

Tuarascáil Bhliantúil
na gCoistí 2021 don
Chomhdháil 2022

Annual Report of Committees to Congress 2022



**THE
CAMOGIE
ASSOCIATION**
An Cumann Camógaíochta





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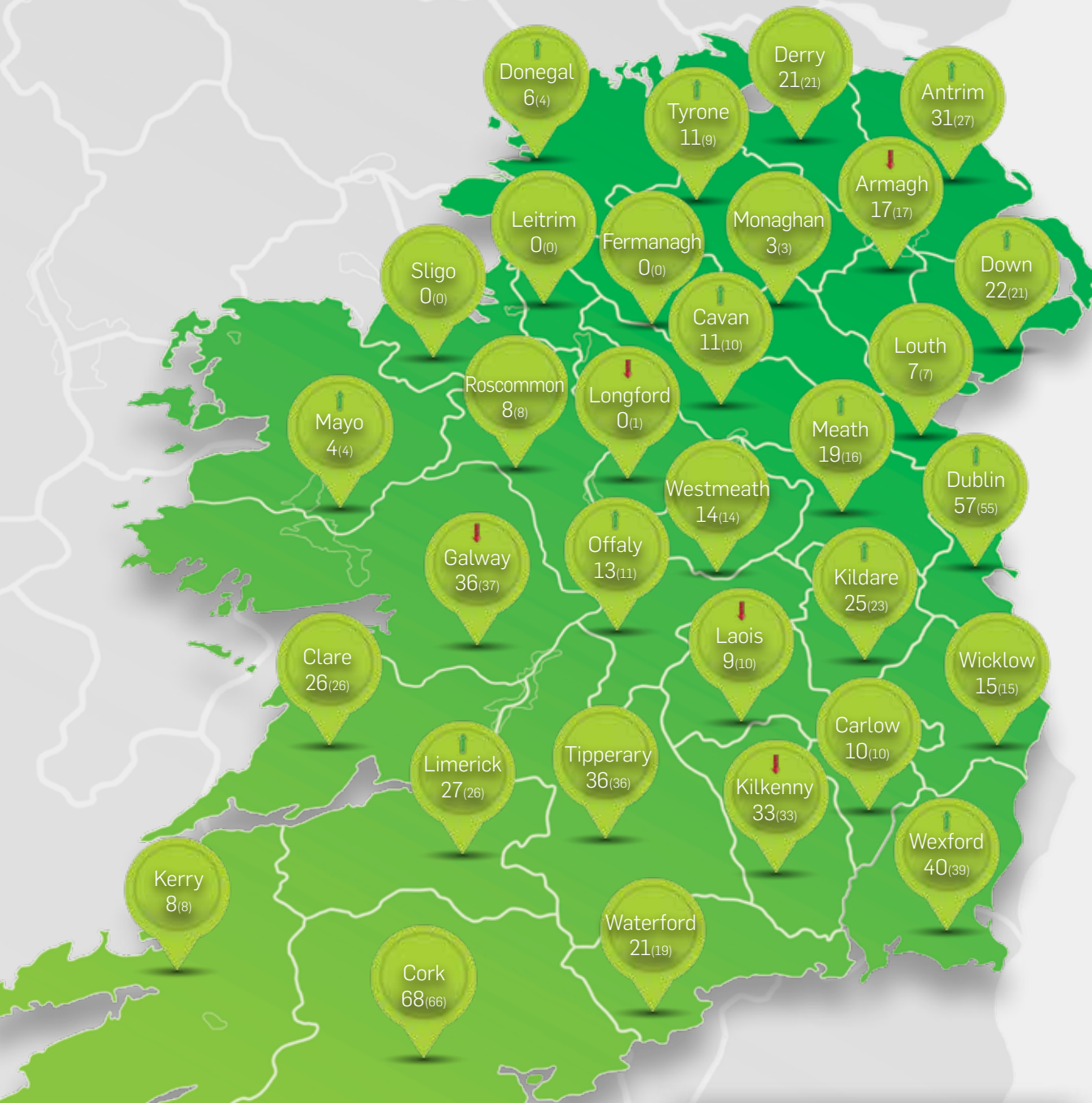
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Provincial Council Reports

Figure 1:
Clubs by County 2021
 (2020 Data in Brackets)



	2021	2020	
CONNACHT	48	49	-1
LEINSTER	242	234	8
MUNSTER	186	181	5
ULSTER	122	112	10
	598	576	22

Comhairle Connacht

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2021

From March 2021 it has been a very long and turbulent year when it came to team sports, volunteering and life in general. Public Health, in collaboration with our Government and Nphet guidelines has done a great job thus far albeit families from our clubs, counties and provinces have suffered bereavements throughout this turbulent year, to them all Connacht Camogie Executive wishes to convey their deepest sympathy to each and every family affected. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

Like 2020 all of our meetings were conducted via Zoom.

March 2021 saw Galway claim two All Star Awards, from Orlaith McGrath & Shauna Healy. A great achievement for our province.

In April we had our first Zoom Executive meeting, from where our Provincial Plan was put in place but like all other areas of life this too was put on hold because of the virus which was affecting all day-to-day activities and still is, we are living in a very different world in uncertain times and we hope normality will resume in the next few months.

July saw the All-Ireland Camogie Championships being launched as a triple header for September 12th as well as the announcement that Croke Park would play host to the All-Ireland Semi-finals This was the first time in the history of the Association for both of the Semi-finals to be played in Croke Park. Streaming of Games also was used more because of restricted numbers and 'Universe' was launched, this I personally believe was unbeatable when it came to administration and the Pandemic within the association.

The Connacht Executive Camogie meeting in August saw a decision again being taken not to hold any of the Connacht Competitions due to Covid and calendar space. Each county ran as many championships as they could in the limited time that they had.

September 12th saw Galway Senior Camogie win the 'O Duffy Cup for the fifth time in their history, Roscommon won the Minor B Shield and Mayo won the Nancy Murray Competition. Controlled celebrations as advised were had by all.

October came and Dressing Rooms and Showers were allowed to reopen, this was welcomed by all players and management.

The GPA players of the year nominees were announced and Galway received two, both Aoife Donohoe and Niamh

Kilkenny. Winner will be announced in 2022. Galway also received seven All Star Nominees:

Sarah Healy	Emma Helebert
Shauna Healy	Niamh Kilkenny
Sarah Dervan	Aoife Donohue
Dervla Higgins	Siobhán McGrath
Caitriona Cormican	Orlaith McGrath
Siobhan Gardiner	Ailish O'Reilly

Cathal Murray (manager) also named as 2021 Manager of the Year.

December saw the 2020 Club championships being completed as fought for earlier in the year.

Sarsfields of Galway were beaten by a very strong side from Wexford – Oulart the Ballagh in the Final.

Clarinbridge were also beaten by last years champions - Gailltír of Waterford in Semi-Finals.

Athleague of Roscommon were also beaten by Clanmaurice of Kerry in Semi-Finals.

Meetings:

All meetings had a good attendance; all meetings were conducted via Zoom.

Thanks

I would like to thank all my fellow officers for all their help and assistance, I wish to particularly thank Deirdre Burke, she has been my rock and go to all year. Thanks also to Caoilfhinn Ni Chuinn and her team THDC for their time, effort and dedication all year in dealing with transfers, appeals and disciplinary matters and in advising me of what to do when I looked for help. Thank you to Childrens Officer Marie O'Brien for quietly but diligently working away in the background and to Sarah, Alan, Liz, Caroline and Sinead at head office, excellent support all year.

Finally for 2022, I would like to wish everyone involved in Camogie be it club, county, provincial or at national level a happy, healthy and safe year ahead and hopefully restrictions will ease in the coming months.

Maire Ni Phoirteir Runai



Comhairle Connacht Accounts

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER, 2021

	Year Ended 30/11/2021	Year Ended 30/11/2020
	€	€
INCOME		
Grants (Resilience)	7500	0
Gates	950	0
Affiliation Fees	12052	10,415
Fines/Appeals	600	200
Competitions fees		0
TOTAL INCOME	21,102	10,615
EXPENDITURE		
Cups Medals and Trophies	1879	13
Sliotars, hurleys and gear	0	150
Pitch hire	175	0
Room hire	0	360
Bank Interest & Charges	41	52
Development	1182	7,200
Administration Expenses	0	500
Grants	3000	1,100
Refund of Appeal Fee	200	200
Equipment written off	0	2,670
Meeting Expenses - Zoom	238	0
Referees	180	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,895	12,245
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	14,207	(1,630)

Approved by:

Cathaoirleach

Cisteoir

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 €	2020 €
FIXED ASSETS	1.	-	0
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	2.		0
Stock			
Cash at Bank and in Hand	3.	23,268	15,061
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CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals	4.	0	6,000
Loans			
NET CURRENT ASSETS		23,268	9,061
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		23,238	9,061
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REPRESENTED BY:			
Opening Capital		9,061	10,691
Surplus for the year		14,207	(1,630)
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Closing Capital		23,268	9,061
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Comhairle Laighean

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2021

INTRODUCTION

Having taken on the role of Leinster Secretary after the 2020 Leinster AGM, I wasn't sure what awaited me as I hadn't been part of the Executive prior to this. From the very start I was made to feel very welcome both from the Leinster Executive and the 11 County Secretaries in the province.

2021 started off slowly as we were still in the middle of a pandemic with most sporting events either curtailed or postponed all together. Normally, in February Leinster would have been in full swing with the Leinster Club League. Sadly our members would be left with uncertainty as to when our games could recommence. This proved very challenging, especially for our younger members from a mental perspective although most of our members suffered in some way or other, particularly because of the uncertainty surrounding this pandemic. Trying to schedule Leinster events for the year ahead proved very problematic and eventually a number of events had to be postponed. The situation looked anything but bright from a provincial point of view. Eventually Government agreed that Adult County teams could resume competitive fare from the middle of May as these were deemed "Elite Sports". However our Club teams were still in limbo and with almost half a year gone, we were never going to be able to catch up on "lost competitions".

U14 Development Blitz. - This was held in early September in a number of locations spread all over Leinster. The idea of conducting a Blitz type event was to minimise the spread of Covid. To this end I want to congratulate Angela Gahan (Leinster Development Officer) for organising this Blitz. In total we had approx. 25 teams entered in 4 separate locations spread throughout Leinster as follows...

Ballinakill Centre of Excellence, Wicklow	Carlow (2), Wicklow (2), Westmeath (2), Meath (2), Louth, Westmeath (3), Wicklow (3), Carlow (3)
Abbotstown (Dublin)	Kildare (1), Westmeath (1), Wicklow(1) Offaly (2), Laois (3), Kildare (2)
Rathleague, Portlaoise	Kilkenny (2), Laois (1), Carlow (1), Kilkenny (3)Meath (1), Laois (2)
Buffers Alley	Wexford, Offaly, Kilkenny (1)

Leinster Council wish to place on record our sincere thanks to the above venues for allowing us to stage, what proved to be very successful Blitzes. As in all cases none of these would be possible without a huge amount of volunteers making themselves available to manage all locations. Not only were members of Leinster Executive on duty in all locations but they were backed up and supported by volunteers from various Counties.

If Covid dealt us many "hammer blows", it possibly dealt us at least one good aspect and that was the advent of staging this type of event as being by ticket only, due to restrictions and Leinster had to ensure that it kept within these limitations. Our Chairperson, Linda Kenny ensured that this was introduced in order to safeguard the welfare of all our members. This introduction would be used to good effect for other events later in the year.

2020 AIB Club Championship. - Initially it was decided that there wouldn't be enough time to run off this Championship but subsequent events overturned this initial decision. In Leinster we were at the quarter final stages and to run off our Leinster Club Championships we needed at least three weeks. Eventually it was decided to stage these fixtures commencing 27/28th November and concluding on 11/12th December. Leinster secured a derogation that all games would finish on the day in the event of a draw.

Senior 2020 Leinster Club Championship had three teams involved - St Judes, Oulart The Ballagh & Thomastown. Oulart The Ballagh overcame St Judes and qualified to meet Thomastown in the Senior Club final. This final was scheduled for Chadwicks Wexford Park on Saturday 5th December. Leinster wish to place on record their sincere thanks to Wexford GAA for allowing us the use of this very fine venue in order to stage our Senior final.

