



Annual Report of Committees to Congress 2023



**THE
CAMOGIE
ASSOCIATION**
An Cumann Camógaíochta

Tuarascáil Bhliantúil
na gCoistí 2022 don
Chomhdháil 2023



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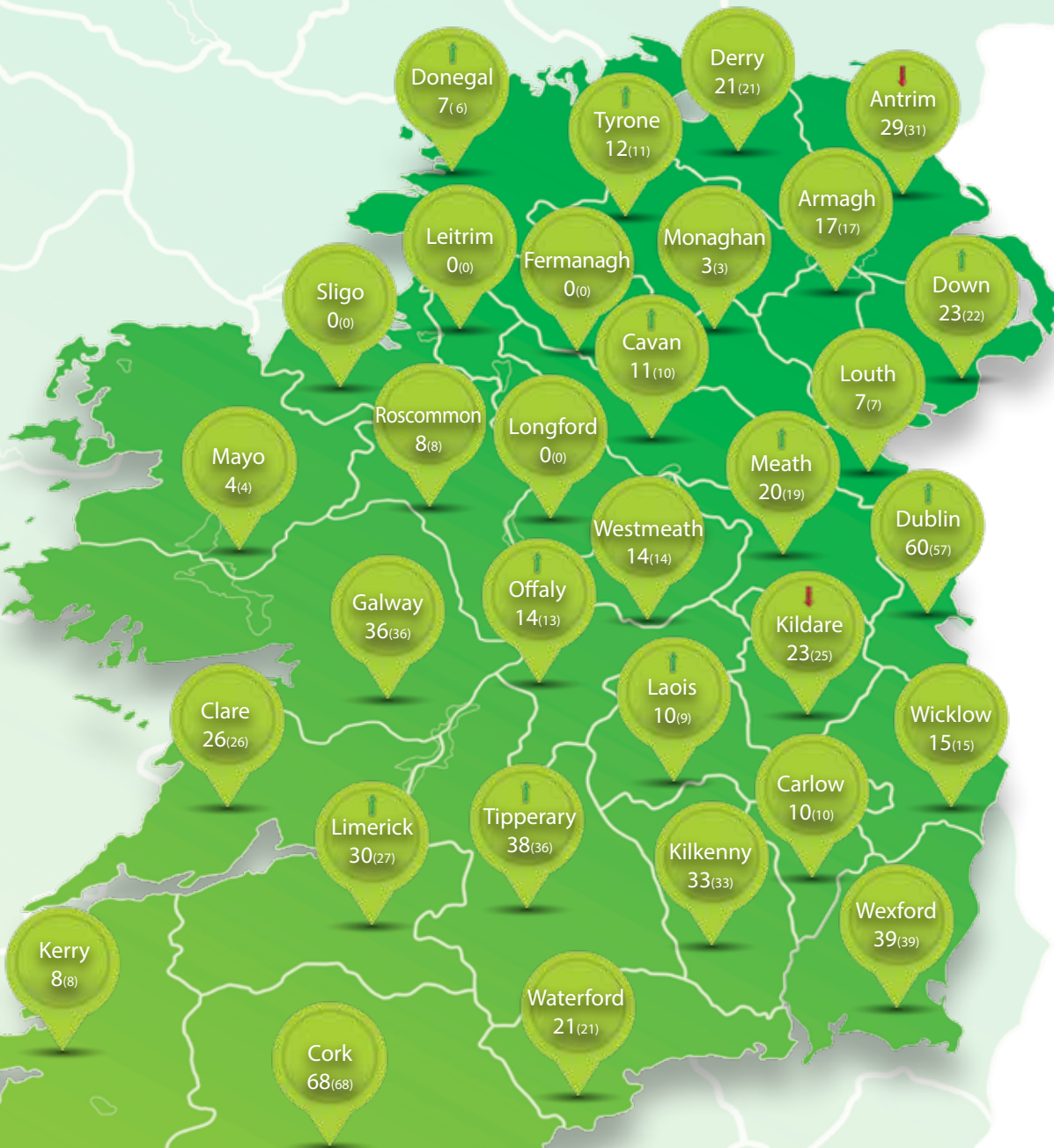
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Provincial Council Reports



Figure 1:
Clubs by County 2022
 (2021 Data in Brackets)



	2022	2021	2020
CONNACHT	49	48	49
LEINSTER	245	242	234
MUNSTER	191	186	181
ULSTER	123	122	112
	608	598	576

Comhairle Connacht

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2022

Province: Connacht		
	2021	2022
Members	Executive +Delegates = 15	Executive +Delegates = 15

No. of Meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Brian Molloy	Chairperson	5
Kitty Morley	Vice Chairperson	5
Marie Porter	Secretary	5
Geraldine McGrath	Treasurer	3
Deidre Burke	Ard Chomhairle Delegate	3
Thaigh Morley	Register	5
Cathy Dillon	Childrens Officer	0
Joan Poland	Development Officer	3

Review of 2022

March 2022 saw Galway take home 8 All-Stars from 2021 season, 1 Soaring Star, The Manager of the Year Accolade, and the GPA Senior Player of the year award, wonderful achievements for all those recipients, their families, clubs, county and province.

Those recipients were:

Aoife Donohoe, All-Star, GPA Player of the year
 Sarah Healey, Shauna Healy, Sarah Dervan, Niamh Kilkenny,
 Siobhan McGrath, Orlaith McGrath, Ailish O Reilly
 Ava Lynskey – Soaring Star
 Cathal Murray, Manager of the year

March 2022 kicked off our Provincial meetings where Sinead Muldoon was welcomed as the Mayo delegate, also Geraldine McGrath agreed to take over the role of treasurer, to date we have had 5 Provincial meetings and all is going well. We have had good attendance and all were conducted via zoom.

July saw the launching of the 2022 Glen Dimplex All-Ireland Camogie Championship Finals, which took place in Croke Park on Sunday 7th August in a triple-header. Congratulations to Galway Intermediates who beat Cork in the All-Ireland final by 2 points. Also, congratulations to Roscommon on winning the U16C and to Mayo on winning the U16D competition. Congratulations also to Galway and Mayo who had wins earlier

in the year in their respective League Competitions. Well done to all involved.

Within our province a lot of work has been going on with Joan Poland, our development Officer, as July also saw the announcement of a Growth & Participation Officer. Also, Carrick on Shannon and Sligo have been working away quietly with the assistance of National Office and Joan Poland who has given 100% to these tasks.

It must be said though that within our province a handful of people during my time has been keeping the wheel turning, realistically this is not possible to maintain, we are all volunteers and have our own lives to live also, therefore it is imperative that structures or enticements are put in place as soon as is possible to continue with the great work already been done from the foundation of our clubs up.

The 2022 All-Stars were held in Croke Park on November 26th: Connacht Camogie claimed one All-Star: · Shauna Healy of Ardrahan Club. Galway also came home with seven recipients in the Soaring Stars Galway, those successful were:

Ciara Hickey, Clara Donohoe, Katie Manning, Jennifer Hughes, Katie Gilchrist, Niamh McPeake, Lisa Casserly, – who also won Intermediate Player of the year.

Congratulations to all those girls who were nominated from Connacht both in Senior and Intermediate Championship and their families.

Matches and Tournaments:

U16 7 a Side

Ran first weekend in July, 17 teams participated using two venues

Connacht U14 Blitz

Held this in Began, Mayo, Roscommon, Laois, Donegal, Offaly, Westmeath, Galway participated.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

- Club Development
Schedule dates for older girls for Blitz, U21/U23
- Coaching
County Development Officers to highlight Clubs that need assistance
- Increase number playing
Schedule Coaching Blocks in local clubs, schools using Coaches within the area

Sympathies to all bereaved families in the province of Connacht but particularly to the family of Kate Moran, Athenry and to Eimear Ni Cholalaighe, Cois Fharraige.

I would like to thank all my fellow officers for all their help and assistance, I wish to particularly thank Brian Molloy, Joan Poland, Deirdre Burke for always been on the end of the phone whenever I needed assistance.

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 Cathy Dillon for quietly but diligently working away in the background. Thanks to all our players, families, clubs, sponsors, officials, and to Michelle, Liz, Caroline and Sinead at head office, excellent support all year.

