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Annual Report of Committees
to Congress 2019

Tuarascáil Bhlíantúil na gCoistí 2018 don Chomhdháil 2019



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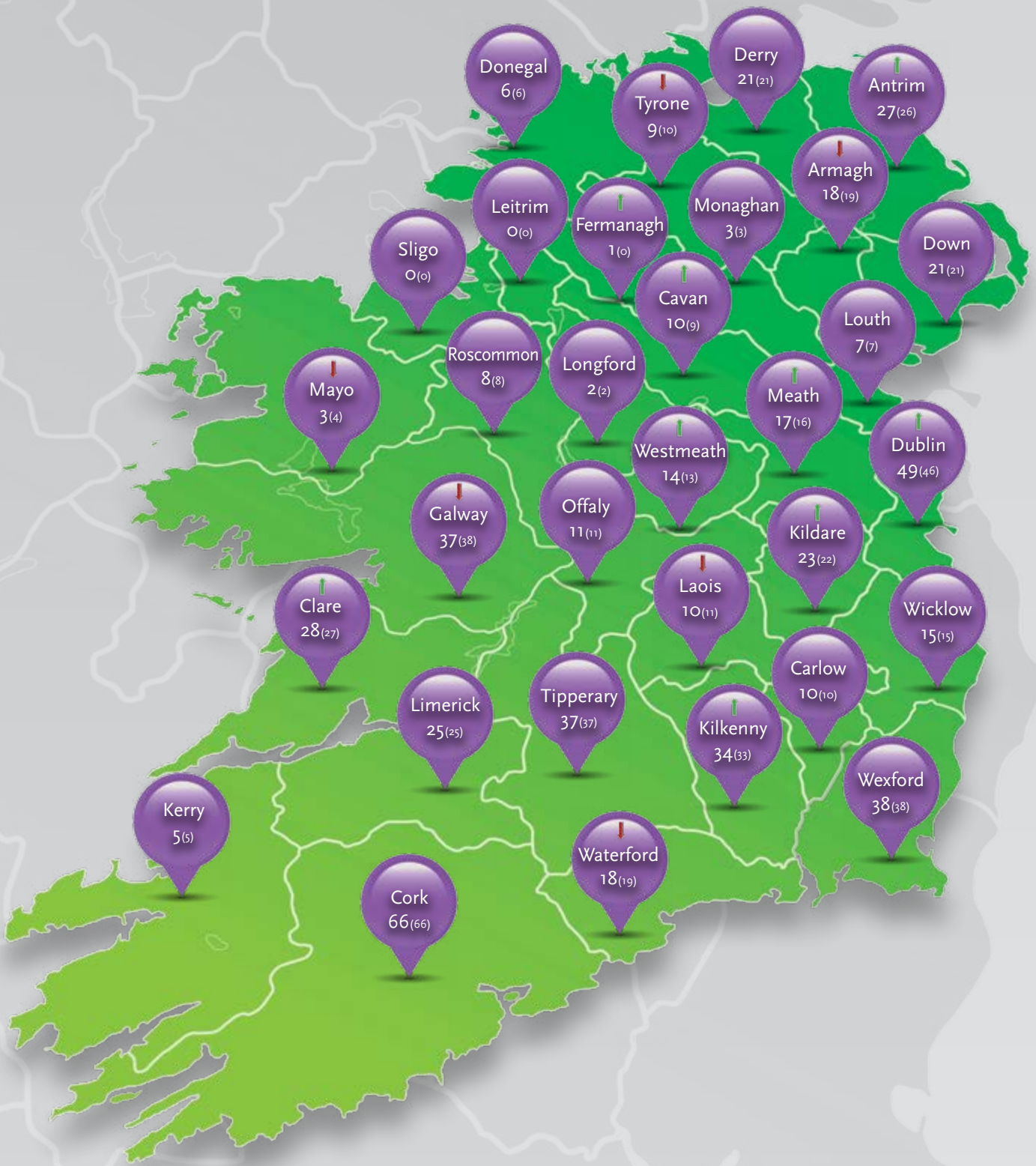


Provincial Council Reports

Figure 1:

Clubs by County 2018

(2017 Data in Brackets)



Comhairle Connacht

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2018

In January, Connacht was represented at the AIB All-Ireland Club Championships Semi-Finals by Sarsfields and Athenry from Galway in Senior and Intermediate respectively against the Munster champions. Athenry beat Lismore of Waterford while Sarsfields beat Burgess-Duharra of Tipperary with both teams progressing to the All-Ireland Finals in March.

In February the County Volunteer winners were presented with their awards in Croke Park and the winners were:

Angela Moran – Galway

Barbara O'Malley – Mayo

Belinda Dooley – Roscommon

The club finals were postponed twice due to the weather which meant the games did not take place in Croke Park. Sarsfields once again contested the Senior Final in a repeat of the 2017 decider against Slaughtneil with the reigning champions from Ulster proving too strong for the girls from Sarsfields. Athenry played the reigning Junior champions Johnstownbridge with the Kildare team winning by two at the end. Both games were played in St. Tiernach's Park.

Connacht hosted Féile na nGael in June with clubs once again showcasing the ethos of Féile in welcoming clubs from every province and forming bonds and friendships. The province had winners and runners-up in numerous divisions.

The Province in co-operation with the Connacht GAA Council organised the Connacht Poc Fada at the Connacht GAA Centre in Ballyhaunis. This proved to be very successful once again with competitors from Galway, Mayo and Roscommon taking part with Fiona Connell from Roscommon taking the Senior title and Maeve Muldoon from Galway winning the Under 16 Poc Fada for the second year running. Maeve represented the province and won the National Final after coming up just short last year. Susan Earner from Eyrecourt in Galway as reigning Senior All-Ireland Champion had automatic qualification for the Finals and completed a two-in-a-row by retaining the cup. Connacht won the Senior Interprovincial competition overcoming Leinster in the Final.

All-Ireland success came to the province at underage level with Galway retaining the Under 16A title making it four-in-a-row for Galway and their Under 16B side also claimed the national title. Mayo lost the Under 16C All-Ireland Final to Carlow after beating Roscommon in the Semi-Final and also won their division at the National Under 14 Blitz.

Roscommon also won their division at the National Under 14 Blitz.

The Connacht Club Cup Finals were held at the end of October and early November with all three winners coming from Galway. Turloughmore won the Rose Nixon Cup, Clarinbridge won the Pat Barrett Cup and Craughwell won the Fr. Vincent Lawless Cup.

Development

Officer Training, Coach Education, Referee Courses and various Workshops were co-ordinated by John Mullins, the Growth and Participation Officer for Connacht at numerous locations in the province. School Development programmes and blitzes at Primary and Post-Primary level were run in counties. Gerry Dolan once again co-ordinated the Under 14 Blitz.

Development squads from all counties participated at the National Under 14 Blitz with Mayo and Roscommon winning titles. The Under 17 Development squad participated in the National Blitz comprising players from the three counties with thanks to Supermacs and Connacht GAA for their sponsorship.

Thanks

The Council would like to thank Gerry, John and the County Development Officers for promoting the development of Camogie in Connacht.

I would like to thank all my fellow officers for all their help and assistance. I would also like to thank the various County Boards for their help, the Clubs who provided pitches and to those who took gates for holding our Club and Provincial Finals and to the Referees and all others who helped the province in any way.

Wishing you all a very successful 2019 and we look forward to having Congress 2019 in Galway.