After a fantastic game Oulart The Ballagh ran out 2 pts winners. As Leinster winners, Oulart The Ballagh qualified for an All-Ireland Club Semi-final against Slaughtneil. (Ulster). Against all the odds Oulart The Ballagh overcame their Ulster opponents and qualified to meet reigning champions, Sarsfields of Galway on Saturday 18th December in Nolan Park. After a pulsating game, Oulart The Ballagh came out on top on a score line of 4-8 to 2-9 and were deservedly crowned All Ireland Senior Club Champions. Leinster wish to express our sincere congratulations to all in Oulart The Ballagh on a magnificent achievement.

Intermediate 2020 Leinster Club Championship had 8 teams involved at the Quarter stages - 'Moore's, Erins Isle, Rathnure, St Rynaghs, Kilmessan, Celbridge, Myshall, Conahy Shamrocks. Celbridge emerged to take on St Rynaghs in the final in Clane on Saturday 11th December. Leinster are most grateful to Clane GAA for allowing us to stage two finals at the venue. St Rynaghs eventually overcame Celbridge in the Leinster Intermediate final and crowned worthy winners of this competition. St Rynaghs went on to beat Eglishe in the Semi-Finals of the All-Ireland and overcame Gailltír to win the All-Ireland Final.

Junior A 2020 Leinster Club Championship had 6 teams competing in this competition. Raharney qualified to meet Celbridge in the final as part of a "double header" in Clane on Saturday 11th December with the Intermediate Club finalists. Raharney ran out worthy winners on the day but Celbridge can take heart in that they reached two Provincial finals in the one day. On Saturday 18th Dec Raharney overcame Glen (Derry) in the All-Ireland Semi Final and overcame Clanmaurice to claim the All-Ireland Junior Club Championship.

Junior B 2020 Leinster Club Championship had 3 teams involved St Brides, Drumraney and Knockananna. Drumraney overcame St Brides in the Semi-final and qualified to meet Knockananna in Abbotstown on Sunday 5th December in the Provincial decider with Knockananna coming out on top. By doing so, they qualified to meet Naomh Treasa in the Junior B All Ireland Club Final on 19th December. Sadly, Knockananna narrowly lost out to their opponents by the narrowest margin on a score line 1-4 to 0-6. Very hard luck to Knockananna.

Leinster Clubs have done extremely well in the All Ireland Club Championships. Leinster would like to congratulate each and every club for representing their Province with great distinction with at least one All Ireland (Senior) coming back to Leinster with the possibility of more to come.

Leinster Counties – National Competitions.

At National level Leinster Counties were to the fore winning a number of competitions. The table above is a breakdown of how Leinster Counties fared.

National League	Div. 1 Kilkenny had a thrilling victory 3 pt victory over Cork (1-18 to 1-15) in Croke Park on the 20th June. Div 3. Wexford had a narrow but deserved 2 pt victory Armagh on a score line 0-13 to 1-8
All Ireland Championship	Senior/Intermediate Championship. Kilkenny lost both finals to Cork and Antrim respectively but deserve great credit for reaching both finals. Premier Junior Final. Wexford secured a well-earned victory over Armagh on a score line of 1-14 to 1-11.
Minor All-Ireland Championship Finals	Minor A - Kilkenny 2-21 Cork 0-12 Minor B - Offaly 3-08 Antrim 2-15 Minor B Shield - Meath 1-7 Roscommon 2-09 U16A - Kilkenny 2-10 Cork 2-12 U16B - Meath 9-13 v Offaly 4-12 U16C - Westmeath 1-1 Roscommon 0-08 U16D - Wicklow 3-13 Mayo 0-03

Referees / Match Officials.

Leinster are most fortunate to have a small but very select set of Referees who have refereed at the very highest level at National level. During the recent Leinster 2020 Club Championships these men/women have served Leinster with great distinction. Because of circumstances outside Leinster's control it was necessary to move referees from one venue to another, often at very short notice and they have always obliged. Leinster are very grateful to all our officials for ensuring that our Leinster competitions were run off in a timely manner. Without these men and women Leinster could not stage these competitions and we are most grateful for having use of their services.

Coaching

The Leinster Camogie Executive are delighted to support and fund the establishment of the Coaching Academy. Leinster Camogie wish to thank Sabrina Larkin, Leinster Growth & Participation Officer for all her work in planning and bringing the Academy to its Launch stage.

The successful participants will be provided with a platform to enhance their coaching journeys, with in person upskilling across various areas of coaching and mentoring in your own environment during and after the programme.

We look forward to following the progress of the programme and anticipate the coaches who are selected benefit greatly from their involvement.

Comhairle Laighean continued

Leinster AIB 2021 Club Championship. - With the 2020 Club Championship only completed on the 11th December and the 2021 campaign due to start on the 15/16th January 2022 this is going to be a very busy time for some clubs especially those winning both their 2020 and 2021 County championships. For all Clubs involved in the upcoming Club Championships may I wish all those competing the very best of luck. As with the 2020 Club Championships, Leinster will continue using the Universe Ticket system

Leinster Executive - From a personal point of view I am indebted to each and every one involved with the Leinster Executive as they bring a wealth of experience to their individual roles and their knowledge is invaluable, in helping me in my role as Leinster Secretary. In particular I want to put on record my sincere thanks to Linda Kenny (Chairperson) for the help and guidance shown to me. A remarkable woman who gives so much and always leads by example. Without doubt Linda is a huge asset to Leinster and the Association as a whole and her contribution to Camogie is immeasurable .

The Association - I would also like to thank the members and staff of the Association for helping me in the role of Leinster Secretary. Always there to guide and advise whenever needed and in doing so doing has made my transition all the more easier.

County Secretaries - Without doubt to take on the responsibility of a Secretaries role takes a large chunk of ones life. Invariably, these people are probably multi-tasking and give so selflessly of their time and experience. After recent County AGM's some people will be leaving their role as County Secretary and I want to thank them for their service and to wish them well in the future. For those now taking on the role of County Secretary may I wish them very best wishes and we, in Leinster are here to assist and help in any way possible.

Recently deceased members - To all the people who have lost a loved one during the year can I, on behalf of Leinster express our condolences and ask you to remember these people in your prayers. We particularly remember Pat Martin (RIP) former Chairperson of Leinster Council.

Brendan Cooper
Secretary Leinster Council.





Comhairle Laighean Accounts

An Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael Comhairle Laighean Revenue

Account for the Year ended 30th November, 2021

	Page	30/11/2021 €	30/11/2020 €
Income			
Gate Receipts	5	1,348	563
Leinster GAA	5	-	1,000
Grant Affiliations	5	58,908	49,010
Other Income	5	<u>25,528</u>	<u>6,651</u>
Total Income		85,784	57,224
Expenditure			
Expenditure	6		
Total Expenditure		42,038	36,038
Surplus of Income over Expenditure		43,746	21,186
Balance Brought Forward		<u>106,745</u>	<u>85,559</u>
Balance Carried Forward		<u>150,491</u>	<u>106,745</u>
Expenditure			
		30/11/2021 €	30/11/2020 €
Details			
Medals / Trophies		-	7,021
Pitch / Room Hire		-	-
Referees / Officials Expenses		636	2,781
Gear,Slitars,Hurls		720	900
Bank Charges		289	390
Appeal Refunds		800	1,650
Accounts		350	350
Development		7,190	4,520
Congress		-	-
Printing / Photography etc.		1,349	5,235
Leinster League Refunds		-	4,700
Website Maintenance		-	738
Resilience Funding		23,829	-
Sponsorship		3,250	500
Office Expenses		2,226	2,397
Executive Expenses		1,254	3,211
Catering / Accomodation etc.		<u>145</u>	<u>1,645</u>
		<u>42,038</u>	<u>36,038</u>

An Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael Comhairle
Laighean Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 2021

	30/11/2021 €	30/11/2020 €
Fixed Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Current Account	139,897	96,151
Bank Deposit Account	<u>10,594</u>	<u>10,594</u>
	150,491	106,745
Current Liabilities	-	-
Net Current Assets	<u>150,491</u>	<u>106,745</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u><u>150,491</u></u>	<u><u>106,745</u></u>
Represented by :		
Revenue Account	<u><u>150,491</u></u>	<u><u>106,745</u></u>

Comhairle Mumhan

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2021

Registration 2021:

Full Members registered for Munster Camogie in 2021. Full Members: 35,895

Munster Competition:

Senior Competition took place in the GAA grounds the Ragg Co. Tipperary between Cork and Limerick, Cork coming out as winners on the day. The Intermediate Final also took place in the same venue between Tipperary and Cork, with Tipperary taking the title. The Junior Final took place in Mungret GAA grounds Limerick between Kerry and Clare, Kerry taking this title.

Munster Club Championship

The 2021 Club Championship will not start until the new year as the 2020 Munster and All Ireland Finals have to be finished first as was agreed by Clubs and the Camogie Association.

Munster Club Finals 2020:

Senior:

Drom-Inch are Senior Munster Champions after they played Inagh Kilnamona in a thrilling final coming out winners by 1pt. Drom-Inch 1.09 Inagh Kilnamona 1.08

Intermediate:

Gailltír are Intermediate Munster Champions. Gailltír 1.11 Thurles/Sarsfield 0.06

Junior:

This game was played in Mallow GAA Complex as a double header Clanmaurice played Feakle-Killanena in an exciting game. Feakle-Killanena put up a great display of camogie but Clanmaurice were the winners on the day. Clanmaurice 2.06 Feakle-Killanena 0.09

Camogie Association All Stars Awards 2021:

The Camogie Association because of the increase of Covid-19 made the decision to postpone this year's All Stars Awards which were to take place on the 26th November 2021 at the Osprey Hotel Nass, Co. Kildare. The Association is hoping to reschedule in early 2022.

Inter Provincial Championship:

Inter-provincial competition had to be cancelled in 2021.

Shinty:

This competition did not go ahead for the second year in a row, hopefully this will change in 2022.

Munster Poc Fada Competition 2020

This competition went ahead as a Senior Invitation only Competition; it took place on Saturday 25th September 2021. The competition was held for Senior Camogie and Senior Hurling only. Molly Lynch Sarsfields Camogie Club Cork was the Munster representative. Molly was the Camogie National Poc Fada winner for 2021. Congratulations Molly.

Feile Na Ngael 2021:

Féile Competition was run by each counties at local level in 2021

Feile Skills:

National Féile skills did not take place in 2021, some divisions and counties held their own.

Referees:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all referees in Munster who officiated our games in these strange times. Being a referee at any time is not an easy task but with the Pandemic it has made it hard on our referees over the last two years. I would like to congratulate Kevin O'Brien Limerick on a job well done in the All-Ireland Junior Final in 2021.

Munster Development:

Thanks to Munster Development Officer Rob Lotty for all the work he does, unfortunately Rob has to finish as development Officer this year as he has his five years done Rob will be sadly missed nobody realises the work he has done for Camogie over the years, also Munster RDO Stuart Reid who is always working with counties and clubs, between Stuart and Rob Munster Camogie Development has come on in leaps and bounds

Publicity:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all local radio and media for their coverage of our Camogie games during the year. Thanks to Laura Fennell our PRO, and Mike Ryan for all the photos he takes and keeps our Facebook and Website up to date, thanks to all PRO in Munster without you Camogie would not get the publicity it deserves.

Munster Gaa:

A special thanks to all Gaa clubs in Munster who so generously give us the use of your pitches, without which we would not be able to hold our competitions, A special thanks to Munster GAA County Board who are always helpful.

Conclusion:

In early 2021 the Pandemic was still a big factor in decisions whether we would be back out on the playing field, but as the year went on things improved every month and by October most restrictions with sport were lifted.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow officers for their support and help during 2021. At the end of this year we are going to lose four officers who have their five years as an officer on Munster Council done, our development officer Rob Lotty, we are going to find it very hard to find a replacement for Rob. The amount of time and work he has put into Munster development over the last five years has been formidable.

Bridie Looney Munster Registrar Bridie has been with Munster Council for the last 17 years she also looked after our trophy's and medals thank you Bridie and I wish you the best of luck you will be missed.

Marie Kearney has done 10 years as an officer with Munster Camogie. On a personal level Marie is going to be dearly missed with her quiet approach to everything and her vast knowledge of the rules. Marie has always been at the other end of the phone with her advice whenever she was needed. Best of luck Marie for the future.

Our Chairperson Marion Graham has held many officers' positions between Tipperary and Munster, another lady who has given so much to Camogie. I am hoping Marion will take another role in Munster Camogie. Rob, Bridie, Marie, and Marion it has been my pleasure to have worked with you all over the last 3 years. On behalf of Munster Council I wish you all the best for the future. I would like to thank all the county's and club secretaries in Munster for all the work you do. It has not been easy for anyone over the last 2 years.

