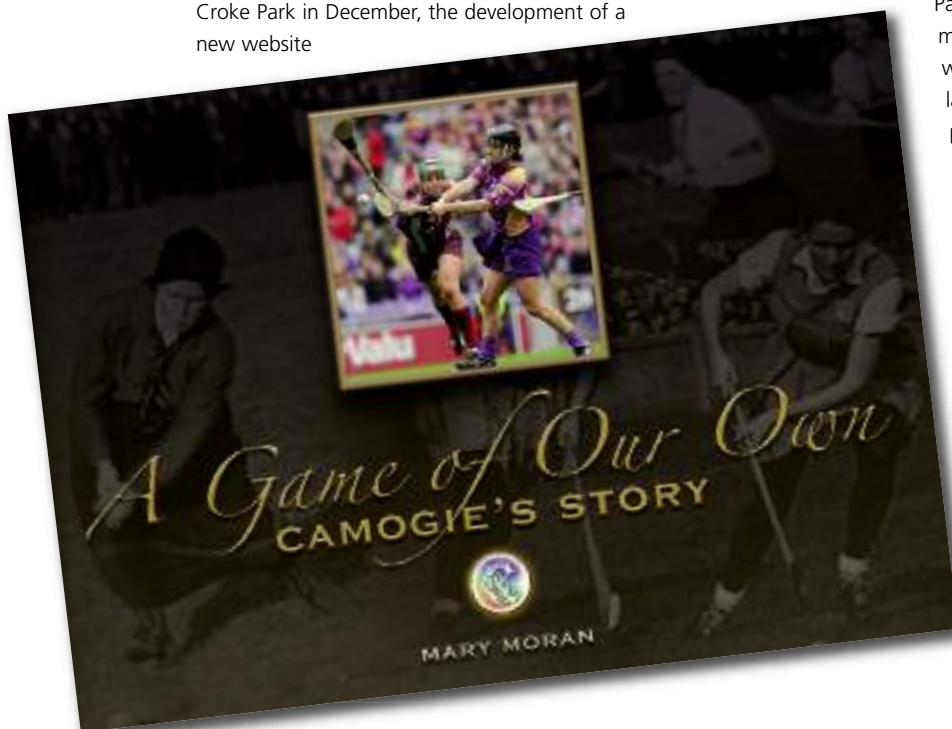
The history launch brought together a large crowd and speakers included Uachtaran, Joan O'Flynn, author Mary Moran, Wexford three times All Ireland winner and All Star holder Kate Kelly and



Pat Moloney, Team of the Century member and multiple All Ireland winner. A number of regional launches for 2012 are in the planning stages.

The PRO seminar was also well attended and a number of electronic, print and broadcast personnel shared their expertise with participants. The Annual Media Awards were held in Croke Park when RTE Head of Sport Ryle Nugent joined the occasion.

On the Ball was published twice yearly as planned; one issue was released at Annual Congress and the other on the occasion of the All Stars Presentation



in November. The ezine issues monthly to a growing readership.

Our new website presents a fresh and dynamic image as well as providing a comprehensive range of resources and information. With the Camogie's Facebook page continuing to be busy and growing, and with ongoing Twitter activity the Association has addressed several of the communication areas for improvement identified in 2009.

National print, radio and TV coverage are vital outlets for promoting Camogie to an audience outside our membership. The *Irish Daily Star* and RTE Sport came on board as media partners for our National League and All Ireland championship series and the expansion in column inches, photographs and air time, including live radio updates from the championship is a step in the right direction and very welcome.



Arising from the Association's new Official Guide, Annual Congress 2011 elected Miriam O'Callaghan as the PR and Communications Representative to Ardchomhairle and the National Communications Committee for a three year term.

The Association's Communications and Marketing Plans, as developed by Claire Egan in her role as Director of Communications and approved by Ardchomhairle, present a road map for further development of Camogie's future profile.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

National TDHC Committee

Members: Christy Mangan
Marian McCarthy
Marie O'Brien
John Cunnane
Christy Dooley

No. of Meetings: 13

The National THDC Committee saw through its first year of operation in 2011 during which time it

heard 10 appeals and three disciplinary hearings.

There were challenges presented to all involved with the implementation of new rules and procedures throughout 2011 but all cases were heard in a timely manner and the committee worked its way through the implementation of the new rules in a fair and consistent manner.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

All Stars Committee

Members: Maura McCloy
Máire Uí Scoláí
Eamonn Browne
Sheila O'Donohoe
Brónagh Gaughan
Mags Finn

No of meetings held: 8

The All Star Committee enjoyed yet another busy season, attending the vast majority of camogie games across the length and breadth of the country with a view to selecting the 2011 All Stars, Intermediate Soaring Stars, and Soaring Stars.

The Camogie All-Stars Award Trophy.



The committee was entrusted with the task of

ensuring that each county was assessed during the course of the championship, providing ample opportunity for the country's finest camogie players to be in contention for a coveted All Star, Soaring Star and Intermediate Soaring Star award.

Suffice to say, each committee member took to their task with great zeal and boundless enthusiasm. The general consensus, on the part of this year's All Stars committee was of yet another fantastic season of hugely impressive collective and individual displays rich in athleticism, skill and power played in a truly competitive and sporting manner.

The All Stars, Soaring Stars and Intermediate Soaring Stars selections are always a source of great debate and choosing the recipients of such accolades is a weighty task for the committee who spent many long hours deliberating over their final line-up.

I would like to sincerely thank each committee member for their vast contribution during the year and the manner in which they carried out their functions. Whilst not wishing to single out any one individual, may I on this occasion, highlight the enormous contribution of Maire Uí Scoláí who is retiring from her voluntary role in the Association as results co-ordinator. Finally, I would like to pay a sincere thanks to President Joan O'Flynn for the support she provided to the All Stars committee during her tenure.

I would like to wish the incoming committee best wishes for 2012.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Player Welfare Committee

Members: Aoife Lane, Stellan Sinnott
Áine Mahony, Sally O'Grady
Rena Buckley, Paula Rankin
Jane Adams, Elaine Dermody
Aileen Donnelly, Susan O'Carroll

Summary Report 2011

The overall aim of the committee was to generate a player welfare booklet with general advice and links to information sources. Subsequent to this, it was envisaged that more detailed information on specific player welfare issues would be communicated to all players. Furthermore, it was hoped to generate some standards for issues such as physiotherapy, travel expenses etc.

- **Overall review of 2011**

- o Achievements:
 1. Player Welfare Survey. This was generated and disseminated in an online format (via Facebook, camogie website, camogie e-zine), and collected information from players about issues related to their participation in camogie. The latter included training habits, general health and well being, screening, doping, travel expenses among others. (See summary of this below)
 2. Contact with GAA: efforts were made to generate contact with the individual charged with managing player welfare in the GAA. There did appear to be an opportunity to liaise with this organisation to learn how they manage these issues while at all times remaining cognisant of female/camogie specific welfare concerns.
 3. Rules Focus Group: a focus group was held with a number of camogie players to gauge their opinions on proposed changes to camogie playing rules.
- o Challenges: the main challenge for this group was gathering members together for meetings. This proved an insurmountable challenge and, as a result, goals were not achieved. Furthermore, it was difficult to communicate with several members due to playing and work commitments.

- **Concluding Remarks**

This is a worthwhile committee and it is important that renewed efforts are taken to achieve the

primary goal of the group (player welfare booklet). Data that was collected will assist and guide this process along with further interaction with those charged with looking after player welfare in the GAA. To this end, it may be useful to collate committees where members are gathered in a particular region yet represent various counties. For example, in the Waterford area, it would be feasible to gather representatives from Galway, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Cork, Wexford, Offaly, Laois etc. Encouraging and supporting online meetings could also be a solution to the geographic disparity of committee members.

Player Welfare Survey

On average, girls reported playing camogie for approximately 10 months of the year and engaging in 14 games on average during that time. This appeared to be the right amount of games, with players stating that any less games was too little. As expected, this involvement has implications on other facets of a player's life; specifically, 66% indicated that they had to leave work early due to camogie, 60% said it effected family life and approximately 45% stated that they missed class or did not work hard enough due to their camogie commitments. Somewhat unsurprisingly, social life was deemed to be the most implicated aspect of a camogie player's life. Discrepancies between club and county players were also noted; the latter had more access to physiotherapists, medical professionals and dietary advice and two thirds of club players did feel that intercounty competition negatively effected club activities. County players did demonstrate admirable dedication with almost 95% travelling over 15km to training; only 5% reported that they received travel expenses for this. In relation to general health and well being, three quarters of players drink alcohol and only 10% smoke. Of concern was that less than 20% had participated in some form of health screening. Over half of the respondents had been injured in the previous six months; a third had missed college or work as a result and the same amount received a rehabilitation plan. In accordance with injury rates, approximately half stated that they did not know how to process medical claims while a quarter were unsure if their insurance covered physiotherapy costs. Finally, 42% were not aware of anti-doping rules for camogie and over half do not understand these regulations.

Reports from Camogie Representatives on GAA Sub-Committees

Name of Committee: Integration & Inclusion Advisory Group

Camogie representative: Germaine Noonan

Description of Committee Role: The IIG Advisory Group was established to track and review the Inclusion & Integration Strategy of the GAA 2009 – 2015 on a quarterly basis over the duration of the plan. The Camogie Association participated in the drafting of the plan.

Main Outcomes of Committee from 2009-2012:

- With funding from the Department of Integration a dedicated officer, Tony Watene was appointed to promote best practice in the area of inclusion within all the units of the Gaelic Games family: GAA, Camogie Association, Ladies Football, Rounders and Handball. The officer is a shared resource between the GAA, camogie and ladies football.
- Anti-sectarian and anti-racist rule change in Official Guide of the GAA
- Introduction to Gaelic Games (including camogie) DVD developed (available to all clubs on request) – distributed to 675 DEIS primary schools
- Equality Awareness training delivered by the Equality Authority to a number of employees of the Gaelic Games family – still ongoing.
- ‘Have a go’ days run in Limerick, Dublin and Ulster. Eve Talbot led a number of Inclusion days in Dublin clubs in conjunction with local schools in Good Counsel Dublin 8, Lucan Sarsfields, and St. Kevin’s, Dublin 8.
- Wheelchair hurling took place in Dublin, Galway, Waterford, Limerick and Cork.
- Blind ‘Beep’ rounders established in partnership with St. Joseph’s School for the Blind, Drumcondra, Dublin
- The Camogie Association in partnership with the Integration Centre and New Communities Partnership and also to mark the 2010 EU Year of Combatting Poverty and Social Exclusion designated the All-Ireland Finals day as a day of celebration of inclusion & diversity inviting over 200 families and 50 community leaders as guests of the Association and involved them in on-field events.
- GAA Inclusion Forum – May 2011 in Croke Park with over 100 delegates present from new communities and ethnic minority groups.
- Camogie Association and Ladies Football introduce ‘Mum & Me’ and Gaelic for Mothers initiatives respectively
- Respect Initiative launched in 2010 – promoted during Intercounty games days in Croke Park
- Ulster Council – Integrated schools blitz & Cuchulainn Cup; Unite against Hate; Youthcom – crossing the bridges project.
- Other developments/initiatives ongoing.

Name of Committee: Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport Implementation Group

Camogie representative: Mairéad Ní Mhaoleoin

Description of Committee Role: The terms of reference of the committee include the following:

- (a) Advice, support and monitor the implementation of the GAA Code of Best Practice and the Joint Code of Behaviour.

Main Outcomes of Committee from 2009-2012:

There is representation from GAA, Camogie, Ladies’ Football, Handball and Rounders on this committee. At the outset it was felt that all associations should have the same code of ethics and behaviour as in most cases we are dealing with the same families. As a

result the first step was to agree a Joint Code of Behaviour which would be implemented by all of the Gaelic Games Associations. This book is now in its third edition. The Camogie Association distributes this booklet through our County Children’s Officers who receive copies at the Children’s Officer Information sessions. Code of Behaviour posters and Anti-Bullying posters have also been published and are also available for Camogie Clubs.