Finally for 2023, 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

BALANCE SHEET

		@ 30/11/2022	@ 30/11/2021
	Notes	€	€
FIXED ASSETS	1.		
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	2.		
Stock			
Cash at Bank and in Hand	3.	30803	23,268
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals	4.		
Loans			
NET CURRENT ASSETS		30,803	23,268
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>30,803</u>	<u>23,268</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Opening Capital		23,268	9,061
Surplus for the year		7,535	14,207
Closing Capital		<u>30,803</u>	<u>23,268</u>

Choiste Chonnacht

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th November 2022

	Year Ended 30/11/2022	Year Ended 30/11/2021
	€	€
INCOME		
Grants (please list...)		
Resilience	0	7,500
Gates	7,040	950
Affiliation Fees	12,050	12,052
Fines/Appeals	200	600
Competitions fees	1,050	
Total Income	20,340	21,102
EXPENDITURE		
Cups Medals and Trophies	1,824	1,879
Sliotars, hurleys and gear	0	0
Pitch hire	0	175
U.16 Blitz	1,153	0
Development	4,500	1,182
Bank Interest & Charges	77	41
Grants	1,700	3,000
Refund Appeal Fee	0	200
Meeting Expenses - Zoom	172	238
Referees	1,104	180
Poc Fada	480	0
U.14 Blitz	570	0
Programmes	225	0
Other Expenses	1,000	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	12,805	6895
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	7,535	14,207

Comhairle Laighean

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2022

Province: Leinster		
	2021	2022
Members	44,174	48,100

No. of Meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Linda Kenny	Chairperson	9
Barney O'Connor	Vice Chairperson	9
Brendan Cooper	Secretary	9
Patsy Hetherton	Treasurer	8
Martina McGilloway	PRO	8
Ailish Whitty	Development Officer	8
Liz O'Donohoe	Children Officer	8
Melanie Ni Dhuinn	Registrar	3
Ivor Lehane	AC Delegate	7

Highlights:

2022 to some degree saw an end to the pandemic which so badly affected activities during the 2020/2021 seasons and we returned to some form of normality with all of our competitions / events being run off in a timely manner.

Congratulations to Kilkenny on winning the All-Ireland Senior Championship; Wexford on winning the Littlewoods Ireland Division 2 League; Offaly on winning the Tesco All-Ireland Minor B Championship; Westmeath on winning the Tesco Minor B Shield, Wicklow on winning the All-Ireland Minor C Championship; Louth on winning the All-Ireland Minor C Shield and Laois on winning the Tesco All-Ireland Under 16 B Championship.

In 2022 Leinster Camogie entered discussions with Leinster GAA to look at the possibility of staging a "Double Header" with our Senior Provincial Final being staged prior to a Leinster Hurling Championship game between Laois and Galway (MW Hire O'Moore Park, Portlaoise: 14th May 2022). Members of Leinster Executive met with Michael Reynolds (Secretary Leinster GAA) and Pat Teehan (Chairperson Leinster GAA). Both Michael and Pat were very receptive to staging such a programme between the two Associations. Leinster Camogie are most grateful to Leinster GAA for allowing Leinster Camogie be part of such an occasion. In order to promote our games to the wider public it is most

important that we explore all available options in the future and we in Leinster Camogie hope that "double headers" can become common place in the years ahead.

The introduction of the Universe Ticketing System has proved very beneficial to a number of units at County / Provincial and National level. This system was originally introduced during the pandemic to ensure that people attending fixtures could safely be accommodated. From a Leinster perspective this has increased our revenue income to the tune of €74,000 from gate receipts. This ensures that Leinster can redeploy additional monies to other activities run by Leinster Camogie and I will cover these activities elsewhere in this report. Leinster are indebted to the many volunteers in all Counties who help operate this system (Ticket scanning etc) at our various Provincial and Leinster Club Championship fixtures.

Early in 2022 Leinster Executive took the decision to bring a proposal to Leinster Council in which it proposed to set aside a budget of €10,000 for the purpose of running a Leinster Coaching Academy for sixteen (16) participants from around the Province. This course was ran over a number of months concluding on the 14th May, 2022 on the occasion of the "double header" between Leinster Camogie and Leinster GAA in O'Moore Park, Portlaoise. I wish to express Leinster's sincere thanks to Sabrina Larkin (Leinster Participation & Growth Coordinator) for organising this Academy. All those participating were fulsome in their praise for this course. Leinster hopes that all sixteen (16) participants would take back the skills learnt to their respective club/county.

Leinster Camogie provided Development grants to our counties for the continued growth of Camogie within our Leinster Counties.

Matches and Tournaments:

Senior Championship

Our Adult Senior Championship commenced on the 30th of April with a Preliminary Round game, two Semi Finals and Final in MW O'Moore Park, Portlaoise as a Double Header with Leinster GAA. Congratulations to Kilkenny on winning another Leinster Senior Championship title defeating Dublin.

Intermediate Championship

Our Intermediate Championship commenced on the 30th of April with three Quarter Final games, two Semi Finals and Final in Aughrim. Congratulations to Meath on winning the Leinster Intermediate Championship title defeating Kildare by the narrowest of margins in an epic encounter.

Junior Championship

Our Junior Championship Final was a straight final between Louth and Wicklow. Congratulations to Wicklow on winning the title and to Louth who never gave up on the day.

Under 18 Championship

Our Under 18 A Finals were staged in Dicksboro GAA, our Minor B Cup Final in UMPC Nowlan Park as part of a double header with the Leinster GAA Senior Hurling Championship Round match Kilkenny v Laois and the B Shield Final in Netwatch Training Centre, Fenagh.

Under 18 A Cup Winners: Kilkenny A Runners Up: Dublin	Under 18 A Shield Winners: Offaly Runners Up: Wexford
Under 18 B Cup Winners: Kilkenny B Runners Up: Laois	Under 18 B Shield Winners: Wexford B Runners Up: Carlow
Under 18 C Cup Winners: Wicklow Runners Up: Louth	

Under 16 Championship

Our Under 16 Fixtures ran from mid-February with our Finals on a dreadful wet May day in the Netwatch Training Centre, Fenagh. I would like to thank all Counties for their co-operation during the Championship. Many thanks to Carlow GAA and Camogie for hosting all finals.

Under 16 A Cup Winners: Kilkenny A Runners Up: Dublin	Under 16 A Shield Winners: Wexford A Runners Up: Offaly A
Under 16 B Cup Winners: Laois Runners Ups: Carlow	Under 16 B Shield Winners: Kilkenny Runners Up: Wexford B
Under 16 C Cup Winners: Meath Runners Up: Offaly B	

Development Blitzes

During 2022 Leinster Camogie successfully ran our largest ever Under 14 Development Blitz in the Province in June while two Under 15 Development Blitzes were arranged in August. Many thanks to Ailish Whitty, Development Officer for her work in arranging these development days and to all the volunteers who assisted at these blitzes

AIB Leinster Club Championship

With all Counties having completed their domestic Club Championships by the 3rd week in October 2022, this left the way clear for the Leinster Club Championships to commence on the 27/28th October, 2022. Thankfully weather conditions were favourable and this allowed Leinster to run off its various competitions in all grades without interruption.



Comhairle Laighean continued

The following Club Teams won their respective Provincial Championships:

<i>Senior</i>	<i>St Vincents (Dublin)</i>
<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>James Stephens (Kilkenny)</i>
<i>Junior A</i>	<i>Knockananna (Wicklow)</i>
<i>Junior B</i>	<i>Delvin (Westmeath)</i>

Leinster League

In 2022 Leinster ran five (5) Divisions of Leinster Leagues covering Senior / Intermediate and Junior grades. We do our best to ensure that games are as competitive as possible and provide meaningful games for all clubs. All Divisional Finals were staged in Abbotstown on the 10th of April 2022 and produced the following winners;

<i>Division 1:</i>	<i>Lucan Sarsfields (Dublin)</i>
<i>Division 2:</i>	<i>Rower Inistioge (Kilkenny)</i>
<i>Division 3:</i>	<i>Lough Lene Gaels (Westmeath)</i>
<i>Division 4:</i>	<i>Blackwater (Wexford)</i>
<i>Division 5:</i>	<i>Mattock Rangers (Louth)</i>

Poc Fada

The 2022 Leinster Poc Fada Finals for Adult and Under 16's was jointly hosted by Carlow GAA / Carlow Camogie and took place on Saturday 26th June, 2022 on Mount Leinster.
Under 16 Poc Fada Winner: Amy Lacey (Laois)
Adult Poc Fada Winner: Tracy McNally (Carlow)

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

Grow the Game / Administration

Research the potential of a part time or full time staff member/s to support units – counties and club in administration, funding opportunities and other development initiatives not provided under the remit of G&P Officer.

To work with GAA / LGFA as part of Gaelic Games Family

Work with GAA in identifying opportunities for double headers games and delivery of Poc Fada competition within the province. Work with LGFA in fixture planning and avoidance of clashes where possible in advance of fixture releases.

Volunteers / Coach Education

Deliver Leinster Coaching Academy for the upskilling of coaches within the province in a holistic approach to coaching with special emphasis on increasing the number and visibility of female coaches in the game.

Referee Education

Deliver series of referee up skill and certification options through the referee pathway.

Identity (Pride)

Review the brand of Leinster Camogie and in doing so source main sponsors. Examine the profile of Leinster Council and effectiveness of social media platforms.

Acknowledgements:

I would like to thank the very many volunteers in all Counties without whom Leinster would not be in a position to stage the number of activities which take place throughout the year. Volunteers are the "heart and soul" of our Association and in Leinster we are particularly well served by this cohort of people. It would be impossible to thank every individual, but your contribution to Leinster has not gone unnoticed. To each and everyone I would, on behalf of the Leinster Executive offer my sincere thanks.

