



**THE  
CAMOGIE  
ASSOCIATION**  
An Cumann Camógaíochta

# 2014

Committee Reports

An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2015

Tuarascáil na gCoistí 2014









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# Provincial Council Reports





# Comhairle Connacht



## Clubs in Connacht

Counties	2014	2013
Galway	37	37
Mayo	5	5
Roscommon	7	7
Sligo	1	2
Leitrim	1	1

## Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2014

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Connacht Championship	Galway	Roscommon
U14 Blitz	Galway A	Roscommon A
Junior 'B' Club	Sylane, Galway	Na Brídeoga, Mayo
Junior 'A' Club	Athleague, Roscomon	Clarinbridge, Galway
Intermediate	Four Roads, Roscommon	Oranmore/Maree, Galway



Once again the Province was honoured at the Connacht GAA Awards with presentations being given to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Provincial Players of the Year.

Three bursaries were awarded to 3rd level University/Institute players from Galway, Mayo and Roscommon.

Caitríona Daly from the Mullagh Club in Galway was successful in the Connacht Poc Fada and achieved runner-up spot in the All Ireland Poc Fada Final in the Cooley Mountains.

A Connacht School of Excellence Workshop for School of Excellence and Development Squad coaches was held with 27 coaches attending in Abbeyknockmoy in February.

The Club Championships at Junior and Intermediate level were completed before the end of the year and proved to be very competitive with honours being shared by Galway and Roscommon Clubs.

A 'Camán to Connacht' blitz for Under 12 players was held in Pearse Stadium, Galway on the June Bank Holiday week end with 27 Clubs taking part.

An Under 16 Connacht Club 7s tournament was held in the Connacht School of Excellence in Ballyhaunis with 22 clubs taking part.

There is ongoing development to strengthen existing clubs in Galway, Mayo, Leitrim, Sligo and Roscommon.

There was 2nd level development with schools from Galway, Mayo and Roscommon taking part in blitzes together with coaching sessions for transition year students.

Easter and Summer camps were held throughout the province in 2014.

Sligo and Leitrim took part in the Division 5 All Ireland Under 14 Blitz in Longford in September whilst Roscommon (2 teams) and Mayo took part in the National Under 14 Blitz in Dublin in September.

Ten clubs from the Province took part in the 'Caman to Croker' Under 12 Blitz in Croke Park in October 2014. Ardahan from Galway, contested the Senior Club Final against Milford from Cork and Four Roads from Roscommon contested the Junior Final against Kilmessan from Meath but unfortunately success evaded both of them on this occasion.

One member of the Galway Senior Team namely, Sarah Dervan was chosen as an All Star, whilst two members of the Roscommon Junior team, namely Annette McGeeney and Kellie Hopkins were chosen as Soaring Stars.

In conclusion I would like to thank our Regional Development Officer, Yvonne Byrne together with the County and Provincial Development Officers who had a hectic year organising the various events and to the Clubs who hosted the various events throughout the year.

I would like to thank all the Croke Park Officials for their assistance throughout the year and I would like to thank our Chairperson, Marie O'Brien who is finishing her term of Office at the AGM in 2015 for all her assistance throughout the past 3 years.

I would also like to thank the President, Aileen Lawlor who is also coming to the end of her term of Office in 2015 for her assistance to the Council over the past 3 years.

Muireann Uí Chonbhuidh  
Rúnaí Comhairle Chonnacht

## Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2014

	30/11/2014	30/11/2013
	€	€
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>2,670</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors/Prepayments	0	0
Stock	0	0
Bank Deposits	13,601	4,015
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	13,601	4,015
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<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors/Accruals	0	0
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	0	0
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>13,601</b>	<b>4,015</b>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>16,271</b>	<b>6,685</b>
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Represented By:		
<b>REVENUE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>16,271</b>	<b>6,685</b>
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	16,271	6,685



# Comhairle Mumhan

Clubanna Mumhan		
Na contae	2014	2013
An Clár	28	28
Ciarraí	5	6
Corcaigh	61	59
Luimneach	27	26
Port Láirge	19	20
Tiobraid Árann	35	35

## Torthaí na gComórtas

	Winners 2014	Runners-up 2014
Sinsear	Corcaigh	Luimneach
Sóisear	Corcaigh	Luimneach
Idirmhéanach	Corcaigh	Tiobraid Árann
Mionúr Fé 18 A	Corcaigh	Tiobraid Árann
Mionúr Fé 18 A Shield	An Clár	Port Láirge
U /16 A	Tiobraid Árann	Corcaigh
U/16 A Shield	An Clár	Luimneach
U /16 B	Port Láirge	Corcaigh
U/16 C	An Clár	Luimneach
Club Sinsear	Milford (Corcaigh)	Granagh/Ballingarry (Luimneach)
Club Idirmhéanach	Lismore (Port Láirge)	Sarsfields (Corcaigh)
Club Sóisear	Clanmaurice (Ciarraí)	Murroe/Boher (Luimneach)

## All Stars 2014

All-Ireland champions Cork dominated this year's Camogie All-Stars team with representation from Aoife Murray, Gemma O'Connor, Jennifer O'Leary, Rena Buckley and Briege Corkery, Eimear O'Sullivan, Orla Cotter and Katriona Mackey. Máire McGrath (Clare) claimed her first All Star Award. Congratulations also to Joe Quaid, (Limerick) who received "Manager of the Year".

Congratulations to Limerick duo Caoimhe Costelloe and Niamh Mulcahy who collected Intermediate Soaring Stars.

## Senior County Champions 2014

<b>An Clár</b>	Kilmaley
<b>Corcaigh</b>	Milford
<b>Luimneach</b>	Granagh/Ballingarry
<b>Portláirge</b>	Lismore
<b>Tiobraid Árann</b>	Burgess/Duharra
<b>Ciarraí</b>	Clanmaurice



## 2014 LIT Summer Leagues

	Winners	Runners-up
<b>Superleague:</b>	Milford (Cork) 1.12	Moneygall (Tipperary) 0.03

**Division 1**  
Éire Óg Annacarty (Tipperary) V Sarsfields (Cork) Final void  
*Éire Óg Annacarty fielded an illegal player.*

	Winners	Runners-up
<b>Division 2</b>	Valley Rovers (Cork)	Toomevara (Tipperary)
<b>Division 2</b>	Newmarket-on-Fergus (Clare)	Truagh/Clonlara (Clare)

**Division 3**  
Bodyke/Whitegate (Clare) Cashel (Tipperary)

**Division 3 Shield**  
Lorrha (Tipperary) Newport/Ballinahinch (Tipp)

**Division 4**  
Feakle/Broadford (Clare) Killinane/Tulla (Clare)

## Poc Fada

Congratulations to Patricia Jackman (Waterford) who once again won the Poc Fada

## Tipperary win their first Legends title

Congratulations to “Tipperary Legends Team of 2014”, on an absolute brilliant performance. Tipperary woman, Biddy Phillips, whom the Legends Cup is named after would have been proud. Congratulations also to the Management: Marion Graham, Lenny Philips, Deirdre Hughes and Nora Dwan. Well done to all who took part and thanks to all players, mentors and officials for supporting this competition and we hope to see all Munster teams involved in 2015.

## Fixtures

Comhairle Na Mumhan organized 29 games during the year, excluding the North Munster League games, those games were organized by Regional Development Officer Ross Corbett and Munster Development Officer David Ryan. Unfortunately we failed to find teams to compete in the U/18 “B” competition. Lack of players and lack of funds were the key factors put forward by counties. We must ensure that our Munster games will be seen as meaningful competitions. I want to express my thanks to all the counties for their excellent co-operation in all other competitions.

Congratulations to Cork and Limerick who are All Ireland Senior and Intermediate Champions respectively.

Sincere thanks to all the referees who refereed for Munster and at National level throughout the year and sometimes at very short notice. Special congratulations to John Dolan (Clare) who was in charge of the Senior Final in Croke Park in September. At National level we have a huge amount of games for the small pool of referees we have, but thankfully we in Munster are in a much better situation than some of the other provinces.

22 National finals were played and Munster Referees were in charge of 7 of them; almost 1/3 that is some honour bestowed on the quality of our referees in Munster. Our referees are working under extreme pressure, it's imperative that your work does not go unnoticed.

It is important to recognize the importance of the North Munster Leagues, which keeps Camogie alive in clubs while the inter county scene is in full swing.

Ross Corbett and David Ryan organized numerous workshops, coaching courses, fun days, blitz days, camps, coaching schemes. Thanks to them and the six County Developments Officers for their huge contribution to our game.

## Munster THDC

Joe O'Donnell (Limerick), Noel Hennessey (Tipperary), Rose Malone (Cork), Bernie Keane (Waterford) and Bríd McNamara (Clare) have carried out their duties in an exemplary way. They have at all times been fair, had an open mind and have worked extremely hard to ensure all parties got a fair hearing.

May I take this opportunity to thank each member of Munster THDC for their time, experience and knowledge they brought with them and look forward to your continued commitment.

## Conclusion

I wish to acknowledge the trojan work our Chairperson James Moynihan has put into the Council in the first year of his term. I trust all Munster Council Officers and delegates will continue to row in behind him as he continues to improve the mechanisms and progress of Camogie in Munster.

Thanks to our National Competitions Management Committee Secretary, Liz McGuinness and her fellow fixtures colleagues, Meadhbh, Jenny and Catherine, and the staff in Páirc an Chrócaigh. Sincere thanks to the Officers of Comhairle Na Mumhan CLG - Robert, Simon, Nuala, Mary and Joey in Áras Mumhan office for your help and support throughout the year, it is much appreciated.