Deirdre de Búrca
Rúnaí

Deirdre Burke
Rúnaí

Comhairle Connacht & Balance Sheet
Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2017

	30/11/2018	30/11/2017
	€	€
FIXED ASSETS	2,670	2,670
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors/Prepayments	0	0
Stock	0	0
Bank Deposits	3,634	1,354
	<u>6,304</u>	<u>4,024</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors/Accruals	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,304	4,024
	<u>6,304</u>	<u>4,024</u>
Represented By:		
REVENUE ACCOUNT	6,304	4,024
	<u>6,304</u>	<u>4,024</u>



Comhairle Laighean

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2018

This report details the activities that took place under the auspices of Comhairle Camógaíochta Laighean during the year and reflects on the many elements that involve so many people working together for the promotion of Camogie across the province of Leinster.

Despite the most unfavourable weather conditions for the first quarter of the year we managed to overcome the obstacles and come May, June and July the glorious sunshine and soaring temperatures added to a wonderful summer for Camogie.

Overall 2018 can be regarded as a very successful year for clubs and counties in the province with national titles won on the field of play by the following:

- Dublin won the Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Premier Junior Championship
- Kilkenny retained the Littlewoods Ireland Camogie Leagues Division 1 title
- Johnstownbridge of Kildare won the AIB All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship for 2017
- Kilmessan retained the AIB All-Ireland Junior Club Championship for 2018
- Ratoath won the inaugural AIB All-Ireland Junior B Club Championship for 2018
- Kildare won the All-Ireland Minor B Shield
- Wicklow won the Minor Strike for Glory Development Competition
- Carlow won the All-Ireland Under 16C Championship
- Wicklow won the Progress to Success Under 16 Development Competition

Congratulations to all the winners and well done to all Leinster counties and clubs on their participation across all grades. Congratulations to all Leinster winners at the All-Ireland Under 14 Blitz.

Commiserations to Kilkenny on losing the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Final. The manner in which you represented your clubs, counties and provinces must be commended.

I wish to thank the many people who have helped me personally carry out my duties as Provincial Secretary this year since my election at the reconvened AGM in February 2018.

I want to particularly thank everyone for their progressive outlook and pro-active approach to all matters undertaken by Leinster Council. The work of county secretaries is thankless and I do hope all counties acknowledge the excellent people we had in the roles across Leinster in 2018.

I would like to thank all the County Executive members for their support during the year. It was great to meet so many new people across the year.

To all my fellow officers I thank you must sincerely for your outstanding contribution to Leinster Camogie during 2018 and say a special and sincere thanks to you all for your support to me in so many ways over the year.

Wishing all involved in the promotion of camogie every success in 2019.

Linda Ní Chionnaith
Rúnaí

Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2018

	30/11/2018	30/11/2017
	€	€
FIXED ASSETS		
Bank Current Account	63,790	47,061
Bank Deposit Account	10,592	10,591
	<u>74,382</u>	<u>57,652</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors/Accruals	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>74,382</u>	<u>57,652</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>74,382</u>	<u>57,652</u>
Represented By:		
REVENUE ACCOUNT	<u>74,382</u>	<u>57,652</u>



Comhairle Mumhan

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2018

County Competitions

The Munster Senior Championship Final was held in the newly developed Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Saturday May 26th where Cork defeated Tipperary. Cork had previous wins over Clare in the Semi-Final and Waterford in the first round. Tipperary reached the decider after overcoming last year's winners Limerick at the Semi-Final stage. Earlier in May, Cork won the Munster Intermediate Championship Final beating Tipperary in Ballyagran. The Cork Senior and Intermediate teams both went on to achieve national success, winning their respective All-Irelands in Croke Park. The Munster Junior Championship Final held in Charleville saw Cork defeat Kerry. This strong Kerry team would go on to reach the Premier Junior Final in September.

Waterford won the Munster Minor Championship for their first win at this grade. In August they defeated Cork in the Final in Fermoy. Cork had won the All-Ireland title earlier in the year. Tipperary defeated Limerick in the Minor Shield Final played on the same evening. This was also the first year the Minor Championship was not a straight knockout; each county had at least two opportunities to progress to the Semi-Finals. Cork won the Munster Under 16A Cup, beating Limerick in the Final while Clare won the Under 16A Shield beating Tipperary. Waterford defeated Cork in the Under 16B competition, in a Final which was level on many occasions and only produced a winner after extra-time was played.

Club Competitions

The Munster Senior Club champions are Inniscarra (Cork) who overcame the challenge of Inagh/Kilnamona (Clare) in November in Cashel. On the same day, as part of a double-header, Gailltír (Waterford) won the Munster Intermediate Club Championship beating Éire Óg (Cork). The Munster Junior Club champions are Clanmaurice (Kerry) who defeated Crecora (Limerick) in the final played in Newcastle West.

Interprovincial Competitions

Munster competed in the Senior Interprovincial Competition held in Naomh Mearnóg, Dublin in May. They defeated eventual winners Connacht in the round-robin stages but had to settle for a place in the Shield Final where they beat Ulster to finish the day on a winning note.

Munster also had success at the Under 17 grade, winning the inaugural Under 17 Interprovincial Blitz played on the All-Ireland weekend in DCU. After playing all other provinces, the Munster team claimed top honours, defeating Leinster in a close Final.

Munster Camogie would like to thank all the coaches and mentors who were involved with these teams and in particular the players who represented their counties and Munster on the national stage.

School Competitions:

In the Munster Colleges competitions Presentation Thurles beat Coachford College in the Senior A Final. The Senior B Final was won by Ursuline's Waterford who beat Clonakilty and went on to All-Ireland success. Hospital beat St. Anne's Killaloe in the Senior C Final and Loreto Fermoy beat Roscrea in the Senior D Final with both of these winners also going on to national success. The Junior A Final was won by Ursuline's Waterford, the Junior B Final was won by Borrisokane Camogie Club. The Junior C competition was won by St. Mary's Midleton who later added the All-Ireland crown. Roscrea achieved the same double at Junior D level. These were the competitions that began in 2017 which were completed in the spring of 2018.

Development

Teams from Munster counties at Under 14 level played in day-long blitzes around the country from April to September with competitions taking place in Clare, Cork, Limerick, Tipperary and Waterford as well as blitzes further afield including the All-Ireland in Dublin in September. Munster teams were very competitive at these events and this bodes well for these counties in future years. Well done to everyone involved with these groups; coaches, parents, officials and the players themselves.

Thanks to the teachers at both primary and second level for all the work put in coaching teams in their respective schools and organising blitzes and games. Thanks also to Stuart Reid for his work in promoting and developing the game at Club level, managing the Club-School link along with development officer Rob Lotty and organising coaching workshops and provincial blitzes across different age groups which ultimately put more feet on the pitch.

All-Stars Awards

Congratulations to all players who won All-Stars and Soaring Stars Awards while representing Munster counties. These included nine All-Stars Awards and eight Soaring Stars Awards.

Thank you goes out to the Munster GAA Council for their assistance during the year particularly their help in facilitating the hosting of the Munster Senior Championship Final in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Thank you also to each county GAA County Board and to the many GAA Clubs all around the province who provided their pitches and facilities so

that we could run our games and competitions.

I wish to thank the Camogie Association staff for all their help during 2018 and particularly the secretaries of the six Munster County Camogie Boards for assisting us in the running of the competitions. Thanks also to the many referees, officials, linespeople and umpires whose time and effort involved in travelling and officiating at our matches is much appreciated.

I would like to thank my fellow Munster Council officers and the delegates from the counties for all their dedication to Munster Camogie during the year.

Finally, I must mention the players in every Club in the province who train and play for their Clubs, schools and counties and their coaches who give of their time and expertise to further the game and wish them all every success in 2019.

Jame Cronin
Rúnaí

Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2018

	30/11/2018	30/11/2017
	€	€
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors/Prepayments	0	8,925
Cash at bank and in hand	99,968	83,831
	<u>99,968</u>	<u>92,756</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade Creditors	0	8,070
Accruals	1,201	2,617
	<u>1,201</u>	<u>10,687</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	98,767	82,069
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	98,767	82,069
Capital Account:		
Brought forward at 1 December 2017	82,069	123,192
Profit/(loss) for the year	16,698	(41,123)
	<u>98,767</u>	<u>82,069</u>



Comhairle Uladh

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2018

Ulster Camogie had a mixed year in 2018 with some notable developments and success both on and off the field of play.