I would like to thank all the media and radio who without your coverage of our games Camogie would not be in as good a place as it is today.

A very special thanks must go to the GAA clubs who were so generosity with their pitches during the year without your support and generosity Munster Camogie would find themselves in trouble.

To all those who have lost loved ones during the year my sincere sympathy. To all those who are un-well may you have a speedy recovery.

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Carmel Ní h-Aracháin
Secretary Munster Camogie.



Comhairle Mumhan Accounts

Comhairle na Mumhan, Cumann Camogaíochta TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the financial year ended 30 November 2021

	2021 €	2020 €
Income		
Registrations	35,620	34,873
Gate Receipts	7,093	4,065
Programme Sales	-	640
Appeals	100	200
Bank Interest Received	522	513
	<u>43,335</u>	<u>40,291</u>
Expenses		
Overhead expenses	Sch 1 40,584	38,690
Other income		
Resilience Grant	31,428	500
Net profit	<u>34,179</u>	<u>2,101</u>

Marian Graham
Chairperson

Christine Ryan
Treasurer

Carmel Harkin
Secretary

13th January 2022

	2021 €	2020 €
Administration Expenses		
Officer expenses	3,457	5,110
Courses	-	150
Coaching & Games Development	15,886	19,804
Meeting Expenses	2,061	1,195
THDC	1,800	2,166
Referee expenses	3,869	1,802
Grants Payable	5,000	-
Match Expenses	1,788	190
Merchandise	600	-
Printing, postage and stationery	1,210	790
Telephone and fax	694	748
Computer costs	1,070	2,020
Medals / Trophies	1,902	3,400
Accountancy	1,200	1,200
Bank charges	49	215
General expenses	(2)	-
Charitable donations - other	-	(100)
Total Overheads	<u>40,584</u>	<u>38,690</u>

Comhairle na Mumhan, Cumann Camogaíochta BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 November 2021

	Notes	2021 €	2020 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	2	<u>415</u>	<u>-</u>
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>99,214</u>	<u>64,250</u>
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	3	<u>(3,601)</u>	<u>(2,401)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>95,613</u>	<u>61,849</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>96,028</u>	<u>61,849</u>
Capital Account		<u>96,028</u>	<u>61,849</u>

Marian Graham
Chairperson

Christine Ryan
Treasurer

**Carmel
Harkin**
Secretary

13th January 2022

Comhairle Uladh

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2021

Ulster Camogie continued with business as usual while working under the pressure of Covid-19, which stayed with us for 2021 and remains a very major concern to all and to the continuance of the sporting world. Whilst operating under tight restriction in 2021, it was very important that we continued to deliver the game of camogie to all as an outlet from the heavy burden and constant pressure we all found ourselves under for yet another year.

With the intercounty being played in the first part of the short season, we were very encouraged by the great progress of Ulster Counties in National Leagues and Championships, both at adult and underage levels.

The clubs took centre stage at the beginning of the year, where a positive decision came from the DRA on the playing of AIB 2020 Club Championship. This created some juggling with the club championship at the end of the year with the unusual task to set dates for two years club championships, thus creating a lot of games over a short period of time. Much credit is to be given to National and Provincial fixtures Committees on scheduling, organizing and reaching a conclusion with this.

Sport NI

Ulster Council continue to have a very busy year both on and off the field of play whilst having to apply major focus and energy on the requirements of SPNI for target achieving, development and reporting, necessary to retain the funding.

This funding is key to the continuance of the two full time posts we have in Ulster Camogie as the Council would not be in a financial position to continue to fund both fulltime positions and run out education and training initiatives for both administration functions and development and coaching. Ulster camogie has retained the high level rating for Governance and Control. This could not have been achieved without the hard work of all the Ulster Council Officers and Office Manager Julie O'Neill. Ulster Camogie Council continue to have the routine financial audits in order to maintain the high standard awarded. The constant updating of Policies & Procedures by the Council is vital to ensuring the necessary requirements are met.

Major congratulations to Chairperson Deirdre, Treasurer Kathryn, Admin Manager Julie and the committee on continuing to maintain the "Robust" standard enabling the funding to be drawn down in advance of the spend and resulting in the Ulster finances in a strong position under their watchful eyes.

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 volunteer's. The strength of integration in Ulster remained high in 2021, emphasized by the presence of the Secretary of Ulster Camogie participating on the Ulster GAA Management board where monthly meetings are held, and camogie is very much on this agenda as is LGFA. Ulster GAA continues to include Ulster Camogie in their initiatives and invitations to participate are constant here. Ulster GAA Awards presentation took place in December with a Special Recognition Award for contribution to Camogie being awarded to past president Kathleen Woods by Ulster GAA President Oliver Galligan, for her efforts for camogie in Ulster and beyond.

Ulster Camogie also enjoy a good level of cooperation with GAA County Boards and clubs with regards to securing facilities for our games and we thank all counties for hosting Camogie games in 2021. It is important that we provide the best facilities for our players to showcase their skills.

On behalf of the Ulster Camogie Executive I would like to give extended thanks and best wishes to Ulster GAA Cathaoirleach Chomhairle Uladh Oliver Galligan, Kieran Mc Laughlin, Brian Mc Avoy, Dr Eugene Young, Bernie Fox, Geraldine Kavanagh and Brian Mallon for their continued support to Ulster Camogie across many areas.

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

Ulster Championships

- Senior Championship - Down and Antrim did battle again in this year's final, played as a double header with the Ulster Intermediate Championship Final. A very tight contest which saw Down retaining their crown with a small margin in a very exciting and entertaining showpiece. Congratulations to Down and hard luck to Antrim who went on to claim The All-Ireland in September.
- Intermediate Championship – A great competition in 2021 for this championship which delivered some fantastic games, most notable of these was the semi-final game between a much fancied Cavan team against Armagh who were still on the crest of a wave from their All Ireland Premier Junior Championship title in 2020. It was a game which saw both Cavan and Armagh in the lead at different stages with final honours going to

Armagh. Antrim's second team and Armagh contested the Ulster Intermediate Final, however with Antrim missing key players Armagh had an easy victory and took the title. Hopefully in 2022 with the support of the second teams from Antrim, Derry & Down this Championship will be even better.

- Junior Championship The competition took place with one game between Monaghan and Armagh's second team. Armagh, where the stronger team on the day to take this title also.
- Developing counties of Donegal, Monaghan must look to this competition to build from underage to their Senior county teams.

Ulster Club Championships

- The AIB Club Championship took place in 2021 for the 2020 Club Championship winners. With familiar names re-emerging and others reaching new heights. Slaughtneil won the 2020 Ulster Senior Club Championship in a fine display against Loughgiel which needed extra time and a replay to declare the winner. Eglishe got the better of Clonduff for the 2020 Ulster Intermediate Club final regaining the title after a lapse of two years.
- Ulster Junior A Club final between Glen Maghera and Tir na Nog was also a very competitive game which saw Glen capture their first Ulster Club Title.
- Ulster Junior B Club Championship 2020 - The Mary Lynch Cup
- Naomh Treasa Dungannon played the Cavan Champions Lackin in the Ulster title decider.
- The game was very tightly contested with either side capable of taking the title. In the final minute of injury time Naomh Treasa won out and took the title for the first time. There was further success to come for the Tyrone side as they went on to take the All-Ireland title with a fantastic win by four points on a score line of 1-7 to 0-6 against Knockananna from Wicklow. Congratulations.
- Bridie McMenamin Shield - 2020 Final was contested by between Creggan and Magherfelt with Creggan winning this title. 2021 Final had Magherfelt back at the title race against a very strong St John's team from Belfast. Magherfelt were unlucky again as St John's won the title with a score line of 2-2 to 1-4.
- National Competition - Ulster was well represented on the National stage in both League and Championship. The 12th September in Croke Park two Ulster Counties competed for their respective All-Ireland titles. First up was Armagh in the Premier Junior Championship, their opponents Wexford second team who having

already recorded three wins against the Ulster girls. Unfortunately, it was to be another loss for the Armagh team despite having a great deal of play where they were unable to convert to scores and Wexford won another national title at the expense of Armagh. Armagh also lost out to Wexford in the National Division 3 final at the beginning of the year.

- Next up was Antrim in the Intermediate Final, against the might of Kilkenny's second team. Antrim's skill, speed and determination were no match for the Kilkenny team and they ran out very comfortable winners and claimed their first Intermediate All-Ireland title in a number of years.
- Ulster support for the two teams in Croke Park was amazing. Massive congratulations to Antrim on winning their All Ireland title.
- On the 5th Sept. it was the Antrim Minors in action in the Minor B final, an exciting match took place and a replay was required to separate Antrim and Offaly. Replay held on 19th September delivered a convincing display from Antrim and they duly took the title with a score line of 3-15 to 0-8.
- Congratulations also to the other 2021 Ulster national title winners
- Down on winning the National League Div. 2 Title,
- Cavan on taking winning the Division 4 National League Title and Minor C Championship.
- Antrim on winning the Tesco All Ireland Minor B Championship and
- Tyrone on winning the Tesco All Ireland Minor C Shield
- Congratulations to all other Ulster Counties on their success in the 2020 & 2021 competitions and hopefully more to celebrate in 2022.

PR & Media

A lot more promotion is needed to showcase our game. Ulster Camogie successfully videoed and live streamed some games but much more could be done. I would like to thank those PRO's for their contributions and work to promote their own counties, clubs and colleges. Special thanks to Seamus Mc Aleenan for the continued excellent coverage in The Irish News and beyond. A better reporter of camogie you could not have together with his enthused and unrivalled knowledge of the sport, we are indebted to him.

Coaching & Games

The benefits of full-time staff to support volunteers and provide education opportunities will continue to have positive benefits to our game. Credit must go to the Ulster Development Officer Declan Heggarty, the Ulster

Comhairle Uladh continued

Development Committee with representatives from each county and the Growth & participation officer Ryan Gaffney for rolling out the underage games and blitzes, which were a great success and very well supported by each county. The grading system used proved to be very beneficial in trying to minimize the standard gaps between teams to provide more meaningful games.

For Camogie in Ulster to reach higher we need to continue to educate our coaches and administrators and provide meaningful games at underage and beyond.

Moving forward

Although 2021 was a strange year for Ulster Camogie the talent is present to build and get stronger both on and off the field. The Ulster Executive will work tirelessly on our members behalf and together with the cooperation of SPNI, the Camogie Association, County Boards, Ulster Colleges, Ulster GAA, our clubs and our volunteers to ensure camogie in Ulster remains and grows strong.

We acknowledge the support of many key individuals, President Hilda Breslin, Caroline, Louise and Sinead Mc Nulty Ard Stiúrthóir for assisting us and regularly attending Zoom meetings, as well as providing an unending supply of advice and expertise.

Thanks must also go to the hard working members of the Ulster Council for their support throughout the year. We have a dedicated Executive Committee who serves Ulster Camogie with the utmost professionalism and their support is invaluable in administering our game.

Best wishes to staff members Admin Manager Julie O Neill and Development Ryan Gaffney in their roles with Ulster Camogie.

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 2022 and hope you will continue to assist Ulster Camogie. Special well done to Owen Elliot on being selected to lead the National Referee and Support Panel Committee for the next three years. A very experienced and knowledgeable referee to be chairperson of this national committee.

I wish all Provincial, County and Club officers best wishes for 2022 and offer sympathy to those who suffered bereavement in 2021.