I express our gratitude to all the GAA clubs in the respective counties for the use of their pitches and facilities, and to the





various County Boards for their wholehearted support to our members.

Last but not least thanks also to my fellow officers, Rose, James, Eamonn, Jean, Marie, Fiona, Margaret and David. I wish you all continued success for 2015 both on and off the field.

Marion Uí Greacháin,  
Rúnaí

## Munster Accounts

### Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 2014

	30/11/2014	31/12/2013
	€	€
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash/ Bank	44,133	26,720
Debtors	6,975	6,700
	<b>51,108</b>	<b>33,420</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	-	<b>1,100</b>
	-	1,100
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>51,108</b>	<b>32,320</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>51,108</b>	<b>32,320</b>
Represented by :		
<b>Revenue Account</b>	<b>51,108</b>	<b>32,320</b>

# Comhairle Laighean

Clubs in Leinster		
County	2014	2013
Carlow	10	9
Dublin	45	40
Kildare	19	18
Kilkenny	33	33
Laois	10	9
Louth	5	5
Longford	1	1
Meath	15	15
Offaly	12	11
Westmeath	12	13
Wexford	37	36
Wicklow	14	13

2014 was yet again another successful year for Leinster counties and players, although we got off to a bad start. In February Mullinavat were defeated by Ardrahan Galway in the AIB All Ireland Club Championship semi final. Ballyhale Shamrocks took it a step further and made it to the AIB All Ireland Intermediate final only to be defeated by Lismore of Waterford in Croke Park.

In May our Leinster Senior team retained the Inter Provincial title, defeating Munster after extra time in a trilling match in Rathleague Portlaoise, captained by Mags D'Arcy Wexford. Congratulations to Laois' Sarah Ann Fitzgerald on winning player of the tournament. I want to thank Niall Williams, Graham Dillan, Colum King, Adian Franks, Mick Ward and Hilda Breslin for looking after our senior team on the day.

On that same day in May in Rathleague we held our Provincial Under 14 Blitz and I want to thank Pat Martin for once again providing the fixtures and schedules and running the Blitz with such professionalism. I would also like to thank the RDOs and Officers who volunteered their time on the day.

## Poc Fada

The Provincial Poc Fada was once again run on the Curragh in Kildare and I would like to thank Nat Pearson and Margaret Condell for mapping out the course again this year and to Patsy, Hilda and Linda for assistance on the day.

Congratulations to all who represented their counties with

pride and to the outright winners on the day:

Under 14: Danielle Morrissey Kilkenny  
Senior: Stephanie Carthy Dublin

Perhaps for 2015 we can come in line with the GAA and also run an Under 16 competition.

## Leinster Roll of Honour 2014

Senior	Wexford
Intermediate	Kildare
Junior	Laois
Minor A Championship	Wexford
Minor A Shield	Dublin
Minor B Championship	Kildare
Minor B Shield	Laois
Under 16 A Championship	Offaly
Under 16 A Shield	Wexford
Under 16 B Championship	Dublin
Under 16 B Shield	Westmeath
Senior Club Championship	Oulart The Ballagh Wexford
Intermediate Club Championship	Piltown, Kilkenny
Junior Club Championship	Kilmessan, Meath





Congratulations to all the winners especially Kilmessan Meath who went on to win the AIB All Ireland Junior Club Championship Final in November defeating Four Roads of Roscommon.

Thanks to Laois, Carlow, Naas, Edenderry and Clane GAA for the use of their facilities to host our finals. I would like to thank Hilda for all her work with the fixtures and my fellow Officers, Nat, Linda and Breda for all their work on Finals days; doing the gates and any other jobs needing done. None of these people are afraid of hard work and it is an honour to work alongside them.

To all our referees for doing such a great job providing us with a service without which we would have no games, thank you, and we look forward to working with you in 2015.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow Officers, people who are not afraid to get their hands dirty and turned out no matter what the weather to help out. Thanks to our THDC committee of Richard Mulholland, Joan Dunphy, Breda Donnelly, Eileen Hughes, Margaret Sexton and Linda Kenny and our fixtures committee of Rachel Hogan, Hilda Breslin, Pat Martin, Catherine Neary and late addition Linda Kenny, without whom we couldn't function.

Thanks to Martina McGilloway for all her photography and brightening up Facebook and Twitter. Thanks to Gerry O'Sullivan for finally getting our website up and running and keeping us informed. Thanks to all the County Secretaries for putting up with me over the past year and to those of you who went above and beyond to help me out in the background, I look forward to working with you all in 2015.

Sarah Conroy, Rúnaí.

## Leinster Accounts

### Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 2014

	30/11/2014	30/11/2013
	€	€
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank Current Account	24,872	19,814
Bank Deposit Account	10,584	10,582
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	35,456	30,396
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<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
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<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>35,456</b>	<b>30,396</b>
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities	35,456	30,396
Represented by :		
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<b>Revenue Account</b>	<b>35,456</b>	<b>30,396</b>
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# Comhairle Uladh

Clubs in Ulster		
County	2014	2013
Antrim	21	23
Armagh	18	19
Cavan	11	10
Derry	22	21
Donegal	6	6
Down	20	20
Monaghan	3	4
Tyrone	10	10

2014 was a very busy year for the Ulster Camogie both on and off the field. Our obvious highlight was Down winning the Junior All Ireland title in style. Many of our underage county squads are also challenging for success at All Ireland level. Off the field processes have been put into place to ensure that participation, playing the game and achieving success will not be too far away for the players and volunteers of Ulster.

## Volunteer Development & Leadership

- Worked alongside Ulster GAA to provide Volunteer Education Courses
- Children's Officer training delivered by Ulster Council Officers throughout Province
- Growth in THDC Sub Committee and effectiveness of Coaching & Games Committee
- Increased support for County Development Officers with Coaching & Games Committee and Ulster GAA

## Excellent Governance and Organisational Development

- Increased governance assurance from Sport NI
- Increase in funding from Sport NI for period 2013-2017
- Continued development of the Female Sports Forum with IFA, Ulster Hockey, Ulster Rugby and Ulster Ladies Gaelic to improve female leadership and promotion across Ulster
- Joint launch for all codes for Ulster Club and County Championships.
- Increased use of GAA County Grounds for Ulster Finals.

## Winners of Provincial Championships 2014

Competition	Winners
NWP Recycling Senior Championship	Derry
NWP Recycling Intermediate Championship	Tyrone
Ulster Minor Championship	Antrim
Ulster U16 Championship	Derry
Ulster U16 Shield	Cavan
Ulster U14 Cup	Derry
Ulster U14 Shield	Cavan
Ulster Senior Club	Loughgiel Shamrocks (Antrim)
Senior B Championship	Clontarf (Down)
Senior C Championship	Lacken (Cavan)
Bridie McMenamin Shield	Clontarf (Monaghan)
Ulster Premier League	Slaughtneil (Derry)
Ulster Shield	Portaferry (Down)
Ulster Plate	Ballygalget (Down)

## Talent ID & Coaching Development

### Coaching Legacy Programme

The Ulster Camogie Coach Legacy programme continues to run successfully into its second year. Twenty-two development/county squad coaches have directly benefited from the programme. This exposes them to high quality coaching ideas and techniques, access to elite level guest coaches and their material/experiences, sport specific CPDs, coaching access to quality elite players from throughout the province and also provides an environment where there is constant sharing and learning between counties for the development of all.



### Ulster Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

Nine CPD workshops ran in Tyrone, Derry, Antrim, Armagh and Monaghan on strength and conditioning, winning primary possession, fitness on the ball, developing attacking play and creating scoring chances, goalkeeping.

### Ulster U16 Elite Camp

The successful Ulster Under 16 Provincial Elite squad continue to train and hold development sessions in partnership with the coach legacy programme following the massive success of the Elite camp held in August 2014. Further sessions and challenge games against Dublin and Wexford are in the diary for 2015.

### Buille go Bua

In November 2013 Ulster Council launched Buille go Bua, Striking for Success, the Ulster Camogie Strategic Plan 2013-2017. Throughout 2014 much of the delivery of the plan fell on the shoulders of the Council and staff. Buille go Bua, Striking for Success has been a success in its maiden year but we must continue to work together to meet all targets set for 2015 and beyond.

### Urban Development

In 2014 Ulster Council initiated projects to develop Camogie in Derry and Belfast. Six weeks of coaching in various schools took place in both cities with blitzes to culminate the programme. This has led to increased participation numbers for Na Magha in Derry City while further blitzes have followed on in Belfast with non-traditional schools participating in small sided games.

### Féile na nGael

The 2014 Féile na nGael competition took place across Ulster from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd June. Ulster Camogie were delighted to see 'local' teams come out on top with Loughgiel winning the Division One Cup, Down girls Bredagh the Division Two Shield and Derry side Ballerin taking the Division Four Shield.

Ulster are fortunate to host the event again in 2015 and we are hoping to exceed our achievements of 2014, not just on the field but off it. Last year there were 32 host Camogie clubs and already this year we have over 40 registered host Camogie clubs.

### Moving forward

In 2015 each county must aim to exceed the year before and there is no doubting the potential for Camogie in Ulster. The

Ulster Executive must work hand in hand with the Sport NI, the Camogie Association, County Boards, Ulster Colleges, Ulster GAA, our clubs and our volunteers to ensure Camogie in Ulster turns potential into results.