Having done the hard work on paper in 2017 for Sport NI requirements it was time in 2018 to deliver on the first year of target achieving, development and reporting necessary to retain the funding. Ulster Camogie Council continue to be faced with major challenges to retain this funding on an annual basis which is now target achieving based. The support of the Clubs and Counties are paramount if we are to retain our funding going forward.

Sport NI - Effective Organisations and Sporting Clubs

Two reviews were held in 2018 and a favorable report from Sport NI managers was received. As a result, Ulster Camogie will receive further funding for another year. Much of this is down to the hard work and commitment of the Office Manager Julie O'Neill and assisted by staff of Ulster GAA and Niall Jackman.

Quarterly reviews are a requirement of the funding, so Ulster Camogie must maintain a steady progress on the targets set to meet the requirements. The major target here is 'Club Maith' and the constant monitoring of training and developing opportunities of the volunteers in all fields of the sport.

The continued funding for a full-time Administration Manager and Club Officer has continued to assist Ulster Camogie in rolling out development and training for the volunteers in the many Clubs and Counties. The development of Ulster Camogie continues beyond the pitch as we continue to receive high level ratings for Governance and Culture. This being down to the hard work of all the Council Officers who have brought Ulster Camogie to new heights.

One of the new requirements of the funding is to become self-sufficient and as a result Ulster Camogie must look at other areas for income. One major area is gate income and by being more central with finals and doubling-up the games on the same day this has increased gate income significantly. Ulster Executive make themselves available to attend every game in the calendar of fixtures and encourage and promote the Clubs and Counties involved to increase their support for the fixture.

Integration within Ulster

Ulster Camogie is again thankful to the officers and staff of Ulster GAA for their continued support for the games and development of our sport and volunteers. The strength of integration in Ulster remains high with the continued presence of Ulster Camogie at Ulster Integration meetings and inclusiveness in events and launches.

We have had greater levels of co-operation with Ulster GAA & GAA County Boards and Clubs in regard to securing facilities for our games and we thank Armagh, Antrim, Derry and Tyrone, in particular for hosting high profile Camogie games again in 2018. It is important that we provide the best facilities for our players to showcase their skills.

Our relationship with Ulster Ladies Gaelic Football continues to develop and grow whilst we embark on continued joint initiatives for developing both codes' volunteers to enable us to ensure our female players remain paramount to both codes.

National Competition

Major congratulations to Down on competing in the All-Ireland Intermediate Final against Cork. You gave a great display and were unlucky not to have at the very least got a draw. Ulster Camogie Council looks forward to you being victorious in 2019.

Ulster was well represented on the national stage in both League and Championship. Congrats to all on competing in 2018 and we look forward to Tyrone competing in Division 3 in 2019.

Congratulations to Antrim on winning the Under 18B National Championship title and also to Slaughtneil on retaining the All-Ireland Senior Club title. There was success also for Ulster in the U14 Féile with Division 7 winners St. Enda's of Omagh & Division 5 Winners Crosserlough Cavan. Congrats to all other Ulster Counties on their success in 2018 and hopefully more to celebrate in 2019.

PR & Media

A lot more promotion is needed to showcase our game. Ulster Camogie successfully videoed and live streamed a number of games but much more could be done here. I would like to thank PROs for their contributions and work to promote their own counties, clubs and colleges.

Education Sectors

Ulster Colleges has again gone through a busy year and credit must go to Ulster Colleges Council for administering the large level of games in a school year. Through support for blitzes and coaching in schools the participation numbers in competitions continues to increase.

Throughout the year Ulster Camogie and Ulster Colleges are in regular contact and continue to work hand-in-hand, particularly through social networking. The Regional Development Officers continue to assist Ulster Colleges.

Coaching & Games

Building on the success achieved in the previous year, we continue to deliver coaching courses across the province which require good attendance in order to build on the database of qualified coaches.

The benefits of full-time staff to support volunteers and provide education opportunities will continue to have positive benefits to our game.

Our Coaching & Games Development Committee is eager to support our County Development Officers and we have a very forward-thinking committee led by Siobhán Poulter as Chairperson.

For Camogie in Ulster to reach higher we need to continue to educate our coaches and administrators.

Moving forward

Although 2018 was a mixed bag for Ulster Camogie the talent is present to build and get stronger both on and off the field. Each county must grow and expand on the year before.

To all the officials of our sport both referees, umpires and lines we extend our deepest thanks and congratulation on a job well done. Best wishes for 2019 and I hope you will continue to assist Ulster Camogie. I wish all Provincial, County and Club officers best wishes for 2019.

Roismaire Ní Aodha-Mheraigh
Rúnaí

Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2018

	30/11/2018	30/11/2017
	£	£
Debtors	10,725	11,300
Paypal Account	18,392	29,232
Bank of Ireland Keady	12,673	9,330
First Trust Euro (Converted Stg 90%)	55,920 ^(87%)	48,037
Cash on Hands	0	53
	127,404	121,627
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	15,326	18,232
	112,078	103,395
NET CURRENT ASSETS		
	112,078	103,395
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
	112,078	103,395
Capital Account:		
Brought forward at 1st December 2017	103,395	91,685
Add Surplus for the period	8,683	11,710
	112,078	103,395

International Board Reports





International Board Reports

Australasia

Gaelic Football & Hurling Association of Australasia

Overall Camogie remains in a viable position in Australasia despite having the smallest player numbers of the four Gaelic Games disciplines played. The two brightest spots of the year were the surge in youth participation and the return of Camogie to the Australasian Championships. Scarcity of trained coaches and referees remains a barrier to the development of greater player numbers at all levels of the sport.

Youth Camogie, Hurling and Football activities have taken place in Melbourne, Perth and Sydney and these events are generally mixed.

The Gaelic Games Junior Academy of Western Australia continues to have a strong presence thanks to the hard work of local parents and volunteers. The Academy once again ran the popular Cúl Camps during school holidays featuring Football, Hurling and Camogie.

The Wild Geese Trophy match - Kilkenny v Galway hurling - was part of a broader event called the Sydney Irish Festival. This included junior hurling and Camogie activities and a public contact booth staffed by the New South Wales GAA. Juniors travelled from Victoria to put on a half-time match; this was a mixed event and provided a landmark opportunity for young Camogie players and hurlers to experience big game atmosphere in a professional sports stadium.

New South Wales remains the strongest Camogie state in Australasia. Player numbers remained at a record high level with five clubs fielding teams. Camogie is played in pre-season competitions starting February which then lead into the league season. Players are then selected for the NSW team to represent the state at the Australasian Championships

Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia each have 2 active Camogie Clubs. Several games are played during a season and then a final. Extra teams are often found for pre-season tournaments, generally January to March, as the numbers (7s and/or 9s) represent a lower bar to putting a side on the park.

Camogie is played mostly on a social basis in Wellington and Canterbury. That said, these matches have seen increased participation over the past year. Unfortunately, there was a

lack of competition at both the New Zealand Championships and Feis (the annual 7s tournament in Wellington), which meant that only an exhibition game was played at these events.

Three state representative teams - Victoria, NSW and Queensland - competed at the Australasia Championships for the Camogie trophy in 2018 in Melbourne, Victoria. This was a welcome return for the sport after Camogie was not played at the 2017 Championships. NSW were crowned champions in front of special guests Breandán Ó Caollaí (Ambassador of Ireland to Australia) and Sonia O'Sullivan.

Based on the competing teams from the Australasian Championships, a representative Camogie team has been selected to compete at the World Games in Ireland in 2019. GFHA Australasia will commit resources to support the camogie team along with the other Australasian representative teams.