Roismaire Ní Aodha-Mheraigh
Runaí Camógaíocht Uladh





Comhairle Uladh Accounts

Ulster Camogie Council

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 November 2021

	30 November 2021	30 November 2020
Income		
Sports NI Grant	70,246	53,280
Affiliations & Registrations	16,780	10,000
Competition Fees/Courses	-	625
Gates	8,271	-
Fines and penalties	600	640
TDHC Security Deposit	-	
Profit on Currency	2,390	228
	<u>98,287</u>	<u>64,773</u>
Expenditure		
Personnel Costs	63,465	55,826
Meeting Expenses	1,730	793
Officer Expenses	6,065	5,610
Referees	3,712	-
Coaching/Development costs	2,011	3,082
Equipment and Office materials(Note 3) PR & Media	3,859	559
Program printing & Web Design	1,222	75
Recruitment/Advertising	-	599
Accountancy	145	1,663
Bank charges and Interest	1,560	1,200
Bank charges and Interest	262	398
Sundry expenses	250	266
	<u>84,281</u>	<u>70,071</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>14,006</u>	<u>(5,298)</u>

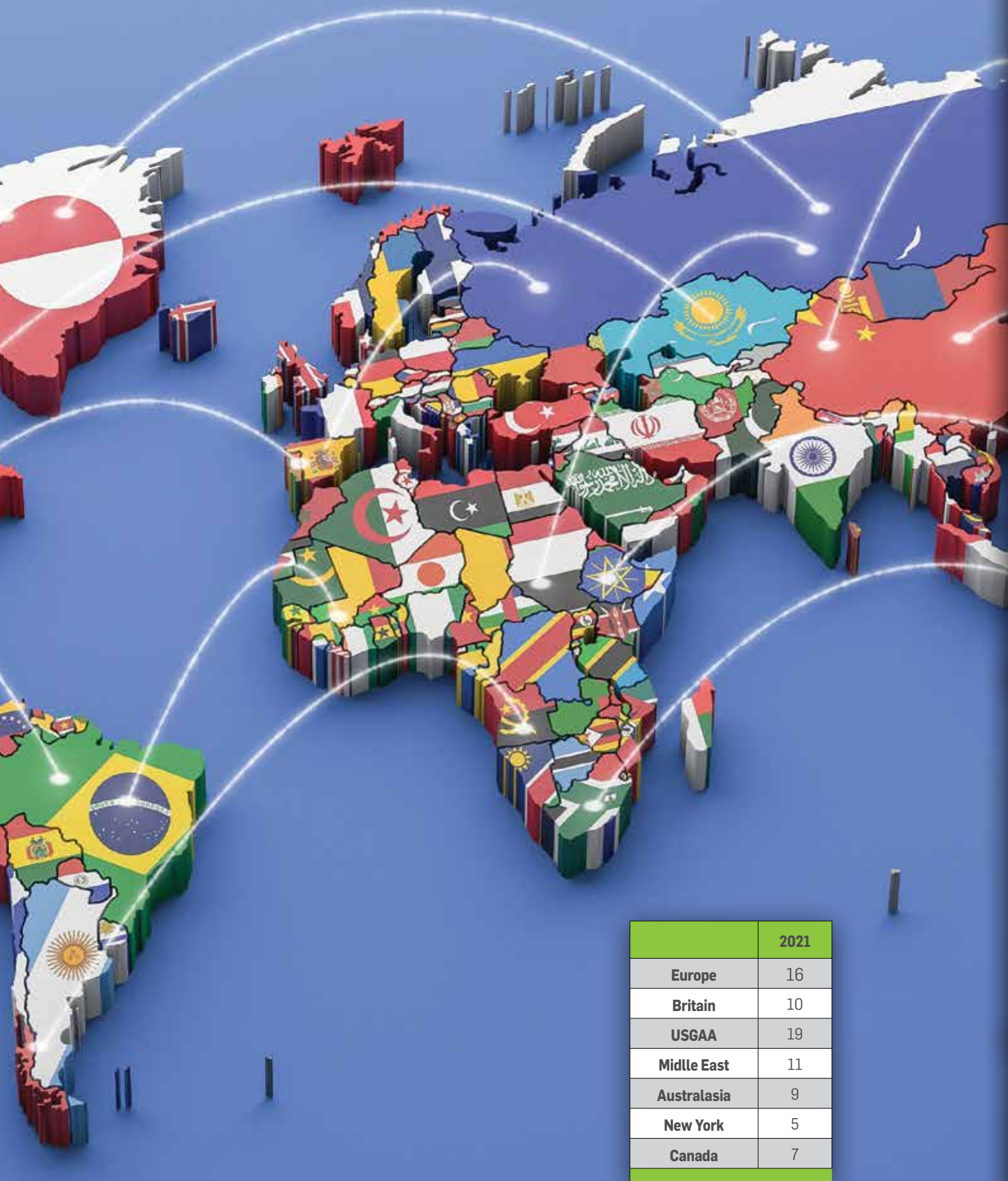
Ulster Camogie Council

Balance sheet
as at 30 November
2021

Notes	2021		2020
	£	£	£
Debtors (Note 1)	4,009		4,240
Paypal Account Bank of Ireland Keady	25,105 23,594		23,241 5,207
First Trust Euro (Converted Stg 85%)	60,483	(85%)	55,978
BOI Keady UCC Awards & Grants Stripe Account	6,384 16,780		29,957
Cash on Hands	-		-
	<u>136,355</u>		<u>118,623</u>
Current liabilities (Note 2)			
Creditors	9,887		6,161
	<u>9,887</u>		<u>6,161</u>
Net current assets		<u>126,468</u>	<u>112,462</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>126,468</u>	<u>112,462</u>
Capital account			
Brought forward at 1st December 2019 Add Surplus for the period		112,462 14,006	117,760 (5,298)
		<u>126,468</u>	<u>112,462</u>

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County Europe Camogie Officer's Report

Main highlights/objectives achieved this year:

- More friendlies and games were held in 2021 than in the previous year
- These friendly matches/mini tournaments were organised and held regionally and therefore saw regional teams amalgamating and joining together to play, simply for the fun of playing camogie (and hurling).
- Increase in interest among young players also, especially in Cúl Camps around Europe

Planned work – not commenced or limited progress:

- MNA Programme implemented around Europe - focus on youth development.
- More emphasis on club cooperation and support in relation to training, pitches, equipment and promotion of camogie
- European Camogie Hub - improve communication, spread of information and make resources available for camogie teams and clubs in Europe. This will include C&D webinars and events e.g. referee and coaching events, information on tournaments, practical advice (e.g. training samples) and blogs on current events within the camogie sphere.

Main priorities for 2022:

- Get calendar completed asap to arrange venues and communicate to all in region and facilitate appropriate level of competition for all players
- All clubs in region compete in at least two tournaments
- Increase quantity of active referees in the region

Review of the Year 2021:

Matches and Tournaments

While the official GGE Camogie and Hurling finals in Amsterdam were cancelled, a lot of clubs and teams rallied to organise tournaments within their regions, locally or even in-house with mixed teams. A lot of these were teams sending four or five players to a tournament to join with another team of two or three players. Men and women also mixed teams in order to get some game time in and shows that the support of our fellow hurlers is

vital in promoting camogie game time. This flexibility and drive also showed the passion and willingness to simply 'play the game'. Here is a short overview and an example of some of the friendly matches and tournaments held around Europe this year:

When & Where	Overview
Zürich, July	A hurling and camogie 'game day' were held in Zürich in July. It was the first international camogie appearance for Zürich and they were joined by some camogie players from Basel who travelled up to partake in the event. There was also a mixed 'Kids & Adult' Day in August with Zürich GAA and the Midlands GAC.
Helsinki, 28th August	Although hurling and camogie is still in its infancy stage in Helsinki, they held a friendly game of camogie and hurling with mixed teams from both Helsinki and Copenhagen (who travelled up for the day, sending four camogie players). It was a great day, and the first ever Hurling/Camogie match to be played in Finland. It even made the local news.
Munich, 4th September	Camogie is also in its beginning stages in Munich, but has really taken hold and they had their first friendly tournament in early September, along with the hurlers, where they hosted mixed teams from Darmstadt, Cologne and Vienna.
Berlin, 11th September	Berlin GAA, together with Setanta GAA, hosted a friendly hurling and camogie tournament in September with a team from Hamburg and two solo players from Dresden and Prague (there were also hurling teams that travelled). Costs were minimal, but were covered by Setanta and Berlin GAA.
Cologne, 2nd October	Cologne hosted a camogie event at the beginning of October and were able to field their own team. Vienna sent players along with Darmstadt and Stuttgart.
Paris, 2nd of October	Despite heavy restrictions, Paris Gaels were able to host an event, fielding eight of their own players, with Belgium sending nine players to the event.
Prague, 14th of November	This game is yet to be held at the time of the GGE report being written, but among the teams travelling will be Setanta GAA, from Berlin.

Berlin League

Along with hosting a tournament in September, Berlin also organised a 'League', between Berlin GAA and Setanta GAA, every third Monday night. There were four rounds made with teams made up of a mix of hurlers and camogie players and teams were mixed from both clubs. The final is yet to be played (at the writing of this report).

Training Sessions

The trend in training during 2021 has varied across Europe, with some clubs struggling to retain players, especially those that relied on Erasmus students or interns. Some of the bigger clubs saw a drop in numbers e.g. Setanta GAA with about 5 camogie players (down from 8-12) the previous year, but surprisingly, some of the newer, smaller camogie teams saw an increase in new players being attracted to the sport. Munich had their first year as a camogie team and saw 9 players at their first session and attributed that to a strong youth side (for both boys and girls). Copenhagen had almost no training, but still sent a handful of players to Helsinki for their hurling and camogie event. Vienna had 10 players at their first camogie session of the year and Luxembourg and Belgium had 15+ on a good day.

Most clubs train once a week (some larger clubs have a second training session e.g. on a Saturday morning) and a lot of clubs are still doing mixed training as a result of lower numbers and/or lack of trainers/coaches. If a team has enough players, the camogie teams hold their own session.

Youth Development - Cúl Camp

This is an underdeveloped area for camogie specifically in Europe. Munich, for example, have quite a strong youth team, for boys and girls, as do Berlin, but there are several clubs who have the capacity but are not tapping into this recruitment resource for camogie.

Setanta GAA mentioned in their camogie report, that this year's Cúl Camp attracted about 40 children, between the ages of 4-14 years old, with 50% of children being girls. All codes were played on the day, and yet the majority of girls asked after the 5-day event which sport they preferred, most seemed to prefer camogie. Munich also said they have quite a strong youth team, both for girls and boys, however, one of the reasons that the creation of a camogie team happened, was that while the boys had a hurling team to join, the girls did not have a camogie team.

Camogie (and Hurling) Development Grant

We received €3300 in funding for Camogie and Hurling and decided to split it evenly. We had several applications from teams around Europe and it was decided to allocate

it to the two camogie teams and four hurling teams that applied (some will receive this in the form of equipment purchased by the GGE and others, who have already bought their yearly equipment quota for camogie and hurling, will receive the money).

What we learned in 2021: Challenges and Issues

Issues that were expected included: player recruitment, player retention, cancellations of training sessions (or late season starts back to training), adapting to non-contact training and having little-to-no social events or bonding sessions.

In reviewing the reports from each individual camogie representative in Europe, a pattern began to take shape. Those camogie teams that were supported not only by their fellow hurlers, but by their club as a whole, saw an increase in recruitment, attendance, regular training slots, equal pitch-sharing, and travel/participation in tournaments. In my report of 2020, while in the middle of the pandemic, it became clear that camogie was struggling to gain traction and recognition. This year however, while camogie teams pushed forward to send (as many as possible) players to tournaments and get camogie players out training, there were many hurdles they had to face when it came to training sessions, support in organising tournaments, financial aid and so on.

In many cases a lot of the camogie players have to fight to get the same amount of equipment (e.g size 4 sliotars, smaller hurleys and helmets) as their hurling counterparts. This fight does not necessarily always stem from the hurlers themselves, but from the club as a whole. Clubs are more focused on Gaelic Football, LGFA and hurling, which it's true, do attract more players initially (usually because the skill level is not as complicated, most people can catch and hand-pass easier etc.), however, in several cases, when the club has been equally supportive, of a camogie team (from training to buying equipment to sending players to tournaments), the camogie team has increased in confidence, training sessions increased in size, and overall attendance to tournaments increased - and that was during a pandemic.

In the words of the Camogie Officer from Munich, where the camogie team is in its infancy stage: "It is very important that the club makes room for camogie from the outset regardless of numbers - equal training time and space as the other codes." She attributes the success of the camogie team's first training and hosting of a friendly tournament, to club support along with a healthy and strong youth team.

Last year, the GGE Hurling Officer and I, the Camogie Officer, were aware of this issue and have started a road of equality for both codes. This past year, saw us setting aside game and tournament dates for camogie and hurling only to inevitably run into roadblocks when clubs chose to hold football and LGFA events on those set dates. If they then did choose a different date, it usually coincided a week before the hurling/camogie event, resulting in dual-players unable to travel to both events and having to choose one or the other.

Lastly, another challenge that was faced by camogie teams, was a lack of communication and information available or being shared directly to camogie reps. It has been motivating to see so much more 'women in sport' especially in camogie, back at home in Ireland, but here in Europe, we are far behind what we should be. Unfortunately, despite some clubs' efforts, camogie tends to be an addendum rather than a forethought. Several times, I have compiled information for the hurling and camogie officers around Europe, only to be told it was never filtered down to them at club level. One such example was the application for the Camogie and Hurling Development Grant.