Maire Uí Hearáil  
Rúnaí

Rónán Mac Cárthaigh  
Riarachán Bainisteoir

## Ulster Accounts

### Balance Sheet as at 30 November 2014

	30/11/2014 £	30/11/2013 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	15,687	10,750
Bank of Ireland Keady	9,451	14,342
First Trust Euro (Converted Stg 80%)	34,621	8,946
BOI Keady UCC Awards & Grants	16,371	26,410
	<u>76,130</u>	<u>60,448</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors/Accruals	(19,115)	(13,045)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>57,015</u>	<u>47,403</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u>57,015</u>	<u>57,015</u>
<b>Capital Account:</b>		
Brought forward at 1st December 2013	47,403	34,465
Add surplus for the period	9,612	12,938
	<u>57,015</u>	<u>47,403</u>

# International Board Reports







## Asian County Board

Camogie is a sport that is currently enjoying a rise to popularity within the Asian region. Having taken a back seat for a number of years, it is slowly becoming a staple among a small number of clubs, perhaps on the back of the continuing growth of hurling within the region.

This last year (2014) saw an exhibition game take place at the Asian Gaelic Games (AGG) in Kuala Lumpur and of the three years I have attended the AGG (participating in Camogie on all three occasions), I would regard 2014 as the most successful for the sport.

The game took place on the final day of the tournament and was played on the main pitch, before the football finals. The Singapore Gaelic Lions played against a team formed mainly of Hong Kong players, who had recruited a few players from other clubs in order to make up numbers. Hong Kong had been training hard all year- the first time their club has formed a Camogie team and aimed to play competitively.

From a Singapore Gaelic Lions perspective, this was the first year that we were able to field a full squad of 12 players and not recruit from other clubs to make up numbers.

Singapore's squad of 12 included approximately eight players with some experience (some having not played the sport since primary school level) and four players who were new to the game, but keen to try it out. The squad was made up of nine Irish players, one Australian, one English and one Philippino

player- I would venture that we have the best Philippino Camogie player in the world!

We had trained hard in the lead up to the games, with the girls involved attending for training either before or after football sessions- totalling approximately 2.5 hours of activity in the searing heat of a Singaporean afternoon. If this does not show commitment and love for a game I don't know what does!

Reflecting on the game itself, two 10 minute halves were played, as per the Asian Gaelic Games' format. The game was tight throughout, with Hong Kong going on to win a narrow victory. It was great to see so many ladies get involved- whether experienced or new to the game- and have the sport be a focus of the AGG. I anticipate that the sport may only continue to grow within Asian clubs.

Emily Ward  
Secretary



*Australasian Championships Semi Final - Queensland and Western Australia in action*

## Australasian County Board

Camogie across Australian and New Zealand continues to grow and prosper, with official Camogie competitions now held across a number of major centres including; Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane. and Wellington.

In 2014 the Northern Territory (Darwin) were affiliated with the Australasian GFHA. While they are currently focusing on developing Gaelic Football and Hurling they have ambitious plans to trial Camogie during the 2015 season with some local display matches.

### **Australasian Championships**

The culmination of the GAA season is the Australasian Championships played over 5 days with representative teams from all GAA codes travelling from across Australia and New Zealand to compete. In 2014 we saw Camogie teams from New South Wales (Sydney), Western Australia (Perth), Queensland (Brisbane) and Victoria (Melbourne) travel to Gaelic Park in Melbourne to compete.

The Association was delighted to have Camogie President, Aileen Lawlor, in addition to GAA President, Liam O'Neill and Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA), Pat Quill join us for the duration of the Championships. The travelling contingent from Ireland were extremely impressed by the standard of Camogie and Hurling on display at the games, buoyed by the most dramatic Camogie final in the history of the Championships between Queensland and New South Wales.

Queensland had a strong start going into the second half 6 points up (1-08 to 1-02) but New South Wales fought back to secure a draw on the full time whistle (1-09 to 1-09), the sides still couldn't be separated after extra time (1-12 to 1-12) and an additional five minutes a side had to be played. In the last moments of the game Queensland scored a goal to seal the deal ending the match 2-13 to 1-13.

Speaking after the final, Aileen Lawlor commended both teams on an "absolutely riveting, fantastic game and an epic showcase of Camogie." She added, "There were no losers, Camogie was the winner on the day...with all the games I've been to internationally, it was the closest I've seen to the standard at home".

A video round-up of the Championships can be found at GAA.ie here: <http://www.gaa.ie/gaa-news-and-videos/daily-news/1/0710141320-video-2014-australasian-championships/>

Specific reports from some of the Australasian units are as follows:

### **VICTORIA (MELBOURNE)**

Victoria has two primary Camogie clubs, Sinn Féin and Shamrocks. Sinn Féin dominated the season having introduced a number of new players who set a really high standard of Camogie within the state. Outside Melbourne, the teams also participate in exhibition matches at various festivals such as the Koroit Festival and Tasmania GAA Blitz in Hobart, further promoting Camogie and GAA in regional Victoria and Tasmania.

For the Australasian Championships both Sinn Féin and Shamrocks amalgamated to represent Victoria GAA. With a home ground advantage they were confident of achieving success but the games proved to be a real eye opener and it was apparent that Camogie in Victoria is still in a development stage compared with the other Camogie playing States.

While the Victorian team may not have had come away with any silverware at the Championships, six of their players were named on the All Star Australasian Camogie team, with Regina Curtin named the overall Camogie player of the tournament.





*Australasian Championships Final – Queensland and New South Wales take to the field at Gaelic Park*

## NEW SOUTH WALES (SYDNEY)

Season 2014 saw the continued growth and development of Camogie in Sydney. With a total of approximately 130 players participating across five clubs, it's fair to say the game is on the up in New South Wales.

The season kicked off in early February with the Inaugural Michael Cusack's All-Sydney Championship Day Blitz with all teams keen to get a good start ahead of the Pearse's Melbourne 7s competition later in the month. The All-Sydney Tournament saw the first of some epic clashes that were played throughout the season and set the bar high for Camogie in Sydney, with Central Coast the eventual winners. Central Coast were hot favourites going into the Pearses 7's and despite some fierce competition from Sinn Fein (Melbourne) and Emeralds (Brisbane) they held firm to secure the title for the sixth year in a row.

Old rivalries were re-ignited at the Central Coast Sports Day (March) as the local Sydney teams fought it out for a space in the Camogie Final. Michael Cusack's pipped Cormac McAnallens to book a spot in the final against Central Coast who were pushed by an up and coming St Pats side. With both teams fielding a high percentage of dual players competing in their sixth game of the day, it was the quality of the Central Coast substitutions that allowed them to pull away and win their 9th consecutive Sports Day title – a remarkable feat.

The NSWGAA League and Championship saw the standard of Camogie rise further with McAnallens clinching victory

over the unbeaten Central Coast in the round stages of the League. However Macs successful run came to an end as they came up against an unforgiving Coast backline in the final who went onto clinch both the NSWGAA League and the Championship titles.

Following the high standard of Camogie on display throughout the NSW GAA Season, all five Sydney clubs were well represented on the NSW team heading into the Australasian State Championships. With the girls playing five Camogie games over three days (and the eleven dual players on the team playing ten games over four days) NSW booked their spot in the Camogie final against Queensland and they were keen to retain their State Champions title from 2013.

Both teams put on a marathon display of Camogie and could only be separated by a single score after two periods of extra time. Unfortunately for the NSW girls it was Queensland who came out as victors. There is no doubt the NSW Camogie team will be gunning for glory at the Australasian Championships in Wellington in 2015.

Jamie Fitzsimons / Jamie Ni Shíomóin  
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Toronto, League Finalists 2014.

## Canadian County Board

The Canadian County Board's ambition is to ensure that all players and members who are interested in Camogie have every opportunity to do so. In seven provinces (five time zones) of the Maple Leaf County are 15 cities with 21 affiliated GAA clubs with over 700 participants in Gaelic games.

In British Columbia, the Vancouver ISSC team was formed in 2011, and experienced notable numbers in 2014. The team had two competitive games in Seattle, weekly training sessions, an inter-city competition and a game at the Western Canadian Championships. In Alberta, the Calgary Chieftains are in the early stages of Camogie. The club will focus on training sessions and practice games to concentrate further on skill levels and fitness.

In Ontario, the Toronto Camogie Club was awarded a grant under the GAA and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland's Global Games Development Scheme. The club was able to put \$3000 toward equipment which encouraged the recruitment of new players and with overall development.

For the first time since entering in 2011, the club was successful in registering both a Senior and Intermediate team at the North American Championships. Both teams reached the finals with the Intermediates coming out on top and the Seniors putting up a great fight in a loss. The Club re-established a Summer League with four teams, based on 7-9 players on each team. All games were well attended and the

final of the competition took place in Centennial Park where a Connacght team took victory over Ulster.

The season rounded off with the New York 7s where the Club was successful in adding to their silverware with a win over the Manhattan Gaels in the final.

The Éire Óg Ottawa Hurling Club in the Eastern Division had plenty of youth participation, with 20 girls playing, ranging in age from 5-14 years. A full U8 team (7 a side) and a full U12 team (9 a side) were formed. Eight girls went to the Continental Youth Championships (CYC) in New York to compete. The girls under twelve played on mixed teams but the U14 upwards were all Camogie. One Canadian girl played with Boston in U14 and U16 and brought home gold and silver medals to Canada - the first youth Camogie win for Canada.

John O'Flynn  
Secretary





Zurich Coaching Workshop 2014

## European Board

2014 was a year of highs and lows for European Camogie. The will and determination among our players and mentors to keep Camogie alive and strong in the face of tough conditions was exemplary.