As a Province we are most fortunate to have some of the finest Referees in the country. On behalf of Leinster, I would sincerely thank all our match officials for an excellent 2022 and for their support and loyalty to their province.

Sincere thanks and appreciation to the many GAA units and Colleges who provided excellent facilities both for players and spectators alike for Leinster to host our many finals.

I wish to place on record Leinster's sincere thanks to our Leinster THDC members for their commitment and for the professionalism they demonstrated all year.

I would also like to thank the members and staff of the Association for their help and advice at all times.

I wish to place on record the immense contribution of all the Leinster Executive members during 2022 in their various roles.

Brendan Cooper
Secretary Leinster Camogie.



Comhairle Laighean Accounts

Income	30/11/2022	30/11/2021
	€	€
Details		
Deposit Interest	-	-
Gate Receipts	76,967	1,348
Affiliations / Registrations	64,354	58,908
Leinster League	6,400	-
Development	-	200
Appeals	950	1,200
Resilience Funding	-	24,128
Misc.	80	-
	<u>148,751</u>	<u>85,784</u>

Expenditure	30/11/2022	30/11/2021
	€	€
Details		
Medals / Trophies	3,873	-
Pitch / Room Hire	5,228	-
Referees / Officials Expenses	20,967	636
Gear,Slitars,Hurls	8,895	720
Bank Charges	369	289
Appeal Refunds	380	800
Accounts	350	350
Development	20,553	7,190
Leinster Academy	10,252	-
Media / Printing / Photography etc.	19,029	1,349
Leinster League Refunds	2,600	-
Resilience Funding	-	23,829
Sponsorship	12,180	3,250
Office Expenses	1,737	2,226
Executive Expenses	7,949	1,254
Catering / Accomodation etc.	5,681	145
	<u>120,043</u>	<u>42,038</u>

<i>Surplus of Income over Expenditure</i>	28,708	43,746
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An Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael Comhairle Laighean

Balance Sheet as at 30th November,2022

	30/11/2022 €	30/11/2021 €
Fixed Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Current Account	168,605	139,897
Bank Deposit Account	<u>10,594</u>	<u>10,594</u>
	179,199	150,491
Current Liabilities	-	-
Net Current Assets	<u>179,199</u>	<u>150,491</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u><u>179,199</u></u>	<u><u>150,491</u></u>
Represented by :		
Revenue Account	<u><u>179,199</u></u>	<u><u>150,491</u></u>

Comhairle Mumhan

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2022

Province: Munster		
	2021	2022
Members	36,295	37,210

No. of Meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Ger Browne	Chairperson	7
Rob Lotty	Vice Chairperson	6
Carmel Harkin	Secretary	8
Christine Ryan	Treasurer	6
Mary McSweeney	Registrar	7
Ita Murphy	P.R.O.	7
Ann Marie O Gorman	Children Officer	8
Barry Day	Development Officer	1
Marion Graham	Delegate to A/C	7

2022 Highlights

The highlights in Munster in 2022 was the Munster Camogie Championship which was ran as double headers with Munster GAA Championship.

Thanks to Munster GAA for having our Inter-County games as double headers with the Munster GAA Hurling competition.

Munster Club Championship:

Senior: After a thrilling game which took place in Mallow GAA Complex, Drom-Inch, Tipperary were the winners on the day, beating Scariff Ogonnelloe (Clare). Score: 0.08 to 0.14.

Intermediate: This game also took place in Mallow GAA Complex. Clanmaurice (Kerry) beat Aghabullogue (Cork). This was Clanmaurice's first year playing Intermediate Club Championship. Score: 2.09 to 1.08.

Junior: Sean Treacy GAA Grounds, Tipperary was the venue for this final. Brickey Rangers (Waterford) v Adare (Limerick), Adare were the winners on the day. Score: 1.09 to 0.08.

All-Star's Awards:

The Camogie All-Star's took place in the Croke Park Hotel on Saturday, 26th November. Munster had six All-Star's winners. Waterford's Beth Carton and Lorraine Bray.

Cork's Libby Coppinger, Saoirse McCarthy, Ashling Thompson and Katrina Mackey. Huge congratulations to all the girls.

Munster Poc Fada Competition:

Chloe Morey (Clare) won the Senior. Lucy Lynch (Cork) won the U16. Representing Munster in the All-Ireland Poc Fada, Molly Lynch (Cork) retained her title. Congratulations to both players.

Feile Skills:

The Munster Feile Skills were held in Malow GAA Complex on the 15th of July 2022. Twelve girls took part. Maedhbh O'Brien, Enniskeane, won this competition. Thanks to Rob Lotty and Jamie Cronin for running the competition.

Feile Na Gael

Each county held their own Feile Competition. The National Competition was a one-day event and took place on the 25th of June at The GAA National Games Development Centre in Abbottstown Dublin. There were eight teams in the Division 1 Competition. The two Munster teams to reach the Final were Boherlahan Dualla, (Tipperary) and Éire Óg (Cork). The National Feile winners were Éire Óg Cork. Congratulations to Éire Óg.

Referees:

A special thanks to all the referees who officiated our Munster competition, our lines people and fourth officials who all contributed to the smooth running of all our games. Congratulations to Mike Ryan, Tipperary, who refereed the All-Ireland Junior Final in 2022.

Munster Development:

Munster did not have a Development Officer. Barry Day, Cork, took on this role in June, and with help from Rob Lotty development in Munster was never better. Munster lost Stuart Reid in July, to follow his career in a different role. We wish Stuart the very best of luck and thank him for all he did for Munster while he held the position of Growth & Participation Officer. Jonathan Tallon has taken on Stuart's role and we wish Jonathan the best of luck and promise we will give him any assistance if required.

Publicity:

I would like to express the gratitude of Munster Council to all the local radio and media for their coverage of our camogie games during the year. A special thanks to Ita Murphy our P.R.O. Ita has done a fantastic job with our website and Facebook and to Mike Ryan our photographer for all the action and individual shots he takes. Camogie is getting more publicity every year, well done to all P.R.O's.

Munster GAA:

When Munster GAA approached us last year with the idea of playing our Munster Championship as double headers with the GAA, we were more than delighted to accept. This was a great opportunity for our county girls to play in big stadiums with proper facilities and in front of larger crowds.



Comhairle Mumhan continued

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Munster GAA for making this possible and for the generous grant they gave us. Without this grant Munster Camogie development would not be as good as it is today.

Registration 2022:

Cork 68. Clare 26. Kerry 08.
Limerick 30. Waterford 21. Tipperary 38.

Winners & Runners Up

Winners 2022	Runners Up 2022
Senior: Cork	Clare
Intermediate: Cork	Kerry
Junior: Clare	Waterford
Minor Cup: Cork	Clare
Minor Shield: Waterford	Limerick
U16 A Cup: Cork	Tipperary

Senior Munster Championship

Limerick played Tipperary at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, before the Limerick v Waterford game. Tipperary won this game. In Semples Stadium Thurles, before the Cork v Clare hurling, Tipperary v Clare this game was a draw, the replay was played before the Tipperary v Limerick hurling in the Gaelic Grounds Limerick. Clare defeated Tipperary to reach the Munster Camogie Final and this was the first time in ten years which saw Clare reach a Munster Final. The Munster Camogie Senior Final was played in Páirc Ui Rinn, Cork, this was a fantastic final which went to extra time in front of a large crowd. Cork retained their Munster title in extra time.

Intermediate Championship

Our Intermediate Final between Cork v Kerry was played before the Cork v Waterford hurling game at Páirc Ui Chaoimh Cork. This was a great game in front of a large crowd. Cork were the winners on the day.

Junior Championship

Clare won the Junior Championship in front of a large crowd.

Minor & U16 A Championship

Minor and U16A Munster Championship were played as double headers in Mallow GAA Complex and all Munster competitions in 2022 saw an increase in support for camogie.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

1. Hope to have our senior games run as double headers with the GAA for 2023.
2. Munster are committed to do more development with underage and are hoping to get more coaching within primary and secondary schools.
3. Hoping to see U17 development getting stronger as we feel this is the age where we lose players.
4. 39 National Schools benefited from School Coaching in 2022. There was a total of €29,511 spent on school coaching. We would hope that this will continue and we will have at least ten more schools benefiting in 2023.
5. In 2023, Munster has budgeted for Referee Mentoring Development Intern Recruitment and Retention. This should be up and running by April.

Acknowledgements

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers for all their support and help during the year, especially over the last two months with the Munster Club Championship.

Thanks to all the GAA Clubs who gave us their pitches and to Mallow GAA Complex during the year. Without your support Munster Camogie would not be able to run smoothly. I would like to thank all the counties and club secretaries in Munster for all the work they do every year.