Main objectives, tasks and challenges in 2021

1. Coaching and Development

- Adapt the MNA programme to European standards and guidelines
- Focus on making coaching development and training available in Europe for coaches
- Referee training for more camogie referees - very important
- How to train 'newbie' players or beginners to camogie

2. Youth Development

Provide information and support for clubs/teams who want to start a youth camogie team

3. Club cooperation, support and communication

4. Promotion of camogie - 'Be seen' social media drive

5. Potential creation of a 'European Camogie Hub' - this would entail:

- One-stop shop for all communication related to camogie
- GGE and Regional information to help organise tournaments in Europe
- Social media platforms

6. Funding

For new camogie teams, both in new clubs and established clubs, equipment, coaching and development, creation European Camogie Hub.

Conclusion

I want to thank my fellow camogie representatives for their hard work in keeping the spirit of camogie alive in Europe throughout the past year - the challenge of Covid alone, along with many others, were overcome in several situations and camogie triumphed. I want to also thank my fellow GGE committee members for their hard work, always showing up and volunteering their time to GAA in Europe. They have provided me with many laughs and despite not meeting several of them in person yet, I feel I have found my place with them with our love of GAA away from home. A special thanks to my fellow Hurling Officer, who has been there to bounce ideas off and supports camogie on every level. Camogie is on an upward surge and 2022 has fantastic things in store for my favourite sport, of that I have no doubt.

Mise le meas,

Fiona J. Fleming

Vienna Gaels & Co. Europe Camogie Officer

Middle East GAA Camogie Officer's Report

It was with great excitement that we began our 2021/2022 season in An Ain on October 8th. With 25 teams competing across both hurling and camogie, the atmosphere was electric. The senior ladies competition now comprises of three teams, Abu Dhabi Na Fianna, Dubai Celts and Sharjah Gaels. Sharjah Gaels won out on the day with a fantastic team performance considering the season had just begun.

The intermediate competition now consists of 8 teams: Abu Dhabi Na Fianna, Sharjah Gaels, Dubai Celts, Al Ain, Qatar, Al Reem Shamrocks and two teams from Jumeirah Gaels. This is possibly one of the most even groups we have seen in years. Qatar won out on the day, beating Al Ain in a very tight game. Sharjah Gaels intermediate team were plate winners with a win over Abu Dhabi Na Fianna.

Next up on November 12th, was Abu Dhabi Na Fianna's tournament, where thankfully all teams were again available to participate. A slight change to the format of the senior competition, meant a more competitive group stage, with Sharjah Gaels and Dubai Celts again meeting in the final. Dubai Celts were victorious in this round, ensuring a very exciting league this year. The hosts won the intermediate competition, with a marginal win over Qatar. Jumeriah Gaels intermediate team were plate winners on this occasion.

With a change to the norm, our most recent tournament was held in Sharjah Gaels on Saturday 22nd of January. The hosts had a substantial victory over Abu Dhabi Na Fianna in the final under lights. The intermediate final was won by Al Ain who made history by winning their first final since the teams' inception in 2019. A fantastic achievement. Jumeriah Gaels ladies retained the plate cup. It must be noted that Sharjah Gaels paid a beautiful tribute to Ashling Murphy with a poem read aloud and a minute's applause. Having this time to show our respect was appreciated by all.

This year, we aligned with the hurling rule of taking the sideline from the hand. It has been a great success, allowing the game to speed up even more.

We are looking forward to two fantastic tournaments ahead, as all roads lead to Dubai for our final tournament of the league hosted by Dubai Celts, and the championship hosted by Abu Dhabi Na Fianna.

Aine Smith
Middle East Camogie Officer

UK Camogie Officer's Report

As 2021 season drew to a close, we were excited for the upcoming 2022 season to start, with new teams joining the GAA family of Britain Camogie.

2021 was another challenging season for Britain Camogie. We needed to abide by the Covid rules even with restrictions lifting but are glad that 2022 is looking more promising away from that, obviously, we still need to be on alert with the H&S of our teams.

2021 unfortunately we didn't get to have our usual tournaments, EGB tournament, which is normally held in March, Tara's 7 aside tournaments again normally held in April but hopefully 2022 season will allow all of these to be played again along with our new teams to give them a feel on what's to come both on and off the pitch. We also hope to have a tournament with Fullen Gaels in Manchester. We did try for 2020 season, but it wasn't to be.

We were also hoping to run an Autumn league in 2021 but time went by and it was too late in the year to play so hopefully 2022 will see us run this league.

On the competitions scene for 2021 please see below.

Junior League: Croydon, De Cymru (of Wales), Green Isle, Tara & Thomas McCurtain's. Winner: Croydon

Junior Championship: Croydon, De Cymru (of Wales), Green Isle, Tara & Thomas McCurtain's. Winners Tara

Intermediate Championship: Brothers Pearse, Fr. Murphy's, Fullen Gaels, John Mitchels & Liverpool Wolfe Tones. Winners: Fullen Gaels.

Senior League: Croydon, Fullen Gaels, Tara & Thomas McCurtains. Winners: Fullen Gaels.

Senior Championship: Croydon, Fullen Gaels, Tara & Thomas McCurtains. Winners: Tara.

Mixed League South: Fr. Murphy's, Thomas McCurtain's, Croydon, Brothers Pearce: Winners Thomas McCurtains

Mixed League North: Fullen Gaels, John Mitchel's and Liverpool Wolfe Tone, Winners Fullen Gaels.

North and south played in the finals and the winners were Fullen Gaels.

Well done to all teams that took part.

In 2020 the arrival of 2 new Clubs, Roger Casements of Coventry and Ceann Creige of Scotland unfortunately didn't get to play in 2021 competitions but will be rearing to go for 2022.

It was great to get to play the Senior Championship game at the McGovern Park Ruislip. I'd like to thank the London GAA board for their use of the pitch and facilities for what was great day of camogie.

We saw Tara and Fullen Gales progress as the Britain representatives for the AIB All-Ireland club championships. Tara played in 2021 AIB Junior Club All-Ireland Championship Preliminary Round against Clanmaurice (Kerry) and Fullen Gaels got to play Knockananna (Wicklow) in the All-Ireland Junior B Club championship semi-final. Unlucky to both teams which I'm sure was a great day out for both clubs.

I wish the incoming board well in their endeavours in the challenges for the year ahead and wish the new incoming club committees and continuing committees the very best of luck for 2022.

Finally, I'd like to thank the following, our supporters, referees, commentators during our live streaming, The Irish Post, photographers, Live streaming 24/7, lines people, umpires, fixtures committee (which has been challenging to say the least) for their help in 2021. We would also like to thank the Provincial committee and Head office in Croke park for all their help in the season and heres' to a great 2022 season.

Ann McGivern
Secretary Britain Camogie Bord

Canada Camogie

Officer's Report

The Canadian GAA (CGAA) approached 2021 in a very positive manner, still mindful of the restrictions and possible setbacks that Covid-19 would possibly bring. The result was a shortened but very successful year of Gaelic games across the country.

The aim of the CGAA is to continue to promote Gaelic Games across Canada with an additional focus on recruiting non-Irish born ladies and men to play. Additionally, our youth programs across the country continue to attract many boys and girls to Gaelic sports. Toronto Chieftains, Calgary Chieftains, Ottawa Gaels and Eire Og Ottawa held successful outdoor and indoor programs for youth in 2021 in camogie and hurling.

Canada is also still a key destination for new arrivals from Ireland, with the highest numbers going to Toronto and Vancouver, and many seek out the local GAA clubs to continue playing Gaelic games, make connections in their new home or volunteer off the field.

Clubs in Vancouver and Toronto have seen significant growth of members over the past several years. The growth in the Vancouver area has now led to the official formation of the Vancouver Division, comprised of seven clubs representing all codes, which will stage their own league and championship games in 2022.

Gaelic Games were introduced at the University of Toronto in 2021. In Toronto, the CGAA secured a DFA grant to support the development and delivery of Gaelic Games at the university. CGAA worked with Pa Sheehan, an instructor with the Celtic Studies program at the University of St. Michael's College (University of Toronto) to deliver instruction in hurling/camogie and Gaelic football to students. There was great interest from many university students who participated in skills sessions and intramural games from September to December 2021.

Due to restrictions in Alberta the planned roll-out of Gaelic games at two universities in Calgary did not proceed. The CGAA is planning to expand the interest at the university program with the goal of establishing a University GAA club at St Michael's College in 2022 and to grow the programs already in place at officially recognized GAA Clubs within the University of Ottawa and Concordia University (Montreal) and pursue opportunities at additional universities in the country.

Clubs across the country took to the field of play in 2021 in a modified season that saw training, intra-club leagues, blitzes and tournaments being played as well as Championship competitions. Several clubs were able to hold indoor

league games during the early part of the year. There were also several successful tournaments and blitzes held in all codes and the Toronto Division was able to hold its Championship games in all codes in July and August, for the first time in two years. Unfortunately, the Canadian National Championships were unable to proceed but hopes are very high that teams from across Canada will convene in Toronto September 4th & 5th, 2022 to participate in the inaugural competition.

The Toronto Camogie championship was contested between Le Cheile and Na Piarsaigh. Le Cheile taking home the silverware.

In Eastern Canada, Montreal Shamrocks were the winners of the Heritage Cup camogie final.

The Ottawa Gaels officially added camogie as a code within the club in 2021 for both youth and adult players and played in their first competition during the competition in Quebec City, held by Les Patriotes on September 4th, 2021.

The Vancouver ISSC Ladies camogie team celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2021. The club's camogie program has grown steadily over these past ten years and the club was able to field two teams for the competition finals

Off the field, the CGAA committee presented a series of six webinars focused on Officer Training and Club AGM Preparation. The recordings of the webinars and the chart decks were made available to all clubs following the presentations. Online surveys conducted following each session resulted in very positive feedback.

The focus in 2022 will be to continue to grow the games at both adult and youth level. Canada GAA will be sending youth teams to participate at the CYC Tournament in July. Additionally, there are plans to stage youth games between teams based in Canada and teams from US border states in May 2022. Providing these opportunities is key to keeping and retaining our youth.

There will be a renewed focus on the delivery of coaching and referee training over the next year. The county will work with the divisions and clubs on recruiting new referees.

Thank you to all of our County and Club Officers for the time you have given to the GAA in Canada in 2021. Thank you to those who have raised the profile of the GAA in Canada.

Finally, we want to sincerely thank the Camogie Association for their guidance and ongoing support of the GAA in Canada. The online training opportunities for officers, coaches, and referees that have been made available to all international units have been very well received.

Angela O'Muirí
Canadian Camogie Officer

Australasia Camogie Officer's Report

The premier competitions, the Australasian Championships and Regional Games had to be cancelled due to border closures relating to Covid in 2021. The first Feile tournament in Australasia in early 2022 have had to be shelved for 12 months. The 2022 Australasian Championships are expected to go ahead in October which is very important as playing in this competition is a prerequisite for selection in the team for the 2023 World Games.

Youth Development

Youth camogie, hurling and football activities have taken place in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Geelong, Wellington & Christchurch. Across these units there was a big uptake in participation. Underage tournaments for all codes were locally held.

Camogie news from around the Australasian affiliates

- Gaelic Athletic Association of Western Australia (GAAWA). Consisted of two clubs Western Gales & St Gabriels, played a number of games and a Final.
- New South Wales - Clan na Gael, Craobh Phadraig, Cormac McAnallens, Central Coast and Michael Cusacks, the final of the main competition was contested between Craobh Phadraig and Central Coast. Central Coast team won out, winning on a score line of 4.11 to 2.10.
- Queensland - severely reduced playing numbers in 2021 due to covid, from committee to managers to players successfully formed 2 teams and managed to play a 7 aside league and championship with Tara Gaels taking the League and Naomh Pdraig taking the Championship.
- Melbourne - Victoria with all 3 clubs struggling for numbers due to the impact of COVID and the international borders as well as mid-season lockdowns to navigate. That said it is a credit to all 3 clubs, Melbourne Shamrocks, Sinn Fein and Garryowen, that they were able to complete a full season.

2021 was set to be a special year in the world's southernmost capital as it celebrated 130 years in existence. Founded back in 1891, Wellington/Hutt Valley GFHA have been promoting Gaelic games amongst the Irish diaspora and other interested parties and next generations for decades. Saturday the 12th of June saw a full day's worth of games culminating in celebrations at the Irish Hutt Society.

Camogie has gone from strength to strength in the last number of years which has allowed us to become top competitors to our Canterbury counterparts. In 2021 we welcomed a number of new players who were keen to give the ancient Irish sport a go.