While our numbers were down at most tournaments, the skills, commitment and drive of those in attendance is growing every year. We saw big interest in the game from new players this year, both Irish and non-Irish with fresh faces from Dresden and Lugano to name a few. This interest in our sport is something that we need to be able to harness better.

This year we had 3 official rounds of tournaments with teams from Holland Ladies, Belgium GAA, GSC Luxembourg and Zurich Inneoin involved. The absence of Paris Gaels was sorely felt and we hope to see them out on the pitch again next year. Belgium GAA, fielding an A and a B team at two of the tournaments, was the dominant force on all days out.

The collaboration between all European teams in 2014 was the reason for this year's success. Teams worked together, ensuring that every player got time on the pitch and that new players were included on panels - all in the name of developing our players and the game in Europe. Making sure our new players get game time is the key to success.

Aileen Lawlor, Uachtarán of the Camogie Association was in attendance for our Final Day out in Brussels. This added a special element to the day as Aileen has been a great advocate of International Camogie during her term.

### Coaching

We combined two of our tournaments this year with an element of coaching. The aim was to access as many players as possible, provide training in the morning and put the skills into practice during the games in the afternoon. For the Zurich

tournament the brilliant Gerard Gribben took the training. He brought it right back to basics which suited the mixture of players on the day. Beginners picked up fundamental skills and more experienced players got a refresher course. Massive thanks to Ger for a great session and for the support of the Camogie Association on our training needs.

### 2015 and on

What we need now is an action plan on Camogie in Europe. We have the challenge of geography making it difficult and expensive to play games. However, the interest in our sports especially among non-Irish players is astounding and we should be proud to spread that love of sport as much as possible. We can do this by:

- Setting up coaching courses in strategic locations to get as many trained coaches as possible for our teams. This will improve the standard of training sessions and renew an interest in attending tournaments
- Working with the newer hurling clubs Dresden GAA and Viking Gaels to assess the possibility of Camogie in those regions

Finally, a huge thank you to the European County Board (ECB) for all the hard work they put in, especially in making sure Camogie is an important fixture in the European Calendar. With the growth of Gaelic Football it is not an easy task to fit everything in. I would like to extend a word of gratitude to Tony Bass, as he steps down from his role as ECB Secretary, for his endless commitment to European Camogie. It wouldn't be where it is today without his tireless commitment and dedication.

Lastly, thanks to all the players who make the effort to keep fit, train and travel for the sport we love.

Claire McLaughlin  
Camogie Officer



Action from the All Britain Championships

## London Camogie Board

No. of Clubs 2014	No. of Clubs 2013
9	9

### Club names:

Bros Pearses, Croydon, Erin Go Bragh, Fr. Murphys, Fullen Gaels, Green Isle, John Mitchels, Michael Cusacks, Tara

2014 was another busy year for London Camogie and included below are some of the main highlights;

All 2014 competitions were successfully completed; with a fixtures schedule of 63 games, a total of 40 games took place.

With the continued influx of Irish to London and other UK cities the numbers of players increased slightly on average across the clubs making for highly competitive League and Championship campaigns in both the Senior and Junior competitions.

We made huge progress in promoting and developing the game at underage level in 2014. Kilburn Gaels, Gloucester and Erin Go Bragh continued their invaluable work with underage hurling and Camogie & Croydon and Tara set up underage structures and ran regular Camogie sessions throughout the year. A great foundation has been set and will be built on going forward.

Camogie was well represented at the All Britain Championship (ABC) with players from Croydon, Erin Go Bragh, Gloucester, Kilburn Gaels and Tara participating in the competitions.

The London Twitter page was launched in late 2014 to continue to promote Camogie in London. The London Facebook page went from strength this year providing regular updates on fixtures, events, results and photos from games.

We welcomed Munster Champions Clanmaurice to Ruislip for the AIB Junior All Ireland club Championship quarter-final in October, completing that provincial rotation.

London's Player of the Decade was awarded to Róisín O'Neill (formerly of Bros Pearse) from a shortlist of six nominees.

Erin go Bragh and Tara held two very successful one day tournaments to ease the clubs back into action in the early part of the year.

Dennis Neenan of the Erin go Bragh club in Birmingham was awarded the BBC Unsung Hero Award for the West Midlands in recognition for his involvement in the development of Gaelic Football, Hurling & Camogie in the Midlands.

Further progress has also been made regarding the integration of Camogie with the wider GAA community and communication continues between the London Camogie board and the British Provincial Council.

We were delighted in the latter part of the year to have the formation of new club in Liverpool, Wolfe Tones, who will be joining the UK Camogie family in 2015.

## 2015 Goals

Some of our main objectives and initiatives for 2015 include the following:

- Renewed focus on underage structures within the clubs and build on the success of last years All Britain Competition held in London.
- Update and roll out the County Development plan
- Enhancing Camogie's profile around the country – potential for the formation of at least one other club to join the London Camogie family in 2016.
- Further training of referees in the early part of the year to ensure the highest possible standard in matches and establish a wider database to support the growing requirement.
- Election of a full board to maintain and progress the game and training of officers to ensure a more effective board and club scene in order to ensure longevity of the Board going forward
- Continued support for integration and setup of the Gaelic Game National Governing Body for Britain.
- Look to launching an Official website for the London County Board

## Conclusion

2014 was a successful year despite not having a full board, but there is room for continued improvement in most areas for 2015. We have a busy year ahead with some hurdles to cross in our task to bring Camogie to as many areas as possible in the county, while ensuring seamless operation of the club competitions for our current clubs and progress & implement robust development and underage strategies.

## Winners/Runners Up of Provincial Championships 2014:

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Senior Championship	Tara	Croydon
Junior Championship	Tara	John Mitchels
Senior League	Tara	Croydon
Junior League	Tara	Croydon





Denver Gaels vs Seattle

## North American County Board (NACB)

Camogie in North America saw another great year of growth, competition, and involvement. Tournaments were hosted all across the United States giving established and brand new teams the opportunity to play as much as possible. The tournaments included:

- Atlanta Peach Cup
- Indianapolis Hurling/Camogie Tournament
- Seattle Green Lake Games
- St. Louis GAA (all sports) Tournament
- Twin Cities Northstar Tournament
- Colorado Irish Festival GAA (all sports) Tournament
- San Diego 7s (all sports) Tournament

At the 2014 NACB Championships in Boston, MA- Camogie was able to support three levels of play; Junior, Intermediate, and Senior, with at least three teams at each level.

We would like 2015 to not only see growth in Camogie but involvement on many different levels of leadership in the North American GAA.

Referee and coaching clinics are at the top of our development needs list this year as clubs around the country are organizing their spring clinics and summer tournaments already.

The following Camogie teams played in North American Board competitions in 2014:

Toronto	Intermediate and senior (see report from Canada)
Vancouver	Senior (see report from Canada)
Baltimore	Intermediate
Boston	Intermediate and senior
Washington DC	Intermediate
Chicago (St. Mary's)	Senior
Atlanta	Junior
Indianapolis	Junior
Milwaukee	Junior
Twin Cities	Junior
St. Louis	Junior
Seattle	Junior
Denver	Junior

## New York

2014 saw a marked improvement in the number of youth and adult player playing Camogie in New York. It is hoped that the foundations for the future development of youth and adult Camogie have been laid in New York and that we will soon have a full pathway for players from 5 years of age upwards to play Camogie and get regular competition. The hard work of our youth clubs Rockland and St Brigids is beginning to show as more girls than ever chose to participate in Camogie at the CYC in New York in July and at regular blitzes that took place during the year in New York and Connecticut. The founding of the Hoboken Guards adult Camogie team in the fall of 2014 we hope will be the catalyst for the development of Camogie at adult level in NY.

### Coaching & Refereeing

After the attendance at the Youth Level 1 Award in October 2013 5 Camogie coaches attended the Award 1 Adult Coaching Course in May of this year. The course was provided by Damien Coleman Hurling Director with the Connacht Council. 14 Camogie coaches then attended the Child themed Conferences that were provided by Damien Coleman in November 2014.

Despite initial enthusiasm our planned Camogie referee course in early 2014 did not take place due to a lack of commitment. Refereeing at the CYC was done by local J1 students and our resident Camogie referee Mary McEvoy. Connacht Council will be running a Hurling referee course in 2015 in May and we hope to include Camogie modules in that course to train new referee's.

The appointment of our new Hurling and Camogie Development Officer will hopefully provide the impetus now for more regular direct Camogie coach mentoring and we fully expect a rise in coaching standards amongst youth and adult based coaches in NY.

### Child and Youth Programme

The season opened with a successful blitz in New Haven on Sunday April 27th where approximately 60 girls took part in a Camogie blitz in Hamden Connecticut for games at U8/10/12. St Brigids and Rockland clubs were represented while there were also players from New Haven and Shannon Gaels. Following this a very successful blitz took place in Hartford Connecticut where Camogie teams from Rockland, St Brigids and Boston took place at U8/10/12/14. This was a very successful day out with lots of entertaining matches played in a fun environment.

Camogie also featured at the fall Camogie Tournament on October 19th in Rockland where female players from several clubs took part in a noncompetitive mixed blitz.

St Brigids had 24 girls attend the Lori Kiely Tournament in Philadelphia on July 20th prior to CYC and played matches with Delco Gaels and Shamrocks at age groups U8,10,12,14. At the CYC Tournament New York registered a record 11 teams in Camogie from U8-U16. We had 2x U8 Teams, 4x U10 teams, 2x U12,2x U14 and had the majority of players on a combination U16 team at the tournament. In total over 100 Camogs registered for the CYC in New York and St Brigid's won 3 Championships U8,U10 and U12.