Alan Whykes
Acting PRO

Middle East GAA

Camogie in the Middle East has gone from strength to strength over the past 4 years. This year we have over 140 registered members.

We have 4 Camogie Clubs in the Middle East; Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Jumeriah Gaels and Sharjah Gaels. This year saw the introduction of a new club called Jumeriah Gaels who have over 25 girls registered in their first year which is fantastic. Dubai, Sharjah and 2 Abu Dhabi teams feature at senior level. The standard at senior level is tremendously high. At the moment all three clubs have come out winners in the last three tournaments. It's all to play for after Christmas with our first tournament of 2019 in Al Ain.

At intermediate level we also have 4 teams: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Jumeirah Gaels and Sharjah. To date, finals have been closely contested between Abu Dhabi and Jumeriah Gaels. We also ran a very successful Camogie Referee conversion course last October. Well known referee Cathal Egan came from Ireland to deliver this. It was very interesting and he updated us on the many rule differences between Camogie and Hurling.

Seán O'Sullivan
Rúnaí

USGAA

2018 was another year of continued growth for Camogie in USGAA. The numbers are still increasing across the board in terms of the numbers of clubs and the numbers of players. It was pleasing to see our playing base increase by almost 100 players to just short of 500 Registered Players – with 15 clubs now in eight out of 10 USGAA Divisions. Registered players that are American born decreased this year from 81% to around 70% of the 497 Camogie players.

The USGAA Camogie Development Committee, as a partner to the USGAA Hurling Development Committee, once again focused on 3 main areas:

- Leveraging the experience of the Hurling Development Committee
- Working with Camogie Clubs and players on defined goals
- Making recommendations on Team Grading for USGAA Finals.

The Greater Chester Valley Sports Complex was the venue for the 2018 USGAA Finals, hosted by the Philadelphia GAA. There were five fields in operation for three full days to host more than 100 teams competing in 19 different competitions. 18 Camogie Clubs competed; 13 of them USGAA, rounded out with three New York and two Canadian teams. Despite a wet and rainy Friday all games were played according to schedule on the first two days, setting the stage for some great finals on Sunday.

Cú Chulainn San Francisco (Western Division) captured the Senior Cup by defeating the New York Liberty Gaels with a last-minute point from 60 yards. Toronto (Canada – non-USGAA) took the Intermediate Camogie Championship. The Coastal Virginia Club (Mid-Atlantic Division) took the Junior Camogie trophy in their first year of competition.

Going forward, the key goals for 2019 and beyond should be for more games through various competitions and local leagues and the upskilling of players, coaches and match officials.

Finally, we would like to thank Camogie Association for their ongoing support and commitment to promoting the games in the US, and particularly for the attendance of Executive Members at our various events. With your support, we look forward to promoting and growing the game of Camogie to new heights in 2019.

Andretta Erickson
Vice Chairperson, USGAA Camogie Development Committee



Camogie Board Britain

On the competitions scene it was another busy year with all competitions being successfully completed.

Erin Go Bragh hosted a very successful one day tournament to ease the Clubs back into action after the winter break in the early part of 2018. The Tara 7s unfortunately was hit with weather issues with only the Senior Competition going ahead.

In competitions, the following emerged victorious;

- Junior League – Liverpool Wolfe Tones
- Junior Championship – Liverpool Wolfe Tones
- Intermediate Championship – Fullen Gaels
- Senior Mid-Week League - Tara
- Senior Championship – Tara
- Mixed League – Fullen Gaels

Tara progressed as the Britain representatives to the AIB All-Ireland Junior Club Championship Quarter-Final meeting with Four Roads of Roscommon and were narrowly defeated despite a gallant effort.

Fullen Gaels progressed as the Britain representatives to the AIB All-Ireland Junior B Club Championship Quarter-Final meeting with Clontibret of Monaghan and were narrowly defeated despite another gallant effort.

Thank you to all those who officiated at our games this year, and who volunteered as umpires and with the lining out of pitches etc. – it was greatly appreciated. We thank all of the Clubs for the use of their respective grounds for our finals and other games throughout the year.

A special thanks has to go to the Competitions Committee for their tireless and often thankless work in securing pitches, dealing with games refixtures and ensuring our competitions carried on despite all of the difficulties.

I would like to thank you all of our clubs, players, officers, members and supporters for their professional and courteous nature over the course of 2018, and for all their participation be that in actual games, attendance at meetings or feedback and support during the year.

I wish the incoming board well in their endeavors in the challenges for the year ahead and wish the new incoming club committees and continuing committees the very best of luck for 2019.

Eoin Ó Ceallaigh
Rúnaí

Gaelic Games Europe

Achievements since Congress 2018

Belgium were the overall winners of the 2018 European Camogie Championship with 52 matches played over five rounds in Amsterdam, Berlin, Dresden, The Hague and Hamburg.

The Clubs/amalgamations represented this year were: Hamburg, Luxembourg, Germany (Berlin GAA, Darmstadt, Dresden), Holland (Amsterdam, Hague, Eindhoven, Rotterdam), Setanta Berlin, Belgium, Gaels, Switzerland (Zurich, Basel).

There are also active players in Madrid, Düsseldorf and Frankfurt.

For the second year running Europe sent a team to the Tara 7s Tournament in London, winning the Shield Final of the Senior division. Clubs represented were: Madrid, Holland Ladies, Setanta Berlin and Belgium. Europe played Ballybrown (Limerick), Tara Seniors (London), and defeated Croydon (London) in the final. Madrid's Maria Mooney was awarded Shield Player of the Tournament.

The 3rd German Camogie Championships saw Hamburg being crowned German Champions. The Düsseldorf and Frankfurt ladies footballers took up hurleys for the first time and proved to be a strong up-and-coming Camogie team.

We enjoy a good relationship with the Camogie Association, who we thank for their support including assistance with training courses planned for 2019.

Preparations have begun for the World Games 2019, and we have two teams entered. Management is Irene Kirwan (Belgium), Darren Tiernan (Eindhoven) and Sal Harnett (Hamburg) who is also the incoming Camogie Officer.

Teams often travel without a full squad, but captains are always willing to co-operate and to loan players. The most important thing is that people get the opportunity to play games. With ever-increasing player numbers, we should be able to move up to 9-a-side games more often. 2019 will hopefully see more clubs come into the fold as there are Camogie players scattered across Europe.

Gráinne Corry
European Camogie Officer

Canadian Gaelic Athletic Association (CGAA)

The development and growth of Camogie in Canada continues in a very positive direction. Each of the three divisions within Canada have established Camogie programmes both at adult and youth level.

The Toronto Division saw the introduction of a second Camogie team in 2018 – Na Piarasigh Camogie. The club grew in strength and numbers over the course of the playing season with over 30 registered players, six of them Canadian born. The Toronto Camogie Club established in 2011 continued their winning ways in 2018 competing in a number of tournaments in the US and Canada culminating with winning the US GAA Intermediate Camogie Championship in Philadelphia.

In the Eastern division Éire Óg Ottawa Hurling Club have 14 girls playing Camogie at youth level. In addition, they have a schools' programme for girls with two teams in two local secondary schools. Ottawa Gaels have continued their Camogie development at youth level, introducing the skills to their youth footballers and introducing it to a few schools in the Ottawa area. Montreal Shamrocks are seeing the interest in Camogie growing, resulting in the introduction of Camogie for the first time at their annual 9-a-side tournament. Interest in the game at an adult level is growing in Halifax and in Prince Edward Island, the PEI Celts are starting the integration of Camogie into their school youth programmes.

The same enthusiasm for the game is growing in the Western Division. The ISSC Vancouver Club boasts a Camogie team and interest is growing in the other centres of Fraser Valley, Edmonton and Calgary. A successful adult beginner academy was hosted in early 2018 and Camogie is actively being promoted in elementary and secondary schools.