Administration and Management

- Referee courses were held in most affiliates.
- All camogie teams are part of larger clubs that compete in other disciplines. Camogie receives a reasonable share of publicity on social media accounts and the images are popular.
- Ground resources are adequate for the amount of camogie being played in Australasia but the costs of equipment including freight are becoming prohibitive.
- States have become adept at scheduling to accommodate dual players in ladies' football and camogie.
- Whilst Camogie remains much dependent on immigrant flows to/from Ireland leading to a 'natural' ebb and flow in the number of players and teams in Australia there is a definite increase of Australian and New Zealand born players.
- There is increasingly a very positive environment for women's sport in Australasia. Camogie benefits indirectly from general promotion of active lifestyle and for the acceptability of women being involved in physical and contact sports. Funding through various levels of government is also supporting women in sports leadership and better sportsground facilities.
- Junior development programs hold out the promise that we may see more 'native' camogie players graduating to senior competition. There will be many challenges along the way but the Australasia GFHA stands ready to do what it can to support their journey.

Gerard Roe
Secretary
Gaelic Football & Hurling Association of Australasia

USGAA Camogie Officer's Report

It there were camogie clubs in 8 of the 10 divisions in the US. In those 8 divisions, there are 19 clubs total with 5 of those clubs in the Heartland Division, and 4 in the Mid-Atlantic.

The Camogie Development Group has been tasked with growing Camogie within the US for the year ahead . Not only is assistance needed so the existing clubs are strengthened, but then those strengthened clubs can reach out and assist newly formed clubs and build the next generation of competition.

There are many hurling clubs with camogie players that just need some help to boost them up to the point of having full teams.

Each of those 8 divisions with Camogie clubs have one or 2 teams that are close along with a couple of the remaining divisions having camogie players as well.

As always, the key metric is "How many people are playing games", and in that regard it was pleasing to see our playing base increase slightly to over 400 Registered Players.

However, across the rest of the country a very healthy 80% plus of players are American born and this aligns with our long-term vision of realizing untapped potential outside the traditional Irish base.

This year the USGAA National Finals took place in Canton Ma – over the 3-day Holiday weekend, 8 teams competed for 3 Championship Grades this included invitational teams from New York, the display of Camogie on offer was of a high standard and drew good support to witness the dedication and commitment of the players. It was a welcome return to competition following the year that was 2020.

After a number of very competitive games, the following were crowned 2021 USGAA Champions:

- Senior: Liberty Gaels (New Jersey)
- Intermediate: Annie Moores (New York)
- Junior: New England Fenians (Northeast Div)

Tasks accomplished in 2021:

Re-establishing the Camogie Workgroup

- Branch of hurling development committee
- Work with Camogie clubs and players on committee goals
- Make recommendations on teams registering for finals

USGAA Camogie Facebook page

- Establishing contact with administrators of Camogie Facebook page
- Rename from North American Camogie Consortium to USGAA Camogie so it's easier to find
- Allow Camogie Development Committee to now be administrators.

USGAA Website

- Added Camogie specific content (type and video) to the hurling area
- Playing highlights
- Strong Senior/Intermediate competition
- New England Fenians, a first year club win Junior title
- USGAA Finals include invitees from Canada and NY

Goals for 2022

- More games played
- Establish new clubs
- Camogie only games at tournaments, Camogie leagues
- Player upskilling to raise the standard of play
- Referee upskilling to ensure they understand and follow Camogie rules
- Coach upskilling to work with players on the standard of play

Liam Maloney
Secretary
USGAA

New York

Officer's Report

Both NY adult teams were very competitive at North American finals over the past couple of years and this continued in 2021, after the quiet year of 2020.

The NY Camogie Development Squad have played in the NY Junior league since 2018 & have been very successful at CYC level

Our underage tournaments have all been refereed by members of our Development Squad team.

Our Development Squad players have been involved with coaching younger age groups through the Star Program with Gaelic 4 girls, and more players taking up camogie each year.

Since 2020 we have 3 teams competing from U7-U15 levels, some clubs like St Brigid's having 2 teams at certain age groups.

Shannon Gaels coming up to take part in the U15 age group has been a massive boost to the underage league.

As we look forward to 2022 we have a new Camogie team coming from one of the G4G Football clubs. This is a really exciting development.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year in 2022, building on all of this work and development.

Thank you to all of the volunteers in New York GAA who make it all possible.

Ashling Daly
Camogie Sub-Committee Chairperson



Education Council Reports







Comhairle Camógaíochta Ard Oideachais (CCAO)

CCAO Committee 2021/22
 Chairperson: Michelle Molloy
 Vice Chairperson: Shannon Kavanagh
 Secretary: Jennifer Norris
 PRO: Jack Dunphy
 Treasurers: Katie Redmond and Jacqui O'Connor

Number of Meetings: 15

The much awaited return of Third Level Camogie came with great joy to many who missed the game during the pandemic. The season kicked off with regional blitzes for first and second year students throughout the country. In lieu of a league the committee established a return to play competition given teams the opportunity to play a number of games prior to the much awaited championship return.

The finals took place in WIT arena where the Ashbourne and for the first time ever the Purcell Championship were both live streamed.

The social channels of Third level Camogie continues to increase every year with a hive of activity in the build up to the finals.

Michelle Molloy
Cathaoirleach

Post-Primary Camogie Council

No. of meetings held: 8

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	No. of meetings
Brendan Williams	8
Mike Nash	8
Proinsias O'Críodáin	8
Seamus Mac Aleenan	8
Sr Mairéad Ni Fhearáin	8
Jerry Drennan	8
Cathy Mulholland	8
Martina Harkin	8
James Mulligan	8
Ciarán O'Mhurchú	8

List of Achievements/Tasks in 2021-2022

Despite the restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the Council will complete all 11 championships this academic year (Senior A, B, C & D; Junior A, B, C & D; 7-a-side A, B & C.), in addition to the competitions for younger players (Minor & First Year) run at provincial level.

The biggest problem we face is that of the scheduling of under-age inter-county & club fixtures.

This year, many schools reported players being told by their clubs not to train with their schools during September, October and November and also being told by their under-age inter-county managers not to train with their schools during December, January and February.

Obviously, because of the academic year, we cannot change the dates of our competitions; they must run between September and March.

In addition to this, we have already had to change the date for 3 of our All-Ireland Senior finals (B, C & D) to week days because of club fixtures on the date we had fixed for our finals despite our fixtures having been made in May of 2021, long before any inter-county or club fixtures were made.

When it became obvious that we had to move our finals away from the scheduled date of 19th February, we could not find a single Saturday or Sunday between then and the end of March which did not clash with either an inter-county or club match. Hence the move to week day fixtures.

We were told that all this is inevitable due to the split season voted for by the adult players. We assure you that no players of school going age would have done so given the opportunity.

We appeal to the association to look again at the split season, at least to the extent of having a different split-season for under age players.

At the bare minimum we appeal for the 2 dates we fix for the All-Ireland Senior and Junior finals to be left totally clear in future of club or inter-county matches.

It is our responsibility to look after the best interests of second level student as far as Camogie is concerned. We believe second level Camogie is very important for the development of these players which ultimately benefits clubs and counties in the long run.

We are highlighting to you that the current system is degrading to the second level competitions and is definitely not in the best interests of players' welfare. We strongly request our considered views be taken into account and an equitable solution found.

Finally we would like to record our gratitude to Hilda Breslin, Sinéad McNulty and Louise Conlon for all assistance given to our Council during this and previous years. We are especially thankful to them for providing us with a servicing officer, Michelle Boyle, who has done sterling work for us this year in very difficult circumstances and without whose assistance our semi-finals and finals would be impossible to run.

Breandán Mac Uilliam
Úachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na
hIarbhunscoileanna

Ard Chomhairle Sub-committee Reports







National Resource Management Committee

No of Meeting held: 10

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	No. of meetings
Kathleen Woods, Uachtarán (to April 2021)	3/3
Hilda Breslin, Uachtarán (from April 2021)	10/10
Niamh Kilmartin Secretary;	10/10
Geraldine McGrath, Connacht Chairperson; (to April 2021)	3/3
Brian Molloy, Connacht Chairperson; (from April 2021)	7/7
Linda Kenny, Leinster Chairperson; (from April 2021)	7/7
Marion Graham, Munster Chairperson,	8/10
Deirdre McGrath Ulster Chairperson, (from April 2021)	5/7
Catherine Neary,	6/10
Geraldine Beattie Greene; (to April 2021)	3/3
Liam o Neill, (from April 2021)	7/7
Padraig Tierney (from march 2021)	5/7
Patsy O'Keefe, National Treasurer;	10/10
Sinead McNulty	10/10
Brendan McCabe (to May 2021)	4/4
Siobhan Cunniffe (from June 2021)	5/5

Achievements in 2021

- New committee established following 2021 Congress and change in Uachtarán. Committee chair Patsy welcomed new committee members and presented key financial information of the Association to new committee and reviewed Terms of Reference.
- The committee continued throughout the year to closely monitor spending against approved budget and recommend appropriate actions to Ard Chomhairle to preserve integrity of Association's finances. This was a particularly significant responsibility given continuing uncertainty around income streams due to ongoing pandemic.
- Continued to track 2021 financial performance in conjunction with 2020 financial outcome to seek to preserve same level of reserves over both those years.

- Managed transition from former Finance Manager to new incumbent without any disruption to committee meetings or activities.
- Reviewed qualification criteria for Government Employee Wage Subsidy (EWSS) on a monthly basis and made recommendations to Ard Chomhairle when appropriate to avail or not of such scheme.
- Continued to track and recommend actions in relation to outstanding payments due to certain counties under 2020 Resilience funding.
- Supported Finance Manager and Ard Stiurthoir in their preparations of submission to Sport Ireland for additional funding due to pandemic. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank both for their outstanding achievement in this regard, one which considerably strengthens the Association's finances and facilitated the preparation of 2022 budget as submitted to Ard Chomhairle and Sport Ireland.
- Reviewed 2022 budget as prepared, recommended appropriate changes and forwarded to Ard Chomhairle for approval.
- 2021 Financial Statements reviewed and discussed with Association's auditors and recommended to Ard Chomhairle for approval. The healthy financial outcome and year end reserve position was discussed and noted given the level of financial uncertainty which hung over all of 2021.
- Reviewed all HR issues, decisions and policies as required and advised Ard Chomhairle on all HR related matters.
- Supported the Association's Finance Manager and staff in maintaining sound financial practices and advised on issues as required.
- I would like to thank all committee and Ard Chomhairle members for their engagement and support throughout the year, it is much appreciated.

Patsy O'Keeffe
Cathairleach

National Competitions Management Committee

No. of meetings attended:

Name		Total meetings attended
Hilda Breslin	Cathairleach (up to April 2021)	4 /4
Rachel Hogan	Cathairleach	16/16
Michelle Smith	Committee Member	16/16
Marie Porter	Committee Member	15/16
Brendan Cooper	Committee Member (from April 2021)	10/12
Caroline Halton	Committee Member	15/16

Achievements in 2021

2021 Master National schedule was drafted and ratified as per Terms of Reference.

While 2021 was another year of uncertainty we came through it, with competitions completed at all levels, from adult to underage, with over 230 fixtures. This would not have been possible without the support and help of all counties, officers, players, management, grounds personnel and match officials while adhering to Government Guidelines, which was difficult at times.

The committee would like to thank the Uachtarán and staff of Camogie Association for their continued support and finally to my fellow committee members, who worked long hours to ensure that all our National Fixtures were completed.

Rachel Hogan
Cathairleach



National Coaching and Games Development Committee

A new committee was formed in May 2021 and has held 7 meetings in the 9 months up to the 3rd of February 2022.

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Cormac Ginty	Cathaoirleach	7/7
Kate Kelly	Committee Member	4/7
Orla Bambury	Committee Member	4/7
Brian Boyle	Committee Member	4/7
Joan Poland	Connaught Development Officer	4/7
Declan Hegarty	Ulster Development Officer	6/7
Rob Lotty	Munster Development Officer	6/7
Angela Gahan	Leinster Development Officer	4/7
Louise Conlon	Technical Development & Participation Manager	6/7
James Heffernan	Youth Development Co-Ordinator	5/6
Niall Williams	Coach Education and Development Co-Ordinator	1/1

List of Activities:

1. 2021 Covid Games Programme for Development Squads

- Redesigned the games programme owing to covid restrictions for the holding of blitzes. We provided a set of national u14 fixtures in 1v1 format.
- A notable difference was that every county had a fixture to attend on every games day as opposed to the blitz invitation system in previous years.
- The U15 games programme had the advantage of a later start due to the U16 championship, and by then blitzes were permitted again.
- The management of the development squad games programme and grading to teams

2. Development Squad Feedback Survey

- We conducted a telephone and e-survey. 16 counties responded. It was an interesting year to conduct this owing to the change in games format.