Our Cúl camp program was a big success with over 100 girls getting to try Camogie as part of the program. Hurling/ Camoige was offered in camps in Fairfield, CT, Rockland, Gaelic Park and Shannon Gaels.

### Adult Programme

We had a very successful Camogie blitz at the Mary Cosgrove Hurling and Camogie Tournament on October 11th with adult teams from St Brigids, Hoboken Guards NJ, Toronto and Baltimore. On the day we had a full fixture of games with teams taking in turns to referee. Over 50 Camogie players took part on the day. On the day North American Champions took the honors defeating Hoboken in the final. This tournament has provided the impetus for a series of adult Camogie games planned in Spring Summer 2015. Plans are underway for a team from New York to participate in the 2015 NACB finals in Chicago.

### Objectives for 2015

- Increased participation of clubs and players at child, youth level
- At least 4 teams to register for the 2015 CYC in San Francisco
- Team to register for the 2015 NACB Finals
- All girls to have an opportunity to play Camogie at Gaelic 4 Girls Blitzes.
- More regular competition for youth players in New York continued cooperation with Philadelphia, Boston and outlying clubs at youth and adult level
- -Regular program of games for adult players with Baltimore, Washington DC, Toronto for NY teams.

Simon Gillespie  
New York GAA Games Development Officer





# Education Council Report





## Comhairle Camogaiochta Ard Oideachais (CCAO)

No. of Colleges/ Institutes 2014	No. of Colleges/ Institutes 2013	Increase/ Decrease
27	27	0

### Ainmneacha na gColáistí

UCC, UCD, UL, NUIG, UUJ, WIT, CIT QUB, DCU, NUIM, DIT, Mary I, AIT, St Pats Drumcondra, Trinity, IT Carlow, IT Tralee, St. Marys, Cavan Institute, Marino, DkIT, St. Pats Thurles, IT Sligo, LIT, GMTI, UU Coleraine, UU Magee

### Summary Report

The CCAO championship is structured in four tiers, which are all inter-linked; the championship is comprised of the Ashbourne Cup, Purcell Cup, Fr. Meachair Cup and the O'Maolagáin Cup. The top three tiers comprised of six teams each, with the remaining teams participating in the fourth tier.

### Competitions

The Ashbourne weekend was hosted in Queen's University Belfast last year as the opening competition for their GAA festival, when all four GAA weekends were hosted by them. This was the first year a university hosted all GAA competitions. The Ashbourne, Purcell and Fr. Meachair Cup and Shield competitions were played in QUB's sports campus,

making it one of the largest third level female sporting event in Ireland during the last year. Our Ó Maolagáin competition was a success in which many of the non-traditional colleges competed. Division 1, 2 and 3 of the league were played. Two Fresher's 7-a-side competitions was also played.

### 2014 Achievements under the National Development Plan

#### Growing Participation

Camogie at Third Level was played in 27 colleges and we are trying to increase these numbers every year. We did not have an increase in colleges but we are trying to increase the number of teams within colleges and promoting second teams.

#### Volunteer Development and Leadership

The CCAO continually assist and work with Camogie players within the universities. All of the CCAO Executive members previously held administrative positions within their colleges and a number have previously received Camogie Bursaries.

#### Enhancing Camogie's Profile

We currently have a website [www.ccao.ie](http://www.ccao.ie), a facebook page and a twitter profile. We provide information on all third level activity using these as well as our email lists, and are up dated on regular basis. The Ashbourne, Purcell and Fr. Meachair competitions were jointly held, this proved to be a great success with 18 team and over 500 players and mentors in Queen's University Belfast for the weekend. The attendance at the Ashbourne final was over 1300.

Competition	Winners 2014	Runners-up 2014
Ashbourne Cup	University Limerick	Waterford IT
Ashbourne Shield	University College Dublin	UU Jordanstown
Purcell Cup	University College Cork	Dublin IT
Purcell Shield	Cork IT	NUI Maynooth
Fr. Meagher Cup	IT Carlow	St. Pats Drumcondra
Fr. Meagher Shield	St. Marys Belfast	Athlone IT
O'Maolagáin Cup	Galway Mayo IT	Limerick IT
O'Maolagáin Shield	UU Coleraine	St. Pats Thurles
Division 1 League	University Limerick	Dublin IT
Division 2 League	Queens University Belfast	Cork IT
Division 3 League	Limerick IT	UU Coleraine
Freshers All Ireland	University of Limerick	Waterford IT

## 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

## Conclusion

We need to look at the continued development of our games within third level. The CCAO needs to look at a development plan to help with PR, administration and most importantly sponsorship.

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

Sabine Ní Cinnéide  
Rúnaí na Comhairle



## Ard Chomhairle Sub-commitee Reports





## National Competitions Management Committee

### Members:

Maeve Healy (Roscommon) Chairperson  
 Jenny Cultra (Down)  
 Catherine Neary (Kilkenny)  
 Marion Graham (Tipperary)  
 Liz McGuinness, National Competitions Administrator

**No. of Meetings held:** 6

**Conference Call meetings:** 32

### Function of Competitions Management Committee

- Produce Annual National Fixtures for 2015
- Liaise with Ladies Football National Fixtures Committee to prevent fixture clashes
- Oversee running of all National Fixtures
- Liaise with National 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

### Achievements 2014

- Completion of all National Fixtures on schedule – 240 Games
- 2014 Draft Fixtures published to all counties by Oct 2013 as per rule
- Increase in number of double header games with GAA in 2014
- Met with LGFA in late 2014 – worked to alleviate clashes for dual players in 2015

### Plans for 2015

- Continue to secure as many double headers as possible with GAA games
- Continue to use the Referee Assessment programme when assigning referees to fixtures
- Aim to have all fixtures fulfilled with no walkovers or withdrawals in 2015
- Maintain the high standard of venues for all Inter-county game

The Competitions Management committee would like to thank all County Secretaries for their support and co-operation throughout 2014. Thanks also to the GAA in Croke Park for their assistance with double header requests



## National Resource Management Committee

### Members:

Aileen Lawlor, Uachtarán  
Catherine Neary, Uachtarán Tofa  
Miriam O'Callaghan, Treasurer  
Bridghidin Heenan, Cathaoirleach Comhairle Uladh  
James Moynihan, Cathoirleach, Comhairle na Mumhan  
Marie O'Brien, Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Chonnachta  
Rachel Hogan, Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Laighean  
Phyllis Breslin, Trustee  
Liz Howard, Trustee  
Aileen Pierce (Dublin)  
Geraldine Beattie-Greene (Roscommon)  
Ciarán Quigley (Kildare)  
Louise Byrne (Meath)  
Joan O'Flynn, Ard Stiúrthóir  
Paula Bruen, Finance Manager

### No. of meetings: 8

The Committee primarily focusses on financial and human resources management.

During 2014, there was regular oversight of expenditure against budgeted costs. The Committee was involved in procuring a new auditor for the Association and also established sub groups to consider the development of financial procedures for county boards and education councils, in compliance with Rule 22.3 of the Official Guide.

A risk management workshop was undertaken and three new policies on aspects of health and safety were developed.

Enhancements to the Employee Handbook relating to study leave and leave of absence and the recruitment of a new Operations Co-ordinator were also considered and recommended to Ard Chomhairle.



Linda Kenny, Burren Rangers, Carlow, receiving her Volunteer award from President of the Camogie Association Aileen Lawlor

## Volunteer and Officer Support, Training and Development

### Members:

Máire Ní Cheallaigh (Áth Cliath) Cathaoirleach  
 Gráinne Nic Gabhann (Uíbh Fhailí)  
 Caitriona de hÓra (Ros Comáin)  
 Eve Talbot Regional Development Officer

As this is the final year of this sub committee we look back over the last three years and try to use that experience to reflect on some of the issues that might be addressed in the future.

We feel that we need to look at the role of Sub Committees and to figure out how we dovetail with the full time staff. It is a relatively new situation for An Cumann Camógaíochta to have such valuable people available to progress the work of the Association but we now have a few years' experience to be able to evaluate how we are dealing with this new and welcome situation.

- Are Sub Committees of value to the full time staff?
- Do we overlap with their work?
- Are we expecting the full time staff to do too much?
- Do volunteers around the country use the resources that are available on the website and in booklet form as a tool to help in the efficient running of their clubs?
- Are we meeting their needs?

This Committee usually meets in Athlone as it cuts down on travel time for us. As many members of our Sub Committees are working longer hours now and are finding it harder to get to meetings after work would it be a cost saving measure to have the facility to have teleconferencing instead of having to travel to meetings – at least some of the time?

People would be available at short notice that way should the need arise and as a lot of meetings take place during the winter when the weather is unpredictable it could relieve a lot of the doubt around travel.

We thank those counties who have sent forward entries for the Volunteer of the Year Awards and congratulate the winners. They have made a great contribution to the Association over the years.

We would like to thank Eve Talbot for her hard work. She has always been most helpful and cheerful as well.



## National Coaching and Games Development

### Members:

Sheila O'Donohoe (Chairperson)  
 Eamonn Browne (Coaching and Games Representative to Ard Comhairle)  
 Brigid Barnaville (Kilkenny)  
 Collette Coady (Dublin)  
 Kitty Fegan (Down)  
 Lynn Kelly (Limerick)  
 Siobhan Ryan (Tipperary)  
 Mary O' Connor, Director of Camogie Development  
 Caroline Murray, Projects & Initiatives Coordinator  
 Yvonne Byrne, Regional Development Officer

**No. of Meetings held:** 7

### Overall review of key activities in 2014

As we reach the end of this Committee's term it is quite fitting that the highlight for the past year centres around coaching with a total of 40 Foundation courses being completed resulting in 694 coaches being accredited, the largest number ever in one year and since this course was created. These included 17 courses being held in Ulster, 10 each in Leinster and in Munster and three in Connacht. In addition four Level 1 courses were completed (two each in Leinster and Ulster) with 63 coaches accredited.