The appointment of a Children’s Officer at both Club and County level is not just essential but is also a mandatory requirement. The committee agreed on

and published a leaflet outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Children's Officer so as to be of assistance to those that undertake such roles. The key role of the Children's Officer is to ensure the implementation and promotion of the relevant Child Welfare Codes and Guidelines for good practice so as to ensure that young people can participate and enjoy our Gaelic Games in safe and enjoyable surroundings.

As a follow on to the Joint Code of Behaviour we have recently agreed a joint code of ethics to be called *Our Games – Our Code*. This has now to be forwarded to each association and hopefully will be fully ratified by all of us. It will then be distributed to relevant personnel in each county.

At the start of each year a Child Protection Seminar is held in Croke Park, at which a number of speakers with expertise in different areas of child protection in sport facilitate information sessions. Invitations are sent each year to the County Children's Officers and the seminar is well attended by Camogie Personnel.

Attendance at a Basic Awareness Workshop is an important element in implementing the Code of Ethics. In consultation with the Irish Sports Council and the HSE a number of tutors have been trained by the GAA to supplement those already delivering the workshops. Many of these tutors are members of The Camogie Association and as a result it should be easier for camogie clubs to avail of the workshops.

Name of Committee: GAA Overseas Working Group Report 2009-2012

Camogie representative: Joan O'Flynn

This Committee is comprised of the four GAA Provincial Councils, the European GAA Board, the North American GAA Board, the New York GAA Board, the British Provincial Council of the GAA, Camogie Association, Ladies Gaelic Football Association and Paul O'Kelly.

Joe McDonagh, former GAA President chaired the Committee and Ann Gibney provided the secretariat.

Over the past three years there were many significant developments to promote and expand gaelic games internationally. Each year the Committee met with representatives of the overseas units on two occasions. These included representatives from Asia, Australia and Canada as well as the units represented on the Committee.

The key developments relating to Camogie are summarised below.

New shoots in North America and Britain

The introduction of underage Camogie in North America and its expansion in Britain were two particular highlights.

In 2010 underage Camogie was introduced to the annual GAA Youth Games (the Continental Youth Championships) in the US. This expanded in 2011. There is underage activity in several US centres such as New York, Boston, San Francisco, New Haven, and Philadelphia and, in 2012, in Chicago where three years ago there was little or none.

In Britain, underage development was introduced to

London to add to the ongoing work in Birmingham. In summer 2012 the first All British Underage Gaelic Games Championships, based on the US model, will take place in London and are open to Camogie participation.

These initiatives have broken new ground for the growth and future of Camogie. These are, as yet, embryonic. With a structured programme of coaching and other supports there is plenty enthusiasm and interest to suggest they will flourish.

Camogie in new territory

In 2011, the Asian Games in South Korea incorporated the first ever Camogie game, played between two selections from various countries in the continent. Over 40 players indicated an interest in playing Camogie on this occasion. The Camogie Association provided a commemorative set of medals for the occasion, which were presented by the Uachtarán. The presence of Camogie ensured a complete set of Gaelic field games were played.

The reports from various international boards are illustrative of increasing adult club activity and a commitment to development in Britain, Europe, Canada, the US and Australia.

A twinning approach to games development

One of the key developments over the past three years has been the twinning arrangement instituted between each GAA Provincial Council and the overseas units. In 2011 the Overseas Committee and the Provinces formally agreed that the twinning process

would involve working with the female Gaelic codes.

Camogie has met on a number of occasions with Munster and Leinster GAA to establish effective ways of working within these partnership arrangements. This is important as, with the exception of Britain, Camogie is administered in all other international units as part of the GAA Board.

In this context, in 2011 the Uachtarán of An Cumann Camógaíochta attended the Asian County Board Convention, along with the Presidents of the GAA and Ladies Football, the Chair of Leinster GAA and Chair of the Overseas Committee. Arising from this and the presence at the Asian Games, the Asian Board is open to promoting Camogie into a number of the regional tournaments throughout Asia in 2012 and beyond.

The Uachtarán and Ard Stiúrthóir of Cumann Camógaíochta also attended a European GAA Board meeting and Annual Convention, along with the Vice President of Ladies Football Association, the Chair of Leinster GAA and Chair of the Overseas Committee. Subsequent to this a Camogie coaching initiative at European level is now planned. An international tournament in Thurles in July 2012, to mark the town's role as a European Town of Sport will also incorporate Camogie and the potential of a European Camogie 7s is being examined.

Development of an international strategy

A consultation was undertaken by the Committee in preparation for a global strategic plan for gaelic games. The GAA also put in place a high level committee to advance this and a consultative

discussion paper on international structures was produced. A response from The Camogie Association welcomed the inclusion of the family of Gaelic games on the proposed international committee. We proposed that the Provincial twinning structures would incorporate a named involvement with the Camogie Association and that the proposed model for the international committee would incorporate some form of direct representation of the international units.

Focal scoir

The three years on this Committee were extremely positive and productive. Excellent relationships were developed which were key to the progress made to widen participation and improve playing performance. The International units have indicated that they prefer to be described as such rather than 'overseas' units and the Camogie Association has adopted this term.

The expansion of all codes abroad is certainly noticeable and very exciting. While in part, it is fuelled by the increase in young people arriving on foreign shores, there is also a noticeable increase in locally born players, including all American born children at the Continental Youth Games and the non-Irish nationals playing elsewhere in the world. That is strong evidence of the appeal of Camogie. Our role is to nurture that and empower people to be self sustaining in terms of coaching, refereeing and administration. That said, football is more widely played and in the context of a global strategy for Gaelic games, it may now be timely to have a concerted and planned effort to strengthen the hurling/camogie element of international games.

The Camogie Mini Games players with the team mascots before the Camogie Mini Games during All-Ireland Camogie Championship Semi-Finals at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.



Name of Committee: GAA Games Development Committee*Camogie representative:* Mary O'Connor, Director of Camogie

Description of Committee Role: The GAA Games Development Committee shall implement the Association's plans to maximise playing numbers, increase playing standards and ensure that the Association's games are sufficiently competitive and enjoyable for all who want to participate

Main Outcomes of Committee from 2009-2012:

- Standardised approach to Cúl camps (training of coaches/equipment etc)
- Croke Park Activity days (To organise provincial activity days in Croke Park plus Camogie activity day)
- Referee Respect Initiatives (Develop policy, endorse and promote)
- Go Games (Develop policy, endorse and promote)
- GAA Games Merit based funding
- GAA county development plans
- National Games development targets under strategic plans
- Review of County Games Development Plans and Target Implementation
- GAA coach education

Croke Park Initiatives

- Nationwide launch of Go Games
- Delivery and implementation mechanisms within clubs and schools
- Establish grassroots needs prior to the design of further initiatives.
- Opportunity for evaluation of initiatives to be built into design and cost of initiatives.

Volunteer recruitment and support

- Clear and Coordinated policies needed in relation to maximizing the volunteer effort (e.g training, management, recognition) and ensuring associated resources/supports are available.

Coaching

- Deployment of further full-time/part-time coaches

to underpin the volunteer effort across counties

- Greater promotion of awards such as 'fair play' and 'best skill' for young players as part of emphasizing player performance rather than outcome.
- Clubs to be requested to put in place a Club Coaching and Games Coordinator (as described in Best Practice template). This will require proper communication and guidance so that clubs will be in a position to make the necessary internal adjustments/arrangements
- Localised approach to delivering schools coaching to be in place in geographically challenging counties
- Difficulties in physical administration within counties to be taken into account when allocating supports/resources

Coach Development

- Coach Education/Development opportunities to be more closely related to specific coaching roles and contexts (e.g coaches operating at youth level, coaches working with elite/performance athletes)
- Reduction in the perceived content gap between Foundation and Level 1 and opportunities for coaches to progress to Level 2 and beyond.
- Approval and quality assurance mechanism to be in place for all courses and CPD workshops.
- Updating of licenses and a review of passing standards to be implemented
- Accreditation of current competencies and the tracking of coaching qualifications across administrative boundaries
- Include more formalized methods of GPO training in addition to 'shadowing' of more experienced tutors.

Other

- Evolving social role of the GAA and resource implications need to be (re)considered.

Name of Committee: Hurling Development Committee*Camogie representative:* Mary O'Connor, Director of Camogie

Description of Committee Role: The Hurling Development Workgroup of the National Coaching & Games Development Committee shall devise a plan to promote and develop the National game of Hurling in line with the Grassroots to National Programme and the National Strategic Vision & Action Plan.

Terms of Reference 2009-2012

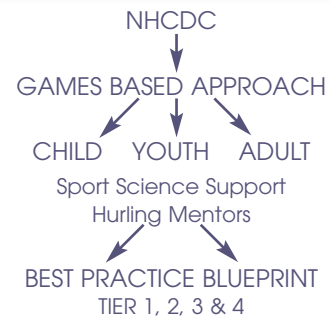
1. Review the historical and current status of hurling in each County.
2. Analyse previous and current development programmes and evaluate their success
3. Identify the challenges to the development of hurling
4. Categorise the status of each County
5. Establish a clear aim for the outcome of the plan
6. Considering the aim establish goals to promote and develop hurling at each category of status.
7. Establish Strategies and Objectives to achieve the goals
8. Delegate and timeline responsibility for the achievement of each objective.
9. Produce a plan document

Members: Liam O'Neill (Cathaoirleach)
John Fenton (Cork)
Sean Silke (Galway)
John McSparran (Antrim)
Mary O'Connor (Camogie)
Pat Daly (Director of Games)

Rúnaí: J D'Arcy

Outcomes of this committee

- Hurling /Camogie Forum held 2009
- National Hurling Plan Launched Feb 2012
- Phase 1 (2012) - Táin Adult Club Hurling League (TACHL)
Tain hurling league launched and began Feb 4th 13 counties and 60 teams across 5 divisions. All 9 Ulster counties plus Leitrim, Louth Sligo and Longford
- Phase 2 (2013) – Táin Youth Hurling Competitions
- **Phase 2 will be introduced for:**
 - Clubs – will require a derogation from the general rule;
 - Schools
 - Talent Academy Squads (U.13 – U.17)
- National Hurling & Camogie Development Centre (NHDCDC)



- Sport Science Supports
- Supports will be provided through the Provinces, the NHDCDC and the Mobile Unit
- Supports will include –
 - Strength & Conditioning;
 - Diet & Nutrition;
 - Player Performance Analysis.
- Rationale: 2002 Strategic Review – Enhancing Community Identity
- Games Development Committee tasked with producing:

“a fully-costed plan designed to raise the standards of Hurling in at least six counties (to be selected by that Committee...) to the point where they can reach and compete effectively in All Ireland Senior Hurling Semi-Finals within ten years...”

Hurling Mentors

The Hurling Mentors will be responsible for assisting Counties for devising and implementing a County Hurling Development Plan

- The mentors will Chair a County Hurling Support Group in order to:
 - Develop a structured Games Programme at Child, Youth and Adult Level;
 - Develop Hurling Talent Academy Squads U.14 – U.17;
 - Training Coaches;
 - Maximising Participation at Child, Youth and Adult Level;
 - Optimising Performance Standards.

Establish a County Hurling Support Group

- Steering Committee Membership
- Meeting Schedule
- Issues for Review
 - Games Programme
 - Talent Academy Squads (U.14 – U.17)
 - Coach Education
 - Hurling Development Plan – Child, Youth, Adult
 - Research Project re Change Management

Name of Committee: Poc Fada Committee

Camogie representative: Caroline Murray, RDO; Sinéad O'Connor, Ard Stiúrthóir

Description of Committee Role: To implement and organise the annual Poc Fada competition in the Cooley Mountains.