In addition to the games, we saw a number of members qualify as Level 1 Hurling/Camogie coaches, foundation level coaches, Level 1 tutors and qualified referees.

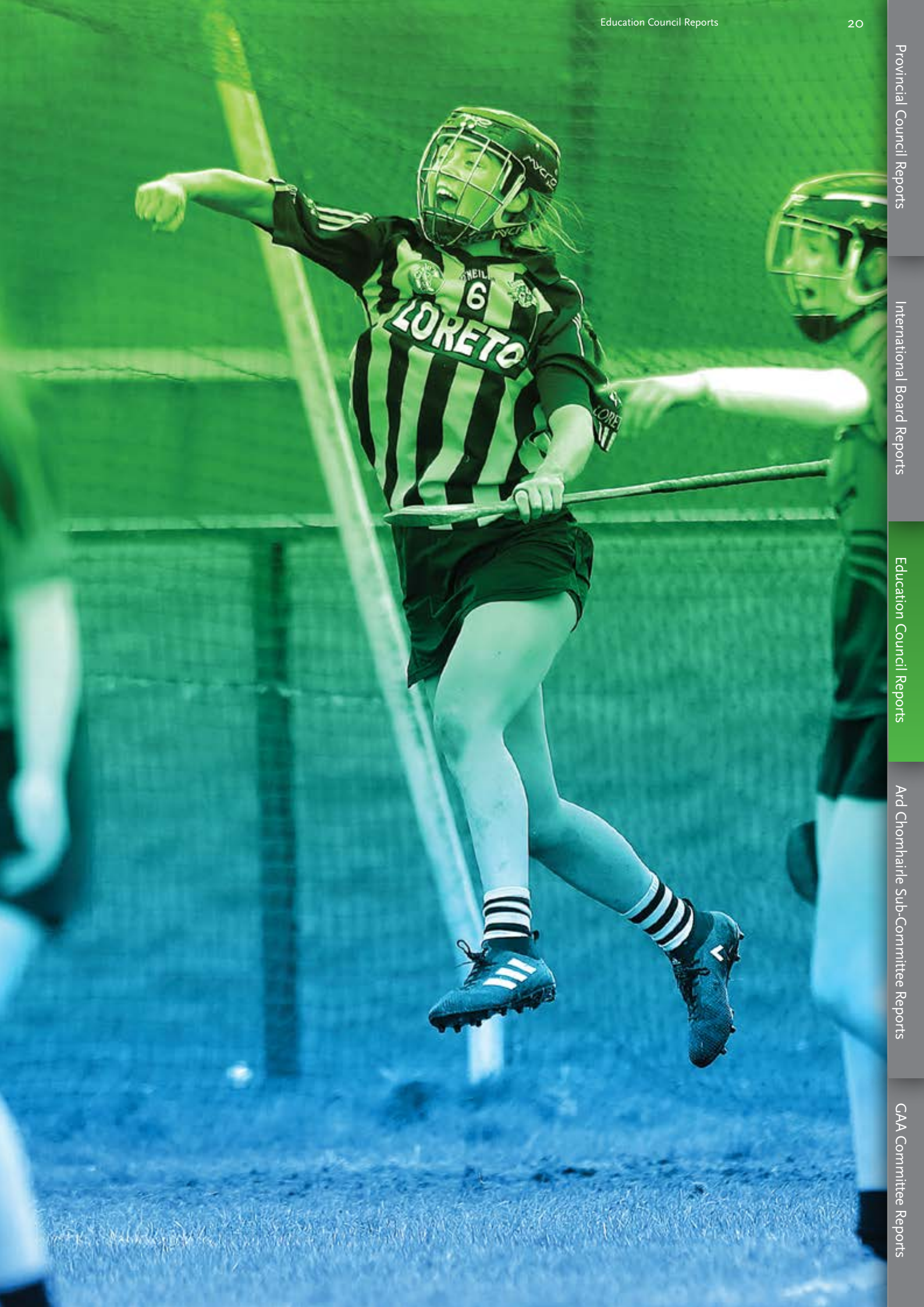
Several CGAA members also had the pleasure to meet with Uachtarán Kathleen Woods in Boston at the CYC games and share the progress being made across Canada.

Angela O'Muirí
PRO



Education Council Reports







Comhairle Camógaíochta na nIarbhunscoileanna (Post-Primary Camogie Council)

No. of Meetings held: 3

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	Number of meetings
Brendan Williams	Cathaoirleach	3
Sr. Mairéad Ní Fhearnáin	Leas Cathaoirleach	3
Mairéad Ní Mhaoileóin	Rúnaí	3
Proinsias Ó Críodáin	Cisteoir	1
Teresa McAvinchey	Clárathóir	3
Paul Beecher	Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	0
Geraldine Clarke	Oifigeach na bPáistí	2
Ger Donovan	Oifigeach Forbratha	0
Cathy Mulholland	Toscaire Cúige	1
Fiona Paige	Toscaire Cúige	1
Ciarán Ó Murchú	Toscaire Cúige	2
Jerry Drennan	Toscaire Cúige	0

Achievements in 2018

Registrations still prove a problem. Ongoing work is taking place in consultation with the Uachtarán and the National Office to move registrations to the online Servasport system.

Thanks to the acting Ard Stiúrthóir and Uachtarán a Servicing Officer was appointed. His appointment was a great help in ensuring the smooth running of the 7s Blitz and the Interprovincial Competition.

The Interprovincial 7s Blitz was held in October. Again, Ashbourne proved to be a very good venue for this competition. The winners on the day were: A - Presentation Kilkenny, B - Cross and Passion Ballycastle and C - Loreto Fermoy.

Three provinces fielded teams for the Interprovincial Competition which was held in Abbottstown in November. The games were competitive with Ulster emerging as winners. Thanks to Dublin Colleges through Ciarán Ó Murchú for the trophy which was presented on the day. The AGM for Comhairle Camógaíochta na nIarbhunscoileanna has been provisionally set for Saturday

11th May 2019. As with all sectors of our Association we need new officers/administrators in order to keep the sector moving forward and continuing to develop. We all need to realise the importance of this sector in the long-term development and promotion of our game. It is the age at which we either lose or retain our players and the age at which future administrators can be identified and nurtured.

The teachers who give their time to coach and look after Camogie players in our 2nd level schools cannot be thanked enough. Without them 2nd level Camogie would not exist. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir agus bíodh fhios agaibh go n-imíonn an tuirse ach go bhfanann an tairbhe.

Mairéad Ní Mhaoileóin
Rúnaí

Comhairle Camógaíochta Ard Oideachais (CCAO)

Members:

Michelle Molloy - Cathaoirleach
Jennifer Norris - Rúnaí
Niamh Hegarty - Registrar

No. of Meetings held: 1

Given the location of all members, the Cathaoirleach has met other members individually on several occasions.

Achievements in 2018

The 2018-19 season was an incredibly busy year for the third level Camogie calendar. We kick started our year with our Fresher's Blitz in DCU where we had a record number of players taking part. This was the first Fresher's competition in recent years and looks set to return as an annual fixture. Our winning teams on the day were WIT, MIC and TCD.

We then launched into the league where we had 4 divisions running from October to November. Our champions were:

Division 1: Waterford IT
Division 2: Cork IT
Division 3: Queen's University
Division 4: TBC (Monday Week)

A big achievement for the CCAO was getting the League Finals finished before the Ashbourne weekend, as in previous years these fixtures were unfulfilled.

All roads led to Mallow GAA Complex in Cork where the CCAO hosted the Ashbourne, Purcell, Fr. Meachair and O'Maolagáin Cup Semi-Finals and Finals. In two days we played 10 games, hosted 14 colleges with 354 players.