To those who have lost loved ones during the year, my sincere sympathy. To those who are unwell at the present time, I wish you all 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 2022

	2022 €	2021 €
Income		
Registrations	40,438	35,620
Gate Receipts	28,293	7,093
Programme Sales	2,466	-
Appeals	1,300	100
Munster GAA Grant	22,500	-
Deposit Interest Received	532	522
	<u>95,529</u>	<u>43,335</u>
Expenses		
Overhead expenses	Sch 1 <u>105,923</u>	<u>40,584</u>
Other income		
Covid Resilience grant	-	31,428
	<u>-</u>	<u>31,428</u>
Net (loss)/profit	<u><u>(10,394)</u></u>	<u><u>34,179</u></u>

SCHEDULE 1 : OVERHEAD EXPENSES for the financial year ended 30 November 2022

	2022 €	2021 €
Administration Expenses		
Officer expenses	8,924	3,457
Coaching & Games Development	46,209	15,886
Meeting Expenses	5,365	2,061
THDC	1,541	1,800
Referee expenses	11,704	3,869
Grants Payable	1,740	5,000
Match Expenses	7,715	1,788
Sports Gear & Merchandise	6,351	600
Printing, postage and stationery	5,210	1,210
Telephone and fax	771	694
Photography Website & IT costs	2,090	1,070
Streaming Expenses	1,000	-
Medals / Trophies	2,868	1,902
Poc Fada	2,923	-
Accountancy	1,200	1,200
Bank charges	114	49
General expenses	198	(2)
Total Overheads	<u><u>105,923</u></u>	<u><u>40,584</u></u>

Comhairle na Mumhan, Cumann Camogaíochta**BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 November 2022

	Notes	2022 €	2021 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	2	<u>1,121</u>	<u>415</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	3	25,520	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>62,594</u>	<u>99,214</u>
		<u>88,114</u>	<u>99,214</u>
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(3,601)</u>	<u>(3,601)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>84,513</u>	<u>95,613</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>85,634</u>	<u>96,028</u>
Capital Account		<u>85,634</u>	<u>96,028</u>

Comhairle Uladh

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2022

Secretary's Report - Jan 2023 Convention

Ulster Camogie had a very successful and busy 2022 while still mindful of Covid-19, we tried to put it sideways, whilst maintaining the safety-first approach.

Never more so was it vital 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 two and half years.

With the intercounty game taking up the first half of the year, we were very encouraged with the great progress the Ulster Counties had in the National Leagues and Championships, both at adult and underage levels. It was great to see Ulster well represented and Cavan winning the National Division 3 title while Tyrone won the Nancy Murray Cup. Antrim Junior team won the All-Ireland Premier Junior title with a fine display against Armagh.

Much credit is to be given to national and provincial fixtures Committees on scheduling, organizing, and reaching a conclusion with all competitions in the time allotted.

Sport NI

Ulster Council continued to have a lot of activity in 2022, 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 our education and training initiatives for both administration functions and development and coaching.

Ulster Camogie continues to retain the high level rating for Governance and Control. Great credit on this continued achievement must go to the help and the hard work of all the Council Executive and Office Manager Julie O'Neill. Ulster Council continue to have the updating of Policies & Procedures by the Council in line with good governance, vital to ensuring the necessary requirements are met.

An additional post was funded this year to help the digital promotion of Ulster Camogie.

By recruiting a Digital Communications Officer, the successful candidate being now responsible for delivering and developing online content, both written and filmed. The post is three years subject to funding.

Conor Hamilton, a native of Kilrea was recruited to the role in October and has been very active in this new position.

Integration within Ulster

Ulster Camogie is again thankful to the officers and staff of Ulster GAA for their continued support for the games and development of our sport and volunteers. The strength of integration in Ulster continues to grow year on year with the continued presence of Ulster Camogie at Ulster Integration, development and management meeting and the inclusiveness in Coaching and Development campaigns, events and launches. Ulster GAA's assistance in Safe Guarding procedures, training and advice is highly important to our unit.

We have had greater levels of cooperation with Ulster GAA & GAA County Boards and clubs in securing facilities for our games and we thank Armagh, Down, and Tyrone, in particular for hosting high profile camogie games again in 2022. It is important that we provide the best facilities for our players to display their skills.

On behalf of the Ulster Camogie Executive, I would like to give extended thanks and best wishes to Cathaoirleach Comhairle Uladh Ciaran Mc Laughlin, Brian Mc Avoy, Dr Eugene Young, Michael Geoghan, Bernie Fox and Jimmy Darragh for their continued support to Ulster Camogie across many areas.

This year, a Special Recognition Award was presented by President Ciaran Mc Laughlin to Deirdre Fitzgerald for her great work within Ulster Camogie, at the Ulster GAA Awards night in Enniskillen. A more deserving winner you would not find.

Our relationship with Ulster Ladies Gaelic continues to develop and grow whilst we embark on continued joint initiatives for developing both codes' volunteers and players.

Ulster Camogie Championships

Senior Championship – Familiar pairing for 2022 with Down and Antrim contesting the Ulster Senior Championship Final in Edendork on 30th of April. An excellent venue to host this much-anticipated contest and the game definitely lived up to its billing, with an excellent display of determination and skill from both counties. A feast of camogie was served up to the great turnout of spectators with a thriller of a game from start to finish, saw Antrim claim the Ulster Senior title. Down were very worthy opponents and the game was such a tight contest it took the last 10 minutes for Antrim to move away and claim their eagerly awaited title from the previous great champions Down.

Intermediate Championship – Like 2021 the pairing for the final were Antrim and Armagh in Edendork, Tyrone. Antrim back with a strengthened side to avenge the defeat from Armagh and claim this provincial title, however, Armagh had a different outcome in mind and despite an early lead from Antrim and with a very active forward line, Armagh were able to keep their scores ticking over to come out in the second half, with the help of a strong wind and claim the Intermediate provincial title in 2022.

The great support for both teams were treated to some excellent skillful play and some outstanding scores.

Many thanks to Edendork Club for hosing the final.

Junior Championship was not competed for in 2022 owing to both Donegal and Monaghan having difficulties fielding.

Ulster Senior and Intermediate Club Championships –
Double Billing in Newry 19th Nov.

Senior - Another exciting AIB Club Championship took place in 2022. Slaughtneil ended their long running success at the Ulster Senior Club Championship, to the delight of Loughgeil Shamrocks for the first time in ten years. One of the most exciting club finals in recent years proved to be a major highlight for Ulster Camogie. An exceptional display by both clubs was a major talking point for the spectators, officials and media.

Pairc Esler Newry was a great venue for the contest on 19th November. A double header of the top camogie grades. Approx 1500 spectators attended the games and they were not disappointed.

Intermediate Club Final – Eglish and Clonduff contested the Intermediate Club Final.

What a curtain raiser for the Senior Final. Both teams of equal strength, ability and skill. Eglish came out very strong from the start in this game and were able to attack the game and notch up some great points to take an early lead. Their strength in the early stages coming from a solid backline and an early dominance in the midfield area. After a draw at half-time, the second half had a shift in play and the previous All-Ireland Champions at this grade, upped their pace and movement, gaining back the control of the midfield area to keep the forwards notching up the points to come away with a solid victory. Eglish, unable to get back into their first half rhythm came out on the losing side and Clonduff were once again crowned Ulster Intermediate Champions and went on to take the All-Ireland title also.

Special thanks must go to both sets of players and mentors for the display of skill and athleticism on view.

Ulster Junior A Club

Crosserlough from Cavan overcame Glen Maghera by 1pt to set up a semi-final meeting with Granemore. This game turned out to be a brilliant game with both teams level and the match required extra time for a winner. Granemore proved to be stronger in this period and the game ended up with a one point victory for Granemore. Brídíní Óga from Antrim came through the other semi-final against An Ríocht from Down.



Comhairle Uladh continued

Final Granemore and Brídíní Óga. The Antrim side continued their winning ways in the final and proved to be too strong for Granemore and became Ulster Champions with five points to spare.

Many congrats to the Antrim side who went on to become All-Ireland winners.

Ulster Junior B Club - four counties contested this Ulster Club Championship.

First semi-final, All-Ireland title holder Naomh Treasa, Tyrone played Culloville from Armagh, in a keenly contested game to set up a final place against Lacken from Cavan, who overcame Clontibret from Monaghan.

This Junior B Final was held in Middletown Armagh on 26th November and saw Naomh Treasa lose both their Ulster and All-Ireland titles to Lacken in a great game.

Lacken continued their winning ways in the All-Ireland series and became Junior B All-Ireland winners.

Bridie McMenamin Shield Final between Ballerin, Derry and Cushendall, Antrim proved to be very tight in the first half with only one point separating the sides. Cushendall came out the strongest in the second half and took the title with six points to spare.

PR & Media

More promotion is needed to showcase our game. Ulster Camogie successfully videoed and live streamed numerous games, but much more could be done here. With our newly appointed Digital Communications Officer a fresh approach to our digital presence will be evident in the coming months and I would encourage all units to engage with Conor to ensure as much coverage for us all.

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 McAleenan for the continued excellent coverage in The Irish News and beyond.