Main Outcomes of Committee from 2009-2012:

The Committee annually implemented the Poc Fada competition. The camogie element of the competition has continued to grow since its introduction in 2004. The logistics of organising this competition are unlike any other event in Gaelic Games given the terrain on which the competition is played and the access to the site. However, the local committee does a huge amount of work in ensuring that the competition happens each year.

2011 was the 50th anniversary of the Poc Fada competition and this was marked with a number of special initiatives including a commemorative programme.

Tribute must be paid to Martin Donnelly who has sponsored this competition for a long number of years now. Martin has embraced the camogie element of the competition openly since its introduction.

It is a truly unique competition and one that is not fully capitalised on for its uniqueness.

*Patricia Jackman,
Waterford, after
winning the
Camogie Poc Fada
na hÉireann at
Annaverna
Mountains,
Dundalk, Co. Louth*



An Cumann Camógaíochta



Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2011

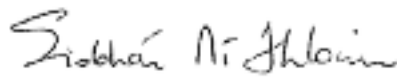
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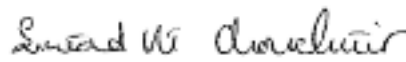
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REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011

	Page	2011 €	2010 €
INCOME			
Grants An Chomhairle Spóirt	68	425,326	454,520
Grants Cumann Lúthchleas Gael	68	282,633	208,867
Other Income	68	502,004	559,023
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Total Income		1,209,963	1,222,410
EXPENDITURE			
Total Expenditure	69	(1,310,060)	(1,182,243)
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(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		(100,097)	40,167
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		549,359	509,192
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BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		449,262	549,359
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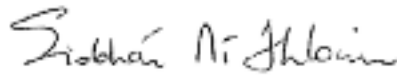
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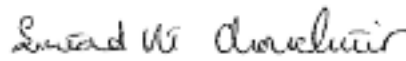
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2011

	Note	31.12.11		31.12.10	
		€	€	€	€
FIXED ASSETS	1		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors/Prepayments	3	169,487		85,485	
Stock		4,780		6,150	
Bank Deposits		704,459		754,483	
		<u>878,726</u>		<u>846,118</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors/Accruals	4	(429,464)		(296,759)	
		<u>(429,464)</u>		<u>(296,759)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			449,262		549,359
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>449,262</u>		<u>549,359</u>
Represented By:					
REVENUE ACCOUNT			449,262		549,359
			<u>449,262</u>		<u>549,359</u>



Siobhán Ní Fhloinn
Uachtarán



Sinead Ní Chonchúir
Árd Stiúrthóir

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011

	<i>Page</i>	<i>2011</i> €	<i>2010</i> €
Grants An Chomhairle Spóirt (Note 5)		425,326	454,520
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Grants (Note 6)		282,633	208,867
Open Draw Championships		237,542	218,438
National Leagues		11,188	12,240
Fines/Appeals		3,550	950
Sponsorships		24,800	107,500
Affiliation Fees		125,825	122,800
Deposit Interest		13,680	11,472
Sundry Income		2,057	–
Fundraising		12,840	16,005
Statutory Funding		2,830	11,278
Club Levy All Ireland Tickets		48,502	42,730
Development Initiatives		19,190	15,610
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TOTAL TO REVENUE ACCOUNT	66	1,209,963	1,222,410
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EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2011

	2011 €	2010 €
Salaries/Pension Administration	266,050	257,751
Salaries/Pension Coaching/Development	291,992	258,838
Office Administration Expenses	11,302	14,979
Expenses for Ard-Chomhairle & Sub-Committees	49,538	49,309
Coaching/Development	19,691	26,003
Insurance	2,447	3,742
Audit & Accountancy Fees	4,060	3,993
Bank Interest & Charges	1,629	1,558
Legal Fees	8,265	–
Postage & Stationery	17,521	18,780
Administration of Fixtures	154,869	147,834
Special Budgetary Measures Administration	16,788	58,464
Special Budgetary Measures Development	80,814	63,390
Women in Sport	22,193	48,617
Strategic Planning	8,000	7,574
Credit Card Commission	1,157	1,000
IT Costs	8,609	11,502
Promotional Material	7,565	6,294
Media Costs	48,014	38,330
All Star Banquet	34,243	37,578
Sundry Expenses	9,436	14,068
Shinty/Overseas	11,507	33,474
Telephone	7,671	6,019
Staff Training	5,637	6,737
Other Core Activities	14,535	15,257
New Club Start Up Grants – Expenditure	–	16,166
New Club Start Up Grants – Deferred Income	–	19,834
Irish Sports Council Training Grant – Deferred Income	–	3,829
Coach/Tutor Training	8,318	5,415
Social Inclusion	–	5,908
Capital Funding	100,000	–
Website	8,808	–
Camogie History	16,415	–
Provincial Council Grants	62,900	–
Development – Statutory Funding	925	–
Development – Cúl Camps	5,912	–
Development – Easter/Summer Camps	3,249	–
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO REVENUE ACCOUNT	1,310,060	1,182,243
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

STOCKS

Stocks are valued at cost.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated to write off the assets over their useful lives as follows;

Equipment	20% Straight Line
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PENSIONS

An Cumann Camógaíochta operates a defined contribution pension scheme for a number of its employees.

The contributions are charged to the expenditure account in the period in which they are made.

GRANTS

In line with a directive from the Irish Sports Council, grants underspent by An Cumann Camogaíochta are treated as deferred income and accounted for separately in the balance sheet.

A similar policy has been adopted in relation to grants received from Cumann Lúthchleas Gael for club start up grants.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2011

1. FIXED ASSETS

	<i>Total</i> €	<i>Equipment</i> €
Opening Balance	48,556	48,556
Closing Balance	<u>48,556</u>	<u>48,556</u>
Depreciation		
Opening Balance	48,556	48,556
Charge for period	–	–
Closing Balance	<u>48,556</u>	<u>48,556</u>
NET BOOK VALUE 31.12.2011	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
NET BOOK VALUE 31.12.2010	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

2. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
The average number of employees was	14	14
Staff Costs comprise of:		
	<i>2011</i> €	<i>2010</i> €
Salaries	505,940	502,724
Employers PRSI Costs	52,645	46,886
Employers Pension Contributions	18,460	14,890
Closing Balance	<u>577,045</u>	<u>564,500</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2011

3. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2011 €	2010 €
Debtors	25,933	63,040
Prepayments	143,554	22,445
	<u>169,487</u>	<u>85,485</u>

4. CREDITORS/ACCRUALS

(amounts falling due within one year)

	2011 €	2010 €
Creditors	135,851	88,449
Accruals	208,456	149,213
PAYE	7,803	5,291
PRSI	6,335	6,773
Sundry Creditors	3,014	1,351
Deferred Income (Irish Sports Council)	–	3,829
Deferred Income (GAA)	8,232	19,834
Players Welfare Scheme	13,500	13,500
Insurance Rebate	21,680	8,519
Bank Overdraft	24,593	–
	<u>429,464</u>	<u>296,759</u>

5. AN CHOMHAIRLE SPÓIRT (Irish Sports Council)

	<i>Grant Received</i> €	<i>Expenditure</i> €
Administration & Support	169,826	331,631
Women in Sport	19,000	22,193
Special Budget Measures Administration	236,500	394,948
	<u>425,326</u>	<u>748,772</u>
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The above expenditure includes salary costs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2011

6. CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL GRANTS

	<i>2011</i> €	<i>2010</i> €
Overseas	–	20,000
Árd Chomhairle	182,500	50,000
Social Inclusion	–	3,000
Development	100,133	99,867
Start Up	–	36,000
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	282,633	208,867
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7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Árd Chomhairle has committed funds to the following projects at the year end

	<i>2011</i> €	<i>2010</i> €
a) History of Camogie	–	25,000
b) Capital Funding	–	100,000

8. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts were approved by Árd Chomhairle on 20th February 2012.

P.S.KENNEDY & ASSOCIATES**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT****To the Árd Chomhairle An Cumann Camógaíochta**

We have audited the Árd Chomhairle's Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2011 which comprise the Revenue Account, Income and Expenditure Accounts, Balance Sheet and related notes 1 to 8. These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely for the Árd Chomhairle, An Cumann Camógaíochta. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Árd Chomhairle those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Árd Chomhairle, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or the opinions we have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Árd Chomhairle and Auditors

The Árd Chomhairle of An Cumann Camógaíochta is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies.

Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in Ireland by statute, and are in accordance with auditing standards as promulgated by the Auditing Practices Board in Ireland and by our profession's ethical guidelines.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies. We also report to you whether in our opinion proper books of accounts have been kept. In addition we state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit and whether An Cumann Camógaíochta's Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure account are in agreement with the books of account.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board and generally accepted in Ireland. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimate and judgements made by the Árd Chomhairle in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the organisations circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or irregularity or error.

However the evidence available to us was limited as, An Cumann Camógaíochta, in line with other similar organisations derives a portion of its income from receipts which are outside its control until received and entered in the accounting records. The completeness of such income is therefore not susceptible to independent audit verification.

In forming our opinion we evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

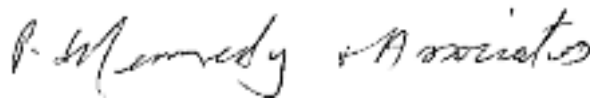
Qualified Audit Opinion Arising from Limitation in Audit Scope

Except for any adjustments that might have been found necessary had we been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning income not subject to independent audit verification, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the deficit for the year and state of affairs of An Cumann Camógaíochta as at 31st December 2011 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies therein.

In all respects, with the exception of the matters stated above,

- 1) We have obtained all the information and explanations we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit and
- 2) In our opinion proper books of accounts have been kept by An Cumann Camógaíochta.

The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.



Pat Kennedy
P.S. Kennedy & Associates
Incorporated Public Accountants,
Registered Auditors,
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21st February 2012

Motion

That the existing Playing Rules be replaced as follows:

Please note the following:

Rules highlighted in blue are amendments to existing rules and require a 2/3 majority. Amendments are further highlighted in bold and italics.

Rules highlighted in red are new rules and require a simple majority.

Rules highlighted in black have not changed.

The existing rule references for those rules to which there are proposed amendments are stated underneath each proposed rule as follows: [Ref 20.1]

PLAYING RULES

The rules below apply to fifteen a side Camogie.

Rules for twelve a side Camogie are detailed at the end of this document.

Where competitions for *under 16* and other formats are concerned, clubs, county boards, provincial councils, national education councils may adapt the playing rules in relation to team composition, substitutions, duration of match, pitch dimensions and the size, *weight and material of the sliotar*. Such adaptations must be approved as competition rules at a properly constituted general meeting of the relevant unit. In inclement weather all players aged under 16 may wear matching tracksuit bottoms in addition to their uniform. Rules governing eligibility Rule 28.4 (age restrictions) of Treoraí Oifigiúil *must* apply.

Playing Rules should be read in conjunction with Duties of the Referees Lines Officials and Umpires, Rules 41 42 and 43 of An Treoraí Oifigiúil and with Penalty rules 44 and 45 of Treoraí Oifigiúil.
[Ref 21.1]

1. Name of the Game

The name of the game is *Camogie*.

[Ref 20.1]

2. Team Lists

2.1 Each team *must* provide the Referee with a list in duplicate on Form C.C.2 (either hand written or electronically generated) of the full names in Irish and English of its players and substitutes. *This does not apply in the case of names that have no Irish or English form. First name initials are not acceptable. Players numbered 1-15 on the team list will be taken as constituting the actual team.* The list must be signed by an Official authorised by the Club/Board/Council. The team list must be given to the Referee before *the commencement of the game. The game will not commence until signed team lists are provided by both teams and given to the Referee.*

Penalty: *Fine: €50/£50 for the first infringement. €100/£100 for each subsequent infringement.*

[Ref 20.5]

3. Teams' Composition

3.1 A team *must* be comprised of fifteen players who *must* be affiliated and registered members of An Cumann Camógaíochta in accordance with the Rules. Eligibility to play in a competition will be determined by the rules and approved bye-laws.