The weekend saw UL achieve the fantastic four-in-a-row, retaining their Ashbourne Cup title in a comprehensive win over UCC. The Purcell and Fr. Meachair Cups saw history made for Maynooth University and Athlone IT who won in thrilling finals. 2019 saw the return of the O'Maolagáin Cup to bridge the gap for smaller colleges who had no competition to enter. MIC Thurles were crowned champions in an engaging game against IT Sligo.

For the second year running we live streamed the Ashbourne Cup Final online with a total of over 6,000 views, an incredible viewership figure. CCAO appointed DCU's Emma Loo as PRO for the weekend building up significant coverage before, during and after the competition promoting our games to a wider audience on our social media platforms. There has been an increase in followers on all accounts this year showing that the promotion of third level Camogie is ever-growing. By the end of 2019 we hope to launch our new website.

The CCAO also launched a new logo this year, adding modernity to the Unit. The new logo brings a fresh and contemporary look to the CCAO.

While this year has been an exceptional year for the CCAO, our plan is to continue to grow the game and build on this successful year.

Michelle Molloy
Cathaoirleach

Ard Chomhairle Sub-Committee Reports







National Resource Management Committee

No of Meeting held: 5 and 1 Conference Call

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Catherine Neary	Iar-Uachtarán (Chairperson until February 2018 meeting)	2
Kathleen Woods	Uachtarán (Chairperson between May 2018 and Oct 2018 meetings)	6
Aileen Pierce	Ard Chomhairle Treasurer (Chairperson from November 2018 meeting)	6
Sheila O'Donohoe	Ard Chomhairle Secretary	5
Jennifer Cultra	Ulster Chairperson	2
Marion Graham	Munster Chairperson	4
John Foley	Former Munster Chairperson	1
James Moynihan	Former Munster Chairperson	1
Pat Martin	Leinster Chairperson	2
Geraldine McGrath	Connacht Chairperson	4
Fiona Hamilton	Former Connacht Chairperson	1
Geraldine Beattie Green	Committee member	2
Anne Nee Kennedy	Committee member	2
Frances Leavy	Committee member	1
Gareth Yore	Committee member	2
Joan O'Flynn	Ard Stiúrthóir	2
Louise Conlon	Interim Ard Stiúrthóir	4
Paula Bruen	Finance Manager	1
Clare Farnan	Interim Finance Manager	1
Brendan McCabe	Finance Manager	3

Achievements in 2018

- Made recommendations to Ard Chomhairle on 2018 annual budget.
- Monitored expenditure against 2018 budget.
- Advised Ard Chomhairle on financial matters during period of relatively high staff turnover.
- Considered draft 2018 financial statements and met with auditors to discuss financial performance and implementation of financial controls.

- Considered and adopted new Terms of Reference based on recommendations of the Governance Committee, including transferring chairmanship of RMC from Uachtarán to AC Treasurer.
- Strengthened RMC by introducing two Human Resources specialists to the committee.
- Commenced review of Employee Handbook.

Aileen Pierce
Cathaoirleach

Volunteer and Officer Support, Training and Development

No. of Meetings held: 4

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Eilís Kavanagh	Cathaoirleach	4
Linda Kenny	Committee Member	3
Olive Leonard	Committee Member	2
Joanne McGlanaghy	Learning and Development Co-ordinator	4

Achievements in 2018

- Autumn/Winter 2018 Club Officer training at three venues in Munster. Topics included: Preparing for your AGM; Combined teams; Volunteer Recruitment. 'Train the Trainer' online course completed by six Camogie attendees with a view to increasing the cohort of officer trainers available.
- Seven tutors trained for GAA and Camogie PRO training as part of GAA Associate training. This PRO training will be available to Club GAA and Camogie PROs in participating counties.

Thanks to the counties who participated in the Volunteer of the Year Awards and congratulations to the winners. Many thanks to staff at the Camogie Association for co-ordinating entries and organising the Awards ceremony.

Eilís Kavanagh
Cathaoirleach

National Competitions Management Committee

No. of Meetings held: 8 Meetings and 25 Conference calls

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Hilda Breslin	Cathaoirleach	9
Jennifer Cultra	Committee Member	8
Maeve Healy	Committee Member	9
Rachel Hogan	Committee Member	8
Liz McGuinness	Fixtures Administrator	8

Achievements in 2018

- Implementation of the 2018 National Fixtures Plan involving over 280 fixtures, scheduling of games, venues and appointment of match officials.
- A review of the 2018 National Fixtures Plan resulting in recommendations to Ard Chomhairle on the 2019 Competition Structures, rules and games scheduling.
- Design and preparation of the 2019 National Fixtures Plan subject to Ard Chomhairle policies and ratification.

I would like to thank all of the members of the committee for their work and commitment to a successful National Competition year in 2018. The Committee would like to express our continued gratitude to all the county officers, players, management, grounds personnel and match officials who have co-operated throughout the year, ensuring the successful completion of our programme of games. In particular, we acknowledge the efforts of all the personnel who in 2018 continued to strive to increase the use of stadiums, county grounds and adherence to the games schedule to promote our game.

Hilda Breslin
Cathaoirleach



National Coaching and Games Development Committee

No. of Meetings held: 8 Meetings and 3 Conference Calls

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Ailish Whitty	Cathaoirleach	6
Niall Williams	Coach Education & Development Co-ordinator	6
Sheila O'Donohoe	Committee Member	4
Brigid Barnaville	Committee Member	5
Angela Gahan	Leinster Development Officer	6
Rob Lotty	Munster Development Officer	3
Siobhán Poulter	Ulster Development Officer	2
Gerry Dolan	Connacht Development Officer	0
Lynn Kelly	Committee Member	4
Louise Conlon	Technical Development & Participation Manager	5
James Heffernan	Youth Development Co-ordinator	4

Achievements in 2018

- Spring Series Review 2018. The Spring Series coaching workshops were designed to support all coaches working at all levels. The Spring Series programme fitted our National Development Plan 1.7.1 objective to roll out accessible coaching courses and develop resources to all Club coaches particularly in 'Nurture the Game' (Tier 2) and 'Grow the Game' (Tier 3) Counties.
- The first ever Interprovincial Under 17 Blitz took place in September in DCU with all four provinces participating.
- Review of Academy squads where all counties had the opportunity to give feedback. The purpose was to plan ahead, address the gap in the number of counties with Under 15 teams in comparison with Under 14 and review the player development pathway (NDP 1.3.1)
- Launch of the 'Coaching Bubble' Podcast, our new Coach Learning and Development Podcast. The Coaching Bubble discusses all areas of Coaching from all sports and is of benefit to coaches at all levels.
- Input to the GAA's National Coaching and Games Development Conference

- Tutor update – an opportunity of ongoing education for our tutors and for us to gain feedback in relation to their needs.

2018 was a busy year and a significant amount of progress has been achieved due to the help and commitment of our staff working in conjunction with the committee on many levels. Already we can see growing participation at Under 15 level for 2019. At national level we are making progress under the memorandum of understanding with our GAA colleagues in relation to Coach Education and shared resources. Thank you to our tutors for their hard work and commitment. We acknowledge our staff for their ongoing support, many of whom are in their first year with the Association. We acknowledge both the GAA and Coaching Ireland and our hard-working committee.

Ailish Whitty
Cathaoirleach

National Finals Appeals Committee (NFAC)

No. of Meetings held: 2

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Eilís Kavanagh	Chairperson	1
Jackie Brien	Committee Member	0
Mary Burke	Co-opted Committee Member	1
Mary Crosbie	Co-opted Committee Member	1

The NFAC met just once in 2018, which is a credit to our County, Provincial and National THDCs who deal with the vast bulk of Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary issues in a fair and timely manner.

Thanks to our co-opted members who assisted this year.