The new Level 2 *Solo for Success* course was successfully piloted in November with 12 coaches and 10 tutors attending and who will complete their assessment in early 2015. The 10 tutors include: Gerard Gribben, Ross Corbett, Patrick Mullaney, Lizzie Flynn, Yvonne Byrne, Noel McSweeney, Eoin Breathnach, Eileen Gleeson, Richard McNicholas and Tom Pierce.

The 12 coaches that completed the course are as follows: David Kent, Kilkenny; Damien Donohoe, Kilkenny; Lizzie Byrne, Kilkenny; John Farrell, Kildare; Roberta Farrell, Kildare; Robbie Lewis, Dublin; Donal Ryan, Dublin; Karen O' Donoghue, Dublin; Paul Sweeney, Wicklow; Shane Ahearne, Waterford; Niall Mullen, Dublin; Stephen Hoary, Dublin.

Support with just some of the extensive range of development initiatives was provided by the Committee namely with the Under 15 All Ireland blitz held in Laois, National Under 14 blitz (sponsored by Coopers) held on eve of All Ireland Final Day across various Dublin venues as well as Camán to Croker in October (sponsored by John Torpey Hurleys).

An exploratory meeting took place in April with the Executive of Cumann na mBunscol to see how we can work more closely with this committee with an invite to address their AGM in September.

Consultation with the National Child Protection & Welfare sub-committee and Ard Comhairle led to the Ard Chomhairle decision that, from January 1st 2015, all coaches must have completed a Child Protection course prior to undertaking any coaching course.

A Tutor in Service workshop (in compliance with the Coaching Plan) was held in early October was delivered by Martin Fogarty of Kilkenny.

A special thanks to all the tutors, to all who helped in bringing the Level 2 course to fruition especially Damien Young, to all the full time staff especially Mary, Caroline and Yvonne, to all who helped out with at the various events, Coaching Ireland and Catherine Bird as well as Leinster Council GAA and all my fellow committee members for their dedication over the past 3 years.

### Issues for Congress attention

#### Key issues:

- insufficient number of Level 1 tutors
- over emphasis on competitiveness at the Under 14 All Ireland blitz event and
- the need for best practice workshops around Go Games guidelines and continual reinforcement of guidelines around inter-county underage development.

*Mum and Me programme, Longford.*



## All Ireland Post Primary Committee

### Members:

Mairéad Ní Mhaoileóin, Cathaireleach  
Ciarán ÓMurchú (Dublin)  
Fiona Page (Connacht)  
Brendan Williams (Leinster)  
Donna Fitzgerald (Munster)  
Teresa McAvinney (Ulster)

**No. of Meetings held:** 2

### Overall Review and Challenges for 2015

We have now completed one full year operating as a subcommittee, with provincial representation and an appointed Cathaoirleach. It is vital that we retain our identity as a separate unit of An Cumann Camógaíochta and this remains a challenge for us.

It also remains a challenge to ensure that girls at 2nd level see Camogie as a viable past time and continue to take part in Camogie as players, trainee coaches and trainee referees. It is at this stage also that future administrators are identified. But if 2nd level Camogie is left in the halfpenny position the girls will continue to drop out.

As can be seen from the results below the Interprovincial was not played. It was getting too difficult for provinces to field teams when players were also playing in the minor championships. It is noted that minor inter-county matches have been kept away from the weekends of schools' matches this year and hopefully this will eliminate the need for players to choose.

As a Committee we have advised Ard Comhairle in our report last November of our grave concern at the possible burn out of girls who have not yet fully matured by inappropriate and excessive training. We have had no feedback from Ardcomhairle on this matter. As of the date of submission of our report we have received no feedback from AC regarding our request for an approval of a rule change in our playing guidelines or on a proposal for a change in the playing rules.

Our main challenge is to regain our representation at national level so as to ensure the sector continues to grow and nurture the girls who are at a very important crossroads in their lives. With all the changes in the role of teachers it is becoming very difficult to get teachers willing or able to take on the task of administration within the sector. Travel to matches is also becoming an administrative headache with no school finding it easy to travel with adequate supervision. All Ireland series matches are also played during the worse part of the year from a weather perspective and from the availability of pitches. But

the timing of matches is constrained by the academic year and school exams. We only have a very narrow corridor of availability.

Maybe it's time to look at reorganising the whole sector and not just piecemeal in response to one crises or another.

Competition	Winners	Runners Up
Senior A	Presentation, Kilkenny	St. Mary's, Maghearfelt
Senior B	Our Lady's, Templemore	Calasanctus, Oranmore
Senior C	St Joseph's Doon	Maryfield Dublin
Senior D	Glanmire CC, Cork	Dominican College, Griffith Ave
Junior A	St. Brendan's, Birr	St. Mary's, Charleville
Junior B	Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, Cahir	Calasanctus, Oranmore
Junior C	St. Joseph's, Lucan	St Joesph's, Tulla
Junior D	Mercy Roscommon	Presentation, Waterford
Sevens A	Ursuline, Thurles	St. Patrick's Maghera
Sevens B	St Joesph's, Tulla	St. Louis, Ballymena
Sevens C	Scariff Community College	Grennan College, Thomastown
Interprovincial	Not Played	

All Ireland Post Primary Junior A Final action - St. Brendan's (Birr) v St.Mary's (Charville)



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## National Child Welfare and Protection Committee (NCWPC)

### Members:

Mairéad Ní Mhaoileóin, Cathaireleach  
Marie O'Brien (Roscommon)  
Kathleen Woods (Armagh)  
Mary Connor (Louth)

**Meetings held:** 4

### Overall Review and Challenges for 2015

The primary role of this committee is to ensure that the welfare of the child/young person is always of paramount consideration within all units of our Association. The NCWPC does this by supporting and promoting full compliance with the mandatory code; *Our Games, Our Code*. We must at all times be seen to comply with every aspect of this code from Ard Chomhairle to club level.

Members of the committee attended and helped facilitate the Child Welfare seminar hosted by the GAA on 13th September at which the 5th edition of the Joint Code of Behaviour was launched. Much of the Committee's work this year involved reviewing draft copies of the new code and submitting amendments before recommending its acceptance by Ard Chomhairle.

The Cathaireleach, Mairéad Ní Mhaoileóin attended a National Coaching and Games subcommittee meeting at their invitation to highlight the importance of coaches attending Child Protection training prior to receiving a Foundation Coaching Certificate. The NCPWC welcomes the decision that all applicants for Foundation courses from January 1st must have

attended a Child Protection in Sport Awareness workshop, as stated in the Child Protection and Coach Education Policy published on [www.Camogie.ie](http://www.Camogie.ie).

The GAA has launched a revised Child Protection in Sport Awareness workshop. Contact details for Child Protection tutors are available online at [www.Camogie.ie](http://www.Camogie.ie).

Although the Code of Behaviour is in its fifth edition a large number of our members are not aware of its contents and many clubs and counties are not fully implementing it.

The code requires that a Code of Best Practice Hearings Committee be appointed at both club and county level and a Code of Best Practice Determining Committee be appointed at county level. These committees must have members from the three associations. We need in An Cumann Camógaíochta to be proactive in having these committees set up. We also need to identify two people at national level to sit on the NCWPC and two people to sit on the NCWP Appeals Committee. We need to be more proactive in promoting the code in order to ensure that all complaints and alleged breaches of the code are dealt with in a fair and impartial manner following the procedures contained therein. This code was commenced in all our Gaelic associations last November.

The appointment of fully trained Children's Officers is an essential element in the creation of a quality atmosphere within our Association. They should be seen as an information resource with regard to children's issues and as such should attend any relevant training and information sessions. The Camogie CWPC should be seen as a resource for our members on all aspects of *Our Games, Our Code*.





Female Officials at All Ireland Premier Junior Final September 2014. Left to right: Rosemary Hughes-Merry, Julie O'Neil, Louise Smyth, Jenny Byrne, and Liz Dempsey.

## National Referee, Support & Development Committee

### Members:

Peter Downey (Chairperson)  
 Rosemary Hughes-Merry (Monaghan)  
 Frank McDonald (Armagh)  
 Karl O'Brien (Dublin)  
 John Dolan (Clare)  
 Walter Cole (Cork)  
 Pat Mc Givern (Tyrone)

### Meetings: 3

### Overall review of key activities 2014

As Camogie goes from strength to strength with ever increasing numbers playing the sport, so the workload on our Referees also increases. The year began with a very successful National Forum in Croke Park, with an emphasis on teamwork between Officials and the need for increased levels of consistency at our games. Several training courses were held in 2014 including:

- Referee Foundation Courses in Kilkenny, Offaly, Galway, Wexford, Cork
- Referee Conversion Courses in Laois and Cork
- Referee Assessor Course in Croke Park
- National Referee Fitness Assessments in Laois and Armagh.