[Ref 20.2]

3.2 The team line-out *must* be as follows:

- Goalkeeper
- Three full-backs
- Three half-backs

- Two centre-field players
 - Three half-forwards
 - Three full- forwards
- [Ref 20.3]

3.3 Each team **must** have at least twelve players to commence a match. A match may continue with less than twelve players aside, **only in the event of a player(s) ordered off or retired injured.**

A team commencing with less than 15 players may add to their team only during a stoppage in play and on players notifying, in writing, the Referee. **Such players must already be included on the team list submitted to the referee.**

[Ref 20.4]

4. Duration of games

4.1 The time of actual play **must** be sixty minutes. A half-time interval of not more than ten minutes should be allowed. Teams **must** switch ends on resumption of the game after half-time.

[Ref 20.13]

4.2 Extra Time

In the event of extra time being played, its duration will be ten minutes each half. Teams **must** switch ends on resumption of the game after half-time. A half-time interval of not more than five minutes should be allowed.

[Ref 20.14]

5. Substitution of Players During a Game

5.1 Substitution means the replacing during a game or at half-time of any of the fifteen players of a team, other than a player dismissed from the field of play by the Referee. Only five substitutions per team **will** be allowed. A substitution is not allowed in the case of a player ordered off.

A substitution may only be made during a stoppage in play and on notifying, in writing, the Referee. A team which makes more than five substitutions **will** forfeit the game to its opponents.

Exception:

A maximum of 8 substitutions may be made in under 14, under 16, under 18 and adult league competitions at all levels. This does not apply to championships at all levels regardless of competition structure or format.

[Ref 20.6]

5.2 Temporary Substitution/Blood replacement

A player who is bleeding or who has blood on any part of her body, playing attire or playing equipment, as a result of an injury sustained during play, **must** on the instruction of the Referee, immediately leave the field of play to receive medical and/or other attention. She will not be allowed to return to the field of play until the bleeding has been cleaned off and, where possible, the injured area has been covered, any bloodstained playing attire has been replaced and any blood-stained equipment has been fully cleaned. In that circumstance, a Temporary Replacement may be used, and the following acts will not count as substitutions under Rule 5.1.

- the use of the temporary replacement for a player instructed to leave the field of play
- the return to the field of play of the injured (blood) player as a direct replacement for the temporary replacement
- the return to the field of play of the injured (blood) player as a replacement for any other player if the temporary replacement has previously been sent off or substituted.

[Ref 20.6]

5.3 Substitution in Extra Time

For the purpose of extra time in all formats, when played, a further maximum of five substitutions will be permitted.

[Ref 20.7]

6. Playing gear

Teams are required to wear distinctive colours. In all instances all members of the same team must be uniformly dressed.

Playing gear **must** be of Irish manufacture if possible. It **must** consist of:

skirt/skort/divided skirt, sports jersey with long or short sleeves, knee socks and boots. **Bodywear may also be worn.**

Goalkeepers may wear team tracksuit in all competitions other than national finals.
The crest of An Cumann Camógaíochta **must** be displayed on the team jersey and skirt/skort/divided skirt.
[Ref 20.8]

7. Equipment

7.1 Hurley (Hurl/Camán)

A player must play with a hurley/hurl which **may** be bound with a metallic substance, which **may** be covered with adhesive tape. A player **must** not play with a hurley deemed dangerous by the Referee.

An outfield player **must** play with a hurley the bas of which will not exceed 13 cm in width. *The goalkeeper may use a hurley that does not exceed 18cms in the following circumstances:*

- Taking puck outs
- While defending

When a goalkeeper takes an outfield free or penalty she must use a hurley that does not exceed 13cms. Where a penalty has been awarded the goalkeeper is the only player who may use a hurley that does not exceed 18cms when defending the penalty. Any other player defending the penalty must use a hurley that does not exceed 13cms.

Penalty: Should a player, who has already been warned by the Referee, persist in playing with a hurley which does not comply with the above, she **must** be reported for dissent and dismissed from the field of play in accordance with Rule 41.9(c).

[Ref 20.9 (a)]

7.2 Helmet/Facial guard

In all Camogie games and training sessions it is mandatory for all players to wear an approved, i.e. NSAI Standard IS 355, helmet with facial guard.

Penalty: If not complied with in camogie games the referee will firstly caution the player for dissent. *If the player continues to refuse to wear a helmet she will be dealt with in accordance with Rule 41.9(c) for dissent.*

[Ref 20.9 (b)]

7.3 The Sliotar

The weight of the sliotar **must** be 90-110 grams and it **must** be 21 cm in Circumference (size 4). *Sliotars produced by manufacturers that are approved by the Camogie Association/GAA must be used.*

[Ref 20.10]

7.4 Protective gear

Protective gear such as shinguards, gumshields and hand protection may be used.

8. The pitch

- a. The pitch **must** be rectangular, from 130 metres to 145 metres long and from 80 metres to 90 metres wide. The boundaries **must** be marked by a distinctive line and the four corners indicated by flags.
- b. Lines indicating 13 metres, 20 metres and 45 metres from each end line, and the half way line, **must** be marked. The points from where these lines join each side-line **must** be indicated by flags;
- c. Equidistant from each corner on the end-lines **must** stand two upright goalposts, 6.5 metres apart and a minimum of 7 metres high. There **must** be a crossbar 2.5 metres from the ground joining the goalposts to form a goal space;
- d. 3.75 metres outside each goalpost a line 4.5 metres long **must** be marked at right angles to the goal-line. The ends of these lines **must** be joined to form the small parallelogram, 14 metres by 4.5 metres in front of the scoring space;
- e. 6.25 metres outside each goalpost a line 13 metres long **must** be marked at right angles to the goal-line, the ends of these lines being joined by the 13 metres line to form the large parallelogram, 19 metres by 13 metres, in front of the scoring space;
- f. A semi-circle of radius 13 metres, the centre of which is on the mid-point of the 20 metre line, **must** be marked.

[Ref 20.11]

8.1 Goal Nets

Goal-nets **must** be used and securely fixed to the cross bar and goalposts.

[Ref 20.12]

9. Rules of Play (normal and extra time)

9.1 At the start of each *match* the Referee *must* toss a coin, in the presence of both Captains, for choice of ends. The players *must* then take their respective places. *At the start of each half the Referee must count the number of players on the field.*

[Ref 20.15]

9.2 The Referee will commence or recommence play in each half by rolling the sliotar along the ground on the half-way line between the four centre-field players who *must* stand one behind the other on their own defensive sides of the half-way line. All other players *must* remain in their respective positions *at least 7 metres from the Referee* until an attempt to strike the sliotar has been made.

[Ref 20.17(a)]

9.3 *The Referee will* recommence play after any stoppage (*other than 9.4 below*) by rolling the sliotar on the ground between two players while facing the nearer side-line. *Where the throw in* is too near that side line or in the event of a clashed side line ball, *the referee faces the field of play*. No other player may approach within 10 metres until an attempt to strike the sliotar has been made.

[Ref 20.17(b)]

9.4 *When play is stopped due to an injury away from play to an opposing player the team in possession of the sliotar retains possession when play recommences by being granted an indirect free.*

9.5 The sliotar is in play once it has been thrown in by the Referee, or struck by a player after the Referee has signalled to restart play.

The sliotar is out of play when:

- a. The Referee signals a stop
- b. The sliotar has passed completely over the *sidelend line*
- c. *The sliotar has been prevented from going over sidelend line, when touched in play by a referee, match official, team mentor or flag*
- d. *When a score occurs*

[Ref 20.19]

9.6 A player may:

- a. Strike the sliotar *with the hurley* on the ground or in the air
- b. Lift the sliotar off the ground with the hurley or with the feet or with a combination of hurley and foot;
- c. Catch the sliotar with one hand;
- d. Catch the ball twice
- e. Hand-pass the sliotar with one hand;
- f. *Drop the hurley*
- g. *Carry the sliotar in the hand for a maximum of four consecutive steps or hold the sliotar in the hand for no longer than the time needed to take four steps.*
- h. Kick the sliotar.

[Ref 20.20]

9.7 A player may tackle an opponent who is in the act of playing or in possession of the sliotar by:

- a. Blocking an aerial or ground puck;
- b. Play the opponent's hurley *with minimal force (flick)* from the ground or in the air with own hurley
- c. Hooking an opponent's hurley with own hurley;
- d. *Playing with minimal force* (tap) the underside of the bas of an opponent's hurley while she is carrying the sliotar on it
- e. *shadowing the player without deliberating interfering with the hurley or body of an opponent.*

[Ref 20.21]

9.8 Ending play

The Referee, having allowed time for stoppages, must terminate play by blowing the whistle and indicating by hand signal at the end of the official time in each half.

[Ref 20.18]

10. Foul Play

10.1 Technical Fouls

A player may not:

- a. Pick up the sliotar from the ground with the hand
- b. Touch the sliotar on the ground with the hand, except when the player with the sliotar in her hand falls to

- the ground and the sliotar touches the ground
- c. Throw the sliotar away from her
 - d. Throw the sliotar up and catch it
 - e. Pass the sliotar from one hand to the other
 - f. Hop the sliotar on the hand
 - g. *Catch the sliotar with two hands*
 - h. Overcarry or overhold the sliotar
 - i. *Take the ball out of play by covering or lying on the sliotar*
 - j. *Catch the sliotar more than twice*
 - k. *Be prevented from playing the ball by being sandwiched by two or more opponents*
 - l. Chop, i.e. strike downwards on an opponent's hurley
 - m. Hold opponent's hurley or pull it from her hands
 - n. Tap an opponent's hurley other than as permitted in 9.7(d)
 - o. *Place a hand(s) on an opposing players back*
 - p. *Deliberately interfere with the hurley or body of an opponent*

Penalty: A free to the opposing team from where the foul occurred. If foul occurs inside the 20m line the free will be given on the 20m line closest to where the foul occurred.

[Ref 20.22]

10.2 Rough play, dissent and abusive language

A player *must* not:

- a. Deliberately shoulder an opponent
- b. Trip, catch, hold or pull down an opponent
- c. Charge (pushing or moving into an opponent's body or failing to avoid full frontal contact with an opponent), back into or obstruct an opponent;
- d. Reach from behind with the hurley or around the body of an opponent which is not consistent with an attempt to play the ball
- e. Use the hurley to 'dig' an opponent
- f. Throw the hurley
- g. Engage in any form of rough play
- h. Show dissent with any decisions of the Referee and/or match officials
- i. Use abusive or threatening language or *gestures to a Referee, match officials, players or mentors*
- j. *Interfere with an opponent's helmet*
- k. Attempt to strike an opponent with or without hurley
- l. *Attempt to kick an opponent*
- m. *Play without a helmet*
- n. Use a hurley of incorrect size
- o. *Use the hurley to obstruct an opponent*

Penalty: For a first offence, a player has her name and jersey number taken by the referee and is given a warning from the Referee indicated by a yellow card. For a second offence, a player has her name and jersey number taken by the referee, a second yellow card is issued and is followed by a red card and the player dismissed from the field of play (see Rule 41.9 /41.10 An Treoraí Oifigiúil). A free is given to the opposing team where the foul occurred. If the foul occurs inside the 20m line the free is given on the 20m line closest to where the foul occurred.