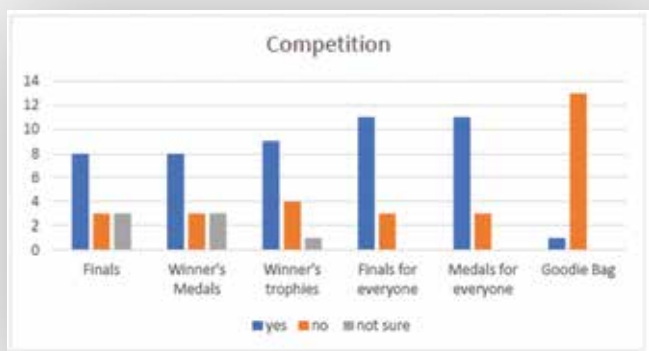
Games Preference:

Interestingly U14s had exclusively 1v1 games while U15s had a mix of 1v1 and blitzes. Blitzes and a mix of both was the overwhelming preference of those who experienced both.



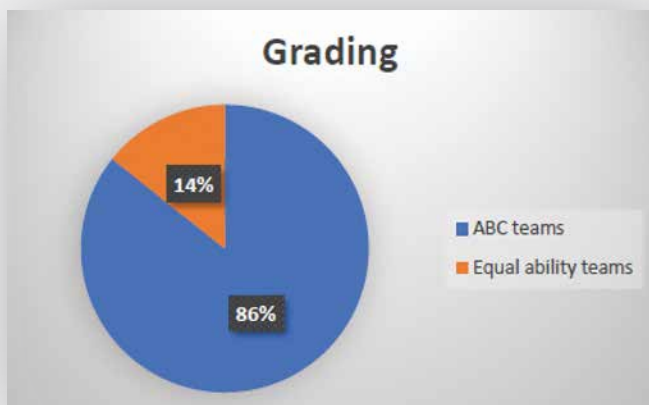
Development with or without competition:

An overwhelming finding is that holding finals for all teams and participation medals for everyone was preferred. This contrasts with blitzes where some teams are sent home after 3 games while others get 5 games and therefore more development time.



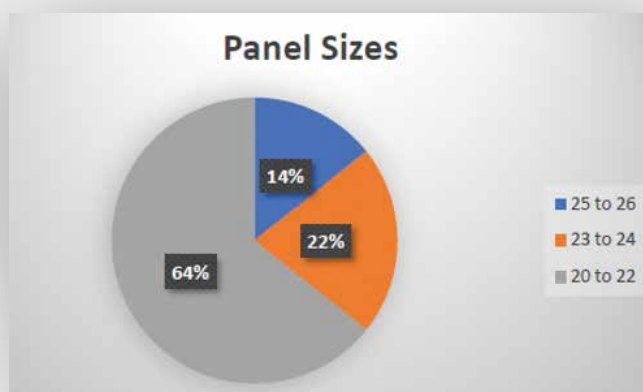
Grading of Development Squad Teams:

ABC or equal ability teams



Panel Size Preference:

Most counties felt that it is very difficult to give all players meaningful game time with panels of 24 to 26 players. The mean preference for panel size was 21.



3. Intercounty Underage Camogie Development Academies Policy Document

- a. The committee reviewed every paragraph of the policy document and produced a revised policy taking on board the feedback from the survey.

4. 2022 Games Programme for Development Squads

- a. Producing a u14 blitz schedule that includes all teams for all games days
- b. Producing a u15 games programme with the provinces.

5. Go Games Policy Presentation

6. Coach Education Briefing

- a. Niall Williams provided a coach education update on ongoing activities and ongoing work at present. He gave a presentation which was broken down into the following areas:
 - i. Camogie National Development Plan
 - ii. Coach Education, Learning & development
 - iii. Camogie Coach Developers
 - iv. Sport Ireland Coaching
 - v. Collaboration with the Gaelic Games Family.
 - vi. Gaelic Games Framework 2021+

**Cormac Ginty
Cathaoirleach**



National Referees, Support and Development Committee

Assembled June 2021

No. of Meetings held: 10 (currently meeting weekly)

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role
Owen Elliott	Cathaoirleach
Jenny Byrne	Rúnaí
Mike O'Kelly	Committee Member
Karl O'Brien (up to Dec '21)	Committee Member
John McDonagh (up to Dec '21)	Committee Member
Lizzie Flynn	Committee Member

Work completed since June 2021 :

- 7 national referee seminars held via zoom (monthly)
- National referee in-service held via zoom in January
- Referee fitness testing in 4 locations (committee in attendance)
- Extensive preparation and discussion surrounding the National Referee Strategy 2022-2025 to be launched in March 2022
- Committee members attending 3 weekends of Sport Ireland Officials Developers course
- Recruitment of 16 new referee advisors
- National advisors seminar over 2 nights (via zoom)
- 37 individual one to one meetings with the current National referees panel
- Initial roll out of 9 referee courses including in-service, foundation and refresher (provincial and county) to be completed by March 2022
- Female Referee Academy to be launched
- 2020 Peter Downey Academy (suspended due to Covid) to be completed.

At present we have 34 National referees and 20 support panel members, this is an increase over the last few years and we are currently active in retaining and recruiting referees for our games. It is important for us

to raise the standard of refereeing due to the ongoing TV and live streaming coverage. It is imperative for the success of the National referee strategy that counties and provinces provide full support in order for us to continue to build our pool and maintain high standards of our National Referees.

No Ref No Game!

Owen Elliott
Cathaoirleach

Volunteer and Officer Support, Training and Development

No. of Meetings held: 4

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Anthony Cassidy	Cathaoirleach	3
Sinead Duffy	Rúnaí	3
Noleen McCarthy	Comhalta Coiste	3

List of Achievements/Tasks, 4th Quarter 2021

- Reviewed outgoing committee's achievements/goals and discussed it's continued development.
- Reviewed the National Development Plan and deliberated over area's where achievable goals can be delivered by the committee.
- Discussed the need for an Officer training analysis, to ascertain areas where training is required and the upskilling through CPD's for existing officers in 2022.

We look forward to working with the incoming Learning and Development Co-ordinator and thank Pamela for the work she did with the previous committee.

Antóin Ó Caiside
Cathaoirleach

National Finals Appeals Committee (NFAC)

No. of Meetings held: 1

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Deirdre Mitchell Canning	Chairperson	1
Roisin Walsh	Member	1

The Committee were only presented with one case in 2021. I would like to thank my committee members for their assistance.

Deirdre Mitchell Canning
Cathaoirleach:

Risk Committee

No. of Meetings held: 4 (All meeting held via zoom)

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Geraldine Mc Grath	Chairperson	4
Siobhan Cunniffe	Secretary & Staff Member	4
Geraldine Beattie-Greene	Member	4
Tom Hayes	Member	3
John Greene	Member	2

List of Achievements/Tasks in 2021

- Top 10 Risks presented to AC meetings quarterly
- Work being carried out on the overall register

Thanks to Siobhan and Committee members on your input and valuable knowledge given to the Risk committee.

Geraldine McGrath
Cathaoirleach



National Child Welfare and Protection Committee (NCWPC)

1. Club and County Childrens Officer Engagement

- a. Club Childrens officer webinars - 3 webinars online
- b. County Childrens Officer webinars - 4 County Webinars
- c. Information webinars
 - 1 Designated Liaison Person webinar online
 - 2 Risk Assessment with Secretaries and Chairpersons webinar online
 - 3 County specific information webinars requests by counties

2. Vetting/Access NI

- a. Vetting 6120 completed 46% increase on 2021
- b. Access NI 1032 completed

3. Safeguarding Training

- a. Safeguarding 1 Virtual Workshops (3 Associations)
 - 416 Courses online
 - 6957 participants engaged and completed
- b. Safeguarding 1 Refresher Programme (3 Associations)
 - 15,000 participants engaged and completed
- c. Temporary Safeguarding 1 Programme (3 Associations)
 - 10,000 participants engaged and completed
- d. Safeguarding 1 Virtual Workshops (Camogie M.N.A programme)
 - 4 Courses online
 - 64 participants engaged and completed

4. Code of Behaviour (Underage) Review and Update

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment
- 3 Maintaining Good Practice & Behaviour
- 4 Dealing with Alleged Breaches
- 5 Recruitment
- 7 CCO
- 8 DLP
- 9 Organising Club Activities
- 11 Dealing with Allegations of Abuse
- 12 Tackling Bullying in your Club

5. Online Virtual Training Guidance

New guidance document released for coaches Feb 2021 and falls part of the Code of Behaviour (Underage)

6. Risk Assessment & Safeguarding Statement reviewed and updated in May 2021

All units completed review of Risk Assessment and Safeguarding statement in May 2021.

2 information webinars held for childrens officers.

7. Sports Ireland Club Self-Assessment Framework

a. All clubs to complete the Self-Assessment audit by Feb 28th.

b. 2 Information webinars delivered to clubs in preparation for audit.

Marie O'Brien
Cathaoirleach

THDC Training Taskforce

No. of Meetings held: 6

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Richard Mulholland	Member	6
Éilis Kavanagh	Member	6
Joan O'Flynn	Chairperson	6
Pamela Frizell	Secretary	4
Tracy McDonald	Secretary	2

The Taskforce was asked to develop three training initiatives:

- A Level 1 course for all THDC members from clubs, county, provinces, international units, CCAO, Comhairle Camógaíochta na hIarbhunscoileanna and national committees as well as employees
- A Level 2 course for county, provincial and national THDCs and would focus on application of rules of the Association and give participants a further insight into ensuring procedures are unbiased, fair, and just.
- Refresher Course to be held on an annual basis following congress and would be aimed at all those who have completed Level 1 training. This training would cover a brief overview of rules with focus on common breaches in rules, common misunderstandings and any new rules or rule changes.

List of achievements/task 2021

- Developed the methodology and content to be used in Level 1 training
- Conducted two pilot training sessions and revised material subsequently
- In October 2021 delivered the first formal Level 1 training. This was done online, in the context of ongoing restrictions due to Covid-19. 54 people indicated an interest in attending Level 1 training. On the night, 25 people attended the THDC Level 1 session
- In December 2021 the second THDC Level 1 training was delivered online. 73 people indicated an interest with 30 attendees.
- The third THDC Level 1 training is scheduled for February. At the time of writing (January 2022) there are 11 people on a waiting list from the October expressions of interest and 54 from the December expressions of interest.
- Next steps
 - a) Since the training the Taskforce has been asked to develop an FAQ resource.
 - b) Confirm membership and training of National Trainers Group
 - c) Roll out Level 1 training schedule in 2022; the evaluation process suggested a regional process with county THDC attending en bloc. The implementation plan outlines that the designated target groups for the training include international units, CCAO, Comhairle Camógaíochta na hIarbhunscoileanna and national committees as well as employees. These groups have yet to receive training (national office and trainers)
 - d) Develop and pilot Level 2 (Taskforce)

Joan O'Flynn
Cathaoirleach



PR & Communications Committee Report 2021

No. of Meetings held: 10 (9 meetings via zoom & 1 in person meeting)

No. of Meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Geraldine Mc Grath	Chairperson	10
Geraldine Kinnane	Secretary	10
Brid Mc Namara	Member	10
Maeve Healy	Member	10
Sarah Stanley	Staff Member	3

List of Achievements/Tasks in 2021

- A workshop was held with all County PROs on the 12th Oct 2021. Very good ideas shared and positive feedback has been received and discussed.
- Social Media Policy – Presented to Ard Chomhairle.
- Streaming Policy – Presented to Ard Chomhairle.

Thanks to Geraldine as secretary and fellow members of this Committee who have worked so hard on getting both the social media policy and streaming policy to Ard Chomhairle. Both policies involved a huge amount of time.

Geraldine Mc Grath
Cathaoirleach

National Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee (NTHDC)

Committee Member Name
Martina Donnellan - Cathaoirleach
Mona O'Sullivan – Rúnaí
Anne Robinson
Catherine Hoare
Lorraine McCartan
Mary Burke

No. of cases referred: 22

22 cases were referred to the Committee in 2021 which resulted in 21 teleconference calls and 3 online hearings. The matters dealt with included Red Cards (8), Referee Reports of verbal abuse by mentors (5), Referee Report of abuse by supporter (1), Transfer Appeals (3) and Appeals (5).