Eilís Kavanagh
Cathaoirleach

National Child Welfare and Protection Committee (NCWPC)

No. of Meetings held: 5

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Mary Connor	Cathaoirleach	5
Marie O'Brien	Committee Member	4
Barbara Ryan	Committee Member	4
Kathryn Bradley	Committee Member	4
Rachel Rogers	Committee Member	4
Mark Hassett	Committee Member	3
Kitty Morley	Committee Member	2
Margaret Skeehan	Committee Member	0
Roberta Farrell	National Childrens Officer	3

Achievements in 2018

- Provisional Safeguarding 2 training days took place.
- Inclusion of all County Children's Officers in the Safeguarding Seminar in Croke Park.
- Committee members sitting on the GAA Safeguarding Committees ensuring we are involved in key decisions relating to Child Protection and Welfare.
- Club feedback sought through the club compliance forms and through this focus areas identified for 2019.

The committee would like to express their gratitude to all the County and Club Children's Officers for their co-operation throughout the year in ensuring that all Child Safeguarding measures were in place. Finally, I'd like to thank the staff of the Camogie Association for their ongoing support.

Mary Connor
Cathaoirleach



National Referees, Support and Development Committee

No. of Meetings held: 4

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Aileen Lawlor	Cathaoirleach	4
Frank McDonald	Committee Member	4
Walter Cole	Committee Member	4
Rosemary Hughes Merry	Committee Member	1

Achievements in 2018

- Referees Courses at all levels and 'Young Whistlers' delivered nationally.
- Graduation of the second Peter Downey Referees Academy. 16 referees commenced the Peter Downey Referees Academy in November 2016 and finished in November 2018. Participants were from Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Clare, Dublin, Galway, Laois and Limerick. 13 of those referees completed the training and graduated in December 2018. These referees will complement the National Referees Panel and National Lines Panel.
- National Referees Presentation Night in Croke Park in December 2018.
- Training and testing of National Referees 2018/2019.
- Championship fitness testing for National referees took place in AIT in May 2018.
- Two forums for National Referees took place in May 2018 for an update on Changes of Playing Rules after Congress.
- 34 games were assessed throughout the League and Championship in 2018.
- These assessments provided ongoing support in an advisory capacity to improve standards of our National Referees.
- National Assessors attended training and upgrading on the process. New assessors were also trained.

- New tutors trained to deliver Referees Courses nationwide.
- Referees Course and conversion courses were delivered in the Middle East and London.
- Commencement of recruitment for the next Referees Academy 2019-2021.

Aileen Lawlor
Cathaoirleach

Governance Committee

No. of Meetings held: 1

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Sheila O'Donohoe	Cathaoirleach	1
Tom Daly	Committee Member	1
Melanie Dunne	Committee Member	1
Catherine Neary	Committee Member	1

Achievements in 2018

All National Governing Bodies have to adopt the Governance Code for the Community, Voluntary and Charity Sector by the end of 2021. In addressing this Ard Chomhairle set up a small working group to work with a governance consultant. A sub-committee was then established by Ard Chomhairle in March 2018 to advance this work.

Work completed to date includes updated roles and responsibilities for Ard Chomhairle, the Uachtarán, National Secretary and Treasurer as well as terms of reference for the following committees: Audit, Coaching and Games, Remuneration, Resource Management and Risk.

Sheila O'Donohoe
Cathaoirleach

All-Stars Committee

No. of Meetings held: 3

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Sheila Coen	Cathaoirleach	3
Rachel Hogan	Committee Member	1
Patsy Hetheron	Committee Member	3
Sarah Leahy	Committee Member	2
Helena Jacob	Committee Member	1
Mary Connelly	Committee Member	3
Maura McCloy	Committee Member	3
Bonnie McGreevy	Committee Member	3
Mary Burke	Committee Member	3

Achievements in 2018

- There were no changes to the format in the selection of All-Stars in 2018; 15 All-Stars winners from 45 nominees and 15 Soaring Stars winners from 36 nominees. One Manager of the Year selection from three nominees.
- The committee worked in conjunction with the WGPA in the shortlisting for the Players' Player of the Year Awards in the three intercounty grades.

Sheila Coen
Cathaoirleach

National Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee (NTHDC)

Members: Fiona Hamilton - Cathaoirleach, Mona O'Sullivan – Rúnaí, Noeleen McCarthy, Deirdre Mitchell-Canning, Miriam Murphy, Róisín Walsh

No. of Cases Referred: 16

There were 16 cases referred to the Committee this year which resulted in numerous teleconferences and 10 hearings dealing with Appeals, Red Cards and Investigations.

On a number of occasions, due to prior commitments of members of the NTHDC or conflicts of interest, additional members were co-opted onto the Committee with the agreement of an Uachtarán (as required under procedures). I would like to thank the following people - Bernie McBride, Marie O'Brien, Patsy Hetheron, Charlie Galligan, Fionnuala McGrath, Joe O'Donnell and Breda Donnelly - for their availability.

Thank you also to Marie O'Brien for the THDC training provided at the start of our term. We would encourage all THDCs to undertake regular yearly training.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the Committee for their dedication and co-operation as there is a lot of time involved in reviewing cases, deciding if a hearing is in order, the preparation for the hearing and travel.

Fiona Hamilton
Cathaoirleach





Reports from GAA Committees that have Camogie representation







Féile na nGael Committee

Members: National GAA Committee – Louise Conlon, Camogie Association Representative

No. of Meetings held: 6

The National Féile na nGael competition is the biggest participation event in Camogie. Féile na nGael 2018 was held on June 8th/9th and 10th in Connacht with Galway, Longford, Mayo, Roscommon and Westmeath hosting Camogie. This was the largest Camogie and Hurling Féile competition to date involving seven Camogie divisions. 110 Camogie Clubs took part in National Féile (56 hosting teams and 56 travelling teams).

The structure as before was as follows; group games on Friday evening and Saturday morning when the host team plays the visiting team. On Saturday afternoon the Cup and Shield Quarter-Finals were played. This led to the Semi-Finals and Finals of the Cup and Shield competitions in all divisions being played at or around the Connacht GAA Centre (Division 1-4) and Athlone GAA (Division 5-7) on the Sunday morning and evening. Camogie finals for (Division 1-4) Cup and Shield took place in the Connacht Centre of Excellence, while the (Division 5-7) finals took place in Athlone GAA.

Over 6,000 hurlers and Camogie players took part over the weekend, with 1,200 mentors supporting them. It was estimated nearly 40,000 people came and viewed the competition throughout the weekend.

Four Regional Féile events also took place. The Regional Féile took place on Saturday June 9th in four various locations around the country. In total 28 teams took part over four divisions. This part of the weekend was solely planned and executed by staff of the Camogie Association. Over the weekend between the National Féile and the Regional Féile Competition, 138 Camogie Clubs participated in games.

This year's competition the Camogie National Skills Competition at Féile na nGael was held on Saturday 23rd June in the National Sports Arena. We had 26 participating counties and unfortunately on the day one player had to withdraw due to injury. Faye Mulrooney (Offaly) won the competition with Áine Leenane (Tipperary) in second and Orlagh Covery (Antrim) in third position.

Louise Conlon
Camogie Association Representative

GAA National Officer Development Committee (NODC)

Members: National GAA Committee – Eilís Kavanagh, Camogie Association Representative

This GAA Committee oversees officer training and development for GAA Clubs and Counties.

As part of the Memorandum of Understanding signed last year by the three sister organisations, the NODC and the Camogie Association have agreed to share resources for the PRO training for 2019.

The Camogie Association had seven representatives at the GAA Associate (Tutor) Training event held in Croke Park in December 2018. These representatives are now trained to deliver PRO workshops to Club PROs from GAA and Camogie Clubs. Cork PRO, Shirley Moloney, facilitated the Associate Training for PROs at this event.