[Ref 20.23]

10.3 Aggressive fouls and dangerous play

A player *must* not:

- a. Strike an opponent with the hurley
- b. Strike an opponent with the arm, elbow, hand, knee or head
- c. Punch an opponent
- d. Kick an opponent
- e. *Stomp on an opponent*
- f. *Spit at an opponent or official*
- g. *Contribute to a melee*
- h. *Assault any official*
- i. *Interfere with the faceguard of an opponent's helmet.*

Penalty: A player has her name and jersey number taken by the Referee and issued with a red card and dismissed from the field of play (see Rule 41.9, 41.10 and 44). A free is given to the opposing team where the foul occurred.

If foul occurs inside the 20m line the free is given on the 20m line closest to where the foul occurred.
[Ref 20.24]

11 Advantage rule and frees

11.1 Playing advantage

In the event of a foul by a player(s) on an opponent who is in possession of/in the act of playing the sliotar, the Referee may allow play to continue if s/he considers such to be an *immediate* advantage to the offended team. The Referee *must* indicate that advantage has been allowed by raising one hand above her/his head. Having allowed play to continue, the Referee may not subsequently award a free for that foul. The Referee *must*, during the next stoppage in play, apply to the offending player(s) the appropriate sanction in accordance with Rule, where she/he deems such is warranted.

[Ref 20.26]

11.2 Free taking

In the event of a foul by a player(s), a free *must* be awarded to the opposing team from where the foul occurred. A free *must* also be awarded in other instances as specified in these Rules. The Referee must indicate the spot from where the free *must* be taken. A free *must* not be taken until the Referee has blown the whistle.

[Ref 20.26]

11.3. For all frees, including a side-line puck, once the sliotar has been placed by the *player* at the spot indicated by the Referee *or line umpire*, and the whistle blown, the sliotar may not be reset except with the express permission of the Referee.

Penalty: A throw in by the referee where the foul occurred.

[Ref 20.27]

11.4 For all frees, other than a sideline ball, the sliotar may be struck on the ground or be lifted and struck with the hurley *in one continuous movement. Lifting the sliotar and then balancing it on the hurley before striking is deemed to be a foul.* The sliotar may not be taken in the hand or hopped on the hurley when lifted for a free. For a side-line puck, the sliotar may be struck on the ground only. It may not be lifted.

Penalty: A throw in by the Referee where the foul occurred.

[Ref 20.28]

11.5 Should the free-taker fail to lift and/or strike the sliotar at the first attempt she may strike it on the ground but may not lift it again.

Penalty: A throw in by the Referee where the foul occurred.

11.6 The free-taker may not play the sliotar a second time until another player has touched it, except where the sliotar rebounds off a crossbar or upright.

Penalty: A throw in by the Referee where the foul occurred.

11.7 No player may approach within 10 metres of the free-taker until an attempt to strike the sliotar has been made, and no player may physically or verbally distract a free-taker. (A player holding her hurley upright does not constitute as interference.)

Penalty: A free *must* be awarded from a point 10 metres nearer to the offending player's goal but not within the 20 metre line of that goal.

[Ref 20.31]

11.8 If a foul is committed on a player after she has played the sliotar, a free *must* be awarded from where the sliotar lands.

- a. Should a score have resulted, it must be allowed.
- b. Should the sliotar have crossed the end-line, or landed within 20 metres of the end-line, the free *must* be awarded from a point on the 20 metre line opposite where the sliotar landed.
- c. Should the sliotar have crossed the side-line, the free *must* be awarded from the point where the sliotar crossed, or, if within 20 metres of the end line, it *must* be awarded from the 20 metre line.

[Ref 20.32]

11.9 Should a player from each team foul at the same time, the Referee *must* throw in the sliotar between two opposing players where the foul occurred. If within the 20 metre line, the sliotar *must* be thrown in on the 20 metre line at the point opposite where the foul occurred

[Ref 20.33]

11.10. The referee must extend time to compensate for any deliberate delay in taking a free.

Penalty: If a player deliberately delays a free, the referee will add on additional time. Persistent delay in

taking the free is regarded as dissent. The player's name and jersey number will be taken by the referee and a yellow card is issued.

11.11 *When a team is awarded a free and an opposing player shows dissent the referee may move the sliotar forward 10 metres.*

11.12 20 metre free

Should a foul be committed on an attacking player within 20 metres of the end line and outside the large parallelogram, the free **must** be awarded from a point on the 20 metre line opposite where the foul occurred:

In the event of a 20 metre free, should a member of the defending team show dissent or be in breach of Playing Rules 11.7, the free **must** be awarded from a point on the 20 metre line 10 metres nearer to the centre of the goal. If within 10 metres of the centre, the free **must** be taken from a point opposite the centre. [Ref 20.34]

11.13 Penalty shot

Should a foul be committed on an attacking player within the large parallelogram, a penalty free **must** be awarded from the centre point of the 20 metre line. Not more than three defending players may stand on the goal line. With the exception of the free-taker, all other players **must** remain outside the 20 metre line and outside the semi-circle until the sliotar has been struck.

Should a foul be committed by a defending player(s) before the sliotar is struck and a score does not result, the Referee **must** allow the penalty free to be retaken. **Rule 7.1 applies in relation to the size of the goalkeepers hurley.** [Ref 20.35]

11.14 45 Metre Free

Should a player from the defending team play the sliotar across the end-line, the Referee **must** award a free to the attacking team from a point on the 45 metre line opposite to where the sliotar crossed the end-line. The last person touching the sliotar **must** be considered the last person playing the sliotar.

Should the sliotar strike anyone other than a player at or near the end-line, and if the Referee adjudges that in so doing the sliotar was prevented from going out of play, a wide or 45 metre free as applicable **must** be awarded. [Ref 20.36 and 20.37]

11.15 *When a clashed sliotar crosses the end-line it must be regarded as wide.*

[Ref 20.39]

Rules affected by this motion: 13.1/[Ref 20.41]

12 Side-Line Puck

12.1 Should a player play the sliotar across the side-line, the Referee **must** award a free ground puck to the opposing team from the point where the sliotar crossed the line. [Ref 20.38]

12.2 When a clashed sliotar crosses the side-line the Referee must throw in the sliotar between two opposing players at the point where the sliotar crossed the line. If within 20 meters of the end-line the sliotar **must** be thrown in on the 20 metre line. [Ref 20.39]

12.3. Should the sliotar strike anyone other than a player at or near the side-line, and if the Referee adjudges that in so doing the sliotar was prevented from going out of play, a free ground puck **must** be awarded against the team of the player who last touched the sliotar. [Ref 20.40]

13 Puck-Out from Goal

13.1. When the sliotar is played over the end-line, i.e., wide, by the attacking team or **from a clashed sliotar crossing the end line**, the Referee **must** award a puck-out from within the small parallelogram to the defending team. [Ref 20.41]

13.2. A player taking the puck-out **must** strike the sliotar from her hand. [Ref 20.42]

- 13.3. Should the player taking the puck-out miss the sliotar at the first attempt she may
- lift and strike it
 - or
 - strike it on the ground

She may not take it into her hand a second time.

Penalty: 45 metre free to the opposing team from a point opposite to where the foul occurred.

- 13.4 A player may not puck-out the sliotar from outside the small parallelogram except after a score. After a score the player **must** puck out the sliotar without crossing the 13m line.

Penalty: 45 metre free to the opposing team from a point opposite to where the foul occurred.

[Ref 20.44 and 20.46]

- 13.5 For all puck outs the players of the opposing team **must** remain outside the 20 metre line until an attempt to strike the sliotar has been made.

[Ref 20.45]

- 13.6 The referee **must** extend time to compensate for any deliberate delay in pucking out the sliotar.

Penalty: If a player deliberately delays a puck out, the referee will add on extra time. Persistent delay in taking the puck out is regarded as dissent, the player's name and jersey number be taken by the referee and a yellow card is issued.

[Ref 20.47]

14 Small Parallelogram (square ball)

- 14.1. Should a player of the attacking team enter the small parallelogram before the sliotar enters it during play, a free out **must** be given to the defending team from the edge of the small parallelogram. Should there have been a score it **will** be disallowed.

Exception:

Should a point have been scored from outside the small parallelogram it **must** be allowed provided that the player who had entered the small parallelogram had not interfered with the defence and that the sliotar was sufficiently high to be out of reach of the defence and attack.

[Ref 20.48]

- 14.2 Should a player of the attacking team legally enter the small parallelogram and the sliotar is played away from that area but is returned before the attacking player has time to leave the small parallelogram, she will be deemed not to have committed a foul.

Should **this result in** a score, it **will** be allowed.

[Ref 20.49]

- 14.3 In the event of a free, no player of the attacking team **will** stand outside the endline behind the small parallelogram.

[Ref 20.50]

15. Scores

- 15.1 A goal is scored when the sliotar is played by either team over the goal-line, between the goal posts and under the crossbar, except when carried in the hand **or thrown over** the goal-line by a player. A goal **will** be equal to three points.

[Ref 20.51]

- 15.2 A point is scored when the sliotar is played by either team over the crossbar and between the goalposts, except when thrown by any player.

- 15.3 **When** the sliotar is played by a team through its own goal or **over the crossbar**, the score will be awarded to the opposing team.

[Ref 20.53]

- 15.4 When the sliotar is played directly over the crossbar from a sideline ball, the score will be worth two points.**

- 15.5 A score **will** be allowed if, in the opinion of the Referee, the sliotar was prevented from crossing the goal-line by anyone other than a player.

[Ref 20.54]

- 15.6 The team with the highest score at full time will be deemed to be the winner.

[Ref 20.55]

- 15.7 When teams finish with equal scores at full time, the match will be declared a draw.**

12 A-SIDE CAMOGIE

12 a-side Playing rules should be read in conjunction with Duties of the Referees Lines Officials and Umpires, Rules 41 42 and 43 of An Treoraí Oifigiúil, and with Penalty rules 44 and 45 of An Treoraí Oifigiúil.

16 Team Composition

- 16.1 A team **must** be comprised of twelve players who **must** be affiliated and registered members of An Cumann Camógaíochta in accordance with the Rules. Eligibility to play in a competition will be determined by the Rules and approved bye-laws.
[Ref 20.2 12-a-side Camogie]
- 16.2 The team line-out **must** be as follows:
a goalkeeper, one full-back, three half-backs, three centrefield players, three half forwards and a full-forward.
- 16.3 Each team **must** have at least nine players to commence the game. The game may be continued or finished with less than nine players aside. Players may be added to a team during a stoppage in play on notifying the referee in writing. *Such players must be on team list given to Referee. The game will not commence until the Referee has received team lists from both teams.*
[Ref 20.4 12-a-side Camogie]

17 Substitution

- 17.1 Substitution means the replacing during a game or at half-time of any of the twelve players of a team, other than a player dismissed from the field of play by the Referee. Only three substitutions per team **will** be allowed. A substitution may only be made during a stoppage in play or on notifying, in writing, the Referee.
A team which makes more than three substitutions **must** forfeit the game to its opponents.
[Ref 20.6 12-a-side Camogie]

18 The Pitch

- 18.1 The pitch **must** be rectangular, from 95 metres to 110 metres long and from 60 – 80 metres wide. The boundaries **must** be marked by a distinctive line and the four corners indicated by flags.
[Ref 20.11(a) 12-a-side Camogie]
- 18.2 For all Inter-County, Inter-Provincial and All-Ireland Club Championship matches, maximum pitch measurements, i.e., 110 x 80 metres **must** be used.
[Ref 20.11(a) 12-a-side Camogie]
- 18.3 Lines indicating 15 metres and 30 metres from each end-line, and the half-way line, **must** be marked. The points where these lines join each side-line **must** be indicated by flags.
[Ref 20.11(b) 12-a-side Camogie]
- 18.4 Equidistant from each corner on the end-lines **will** stand two upright goalposts, 4.5 metres apart and 6 metres high. There **must** be a crossbar 2 metres from the ground joining the goalposts to form a goal space.
[Ref 20.11(c) 12-a-side Camogie]
- 18.5 2 metres outside each goal post a line 4 metres long **must** be marked at right angles to the goal-line. The end of these lines **must** be joined to form a parallelogram 8.5 metres x 4 metres in front of the scoring space.
[Ref 20.11(d) 12-a-side Camogie]

19. Rules of Play

- 19.1 No player may approach within **10 metres** of a free-taker until an attempt to strike the sliotar has been made, and no player may physically or verbally distract a free-taker. A player holding her hurley upright **will** not constitute an interference.