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 Officers the Ulster 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.

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

THDC

Ulster THDC with vastly experienced Chairperson, Charlie Galligan, continue to do great work when called upon. Many thanks to them for their time, dedication and staying power to their role on this committee.

Moving forward

Ulster Camogie continues to go from strength to strength. The Ulster Executive will work tirelessly on your 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. Ulster Camogie held some new initiatives, one of these being a teenage roadshow aimed at 13 - 15 year olds and were held in five Ulster venues. All sold out in a short period of time and such was the appetite, it will be bigger and better in 2023.

Another new venture was Camán Back for the Craic... slow to start but proved to be extremely popular. Will be bigger and better in 2023.

We acknowledge the support of many key individuals, President Hilda Breslin, Caroline, Lizzy and also Sinead McNulty, Ard Stiúrthóir, for assisting us and regularly attending Zoom meetings, and 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 Officer, Ryan Gaffney in their roles and also new recruit Conor Hamilton with Ulster Camogie.

To all the officials of our sport both referees, umpires and lines, we extend our deepest thanks and congratulations on a job well done. Best wishes for 2023 and we hope you will continue to assist Ulster Camogie.

I wish all Provincial, County and Club Officers best wishes for 2023 and offer sympathy to those who suffered bereavement.

Roismaíre Ní Aodha-Mheraigh Runaí Camógaíocht Uladh



Comhairle Uladh Accounts

Ulster Camogie Council

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 November 2022

	30 November 2022	30 November 2021
Income		
Sports NI Grant	55,034	70,246
Affiliations & Registrations	17,317	16,780
Competition Fees/Courses	6,420	-
Other Grants	20,449	
Gates	44,939	8,271
Fines and penalties	345	600
Teenage Roadshow Income	2,120	
Profit on Currency	923	2,390
	<u>147,547</u>	<u>98,287</u>
Expenditure		
Personnel Costs	56,422	63,465
Meeting Expenses	234	1,730
Officer Travel Expenses	7,027	6,065
Referees	7,073	3,712
Coaching/Development costs	-	2,011
Project Cost -Equipment & materials(Note3)	8,117	3,859
Competition & Course Expenses	11,203	-
PR & Media	10,395	1,222
Program printing & Web Design	2,752	-
Recruitment/Advertising	-	145
Accountancy	1,656	1,560
Bank charges and Interest	338	262
Sundry expenses	394	250
	<u>105,611</u>	<u>84,281</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u><u>41,936</u></u>	<u><u>14,006</u></u>

Ulster Camogie Council

Balance sheet as at 30 November 2022

Notes	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Debtors (Note 1)	-		4,009	
Paypal Account	-		25,105	
Bank of Ireland Keady	84,102		23,594	
AIB Euro (Converted Stg 86.3%)	61,927	(85%)	60,483	
BOI Keady UCC Awards & Grants	26,628		6,384	
Stripe Account	-		16,780	
Universe App	12,392		-	
Cash on Hands	-		-	
	<u>185,049</u>		<u>136,355</u>	
Current liabilities (Note 2)				
Creditors	16,645		9,887	
Net current assets		<u>168,404</u>		<u>126,468</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>168,404</u>		<u>126,468</u>
Capital account				
Brought forward at 1st December 2019		126,468		112,462
Add Surplus for the period		41,936		14,006
		<u>168,404</u>		<u>126,468</u>

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Europe Camogie Officer's Report

GGE Camogie Officer's Annual Report 2022 GGE Convention 2022

Main Highlights of 2022:

- It was the first year since the beginning of the pandemic that there were three Pan European Tournaments for Hurling and Camogie .
- One of the highest turnouts for camogie players ever at the Pan European Hurling and Camogie finals in Amsterdam with 73 players in attendance.
- Camogie Association President, Hilda Breslin, attended the finals and presented the winners with their awards.

Main priorities for 2023:

- Formal coaching and development of coaches across Europe.
- Recruitment and retention of players.
- Tournaments - Aim to have teams attend at least two tournaments along with the World Games in July 2023.
- Informal training e.g., workshops, sharing of ideas, coaching tips.
- Promotion of camogie through social media and interviews.

Review of the year 2022

It was great to be back in action with the first full year of tournaments since 2019. Despite the difficulties with player recruitment and retention, we still had the highest turnout of camogie players at a Pan European tournament ever.

The work that had started towards the end of 2021, with friendlies and informal matches between clubs, worked towards the beginning of the year with similar fixtures occurring in regionals.

Matches and Tournaments

This year was the first year back where full tournaments were held again. As Covid was not fully in the rear-view mirror yet, there was some doubt as to how things would happen at the start of the year, and so it was decided that the first two rounds of the hurling and camogie would be left to clubs and regions to organise – hopefully incurring less cancellations and ease of travel. This

meant that if clubs wanted to host friendlies or matches with neighbouring clubs, then this would happen within the regions. Dates were secured on May 7th and June 11th (along with three other dates) for clubs and regions to organise friendlies. Below are a few of the (regional) friendlies that were held throughout the year.

Date	Hosts	Who attended
7th May	Den Haag	Belgium A, Belgium B, Combo team, Cologne/Düsseldorf
7th May	Salzburg	Vienna and Munich
7th May		Hamburg, Berlin GAA and Setanta
11th June	Darmstadt	Cologne, Setanta, Darmstadt, Vienna and Hamburg
29th October	Vienna	Munich and Vienna (Prague and Bratislava cancelled)

Pan European Hurling and Camogie Tournaments

The first round of the Pan Euros was held on 23rd of July, in Munich. A total of 213 players attended, including 65 camogie players, who played a total of 11 matches throughout the day. Belgium GAA were the winners on the day, claiming the tournament trophy, with Vienna coming 3rd and winning the shield on the day against the hosts Munich.

For the second round, the intended hosts, Luxembourg, unfortunately couldn't find enough playing fields to host the expected number of players and so thankfully the Earls of Leuven with the support of Belgium GAA pivoted and made the second Pan Euro happen, in Leuven, Belgium. While there was a lower turnout than expected (as a result of the last minute change of venue) there were still 146 players in attendance, including 40 camogie players. Belgium A won the tournament and Belgium B came in second place. An amalgamation of Luxembourg, Paris, Bordeaux and Maastricht came together to form Team 'Frenelux' and came in 3rd place on the day.

The Pan Euro finals in Amsterdam was highly anticipated and despite being an expensive trip, it was the most attended tournament of the 2022 camogie and hurling season. A total of 251 players attended the tournament, of which there were 73 camogie players and six amalgamated teams.

It was no surprise that Belgium A took the lead on the results board, having been quite strong throughout the season, but there were some fierce battles to be had, particularly between a combination team of Munich and Eindhoven against a Berlin/Hamburg/Copenhagen side. A combo team of Setanta/Zürich/Paris also put up a good fight against the Munich/Eindhoven side.

For the first time ever, Maastricht brought a brand new camogie team with a fighting spirit and they put on a great game against the Setanta/Zürich/Paris side. Eindhoven/Munich battled it out against Berlin/Hamburg/Copenhagen but narrowly missed out on the Shield by 2 points, but both sides played a blinder of a game. Belgium A and Belgium B made it into the finals for a play-off for first and second place, following an intense match, Belgium A narrowly beat their home competition by one point at full-time.

It was a huge honour to have the Camogie Association President, Hilda Breslin, attend the Pan Euro Finals in Amsterdam. She arrived during lunchtime and spent the majority of her time pitch-side, watching the camogie skills on display. Post matches, she then presented the awards to the winners of the day and said a few words about camogie. We hope to see her again next year and work together on placing a spotlight on European Camogie, back at home in Ireland, but more importantly internationally.

German Cup

On 24th September 2022, the Cologne Celtics GAA Club held the 2022 edition of the Chris Hennessy and Sebastian Rießbeck Cups in the Bezirkssportanlage in Chorweiler. A television crew from Ireland, who were filming part of a documentary about Gaelic sports in Europe, were there on the day and the Irish Embassy's head of the Irish Abroad Unit was also the guest of honour.

There were two camogie teams present on the day, Cologne and Hamburg, and they battled it out over three matches throughout the day, with one draw and a win each.

Training Sessions

The general consensus around training sessions is that most groups need time to recover and recuperate numbers post-pandemic. While there is an interest there for camogie sessions, the issues facing Europe are finding coaches, pitches, and training players.

What we learned in 2022

Challenges and Issues

This year was quite different to the previous two years: We saw light at the end of the tunnel and we managed to hold and have players attend three Pan Euro tournaments. While this is a huge positive for camogie teams, coaches and players, it has not been without difficulty. Player recruitment and retention has been one of the main issues facing camogie teams. Captain of the Belgian camogie team, Soline Whooley, summarised it perfectly in her acceptance speech, saying that "It is everyone's responsibility to recruit for camogie". It is everyone's duty from the club, committee, coaches, code-officers and players, regardless of code to recruit.