2014 saw increased levels of Referee Assessment, thanks in the main to a number of former Referees volunteering their services to act as advisors and mentors to our Referee Panel. The performance levels of the majority of the panel are well up on 2013 and exceed the targets set out in the National Development Plan. We hope to add more Assessors

in the course of 2015 in an effort to reach increased levels of consistency in the application of the playing rules. The inaugural National Referees Academy is entering its second and final phase. The Academy members underwent further training modules in 2014 under the guidance of Frank McDonald. The Referees have had a busy year both in the National Leagues and the All Ireland Championship with a number of Academy members officiating at All Ireland Final level. The second Academy will be selected, in conjunction with the New Referee Pathway at the end of the 2015 Season.

2014 was a landmark year for our female officials, with increased numbers of young ladies taking up the whistle, and clearly benefiting from the Academy training. These Girls are performing at the highest level in both League and Championship, and on All Ireland Finals day the Premier Junior Final was refereed by an all female team of officials, the first time in a number of years. We are hopeful that these women will act as role models for others to follow.

Referee recruitment is key to ensuring that the Association can call on a strong and committed panel of officials into the future. The Referee Pathway depends to a large extent on the co-operation of the County Boards and International Bodies. The National Referee Committee will provide support for Boards in all aspects of the recruitment and training.

As highlighted last year, analysis of the Referee Reports and Assessment forms indicate consistently increasing levels of aggression creeping into the game. Using the assessment database the breakdown of fouls is 95% aggressive and 5% Technical. There may be coaching issues, where many teams are coached by people from a hurling background. Previous efforts by the Committee to organise briefing sessions for inter-county managers failed to materialise due to lack of interest. The Committee is available on a National or Provincial basis to organise these briefings and feel it would be a perfect opportunity for an exchange of views.



## National Communications and Marketing Committee

### Members:

Olive Leonard, Cathaoirleach  
 Bronagh McIntyre (Communications & PR Representative Ard Chomhairle)  
 Mary Burke (Meath)  
 Mary Moran (Cork)  
 Gerry O'Sullivan (Dublin)  
 Conor Power (Kilkenny)  
 Claire Egan, Communications & Marketing Director

### Meetings:

The Communications Sub-Committee have favoured a mix of teleconferences and meetings at the Camogie Association offices.

### Summary Report 2014

The terms of reference for the committee are, subject to the overall jurisdiction of Ardchomhairle:

- Provide support for the implementation of the 4 year Communication (Internal & External) Strategy and annual action plan
- Review and advise on the presentation of fixtures in National Competitions

- Monitor the layout of match programmes for national fixtures, taking particular account to reflect the diverse composition of our membership
- Maximise the use and effectiveness of www.Camogie.ie as a communications and public relations resource to our membership and the general public
- Oversee relevant training and support to county and Provincial PROs
- Monitor publication of a monthly electronic bulletin to members on news and development initiatives and decision at National level that impact on membership
- Adjudicate on entries for the Annual Media Awards
- Assist Editor (Director of Communications) in publishing a twice yearly magazine
- Liaise with our national Committees and other relevant bodies as appropriate
- Provide regular reports to Ardcomhairle and a report to Annual Congress

### Overall review of 2014

#### Workshop for Public Relations Officers

The committee organised a PRO Workshop in January 2014, following on the success of the 2013 event. The programme for the day reflected the suggestions by the participants of the previous event. The PRO Workshop was targeted at club and county PROs and other officers.

*An Léim Ard, action from the 2014 Munster Junior Club Final  
Clanmaurice v Murroe/Boher, by Tom Russell - winner of photograph  
category in the Camogie Association Media Awards 2014/15*



### Social Media

The Camogie Association has invested in Social Media and conscious of the ability to reach a wide audience, the committee placed emphasis on social media, especially Facebook and Twitter as a tool for the promotion of Camogie, not only nationally but also in counties and clubs.

Following on the launch of social media guidelines in 2013, the PRO workshop in January 2014 included a session on Social Media and particular emphasis on utilising Twitter as a tool.

### PRO Handbook

The committee organised the publication of a handbook to assist those in a PRO role. It is acknowledged that a newly appointed PRO can find the role to be daunting, and it is hoped that the handbook will support both newly appointed PROs and those with extensive experience in their roles. In addition it is a useful resource for all members of the executive committee. The PRO handbook is available to download in the Administration section of [www.Camogie.ie](http://www.Camogie.ie).

### On the Ball Magazine

Both Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter editions of the On The Ball magazine were published in 2014. The magazine seeks to keep the reader up to date with key events like club championship finals, Volunteer and Media Awards, Post Primary schools finals, All Ireland finals, All-stars. In addition we aim to include special interest stories. The magazine is also available to download or to read on-line at [www.Camogie.ie](http://www.Camogie.ie).

### Media Awards

The annual Camogie Association Media Awards and Mick Dunne Memorial awards were organised by the committee and in 2014 the presentation of the awards was held jointly with the Volunteer Awards presentation on 2nd March 2014. We congratulate the recipients of the awards and acknowledge the role our local media play in promotion of our game.

### Concluding Remarks

I would like to thank the committee members for their input over the past year and also many thanks to Claire Egan, Communications and Marketing Director of the Camogie Association for her support and guidance.





*Soaring Stars 2014 with left to right, Fiona Coghlan, Patrick O'Brien (Liberty Insurance), Aileen Lawlor (President of the Camogie Association) and Joan O'Flynn (Ard Stiúirthóir).*

## All Stars Committee

### Members:

Sheila O'Donohoe (Chairperson)  
 Alice Dowling (Laois)  
 Marie Connell (Dublin)  
 Maura McCloy (Derry)  
 Sheila Coen (Galway)  
 Patsy Hetheron (Dublin)  
 Orla Considine (Claire)

**No. of Meetings:** 4

### Overall review of key activities in 2014

Similar to previous years the remit of this committee is to oversee the selection process of the All Stars, the Intermediate awards and Soaring Stars from the Senior, Intermediate and Premier Junior/Junior championship teams respectively. The respective finals of the National League were also considered as part of the selection process.

The same criteria for selection were adopted as used in 2013 which are:

- Player's skill level (40%)
- Effectiveness (30%)
- Work rate (15%) and
- Role model/sportsmanship (15%)

In our commitment to pick the best players as per the criteria, representatives were present at approximately 95% of all championship fixtures. Special mention to the championship sponsors Liberty Insurance and for their recognition of the players both with the Player of the Match awards and this year for their sponsorship for the All Star banquet and for the All Star players also.

In addition as part of the 110th anniversary of the Association the committee assisted in devising criteria and guidelines for Player of the Decade with the recipients recognised on All Ireland Final day. A huge thanks to all who assisted us over the year, to all the full time staff especially Cian Nelson and all my fellow committee members for their dedication

### Issues for Congress attention

Player/team selection is never an easy process. We are happy to take feedback and we have made suggested amendments around the number of awards for the next selection committee which reflect the changing cohort of teams across the Intermediate and Premier Junior grades.

## Player Welfare Committee

### Members:

Aoife Lane, Chairperson (Until October 2014)  
 Anna Geary  
 Jacqui O'Connor  
 Kate Kelly  
 Brigid Mulally  
 Fionnuala Carr  
 Deirdre Corcoran  
 Michelle Quilty  
 Patricia Jackman  
 Margo Heffernan  
 Louise O'Hara

### Overall review of key activities in 2014

Website Development: a new Player Tab is now available on the Camogie website, which includes information on Health and Wellbeing and Career and Education. This was developed in conjunction with Caroline Murray, the Camogie Projects and Initiatives Co-Ordinator and reflects a positive development for Camogie.

### Issues for attention of Congress

As indicated in last year's report, engagement commenced with the GPA with a view to developing a women's equivalent. This progressed throughout 2014. When the WGPA became a formal Association in October, it was necessary for the Chairperson of the Player Welfare Committee to vacate her post. The WGPA launched in January 2015.

It is important that Camogie continue to pursue health and wellbeing throughout the Association. The GAA have adopted a Healthy Club Initiative and each club must now appoint a Health and Wellbeing Officer; both ventures that could perhaps be pursued at club level in Camogie.

I would like to thank the Camogie Association for having the foresight to have a Player Welfare Committee and look forward to engaging with the Association in 2015.

## National Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee (NTHDC)

### Members:

Eilís Kavanagh, Chairperson  
 Marie O'Brien (Dublin)  
 Gráinne McIntyre (Offaly)  
 Deirdre Canning-Mitchell (Galway)  
 Germaine Noonan (Dublin)  
 Miriam Murphy (Cork)  
 Jackie Jackson (West-Meath)  
 Christy Dooley (Cavan)

### No. of meetings held: 4

Draft Mandatory Procedures for Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committees were circulated to County Boards in 2014 and these proposals were reviewed and feedback gathered. This feedback will inform forthcoming amended procedures.

## National Final Appeals Committee

### Members:

Cian Kelly (Limerick)  
 Carmel Grey (Dublin)  
 Mairéad Finn (Meath)  
 Jackie Brien (Galway)  
 Marian McCarthy (Cork)

This Committee met on one occasion in 2014 for an appeal hearing.





Reports from Camogie  
Representatives on GAA  
Committees





*Ellie Sheehy in action for Munster*

## National Inclusion and Integration Committee

**Camogie Representative:** Caroline Murray

This committee comprises of the GAA provincial inclusion and integration officers, a representative from each GAA province, a representative from Camogie, Ladies Football, Handball and Rounders. The committee also has representation from the National Disability Authority, Wheelchair Hurling, SARI, the Integration Centre, Pavee Point and the New Communities Partnership. Brian Armitage is Chairperson of committee with Tony Watene National Inclusion and Integration Officer Secretary of the committee.