Penalty: The free will be awarded from a point 10 metres nearer to the offending player's goal but not within the **10 metre** line of that goal.

[Ref 20.31 12-a-side Camogie]

- 19.2 **Where** a player from the defending team plays the sliotar across the end-line the Referee **must** award a free to the attacking team from a point on the 30 metre line opposite to where the sliotar crossed the end-line. The last person touching the sliotar **will** be considered the last person playing the sliotar.
[Ref 20.36 12-a-side Camogie]

- 19.3 Where the sliotar strikes anyone other than a player at or near the end-line, and if the Referee adjudges that in so doing the sliotar was prevented from going out of play, a wide or 30 metre free as applicable **must** be awarded.
[Ref 20.37 12-a-side Camogie]
- 19.4 When a clashed sliotar crosses the side-line the Referee **must** throw in the sliotar between two opposing players at the point where the sliotar crossed. If within 15 metres of the end-line the sliotar **will** be thrown in on the 15 metre line.
[Ref 20.39 12-a-side Camogie]

20 Fouls

- 20.1 If a foul is committed on a player after she has played the sliotar, a free **will** be awarded from where the sliotar lands. If a score should have resulted, it **will** be allowed. If the sliotar has crossed the end-line or has landed within 15 meters of the end line, the free **will** be awarded from a point on the 15 metre line opposite to where the sliotar landed. Where the sliotar has crossed the side-line, the free **will** be awarded from the point where the sliotar crossed that sideline or, if within 15 metres of the end-line, it will be awarded from the 15 metre line.
[Ref 20.31 12-a-side Camogie]
- 20.2 Where a player from each team fouls at the same time, the Referee **will** throw in the sliotar between two opposing players where the foul occurred. If within the 15 metre line, the sliotar **will** be thrown in on the 15 metre at a point opposite where the foul occurred.
[Ref 20.31 12-a-side Camogie]
- 20.3 If a foul is committed on an attacking player within 15 metres of the endline, the free **will** be awarded from a point on the 15 metre line opposite to where the foul occurred. Should a member of the defending team show dissent or be in breach of Rule 12.7 the free will be awarded from a point on the 15 metre line 10 metres nearer to the centre of the goal. If within 10 metres of the centre, the free **will** be taken from a point opposite the centre.
[Ref 20.31 12-a-side Camogie]

In all other instances 15 a-side rules apply.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

Motions *(Contd)*

1. That Rule 3.4 be amended to read as follows:

Each Unit under Ardchomhairle must have an Executive Committee to run its affairs. The members of the Executive Committee are elected at the Unit's Annual General Meeting or Convention. The Executive Committee at club, county and provincial levels, must be comprised of the following core Officers: Cathaoirleach (Chairperson), Leas-Cathaoirleach (Vice-Chairperson), Rúnai (Secretary), Cisteoir (Treasurer), Cláraitheoir (Registrar), Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí (P.R.O.), Oifigeach na bPáistí (Children's Officer), Oifigeach Forbartha (Development Officer) and Delegate(s) to the higher Unit. The Children's Officer must be appointed by the Executive Committee. All Officers must be members of the Association and are entitled to vote at meetings by virtue of that office. *No delegate to the higher unit is required for National Education Councils or International Units.*

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

2. That Rule 3.9 be amended to read as follows:

Should an Officer vacancy arise on the Executive Committee *following that year's AGM*, it must be filled on the basis of:

- a. nominations by affiliated Units or members and
- b. ballot vote of eligible Units and members.

In the case of the Uachtarán of the Association the position must be filled in accordance with Rule 11.4.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

3. That Rule 5.12 be added as follows:

The Camogie Association recognises the following as the definition of a "One Club":

The One Club is one that equally promotes the games, ideals and aspirations of the Camogie Association, GAA and Ladies Football. Its administration will be governed by a single constitution, which provides for the election of an Executive Committee to manage the business and affairs of the club as well as providing for a single membership structure. All activities, including fundraising and games development will be carried out to support the development of the club and the promotion of all games.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

4. That Rule 16.7 be introduced as follows:

In the event of a tie for the election of any officer position the outcome must be decided by drawing lots. Tellers must be appointed to carry out the draw.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

5. That Rule 16.8 be introduced as follows:

Any member of the Executive Committee who has absented her/himself from three consecutive meetings, without reasonable explanation, will be deemed to have resigned from the Executive Committee.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

6. That Rule 18.3 be amended to read as follows:

18.3. The AGM/Annual Convention will be comprised of the Executive Committee and in the case of:

- a. a Club AGM, all members of the Club who have paid their membership at least three months in advance of the AGM for the year under consideration by the AGM. Paid up members aged 16 and over have voting rights.
- b. a County Board Annual Convention, two delegates from each affiliated Club and where applicable, two delegates from each Divisional/Subsidiary Board; one delegate from Cumann na mBunscol and one delegate from Comhairle Chamógaíochta na hIarbhunscoileanna.
- c. a Provincial Council Annual Convention, two delegates from each affiliated County Board within the Province and where applicable, one delegate from Cumann na mBunscol, one delegate from Comhairle

Chamógaíochta na hIarlbhunscoileanna, and one delegate from CCAO each of whom will have the right to vote.

- d. *An International Camogie Board, two delegates from each affiliated Club and where applicable, two delegates from each Divisional/Subsidiary Board.*
- e. *National Education Councils:*
 - (i) *"As outlined in unit bye laws"*

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

7. That Rule 18.4 be amended to read as follows:

At least five weeks prior to the date of the AGM/Annual Convention the Unit Secretary will forward to all eligible persons/Units -

- a. a nomination form on which to return the proposals for Officers and other elected personnel, motions and bye-laws. For Provincial Council Executives the nominating bodies are County Boards. For County Board Executives the nominating bodies are Clubs. For Club Executives the nominators are paid up Club members subject to Rule 18.3.a. *For CCAO the nominating bodies are affiliated colleges. For Comhairle na nIarlbhunscoileanna the nominating bodies are provincial councils and for international camogie boards the nomination bodies are clubs.* The name, and Unit name if applicable, of each outgoing office-holder will be shown on the form, together with the latest date for the receipt of nominations, motions and bye-laws which will be at least three weeks prior to the date of the AGM/Annual Convention.
- b. Nomination forms will be acceptable only if;
 - lodged with the Unit Secretary by the stated date
 - signed by the Unit Secretary, or if applicable by the Club member in the case of a Club AGM

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

8. That Rule 18.4 be amended to read as follows:

At least 10 days prior to the date of the AGM/Annual Convention, the Unit Secretary will forward to the Units Executive Committee and to those relevant parties as listed in Rule 18.3.

- a. an Agenda for the AGM/Annual Convention, showing date, venue and time of same;
- b. minutes of previous year's AGM/Annual Convention;
- c. Unit Secretary's Report for year;
- d. *Accounts prepared to professional accounting standards prepared by an independent accountant, except for the following, who must provide audited accounts.*
 1. *Units that are in receipt of funding where an audited statement of accounts is a condition of funding*
 2. *Units that have employees*
 3. *Any other circumstances determined by Ardchomhairle or funding bodies*

All Clubs, except those whose accounts are included with the GAA Club accounts, all Education Councils and County Boards will prepare accounts to year end 30th September. Provincial Councils will prepare accounts to year end 30th November.

Should any unit executive committee deem an audit necessary they are empowered to make that decision on an individual basis.

- e. nominations for the Executive Committee and other elected personnel as relevant, indicating proposer;
- f. notices of motions and bye-laws, indicating proposer.

Rules affected by this motion: Rule 12.1 (b)

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

9. That Rule 18.6 be amended to read as follows:

The Unit AGM/Annual Convention will

- a. consider the Minutes of the previous AGM/Annual Convention;
- b. consider and approve reports and accounts for the previous year;
- c. elect and appoint the Officers who will hold office until the next AGM/Annual Convention subject to compliance with Rule 3.6. and 3.7. *In the event of a county chair intending to and succeeding in serving a fifth consecutive year a Cathaoirleach-Tofa must be elected at county convention.* The Cathaoirleach of the Provincial Council is an exception to Rule 3.6. S/he will be elected for a term of three years, preceded by a year as Cathaoirleach-Tofa. The Cathaoirleach will be a Leas Uachtarán of the Association. The outgoing Cathaoirleach will not be eligible for immediate re-election

- d. elect and appoint members of Sub-Committees and any other personnel as required by Rule or Bye-laws, and
- e. approve or disapprove motions and bye-laws. Bye-laws will not be contrary to Rule and will not become binding until ratified by Ardchomhairle.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

10. That Rule 21.1.1 be amended to read as follows:

International Units/Boards and National Education Councils (excluding Cumann na mBunscol) will pay €300 per annum direct to Ardchomhairle by April 1st.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

11. That Rule 22.4 be amended to read as follows:

The funds of any Unit of the Association must be lodged in a bank or other financial institution. All payments issued on behalf of the Unit must be authorised by at least two members of the core Executive Committee of the Unit concerned. All payments are required to have at least two signatories from the core Executive Committee of the Unit concerned *one of which must be the treasurer*. Decisions on signatories and payment procedures must be formally agreed and recorded at Executive Committee meeting(s) of the relevant Unit.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

12. That Rule 23.1 be introduced as follows:

The Camogie Association will operate a mandatory insurance scheme for all units.

Rules affected by this motion: Rules 23.1, 23.2 and 23.3 will be renumbered to 23.2, 23.3 and 23.4

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

13. That Rule 23.3 be amended as follows:

In order that all fixtures other than official fixtures are recognised for insurance purposes notification must be given on the following basis:

- To the County Board when both teams are within the County;
- To the relevant County Boards and Provincial Council when teams are from different Counties;
- To the relevant County Boards, Provincial Council and National Fixtures Administrator when teams are from different Provinces or International.

Notification to hold or participate in fixtures other than official fixtures must be sent by email by the relevant Secretaries prior to the date of the proposed fixture.

Approval to host inter-county underage blitzes will be provided by the Director of Camogie.

Permission must be requested by a date specified by the Ard Stiúrthóir each year.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

14. That Rule 28.2 be amended to read as follows:

In Inter-County Competition a player is automatically eligible to represent her native County. If the County in which a player is registered is not her native County, she may declare for her adopted County in Inter County competition.

Such declaration must be made on Official Form C.C.3., properly completed in duplicate, and lodged with the Ard Stiúrthóir by 31st January each year. *However where the adopted County is outside of Ireland then a player may still declare for her adopted County in Inter-County competition after this date.*

This declaration will become effective three days after acknowledgement by the Ard Stiúrthóir. A player will not represent more than one County in the same season.

LONDAIN

15. Rule 28.4 be amended to read as follows:

A player must meet the following age criteria in order to be eligible to participate in competitions:

- U12 Be Under 12 and Over 8
- U14 Be Under 14 and Over 10
- U16 Be Under 16 and Over 12
- U18 Be Under 18 and Over 14
- U21 Be Under 21 and Over 14**

Adults Be Over 15 except in the case of Inter-county competitions where a player must be over 16.

'Under' means that a player must be under the age limit by midnight on the 31st December of the year prior to the Championship year e.g. to play U16 a player must be aged 15 years or under on the 31st December prior to the Championship year.