Eilís Kavanagh
Camogie Association Representative

GAA National Child Welfare and Protection Committee

Members: National GAA Committee – Roberta Farrell, Camogie Association Representative

This committee has two main workgroups who conducted work in 2018 in the following areas:

1) Child Safeguarding Training Workgroup: Roberta Farrell Camogie Association Representative

- With the enactment of Children First legislation, and as part of compliance, clubs completed a Risk Assessment and Child Safeguarding Statement.
- Two Child Safeguarding seminars were held in 2018.
- Four pilot Designated Liaison Person workshops were completed.

The Training Workgroup supports the work of the GAA Child Welfare Trainers nationwide who deliver the Safeguarding 1, the Club Children's Officer Safeguarding 2 programme and the new Designated Liaison Person workshop.

2) Legislation Workgroup: Mark Hassett Camogie Association Representative

- Monitoring the implementation of legislation on the island of Ireland for its impact on the Gaelic Games Associations.
- Preparing policies for consideration on Vetting and on Data Retention.
- Advising on any amendments to the Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse booklet.

Roberta Farrell
Camogie Association Representative

Communications Committee

Members: National GAA Committee – Cian Nelson, Camogie Association Representative

No. of Meetings held: 6

The focus of this committee in 2018 largely revolved around the role of communications within the GAA's overall new strategic plan, Fís Shoiléir 2021, and in developing the GAA's first Communications Strategy which drew upon some of the learnings of the Camogie Association's own development of a new Communications Strategy. The strategy plans to focus heavily on the impact of digital communications to the promotion of our games.

The committee also looked at several communications issues and developments throughout the year particularly around the branding and promotion of various competitions, providing communications resources and training for officers and volunteers etc. and also conducted a survey of County PROs.

The subject of integration of Camogie and the GAA within the context of the Memorandum of Understanding has been kept to the forefront in terms of communications and areas where both Associations can work together and learn from each other.

Cian Nelson
Camogie Association Representative



All-Ireland Poc Fada Committee

Members: National GAA Committee - Lizzie Flynn,
Camogie Association Representative

Achievements in 2018

This was the fourth year of the new structure to Poc Fada with 10 competitors qualifying for the National Competition. A total of six at Senior level (four provincial winners and two invited players) and four at Under 16 level (four provincial winners). We continued to encourage Counties to align with the GAA competitions at County and Provincial level where possible. Many competitions continued the trend of taking place away from the field and to more relative environs applicable to the national competition which is held in the Cooley Mountains on the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Galway's Susan Earner retained her title and set a new course record for the second successive year coming in with only 24 shots. At Under 16 level Maeve Muldoon bucked the trend of goalkeepers dominating this competition as the talented forward saw off her challengers to make it a Galway double.

Senior Winner:

Susan Earner (Galway/Connacht)

Under 16 Winner:

Maeve Muldoon (Galway/Connacht)

Lizzie Flynn

Camogie Association Representative

Hurling Development Committee Report

Members: National GAA Committee – Niall Williams,
Camogie Association Representative

No. of Meetings held: 5

The focus of the Hurling Development Committee's continues to be on the provision of appropriate games opportunities for players at all levels of the Association. Having regard for this principle the priority areas of the HDC have been on the delivery and review of the Bank of Ireland Celtic Challenge, supporting the establishment of the Táin Óg Under 13 League as well as the development of proposals to increase games opportunities for adult Club players. In addition to this, the HDC was involved in securing UNESCO Intangible Culture Heritage Status for Hurling and Camogie.

The primary focus for the HDC over the period 2018-2021 will be on the establishment and continuation of games programmes, which are structured in a manner that provides players with a meaningful programme of games appropriate to their age and developmental needs. In addition to this, the HDC is active in matters such as the production of the digital sliotar core that is expected to be available for purchase from 2020 as well as ongoing links with the Ash Tree Society, which is a cross-body group responsible for monitoring the threat of Ash dieback.

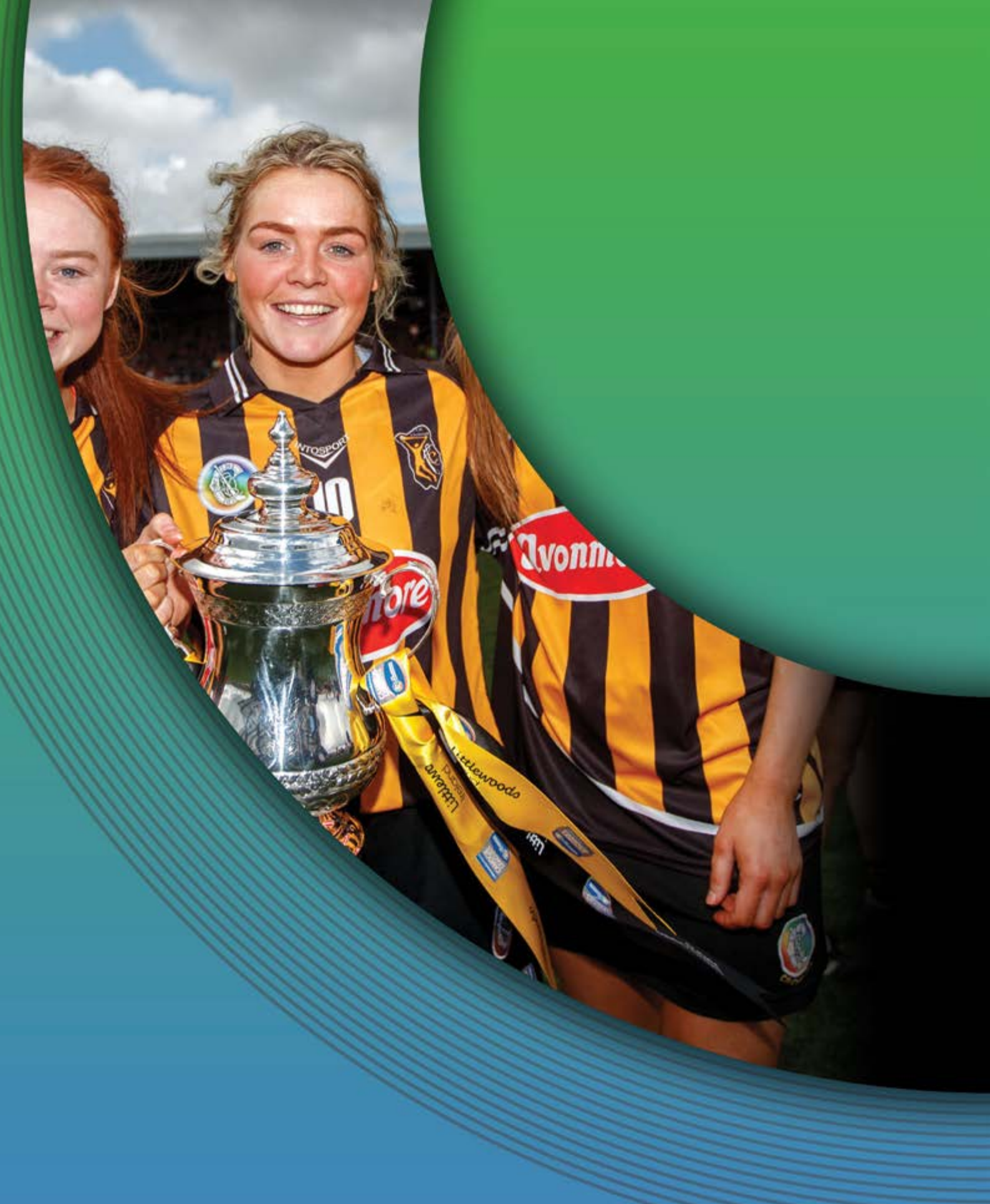
Niall Williams
Camogie Association Representative





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