Along with player recruitment, other challenges that arose throughout the year included: player retention, priority given to football over camogie/hurling, pitch and training slot availability, recognition and promotion of camogie in Europe.

Main objectives, tasks and challenges in 2022

In 2022, the focus was on a "return to play" for all codes including camogie. As such, the focus was on matches, friendlies and in particular the Pan Euros. While the 'European Camogie Hub' has not yet been set in motion, a social media drive has started in order to put camogie on the map again and in the public eye. Efforts to do so were started by previous Camogie Officer, Sal Hartnett, and now with the pandemic (hopefully) not causing as much disruption, we would look forward to promoting it once again and even further.

Areas to focus on for 2023 are:

- Coaching and Development.
- Foundation and Level 1 coaching courses.
- Informal coaching, through webinars/workshops.
- Youth Development.
- Provide information and support for clubs/teams who want to start a youth camogie team.
- Information and support for Cúl Camps (to gain local exposure and interest).
- Promotion of camogie through social media, interviews and podcasts.
- Budget/Funding - get the camogie development grant out sooner in the year.
- New camogie teams, in both new clubs and established clubs.
- Equipment.
- Youth Drive Promotion.
- World Games.

Conclusion

Covid caused havoc in our lives for over two years and yet the continued passion, dedication, positivity, determination and utter grit of players to persevere has simply humbled me at times. No matter what hurdle or stumbling block they encountered on the way, the coaches, teams and players overcame them and managed to do their best. At times, it may not have worked out, but they picked themselves up, and tried again, and that perseverance is what made the wins and the tournaments all the sweeter.

Pushing camogie in Europe is not for the faint-hearted, but those who do it, do it for the love of the game itself, and that is something quite unique to camogie players. I want to say a big thank you to the camogie reps and coaches who start camogie teams, turn up to training, regardless of the weather or the turnout and continue to push and advocate for the sport.

Thanks also to the host clubs: Munich, Leuven and Amsterdam. It can be quite a challenge that involves long hours, emails, messages and pivoting to pull a tournament with such numbers, but each one did a stellar job and a great day was had by everyone who attended.

I want to also thank my fellow GGE committee members for their hard work behind the scenes. It may not always be seen, but there is a lot of commitment, time and energy that goes on behind the scenes to drive and enable all codes throughout Europe. They have provided me with many laughs and it was amazing to finally meet some of them in person at the finals in Amsterdam.

A special thanks goes to Wenjing, Vice-Chair of the GGE, for all the support, time and energy she has given to camogie; to John Murphy, Chairperson of the GGE for his undying enthusiasm and drive forward to promote Gaelic Games in Europe and leading the committee and finally to John White for all his hard work, endless hours and dedication.

Camogie has taken a blow post-Covid in numbers, but the interest is there and if 2022 is anything to go by, 2023 is going to be even bigger and better.

Mise le meas,

Fiona J. Fleming
GGE Camogie Officer
Vienna Gaels

Canada Camogie Officer's Report

Members:	Members Role:
Sean Harte	Secretary
Philip Murphy	Vice-Chairperson
Kim Budd	Treasurer
Jimmy Doyle	Planning & Training Officer
Kelly Quail	Children's Officer
Maria Ryan	Public Relations Officer

Camogie in 2022 continued to grow across Canada with the number of participants sitting at over 120. Le Chéile Camogie Club in Toronto being the most formidable team across the country, with their closest competitors Na Píarsaigh, also based in Toronto, providing solid competitive games throughout the Toronto Championships.

In the Eastern Division, Montreal continue to grow their camogie numbers. While Ottawa Gaels have also made a big push on recruiting new players to the game.

In the Western Division, Calgary and Edmonton played co-ed hurling in the Alberta Cup with more and more girls lining out every game. Numbers for Calgary in particular are increasing significantly year on year.

Finally, in the Vancouver Division, ISSC have new competition in the newly formed camogie club, Cú Chulainn, who joined the Division late in 2022, adding a new level of rivalry for the Annual Vancouver Championships. Until the formation of the new club, ISSC had enough numbers to field two teams with both competing within the Championship.

As with every year, the objective for Canada GAA was to increase the number of participants in camogie across the country. A goal that was met and one that we will continue to achieve with the help of the clubs and the hard work they put in to attract new players every season. It is especially great to see the numbers of non-Irish players starting to take up camogie, as it shows the growth and expansion of the game within Canada.

Matches & Tournaments:

Canadian National Championships

In the Senior Grade, Le Chéile beat ISSC on a scoreline of 3-7 to 1-4. In the Junior Grade, Na Píarsaigh scored 3-14 to Montreal's 3-2.

Toronto GAA Championship

Le Chéile beat Na Píarsaigh on a scoreline of 3-12 to 1-8.

North American Championship

Le Chéile beat NY Liberty Gaels to be crowned North American Camogie Champions.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

- Retention.**
Retain players who have joined in the last few years returning to develop their skills.
- Attract.**
Attracting new camogie players is key to the success of Canada GAA, with clubs across the country working very hard to attract new players.
- Growth.**
Continuing to grow the number of registered camogie players across Canada.
- Youth Development.**
Introducing camogie to the youth clubs across the country.

Canadian Camogie Officer

USGAA Camogie Officer's Report

In 2022, there were camogie clubs in all of the 10 divisions in the US. In those 10 divisions, there are 23 clubs in total, with 5 of those clubs in the Heartland Division, and 4 in the Mid-Atlantic.

The Camogie Development Group has again been tasked with growing camogie within the US for the year ahead and into the future. In 2022, we were delighted to hold our first coaching development weekend in Chicago. Coaches travelled for a hands-on tutor training class presented by Eileen Gleeson, which received very good feedback from all present. A very successful development weekend (Camogie 365) was held by the Midwest Division and helped, in part, by financing from the Global Games Development Fund.

As always, the key metric is "How many people are playing games?". In that regard it was pleasing to see our player base increase slightly to almost 500 registered players. However, across 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 Chicago Gaelic Park – over the 3-day Labor Day Holiday weekend, and the competition was expanded this year to include a development/entry level junior bracket. In total, 20 games were played over the weekend and Championships decided at 4 grades. The Camogie Association was represented by Uachtarán Hilda Breslin, Referee John Dermody and Coach Education Coordinator Liam Clancy. Teams from NY and Toronto also competed in the Senior competition.

After a number of very competitive games, the following were crowned 2022 USGAA Champions:

Senior: *Le Chéile Toronto*

Intermediate: *New England Fenians*

Junior A: *Na Tóraidhe Philadelphia*

Junior B (Dev): *Charlotte*

Tasks accomplished in 2022:

- Establishing the camogie workgroup which will continue in 2023 and beyond.
 - Branch of hurling development committee.
 - Work with camogie clubs and players on committee goals.
 - Make recommendations to teams registering for finals.

- USGAA Camogie Facebook page and social media promotion.
 - Establishing contact with administrators of Camogie Association's Facebook page.
- Coaching development weekend in Chicago with the Camogie Association Coach Education Coordinator.
- Coaching Officer onsite for USGAA Finals.
- New clubs established at development level and a competition was provided to accommodate these clubs at USGAA playoffs, with new Junior B grade added.

Playing highlights

- Strong competitions at 4 grades in playoffs.
- USGAA Finals to include invitees from Canada and NY.
- 18 teams took part with 20 championship games played.

Goals for 2023

- Increase the number of games played.
- Establish new clubs.
- Camogie only games at tournaments.
 - Camogie only games between clubs.
 - Camogie leagues.
- Upskilling.
 - Player upskilling to raise the standard of play.
 - Referee upskilling to ensure they understand and follow camogie rules, encourage female referees for camogie.
 - Continue with coach upskilling to work with players on the standard of play.

Sincere thanks to the Camogie Association for their continued support. Thank you Sinéad, Hilda, Eileen, Liam and John for your help in 2022.

Liam Maloney
Secretary, USGAA



New South Wales Team

Australasia Camogie Officer's Report

Review of 2022 (Highlights & Objectives achieved this year)

Whilst Covid restrictions were gradually eased throughout Australasia, the effect on the lack of new players from Ireland was noticeable. This was especially so in relation to playing numbers in camogie, as like hurling, it is very difficult to get locally born people to take up the game. On a brighter note, since December we are seeing a large influx going to various Australian and New Zealand states, which hopefully will include camogie players.

Sydney and Brisbane, which are two of our largest units, experienced continuous amounts of rain throughout 2022, which seriously disrupted playing schedules to the extent that pitches were unplayable for the majority of the season.

It was decided after a two-year hiatus to hold the Australasian Championships for the first time as a 9-a-side format in Melbourne and it was a resounding success. The regional games, which target locally born players, also returned for the first time since 2018 to the sunny Gold Coast.

GFHAA Refereeing courses continued throughout the year and were held in Perth, Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney.

Underage development activities that includes almost as many girls as boys grew unabated during the year, particularly in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, Wellington and Christchurch with some Sundays having in excess of 200 participants. Camogie is very much a part of activities in underage development. Preparations are well underway for the first Féile tournament for girls and boys to be held in Adelaide in March 2023, at which time we are hoping to include camogie.