'Over' means a player must be over the age limit by midnight 31st December of the year prior to the Championship

(e.g. to play under 14 a player must be 10 years of age on the 31st December prior to the Championship year).

For breaches of the above rule, the penalty is the awarding of the game to the opposing team where applicable and a suspension of up to six months to the person(s) in charge of the team in which the breach is committed. (Ref Rule 44 for player playing illegally).

CILL CHAINNIGH

16. That Rule 28.4 be amended to reads as follows:

28.4. A player must meet the following age criteria in order to be eligible to participate in competitions:

U12 Be Under 12 and Over 8

U14 Be Under 14 and Over 10

U16 Be Under 16 and Over 12

U18 Be Under 18 and Over 13

Adult Be Over 15 except in the case of inter-county competitions where a player must be over 16

'Under' means that a player must be under the age limit by midnight on the 31st December of the year prior to the Championship year, e.g. to play U16 a player must be aged 15 years or under on the 31st December prior to the Championship year.

'Over' means a player must be over the age limit by midnight 31st December of the year prior to the Championship

(e.g. to play under 14 a player must be 10 years of age on the 31st December prior to the Championship year).

For breaches of the above rule, the penalty is the awarding of the game to the opposing team where applicable and a suspension of up to six months to the person(s) in charge of the team in which the breach is committed. (Ref Rule44 for player playing illegally).

AN CLÁR

17. That Rule 28.4 be amended to read as follows

A player must meet the following age criteria in order to be eligible to participate in competitions:

U12 Be Under 12 and Over 8

U14 Be Under 14 and Over 10

U16 Be Under 16 and Over 12

U18 Be Under 18 and Over 14

Adult *When a player is in her last year of playing at U14, she should be eligible to play on an U18 team.*

'Under' means that a player must be under the age limit by midnight on the 31st December of the year prior to the Championship year e.g. to play U16 a player must be aged 15 years or under on the 31st December prior to the Championship year.

'Over' means a player must be over the age limit by midnight 31st December of the year prior to the Championship (e.g. to play under 14 a player must be 10 years of age on the 31st December prior to the Championship year).

For breaches of the above rule, the penalty is the awarding of the game to the opposing team where applicable and a suspension of up to six months to the person(s) in charge of the team in which the breach is committed. (Ref Rule 44 for player playing illegally)

GAILLIMH

18. That Rule 28.4 be amended to read as follows:

A player must meet the following age criteria in order to be eligible to participate in competitions:

U12 Be Under 12 and Over 8

U14 Be Under 14 and Over 10

U16 Be Under 16 and Over 12

U18 Be Under 18 and Over 14

Adult *Once a player leaves the U14 grade she should be allowed to play for her club's adult team.*

'Under' means that a player must be under the age limit by midnight on the

31st December of the year prior to the Championship year e.g. to play U16 a player must be aged 15 years or under on the 31st December prior to the Championship year.

'Over' means a player must be over the age limit by midnight 31st December of the year prior to the Championship (e.g. to play under 14 a player must be 10 years of age on the 31st December prior to the Championship year).

For breaches of the above rule, the penalty is the awarding of the game to the opposing team where applicable and a suspension of up to six months to the person(s) in charge of the team in which the breach is committed. (Ref Rule 44 for player playing illegally)

GAILLIMH

19. That Rule 28.4 be amended as follows:

A player must meet the following age criteria in order to be eligible to participate in competitions:-

U12 – Be under 12 and over 8

U14 – Be under 14 and over 10

U16 – Be under 16 and over 12

U18 – Be under 18 and over 14

Adult – Be over 15 except in the case of inter-county competitions where a player must be over 16.

'Under' means that a player must be under the age limit by midnight on the 31st December of the year prior to the Championship year e.g. to play U16 a player must be aged 15 years or under on the 31st December prior to the Championship year.

'Over' means a player must be over the age limit by midnight on 31st December of the year in which the championship is intended to be played (e.g. to play under 14 a player must be 10 years of age on the 31st December of the year in which the championship is intended to be played.

For breaches of the above rule, the penalty is the awarding of the game to the opposing team where applicable and a suspension of up to six months to the person(s) in charge of the team in which the breach is committed. (Ref Rule 44 for player playing illegally).

PORT LÁIRGE

20. That Rule 29.1 be amended as follows:

Any player who plays a higher graded Championship is not eligible thereafter to play in a lower graded league or championship. This applies to all graded competitions e.g. adult and under-age A, B and C competitions.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

21. That Rule 29.1 be amended as follows:

Any player who plays a higher graded Championship in the current playing year is not eligible thereafter to play in a lower graded league or championship *except where a player is domiciled with a club outside of Ireland*. This applies to all graded competitions e.g. adult and under age A, B and C competitions.

LONDAIN

22. That Rule 30.1 be amended as follows:

Any player who plays a higher graded Championship is not eligible thereafter to play in a lower grade championship or national league. Grading of players for inter-county competitions will be defined as follows:

Senior

- a. Any player who plays Senior Championship in the current playing year is only eligible thereafter to play Division 1 National League and Senior Championship. For re-grading see Rules 30.2.
- b. An All Ireland senior medal winner who has played senior championship will not be eligible to apply for re-grading for a further two years. For re-grading see Rules 30.2.
- c. An All Ireland senior medal winner who has not played senior championship will be eligible to apply for re-grading for the following year. For re-grading see Rules 30.2

Intermediate

- a. Any player who plays Intermediate Championship in the current playing year is only eligible thereafter to play Division 1 and 2 National League and Intermediate Championship. For re-grading see Rules 30.2.

- b. An All Ireland intermediate medal winner who has played intermediate championship will not be eligible to apply for re-grading for a further two years. For re-grading see Rules 30.2
- c. An All Ireland intermediate medal winner who has not played intermediate championship will be eligible to apply for re-grading for the following year. For re-grading see Rules 30.2

Junior

- a. Any player who plays at a higher level in the All-Ireland Junior Championship in the current playing year is only eligible thereafter to play higher level Junior Championship or higher level National Leagues. For re-grading see Rules 30.2
- b. An All Ireland junior medal winner who has played junior championship will not be eligible to apply for re-grading to a lower junior graded for a further two years. For re-grading see Rules 30.2
- c.. An All junior medal winner who has not played junior championship will be eligible to apply for re-grading for the following year. For re-grading see Rules 30.2.

Minor (Under 18)

An U-18 player will be eligible to represent her County in the All-Ireland Minor Championship. She may participate in adult competitions, including the All-Ireland Senior Championship, without prejudice to her eligibility for Minor competition.

Under 16

An U-16 will be eligible to represent her County in the All-Ireland Under 16 Championship and Minor Championship.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

23. That Rule 31.5 be amended as follows:

31.5. When a club, county or province **does not agree** to the transfer the following procedures apply:

- i. On receipt of a Transfer Form CC4 from a player, the Club Executive Committee must consider the application within seven days and if it does not agree to the transfer the Club Secretary does not sign Section B of the Transfer Form CC4, and returns the transfer form to the player within two days of consideration of the transfer. The club secretary must notify the player of the reasons for the non-agreement. The player seeking the transfer may then submit the CC4 form to the County Secretary for the County Board's consideration.
- ii. The County Board Secretary must immediately on receipt refer it to the Transfers, Disciplinary and Hearings Committee. The Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee must consider the application within seven days and decide to accept or reject the transfer.
- iii. If the transfer is rejected by the County Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee, the Board Secretary, must set out the reasons why the transfer was rejected and must inform the player of the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee's decision and return Form CC4 (unsigned at Section C) to the player within seven days. The player may appeal this to the Provincial Council's Transfers, Hearings, Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.
- iv. If the transfer is **first** rejected by the Provincial Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee, the Provincial Council Secretary, must set out the reasons why the transfer was rejected and must inform the player of the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee's decision and return Form CC4 (unsigned at Section C) to the player within seven days. The player may appeal this to the National Council's Transfers, Hearings, Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.
- v. If the transfer is rejected by the National Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee, the Ard Stiúrthóir, must set out the reasons why the transfer was rejected and must inform the player of the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee's decision and return Form CC4 (unsigned at Section C) to the player within seven days. This is the final appeal.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

24. That Rule 31.6 be amended as follows:

Transfers are not necessary in the following instances:

- From one club to another within a county or in another county if player has not taken part in any competitive match with a Club for a period of **twenty-four months**
- From a club which has disbanded

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

25. That Rule 31.6 be amended to read as follows:

Transfers are not necessary in the following instances:

- From a club which has disbanded.

LUIMNEACH

26. That Rule 32.5 be amended as follows:

A player who avails of these Rules will remain a registered member of her current club during the period specified on the Official Sanction Form CC6. *A player may only play for the club to which she is temporarily transferred for the duration of the period outlined on the CC6 form. A player who returns to play with her home club before the end of this period automatically rescinds her CC6.*

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

27. That Rule 39.7 be deleted:

For all inter-county matches where there is a distance of more than 200 miles between the counties involved, that the game be played at a venue which is approximately half-way between both counties.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

28. That Rule 44.1.2 be amended as follows:

44.1.2. The following mandatory penalties apply in the following circumstances:

- a. Persistent dissent by a player or team official towards a referee's decision
 - An automatic two match ban for the player or official in the competition that the offence took place.
- b. Abusive language towards a referee, match official or other players
 - An automatic two match ban applicable to all official competitions sanctioned by the committee in charge that the player or official is involved in. For the purposes of a match ban tournaments and challenge/friendly games are not considered official competitions.
 - The Unit which the player/official was representing in competition will be fined €100 for a first offence. The fine will increase by €100 for each subsequent guilty offence within the calendar year, i.e. for the 3rd guilty offence in same year the fine will be €300
 - Should the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committee adjudge the offence sufficiently serious, it may disqualify the offender's team from the competition in question.
- c. Punching, hitting (without a hurley) or kicking a player in a manner that the referee deems non-accidental
 - An automatic three match ban applicable to all official competitions sanctioned by the committee in charge that the player or official is involved in.
- d. Kicking, hitting or striking of a match official by a player or team mentor or known partisan in a manner that the Referee deems non-accidental.
 - An automatic 48 weeks suspension from all camogie membership and activity.
- e. Striking a player with a hurley in a manner that the Referee deems non-accidental.
 - An automatic minimum **four match ban with up to a six match ban**, applicable to all official competitions sanctioned by the committee in charge that the player or official is involved in.

In the case of a. to e. above, all penalties will carry over from one season to the next until the ban is fully served.

ARDCHOMHAIRLE

29. That Rule 44.1.2 be amended to read as follows:

44.1.2. The following mandatory penalties apply in the following circumstances:

- a. Persistent dissent by a player or team official towards a referee's decision
 - An automatic two match ban for the player or official in the competition that the offence took place.
- b. Abusive language towards a referee, match official or other players
 - An automatic two match ban applicable to all official competitions sanctioned by the committee in charge that the player or official is involved in. For the purposes of a match ban tournaments and challenge/friendly games are not considered official competitions.
 - The Unit which the player/official was representing in competition will be fined €100 for a first offence. The fine will increase by €100 for each subsequent guilty offence within the calendar year, i.e. for the 3rd guilty offence in same year the fine will be €300
 - Should the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committee adjudge the offence sufficiently serious, it may disqualify the offender's team from the competition in question.
- c. Punching, hitting (without a hurley) or kicking a player in a manner that the referee deems non-accidental
 - An automatic three match ban applicable to all official competitions sanctioned by the committee in charge that the player or official is involved in.

- d. Kicking, hitting or striking of a match official by a player or team mentor or known partisan in a manner that the Referee deems non-accidental.
 - An automatic 48 weeks suspension from all camogie membership and activity.
- e. Striking a player with a hurley in a manner that the Referee deems non-accidental.
 - For all players U18 an automatic minimum three match ban with up to a six match ban, applicable to all official competitions sanctioned by the committee in charge that the player or official is involved in.
 - For all players over 18 an automatic six match ban, applicable to all official competitions sanctioned by the committee in charge that the player or official is involved in.