Following a referral to the National Finals Appeals Committee (NFAC) a case was appealed to the DRA. This necessitated 3 lengthy Zoom/online meetings and is awaiting final resolution.

Martina Donnellan Cathaoirleach

Remuneration Committee:

Committee Member Name
Marty McEvoy Kildare
Germaine Noonan Dublin
Roisin Hartley Waterford

The Committee met 4 times during 2021

It was agreed that the Salary Increases proposed by the last Remuneration Committee were to be supported. The Committee is currently focusing on the following issues for the Association:

- Salary Contracts
- Conditions of Employment including rewards and days in lieu for out of Office duties.

The Committee is currently engaging with a HR specialist to examine how contracts are drawn up with a view to positioning the Association to recruit, reward and retain staff. It is proposed that the Remuneration Committee with present to the Ard Chomhairle at the April 2022 meeting.

Yours in sport

Marty McEvoy Cathaoirleach

Governance Committee

Members: Tom Daly, Niamh Kilmartin, Grace Mc Namara and Sheila O Donohoe (Chair)

No. of Meetings held: 4

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Tom Daly	Member	4
Niamh Kilmartin	Member	4
Grace Mc Namara	Member	4
Sheila O Donohoe	Chair	4

List of achievements/tasks include:

- Review of Schedule of Matters Reserved for Ard Chomhairle,
- Review of Governance Checklist with Management team to identify gaps in compliance for December 2021 deadline as a Type C organisation
- Review Terms of Reference for subcommittees: Coaching and Games and Communications and evaluation of Board committee effectiveness questionnaire,
- Review of draft register of policies.
- Review of Roles and Responsibilities for Ard Chomhairle, Uachtaran, Secretary and Treasurer.

Sheila O'Donohoe Cathaoirleach



All Star Committee

No. of Meetings held: 2

No. of Meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Jacqui O' Connor	Cathaoirleach	2
Ann Downey	Committee Member	2
Marion Crean	Committee Member	1
Patricia O' Grady	Committee Member	2
Breda Cunningham	Committee Member	2
Nuala Quirke	Committee Member	2

List of Achievements/Tasks in 2021

- With consideration of COVID restrictions and resources available, the format of the All Stars changed in 2021 with nominees being chosen from both the All-Ireland Senior Championship and the National League. In addition, the number of games in the round stages of the All-Ireland championship had been reduced hence the National League games were taken into consideration. However, it would be a recommendation from the committee that the old format would be reinstated given the volume of matches to cover between Championship and National League, by a small committee.
- In addition, 15 All- Stars winners were chosen from 36 nominees as opposed to 45 in 2019. However, the Soaring Stars remained at 15 winners from 36 nominees. One Manager of the Year was selected from three nominees. Again, it would be recommended going forward that the All-Star winners would be chosen from the 45 nominees.
- The committee worked in conjunction with the GPA in the shortlisting for the Players' Player of the Year Awards in the three intercounty grades.

Jacqui O' Connor
Cathaoirleach

National Development Plan Implementation Committee

No. of Meetings held: 12

No. of Meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Paul Donnelly	Chairperson	12
Ivor Lehane	Committee Member	12
Donal Murphy	Committee Member	11
Ambrose Curry	Committee Member	11
Anna-Marie McCarthy	Committee Member	11
Louise Conlon	Technical Development & Participation Manager	12
Liam Clancy	Committee Secretary	12

List of Achievements/Tasks in 2021

- During 2019-2020, the Camogie Association approved and launched its National Development Plan 2020-2023. The Plan covers all aspects of camogie, including active participation, coaching, officiating, and volunteering and was designed to deliver outputs (numbers which can be measured) and outcomes (long term change).
- In January 2021, the Camogie Association established a National Development Plan Implementation Committee (NDPIC) to review the implementation of the plan, and develop a suite of performance indicators, milestones, and targets against which progress can be measured. The NDPIC recognises that measurement and evaluation of progress using these KPIs is dependent upon accurate and timely information, and over the last 12 months has worked closely with staff and Committees to develop and implement a new Performance Reporting Framework for all milestones, that monitors their progress against the 12 goals, within the four-year plan.
- This new Framework has allowed the Camogie Association to capture all 149 milestones in the plan, assign new defined KPI's to each milestone and provide succinct and timely reports on the overall progress across all Programme areas. It also

provides an executive Programme summary along with a RAG status against all milestones, a list of major issues, risks, dependencies, and changes in the plan. It also has aligned the relevant milestones to the main other sub-committees, along with determining a weighting system as requested by Ard Chomhairle, to allow staff have more clarity of focus on delivering against High Impact key strategic milestones. The framework has helped significantly reduce manual duplication of effort for staff as it's used in a much more collaborate way. It is aligned to industry standards and has greatly helped with holistic reporting to Sport Ireland and other bodies.

Initial Requirements:

- Establish or Develop KPI's for all Milestones
- Provide a work breakdown structure for all milestones
- Develop a Reporting Framework
- Train Staff on all elements of the new framework
- Implement a weighting system for High Impact Milestones
- Implement a reporting approval process flow

Methodologies Used:

- Programme Management Reporting Processes
- S.M.A.R.T Criteria to aid in developing KPI's
- MoSCoW Analysis to aid in weighting goal priorities
- Agile for better ways of working

Conclusion:

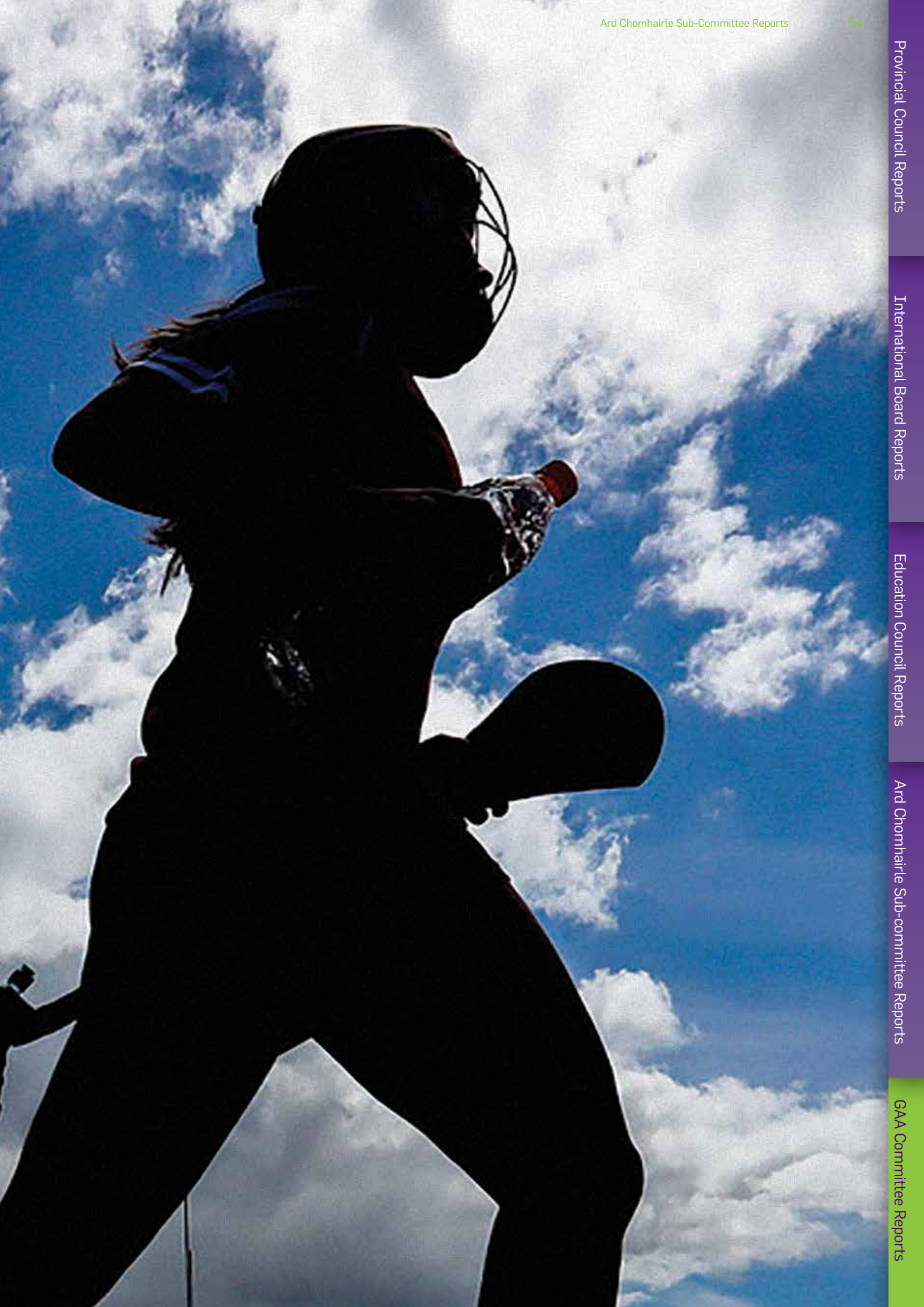
In conclusion, the NDPIC are satisfied that the Executive Reporting Framework has now been firmly established, it encompasses all the areas and processes that are required to deliver against the plan and that the CA staff have fully adopted using the reporting framework as envisaged, to provide for better collaboration, ways of working and successful outcomes.

Over the next 12 months, the NDPIC will continue to work with staff and other committees to develop and implement a comprehensive research and stakeholder engagement project aimed at creating a strong evidence base from which informed decisions can be made.

Paul Donnelly
Cathaoirleach

GAA Committee Reports







Féile na nGael Committee

No. of meetings attended: 11

In 2021 due to the Covid 19 pandemic the National Féile na nGael competition was not able to take place as traditionally organised in previous years. In 2021 the Féile na nGael event was organised as a local County event only, which took place on the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of August. In total 23 Counties and over 240 teams took part in Camogie Féile na nGael in 2021. Unfortunately, some counties who had originally planned to organise events had to make the decision to cancel due to covid 19 cases at a local level.

All clubs who entered the local Féile draw in 2021 were entered into two separate draws, the first draw gave winners the opportunity to play in Croke Park on the October bank holiday Monday. Winners of the second draw received a gear package supplied by official Féile sponsors, McKeever sports. Below are the winners of the Croke Park experience and the McKeever Sports package.

Croke Park Games Winners					
Camogie	Athleague	RN	v	Abbeykillix	KY
Camogie	Carndonagh	DL	v	Knockananna	WW
Camogie	Ballymacnab	Arm.	v	Monageer Boolavogue	WX
Camogie	Delvin	WH	v	Edendork	Tyr.

McKeever Sports package winners			
Camogie	Winner 1	Na Brideoga	Mayo
Camogie	Winner 2	Na Fianna	Meath
Camogie	Winner 3	Naomh Brid	Offaly
Camogie	Winner 4	Shannon Rovers	Tipperary
Camogie	Winner 5	Dromara	Down
Camogie	Winner 6	Burt	Donegal
Camogie	Winner 7	Omagh	Tyrone
Camogie	Winner 8	Moorefield	Kildare

In 2021 there were no winners of the National camogie Féile competition or the regional camogie Féile competition due to Covid 19 and its effects on organising large scale events. The Féile skills competition was also cancelled.

James Heffernan
Camogie Association Representative

All Ireland Poc Fada Committee

Achievements in 2021

Due to the Covid Pandemic the National Poc Fada Committee made the decision to run the National Poc Fada Competition as a Senior Invitational competition in 2021. With no Under-16 competition taking place a decision to include up to 10 representatives in the Senior Camogie Invitation was made. The National Poc Fada Committee intend to revert to regular competition at County, Provincial and National level in 2022.

Molly Lynch from Cork made history for herself in winning the Senior Camogie Poc Fada on the Cooley Peninsula. She previously won the Poc Fada back in 2017 at U16 level. Molly is the first to achieve the feat at winning the National Poc Fada title at both grades in the Camogie, a remarkable achievement.

Senior Camogie Results:

1. Molly Lynch (Cork/Munster)
2. Sarah Healy (Galway/2019 All-Star Goalkeeper)
3. Catriona Daly (Galway/2020 champion)
4. Roisin McCormack (Antrim/ULster)
5. Martina McMahon (Limerick/Sponsor)
6. Áine Slattery (Tipperary/2020 All-Star Goalkeeper)
7. Aideen Lyons (Galway/Connacht)
8. Abbye Donnelly (Meath/Leinster)
9. Lyndsey Condell (Carlow/Previous winner)

Lizzie Flynn

Camogie Association Representative





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