Matches & Tournaments:

Australasian Championships

After a two year hiatus the Australasian Championships was held for the first time as a 9-a-side format in Melbourne. With a decline in numbers only two teams participated from New South Wales and Victoria. The numbers were low but the standard was very high and from the 30 players available, 13 have been selected to represent Australasia at the 2023 World Games in Derry. Expectations are that they will bring home the World Cup trophy for the third time in a row!

New South Wales

Camogie is as strong as ever in NSW GAA. The standard of camogie is superb with some excellent individual and team performances on show each game day.

A competitive championship was held between 4 strong teams: Cormac McAnallens, Central Coast, Michael Cusacks and Craobh Phadraig. With Craobh Phadraig excelling and taking out the competition to come away with the spoils.

Our state team travelled to Victoria this year to take part in GFHAA championship. They were in a league of their own and the new 9-a-side format suited the team immensely. With a squad of 15 outstanding players, they really put on an exhibition of skill, teamwork and class. They were deserving winners and followed in the footsteps of previous NSW GAA state games teams they took the cup back to Sydney.

Victoria

2022 proved to be a challenging year for camogie in Victoria, it has been the most affected sport in terms of playing numbers due to COVID restrictions over the last couple of years. Unfortunately, Sinn Fein, traditionally one of our strongest clubs, were unable to field in 2022. This left two clubs Melbourne Shamrocks and Garryowen to compete.

Melbourne Shamrocks took on Garryowen in a one-off league final in June, and it was Melbourne Shamrocks who proved far too



Victoria Team

strong, overcoming a spirited Garryowen. The scoreline was not the main focus of the day with both sets of players enjoying their day in the limelight and giving a glimpse of what camogie has to offer in Victoria.

Australasian Games was the final event on the camogie calendar for 2022 and it was brilliant to see our players line out in Victorian colours representing their state. All three clubs were represented in what was a great occasion for camogie, which will certainly set the tone for next year. Unfortunately on field our players fell short of an incredibly strong New South Wales team, however, without a doubt memories were made and Victoria will have a strong showing at the World Games in 2023.

Western Australia

Two Clubs, Western Swans and St. Gabriels took part in the 2022 Western Australia Camogie League and Championship with Western Swans completing the double. St. Gabriels released a commemorative jersey, as part of their ten year anniversary celebrations, while Western Swans plan to hold an exhibition in January 2023 to mark their 10th anniversary. There is also a lot of work taking place with underage development of camogie in the state under the Gaelic Games Junior Academy of WA.

Wellington

2022 promised to build on the success achieved in Wellington/ Hutt Valley GFHA in the previous year. Under the stewardship of Eilís Ní Chaiside and Heather Williamson, camogie has gone from strength to strength and we are now regular competitors at all NZ regional and national competitions.

Unfortunately, the shadow of Covid extended to March 22 and led to the postponement of the National Championships in Hamilton. Our players had been training diligently and were very much looking forward to the competition.

The next major competition was the Wellington 7s tournament held over Labour weekend at the end of October. Again, thorough preparation and hard work paid off seeing Wellington defeat a combined Auckland/Christchurch team in the final of the camogie competition.

Continuing on from the 7s tournament, the summer months saw the return of the now permanent fixture of Hurlogie, as part of our summer social games. Hurlogie is designed for new players in both hurling and camogie and allows us to field teams each Wednesday, which acts as a feeder system to both our hurling and camogie teams for other competitions throughout the year.

New players are very welcome to play the game in Wellington and many Kiwis and players from other regions now form the backbone of the team, together with players from Ireland, who are learning the game here in New Zealand.

We are already looking forward to what 2023 brings us and anticipate a tough National Championships coming up in March in Hamilton.

Canterbury (Christchurch)

2022 was more of a challenging year for Canterbury Camogie, due to numbers and people travelling home for a number of months. This meant that they did not have a competition, but the girls did continue to train and keep the interest there. 2023 will be a year of growing for Canterbury Camogie, as they begin their training for the New Zealand games, which took place in March. They are the reigning New Zealand champions and hope to take home the cup again this year.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

1. World Games in Derry.
2. Féile 2023 in Adelaide.
3. 2023 Australasian Championships (T.B.C.).
4. Referee Courses.

Gerard Roe
Secretary
Gaelic Football & Hurling Association of Australasia

Education Council Reports







Comhairle Camógaíochta Ard Oideachais (CCAO)

No. of meetings held: 10

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Members Role	No. of meetings
Jack Dunphy	Chairperson	10
Shannon Kavanagh	Assistant Chairperson	8
Shauna Fitzgerald	Secretary	8
Conor Flynn	Treasurer	6
Claire McNamara	PRO	9
Shauna Conneely	Registrar	6

List of Achievements / Tasks in 2022

- In February 2022, we had a very successful finals weekend in SETU Waterford. Semi-finals took place midweek in various venues, but we plan to return to the traditional weekend in UCD for 2023.
- We elected our largest committee in a number of years.
- We have reached the stage of having eight teams in our top three championship divisions, with relegation and promotion from each now being enforced.
- We have now five championships in total, with the aim being to increase participation and the number of teams in our Division 4 & 5 Championships in the next few years.

Matches and Tournaments

Division 1-5 Leagues	Not played in 2021/22
Ashbourne Cup	Winners: DCU - Runners Up: UCD
Ashbourne Shield	Winners: Maynooth - Runners Up: WIT
Purcell Cup	Winners: TUD - Runners Up: UGalway
Purcell Shield	Winners: MTU Cork - Runners Up: UL 2
Fr. Meaghair Cup	Winners: UCC 2 - Runners Up: UCD 2
Fr. Meaghair Shield	Winners: GMIT - Runners Up: St Marys
Uí Mhaolagáin Cup	Winners: TUD 2 - Runners Up: UL 3

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

1. Increase number of teams competing in third level competitions.
2. Address the issue of rising costs for third level teams which we believe is affecting participation levels.
3. Improving the provision of meaningful third level games/ competitions for players

Jack Dunphy
Cathaoirleach



Post-Primary Camogie Council

No. of meetings held: 9

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Members Role	No. of meetings
Brendan Williams	Chairperson	9
Sr. Mairead Ní Fhearain	Vice Chairperson	8
Michael Nash	Secretary	9
Proinnsias O'Criodain	Treasurer	9
Martina Carr	Registrar	9
Séamus McAleenan	PRO	9
Marie Corkery	Children's Officer	8
Ciarán O'Murchú	Development Officer	5

HDC: Catherine Norry, Shane Cusack, Karl O'Brien, Aoife Culhane.

List of Achievements / Tasks in 2022

1. We had very good attendance at meetings.
2. In spite of the weather, all our games were completed on time.
3. We had great co-operation with the Provincial Committees.
4. All the schools qualifying for the All-Ireland Series were co-operative, and in spite of some really inclement weather, played their matches on time.
5. We also received much help from HQ in Croke Park, especially from Michelle Forde and Liam Clancy. They really ensured that the games, pitches, and referees were well organised and run off in a very efficient and timely manner.

Matches and Tournaments

Matches were played at both junior and senior level at A, B, C and D grades and there were a few replays. We had no inter-provincial tournament, because only two provinces were willing to participate. We are hopeful that this year 2022/2023, at least three will take part. We also had a 7-side blitz which was very popular, with teams from each province having qualified, taking part.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

1. To complete registration and get all schools properly registered on Foireann.
2. To develop great relationships with Provincial Committees, by attending their AGMs.
3. To further the link between All-Ireland Post Primary Council and County Committees.
4. To extend and enhance the game at all levels with the help of sponsorship.
5. To increase volunteer awareness of the work of the Council, and the contribution that members can make at their local level.

Breandán Mac Uilliam
Uachtarán Comhairle Camógaíochta na hIarbhunscoileanna

Ard Chomhairle Sub-committee Reports







National Coaching and Games Development Committee

No of Meeting held: 4

No. of meetings attended:

Name		Total meetings attended
Cormac Ginty	Cathaoirleach to Oct 2022	3
Kate Kelly	Committee Member	4
Orla Bambury	Committee Member	3
Brian Boyle	Committee Member	3
Joan Polland	Connaught Development Officer	1
Ailish Whitty	Leinster Development Officer	4
Barry Day	Munster Development Officer	2
Declan Heggarty	Ulster Development Officer	0
Louise Keane	Servicing Officer	3
James Heffernan	Youth Development Co-Ordinator	4
Lizzie Broderick	Technical Development and Participation Manager	2
Karen McCormick	Cathaoirleach from Oct 2022	2

List of Achievements / Tasks in 2022

Development Squads

2022 saw the introduction of a new system for blitz fixtures. During the Covid seasons development games were mainly 1v1 matches, and we took the opportunity to reintroduce blitzes under a revised format for 2022.