In the case of a. to e. above, all penalties will carry over from one season to the next until the ban is fully served.

AN CLÁR

30. That Rule 44.1.2. be amended to read as follows:

44.1.2. The following mandatory penalties apply in the following circumstances:

- a. Persistent dissent by a player or team official towards a referee's decision
 - An automatic two match ban for the player or official in the competition that the offence took place.
- b. Abusive language towards a referee, match official or other players
 - An automatic two match ban applicable to all official competitions sanctioned by the committee in charge that the player or official is involved in. For the purposes of a match ban tournaments and challenge/friendly games are not considered official competitions.
 - The Unit which the player/official was representing in competition will be fined €100 for a first offence. The fine will increase by €100 for each subsequent guilty offence within the calendar year, i.e. for the 3rd guilty offence in same year the fine will be €300
 - Should the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub Committee adjudge the offence sufficiently serious, it may disqualify the offender's team from the competition in question.
- c. Punching, hitting (without a hurley) or kicking a player in a manner that the referee deems non accidental
 - An automatic three match ban applicable to all official competitions sanctioned by the committee in charge that the player or official is involved in.
- d. Kicking, hitting or striking of a match official by a player or team mentor or known partisan in a manner that the Referee deems non accidental.
 - An automatic 48 weeks suspension from all camogie membership and activity.
- e. Striking a player with a hurley in a manner that the Referee deems non-accidental.
 - ***An automatic three match ban applicable to all official competitions sanctioned by the committee in charge that the player or official is involved in.***

In the case of a. to e. above, all penalties will carry over from one season to the next until the ban is fully served.

GAILLIMH

31. That Rule 44.1.2 be amended as follows:

The following mandatory penalties apply in the following circumstances:

- A. Persistent dissent by a player or team official towards a referee's decision
 - an automatic two (consecutive) match ban for the player or official in the competition that the offence took place.
- B. Abusive language towards a referee, match official or other players
 - an automatic two (consecutive) match ban applicable to ***official club/county competitions*** that the player or official is involved in. ***The ban shall take immediate effect.*** For the purposes of a match ban tournaments and challenge/friendly games are not considered official competitions.
 - The Unit which the player/official was representing in competition will be fined €100 for a first offence. The fine will increase by €100 for each subsequent guilty offence within the calendar year, i.e. for the third guilty offence in the same year the fine will be €300.
 - Should the Transfers, Hearings and disciplinary Sub-Committee adjudge the offence sufficiently serious, it may disqualify the offender's team from the competition in question.
- C. Punching, hitting (without a hurley) or kicking a player in a manner that the referee deems non-accidental
 - an automatic three (consecutive) match ban applicable to ***official club/county competitions*** that the player or official is involved in. ***The ban shall take immediate effect.***

- D. Kicking, hitting or striking of a match official by a player or team mentor or known partisan in a manner that the referee deems non-accidental
 - an automatic 48 weeks suspension from all camogie membership and activity.
- E. Striking a player with a hurley in a manner that the referee deems non-accidental.
 - an automatic 6 (consecutive) match ban applicable to official *club/county competitions* that the player is involved in. *The ban shall take immediate effect.*

In the case of A to E above the penalties will carry over from one season to another, until the ban is fully served.

MUINEACHÁIN

32. That Rule 44.2.2 be amended as follows:

The following penalties will be imposed by the unit in charge of the competition on a Unit adjudged guilty of fielding an illegal or suspended player, players or team:

- The team must forfeit the match to its opponents and may be disqualified from the remainder of the competition in question.
- Team Officials responsible will, if knowledge of the circumstance be proven, be suspended for at least three months
- *The Secretary, Registrar and, where the issue involves an underage player, the Children's Officer, if knowledge of the circumstance be proven, be suspended for at least three months.*

MUINEACHÁIN



Dublin's Fiona Hayes in action against Tipperary in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Round One game at Naomh Mhearnóg, Portmarnock, Dublin.



Lining up for the Torpey Hurleys Camogie Schools of Excellence 2011 at Croke Park.



The Antrim team huddle before the All-Ireland Minor 'B' Championship Final against Limerick at Donaghmore/Ashbourne GAA Club, Co Meath.

Torthaí na gComórtas 2011

Competition 2011	Winners	Runners Up	Referee	Player of the Match
Senior – O' Duffy Cup	Wexford 2-07	Galway 1-08	Mike O'Kelly, Cork	Kate Kelly, Wexford
Intermediate	Wexford 2-12	Antrim 0-15	John Dolan, Clare	Jane Adams, Antrim
Premier Junior	Waterford 2-11	Down 1-13	Walter Cole, Cork	Patricia Jackman, Waterford
Junior A Championship	Armagh 3-13	Westmeath 3-05	Éadhmonn Mac Suibhne, Dublin	Michelle McGuigan, Armagh
Junior B Championship	Monaghan 1-12	Wicklow 1-07	David Carroll, Clare	Michelle Morgan, Monaghan
Minor A Championship	Tipperary 4-04	Kilkenny 2-09	Mike O'Kelly, Cork	Anne Eviston, Tipperary
Minor B Championship	Limerick 4-10	Antrim 2-08	Con Ó' Céadaigh, Wicklow	Lisa Scanlon, Limerick
Minor C Championship	Armagh 3-05	Meath 1-10	Justin Heffernan, Wexford	Kristina Troy, Meath
U16 A Championship	Tipperary 2-08	Kilkenny 0-13	Karl O'Brien, Dublin	Anne Eviston, Tipperary
U16 B Championship	Limerick 3-12	Offaly 0-09	John Dolan, Clare	Deborah Murphy, Limerick
U16 C Championship	Down 1-03	Carlow 1-02	Ger O'Dowd, Limerick	Catherine Rocks, Down
Gael Linn Junior	Munster 1-15	Leinster 2-11	Paul Beecher, Dublin	Karen Kelly, Munster
National League Division 1	Wexford 3-10	Galway 0-10	Mike O'Kelly, Cork	Una Leacy, Wexford
Division 2	Waterford 0-16	Antrim 2-09	Aiden O'Brien, Wexford	Racquel McCarry, Antrim
Division 3	Meath 3-09	Kildare 2-11	Malachy McToal, Derry	Jane Dolan, Meath
Division 4	Westmeath 4-06	Cavan 2-08	Donal Ryan, Dublin	Pamela Greville, Westmeath
All Ireland Senior				
Club Final	Killimor 3-18	Inniscarra 1-04	Owen Elliott, Antrim	Brenda Hanney, Killimor
All Ireland Intermediate				
Club Final	Eoghan Rua 3-08	The Harps 2-03	Mike O'Kelly, Cork	Meabh McGoldrick, Eoghan Rua
All Ireland Junior				
Club Final	Four Roads 1-09	Corofin 0-06	Cathal Egan, Cork	Lizzie Glennon Tully, Four Roads
Ashbourne Cup	W.I.T. 2-10	UCC 2-02	Fintan McNamara, Clare	Katrina Parrock, W.I.T.
Ashbourne Shield	NUIG 4-18	C.I.T 0-03	Karl O'Brien, Dublin	Chloe Morey, NUIG
Purcell Cup	QUB 2-10	DCU 0-07	Éamonn Browne, Tipperary	Keelan Bradley, QUB
Purcell Shield	D.I.T 5-11	Trinity 0-07	Andrew Monahan, Clare	Jane Dolan, D.I.T
Fr. Meachair Cup	NUIM 1 2-04	St. Mary's 0-01		
Fr. Meachair Shield	Froebel 0-04	NUIM 2 1-0		
2nd Level Senior A	Loreto, Kilkenny 4-10	St. Patrick's, Maghera 1-05		
2nd Level Senior B	Grennan College, Kilkenny 4-09	St. Louis, Ballymena 3-03		
2nd Level Senior C	Castlecomer, Kilkenny 4-02	St. Pius, Magherafelt 2-05		
2nd Level Junior A	Loreto, Kilkenny 3-11	St. Patrick's Maghera 0-07		
2nd Level Junior B	Presentation, Thurles 3-06	Coachford, Cork 2-05		
2nd Level Junior C	Maryfield College, Dublin 2-7	Coláiste Dun Iascaigh, Tipperary 1-07		
Féile na nGael Div 1	Cahir, Tipperary 4-10	St. Martin's, Wexford 1-07		
Féile na nGael Div 2	St. Killian's, Offaly 4-04	Sixmilebridge, Clare 3-04		
Féile na nGael Div 3	Knockananna, Wicklow 5-08	Liam Mellows, Galway 1-02		
Féile na nGael Div 4	St. Colman's, Galway 2-02	St. Joseph's 0-06		
Féile na nGael Div 5	Killanena, Clare 10-05	Kinvara, Galway 1-0		
Féile Skills	Laura Twomey, Clare			
Kilmacud 7's	Toomevara, Tipperary 4-11	Killeedy, Limerick 2-02		Louise Young, Toomevara
Pan Celtic Senior A	Burgess, Tipperary			
Pan Celtic Senior B	Glen Rovers, Cork			
Pan Celtic U16 A	Éire Óg, Cork			
Pan Celtic U16 B	Burgess, Tipperary			
Poc Fada	Patricia Jackman, Waterford			

Principle Dates 2012

21st April

All Ireland Minor 'A' & 'B' Championship Finals

5th May

All Ireland Minor 'C' Championship Final

6th May

Irish Daily Star National Camogie League Division 1 & 2 Finals

28th July

All Ireland Senior Championship Quarter-Final Qualifiers

4th August

All Ireland Senior Championship Quarter-Finals

5th August

All Ireland U16 'A' & 'B' Championship Finals

11th August

All Ireland Junior 'A' Championship Semi-Finals

18th August

All Ireland Senior Championship Semi-Finals

25th August

All Ireland Intermediate Championship Semi-Finals
All Ireland Premier Junior Championship Semi-Finals

26th August

All Ireland U16 'C' Championship Final

2nd September

All Ireland Junior 'A' & 'B' Championship Finals

16th September

All Ireland Senior, Intermediate & Premier Junior Championship Finals

3rd November

All Stars

Soaring Stars 2011

President of the Camogie Association Joan O'Flynn, Sinéad O'Connor, Ard Stiúrthoir of the Camogie Association, and Guest of Honour Brian Cody, Kilkenny hurling manager, with 2011 Camogie Soaring Stars. Back row (from left): Emma Hannon, Waterford; Karen Kelly, Waterford; Niamh Mallon, Down; Nicola Morrissey, Waterford; Collette McSorley, Armagh; Patricia Jackman, Waterford; Gráinne Kenneally, Waterford; Aisling O'Brien, Waterford and Áine Keogh, Meath. Front row (from left): Pamela Greville, Westmeath; Fionnuala Carr, Down; Catherine McGourty, Down; Jennie Simpson, Waterford; Jane Dolan, Meath and Orla Maginn, Down.

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All-Stars 2011

Back row (l.-r.): Brenda Hanney, Galway; Ursula Jacob, Wexford; Katrina Parrock, Wexford; Jennifer O'Leary, Cork; Una Leacy, Wexford; Kate Kelly, Wexford; Jill Horan, Tipperary; Niamh Kilkenny, Galway and Susan Earner, Galway. Front row (from left) Anna Geary, Cork; Therese Maher, Galway; Ann-Marie Hayes, Galway; Tony Towell, Managing Director of O'Neills; Joan O'Flynn, President of the Camogie Association; Brian Cody, Guest of Honour, Kilkenny hurling manager; Sinéad O'Connor, Ard Stiúrthoir of the Camogie Association; Lorraine Ryan, Galway; Catherine O'Loughlin, Wexford and Anne O'Connor, Wexford (accepting the award on behalf of her daughter Claire O'Connor).

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