Main projects that involved Camogie in 2014:

- Wheelchair Hurling
- GAA Health & Well-being Conference
- Respect handshake
- SARI Research Report

### Wheelchair Hurling/Camogie

The Camogie Association website ([www.Camogie.ie](http://www.Camogie.ie)) featured interviews of two Camogie players taking part in the National Wheelchair finals in IT Sligo on November 1st in the lead up to the event to promote the sport and the finals. The two players were Ellie Sheehy from Munster and Sarah Creggs from Connacht. Martin Donnelly continued the sponsorship of the event in 2014.

### GAA Health & Well-being Conference

The committee had a workshop at the GAA Health and Well-being Conference entitled: 'Community Outreach – The work of the GAA Social Initiative & Inclusion and Integration'.

### Give Respect-Get Respect Initiative

The Committee proposed a Respect Handshake fixtures roll out at beginning of the year. Camogie have already introduced the respect handshake into a number of games including the All-Ireland final, Féile competition and the National Under 14 competition. This year the initiative was also rolled out at the national under 15 competitions.

### SARI Research Report

Ken McCue presented findings from a pilot study carried out in Dublin under the Sport Against Racism Ireland 'Sporting Equals' research initiative. Findings included:

- Sport is not as integral to some teachers/schools as it was in the past in this region
- Irish boys like to play sport in school. Boys/girls of ethnic background preferred not to play sport in school.
- Most boys played soccer outside of school. Most girls played Camogie outside of school.
- For Irish girls, 42.2% of them do not play games in school and 66.7% of them do not play games out of school.
- For girls of other nationalities, 34.1% of them do not play games in school and 41% of them do not play games out of school.

## All Ireland Poc Fada Committee

**Camogie representative:** Eve Talbot

The re-arranged M. Donnelly GAA All Ireland Poc Fada Finals took place in the Cooley Mountains on Sunday 24th August 2014. The original date of Saturday 2nd August was cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

Patricia Jackman was the favourite to make history and she did exactly that by winning again with 29 pucks, 62 metres. Catriona Daly and Martine McMahon were in second and third place. The decorated Camogie star was always going to face strong competition from Daly (Galway) and McMahon but emerged victorious for the sixth year in a row. Congratulations to Patricia who has excelled in this competition and to Brendan Cummins who won his eight senior title.

Poc Fada 2014				
Camogie Results				
		T/P	Final	Result
1	Catriona Daly - Galway	17p 7m	29p 15m	2nd
2	Aoibheann Murphy - Armagh	23p 29m	37p 11m	6th
3	Louis Dougan - Derry	20p 17m	32p 3m	5th
4	Niamh Mackin - Louth	23p 23m	38p 24m	7th
5	Stephanie Carthy - Dublin	19p 36m	32p 21m	4th
6	Martine McMahon - Limerick	18p 27m	29p 5m	3rd
7	Patricia Jackman - Waterford	18p 51m	29p 62m	1st

## Féile na nGael Committee

**Camogie representative:** Máire Ní Cheallaigh

The national Féile Committee had a momentous year. The changes that had been mooted for a number of years came fully into force last June. The aim of these changes was to increase participation in the Féile. It was widely believed previously that the Féile was the preserve of the elite.

Last June a number of venues were used outside of the host counties. Thurles, for example, hosted the winners of the Division 1 Féile in the strongest counties. The competition lost none of its fervour as all the teams there came well trained and determined to win the competition. The clubs taking part

reported that they were glad that the costs were much reduced for them. They brought good support and the atmosphere and organisation were excellent. The wonderful weather was also a great help. The other venues used were similarly complemented by the teams.

The national Féile took place in Ulster and the Ulster Council are to be congratulated on hosting such a wonderful event. It is a big task to organise such a major event spread over such a large area and they certainly were up to that task. It gave an opportunity to clubs from all over Ulster to promote Camogie in their area. The tradition of hospitality and friendship which are so much part of Féile were very evident and the feedback from the travelling clubs was very positive about their experiences. We hope that all those taking part this year will have an equally enjoyable experience.

Féile is about participation and the changes to the rules are designed to facilitate that. All teams must ensure that their panel is used and that no player spends the weekend on the sideline. Clubs have seen the merit of this rule and have implemented it. I feel that the changes have given new life to Féile and they bring the spirit of Féile to a wider area.

Finally, thank you so much to Mary O'Connor for all her hard work. She certainly made sure that the Camogie viewpoint was well represented in all decision making. We wish all those taking part this year a happy and successful weekend.

*Hurl Smart Week, Geraldines, Antrim*



## National Child Welfare and Protection Committee (NCWPC)

**Camogie Representative:** Mairéad Ní Mhaoileóin

### Description of Committee Role

The main purpose of the NCWPC is to ensure that the interests and wellbeing of children and young people are promoted at all times. The committee also ensures that effective safeguarding arrangements, standards and guidance are in place and that these are compliant with the relevant statutory requirements and guidelines in the jurisdictions in which we operate. The NCWPC will ensure that members have access to appropriate levels of safeguarding children training including Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshops and other relevant training programmes.

### Main Outcomes of Committee

We continue to promote the code of best practice; *Our Games, Our Code* to all our associations. This Code brings together the collective good practice experiences of our Associations while also recognising the legislative, organisational and statutory guidance that governs our work with young people and children. *Our Games, Our Code* will assist us in supporting and directing our members and all units of our Associations; GAA, Camogie Association, Ladies Gaelic Football, Rounders & Handball, in our work with underage teams in a coordinated and developmental manner.

Section 3 of the Code which is the Code of Behaviour (underage) which has been reviewed and revised was launched by the minister last September. There are a number of changes in how we deal with breaches of the code which include the setting up of joint determining and investigating committees at county level and determining committees at club level. By now all county boards and clubs should have these committees in place.

The training subgroup is continuing to oversee in conjunction with The Irish Sports Council the training and constant up skilling of tutors for the Child Protection in Sport Awareness workshops. These workshops can be accessed through your local GAA, your county children's officer or through the recognised tutors listed on [Camogie.ie](http://Camogie.ie) or [gaa.ie](http://gaa.ie). It is a mandatory requirement of *Our Games, Our Code* that all coaches attend a Child Protection in Sport Awareness Workshop.

## Games Development Committee (GDC)

**Camogie Representative:** Mary O'Connor

### Description of Committee role

The GDC works to formulate and monitor the implementation of national policies in relation to coach education and coaching and games development. It is also supervises the distribution of finance in relation to games development activities.

### Main outcomes of committee

The Bus Éireann Féile Na nGael tournament took place on the weekend of June 20th – 22nd across Ulster. As detailed elsewhere in these reports there were 32 host Camogie teams across 4 Divisions. The Camogie Division 5 consisted of county based Féile teams from Fermanagh, Leitrim, Sligo and Longford. There were 55 host hurling teams.

Regional Féile tournaments also took place for counties graded Tier 1 across 4 venues. (Thurles/Kilkenny/Portlaoise/Galway). This catered for a further 16 teams. The emphasis was to change mind sets around competing and winning to participation, learning and friendship.

### Kellogg's Cúl Camps

A total of 86,675 under-age players took part over the 1,051 camps with an average of 82.46 children taking part at each camp. Out of the total of 86,675 there was a female attendance of 32,746 which is 37.1% of the total. A review of Cúl camps takes places annually and recommendations are made for the following year by the committee. Topics discussed are price, format, marketing, coaching standards and the promotion of all the Gaelic games family in the camps.

### Lenovo Skills hubs

The "Lenovo GAA Skills Hub" is a nationally co-ordinated programme of skill development activities taking place in a positive playing environment, providing boys and girls aged 13 -15 with the opportunity to derive maximum enjoyment from their involvement in Gaelic Games with a view to:

- maximising participation
- optimising player skills
- ensuring that players' needs are catered for in a balanced and holistic way.

Inter-county players are actively involved in the day to day activity of the programme, including quality coaching. Camogie/hurling had 6 hubs; Dublin, Offaly, Clare, Cork, Limerick, Wexford with a total of 247 girls attending. It is hoped in 2015 to increase the number of skills hubs being held.





Coaching workshop Galway.

## Hurling Development Committee (HDC)

**Camogie Representative:** Mary O'Connor

### Description of Committee role

The HDC works to promote and develop hurling and Camogie and seeks to identify new and innovative ways of raising the profile of hurling and Camogie in counties.

### National Hurling and Camogie Development Centre

Throughout 2014 the NHDC continued to offer the following services that were availed of by Clubs and Counties alike:

- Fitness Assessments
- Psychological Profiling
- Nutrition Health and Lifestyle
- Match Analysis
- Games Based Approach to Coaching

### Equipment - Sliotar Cores

Significant progress has been made in the standardisation of the Sliotar Core and the HDC is currently progressing discussions with a view to finalising the identification of a number of agreed core suppliers.

### Ash Dieback (Chalara Fraxinea)

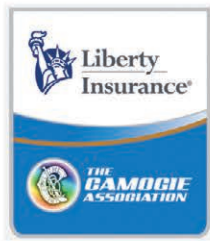
The current Ash Dieback disease is a cause of grave concern to the Association and seriously endangers the future of hurley manufacturing and supply. As of November 2014, a total of 120 cases of the disease have been confirmed in Ireland.

A total of 14 of the 120 cases were confirmed in 2014 which is indicative of the continuing spread of the disease. On foot of this the Department of Agriculture have stated that it is not advisable to plant ash for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, all grant aid for the planting of ash has ceased.

In light of this the HDC has appointed a representative to the Ash Society of Ireland which is a working group composed of members from Teagasc, Coillte, the Department of Agriculture, the Irish Guild of Ash Hurley Makers and the GAA. The group is focused on identifying and supporting research to tackle the disease.



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