Up to 2019, host counties requested dates to run their blitzes and typically invited counties to participate, sometimes open to all, sometimes restricted depending on divisions and pitch space. It was identified that the larger counties had plenty of appropriate level games opportunities. Smaller counties had fewer opportunities and their teams suffered from inappropriate mismatch games at blitzes where their 1st team had an appropriate division to play in.

The structure changed to:

- Predetermined dates set by the Coaching and Games committee.
- Smaller Blitzes for 2 pitch venues which meant every county could now host.
- Predetermined graded teams to attend each blitz, so a move away from a county bringing all 3 teams to one venue and suffering mismatches.
- Feedback on this format has been very positive, particularly from development people who experienced the pre-covid system. Some counties have made a point of expressing that it was the first time ever that their 2nd and 3rd teams showed recognisable developmental progress.

This progress can be attributed as a progressive reaction to the recent player retention recommendations that state that every player wants to be competitive at whatever level they are playing at. All players need to experience self-worth and the 2022 blitz format provided the platform to foster it. Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh siad.

We now have a template that engages more counties as blitz hosts and offers every development squad equal game opportunity at an appropriate level.

This was the first time in a few years that blitzes were organised at Development Squad level due to the impact of Covid 19.

The below charts highlight the Blitz days.

U 14 Intercounty Development 2022				
Date	Number of Games	Number of Players	Number of Teams	Number of Referees
23rd April	30	1560	60	30
14th May	96	1508	58	32
18th June	84	1456	56	30
6th August	105	1404	54	32
7th August (Parade)	N/A	1404	54	N/A
20th August	84	1456	56	30
3rd September	60	1092	42	22
Number of Counties	28	9880	380	176

U 15 Intercounty Development 2022				
Date	Number of Games	Number of Players	Number of Teams	Number of referee's
14th August	56	910	35	18
27th August	50	884	34	20
11th August	51	856	32	20
Number of Counties	21	Division @ National	7	

Development Squad Review 2022

An U14 Squad e-survey was conducted in the Autumn of 2022 in which 13 counties. The main consensus was that the number of blitz days was sufficient for this age group.

A total of 12 counties responded to the survey for the U15 squads. Feedback was to provide more game time for this age group. The recommendation for improvement is to extend the games programme for U15 from three games opportunities to five with provinces given the opportunity to deliver additional game time, therefore providing more development time for those participating.

A common theme in the survey was that the spilt season should apply to development squads also - with blitzes finishing the weekend after the Adult All-Ireland finals.

Camán to Croker

On 16th August 2022, one of the highlights of the camogie calendar returned in the form of the Camán to Croker event. 64 clubs and 1,350 camogie players in total took to the field over the course of the day.

Camán 'n Chats

- 20 registered clubs.
- National Camán 'n Chats day - 8 clubs.
- National Camán 'n Chats - 147 participants.

Camán 4 Fun

- Participating schools - 10.

Newly Established Clubs

- There were eight newly established clubs in 2022 (Leinster x1, Munster x3, Ulster x2 and Connacht x2).

Motivate Nurture Aspire M.N.A Programme & Tesco Hurl With Me Initiative

- 59 females completed the mentor training.
- 28 clubs ran Tesco Hurl With Me initiatives.
- 34 Mentors completed the Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games.
- 8 clubs attended National Hurl With Me day (166 children, 100 Parents).

In the first three years of the programme the following has been achieved in a very challenging and very changing environment and huge credit must go to all the clubs and the M.N.A Mentors in achieving this.

- 196 M.N.A mentors upskilled.
- 201 new female coaches qualified within our clubs.
- 110 Tesco Hurl With Me Initiatives delivered.
- Approximately 1,112 people participated in the Tesco Hurl With Me over the three years and the breakdown of male / female was as followed:
 - 1,034 participants were female.
 - 78 participants were male.

Coach Education National (Summary)

- Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games Courses delivered. 98 in total.
- Nine Level 1 Coaching Courses delivered. (Munster x3, Leinster x3, Ulster x2, Connacht x1).
- Coaching Teenage Girls in Camogie Workshops delivered 15 in total.
- The Carver Framework Workshops delivered 15 in total.
- 6 New Coach Developers.



GO Games

On the back of a full review of the GO Games conducted by the Gaelic Games family during the Covid 19 lockdown, a working group was set up and has been working on the following in 2022, to be rolled out in the first quarter of 2023.

- Gaelic Games Family joint policy document.
- Universal branding for GO Games to incorporate all three Associations.
- GO Games Coaches Workshop.
- GO Games Referees Workshop.

Nancy Murray Cup 2022

The Nancy Murray Cup competition 2022 took place in July and August. Tyrone, Mayo and Louth competed in the competition after a restructure due to the withdrawal of Donegal and Monaghan. This competition has become a valuable gateway for developing counties over the last number of years as they progress to the Premier Junior competition. After the round robin series was completed, Wicklow and Tyrone progressed to the decider for 2022. This was one of the most exciting finishes to a final in 2022, with Tyrone scoring a goal with literally the last puck of the ball to claim the silverware. This was Tyrone's 3rd final appearance, and they follow both Cavan and Mayo as winners of the competition.

I would like to thank all the Committee and the staff of the Camogie Association for their continued support throughout 2022. It was much appreciated.

**Cathaoirleach
Cormac Ginty & Karen McCormick**

National Referees, Support and Development Committee

No of Meeting held: 4

Committee Member Name	Members Role
Owen Elliott	Cathaoirleach
Jenny Byrne	Secretary
Mike O'Kelly	Committee member

Meetings with National Referees: 10

- The Committee consisting of Owen Elliott, Mike O'Kelly and Jenny Byrne along with current National Referee Justin Heffernan participated in a Sport Ireland Officials Developer Course. This was a pilot course run by Sport Ireland over four weekends in SETU Waterford. The participants will be certified in a graduation ceremony in April in SETU Waterford.
- The Committee undertook a complete review of referee course content and developed new courses to accommodate the audience. A recent rules workshop for intercounty managers had 82 participants online.
- The new course is being delivered both online and in person as required.
- Successful mandatory fitness tests in Abbotstown for all National Referees.
- Successful mandatory online Rules Test for all National Referees.
- Provision of a recommended in person fitness seminar.
- Provision of a recommended in person diet and nutrition seminar.
- Provision of a recommended in person sports psychologist seminar.
- Exploration of a new national video referee specific analysis for education, personal awareness and development.

We now have 21 referees, 12 Peter Downey Academy participants and twenty 4th official linespersons available for our national games. This brings to a total of 53 people who have been fully trained and qualified as match officials.

This is the largest panel across all of the Gaelic Games family.

Peter Downey Academy

- Delivering the course both online and where applicable in person for the 2021/2022 participants.
- Successfully completed graduation of 2021 Peter Downey Academy.
- A complete review of the course content.
- Creation and implementation of new course content.

Female Referee Academy

- A complete review of the course content.
- Creation and implementation of new course content.
- Due to the departure of Lizzie Flynn, we have been forced to restructure and implement a new strategy to help to progress forward.

Advisors

- A complete review of the course content.
- Creation and implementation of new course content.
- Delivering the course both online and in person for the 2022 participants.
- Refresher course in January 2023.
- A successful completion of an online rules test was mandatory for all participants.

There are now 12 advisors qualified for the 2023 National League. It is the aim to have 30 referees advised during the 2023 season.

4th Official and Linesperson Course

- A complete review of the course content.
- Creation and implementation of new course content.
- Delivering the new course online to 15 participant.
- Delivering the new refresher course online to the 2022 support panel.

Launch of Referee Pathway and Strategy

- Assisting creation and implementation of Referee Strategy content with Lizzie Flynn.
- Launch of the new Referee Strategy by the Uachtarán and Chairperson in Croke Park.
- Delivering the Referee Strategy online to Provincial Councils.

Thank You

The Committee would like to acknowledge and welcome Lizzy Broderick into her new role and her support is appreciated. The effort and dedication of Jenny Byrne as secretary is exemplary and efficient, and Mike O'Kelly with his depth of knowledge on course content is superb and they are credit to themselves for the enthusiasm they have shown in 2022.

During the year the Camogie Association and the Referees Committee lost an incredible, valuable and dedicated employee. Lizzie Flynn had a real love, passion and enthusiasm for camogie and in particular Referees development. Since her departure, the referees Committee and the National Referees have realised all the work and effort behind the scenes. Lizzie had always committed to help the National Referees and the club referees reach their potential and a simple thanks just does not cover our appreciation.

We obviously wish her all the best in her future employment it is their gain and our huge loss.

Owen Elliott
Cathaoirleach



Volunteer and Officer Support, Training and Development

No of Meeting held: 4

No. of meetings attended:

Name		Total meetings attended
Antóin Ó Caiside	Cathaoirleach	4
Sinéad Duffy	Rúnaí	4
Noeleen McCarthy	Comhalta Coist	2
Tracy McDonald	Staff	4

List of Achievements / Tasks in 2022

- Successful joint Learning & Development Club Leadership Development Programme with GAA/LGFA delivered in all four provinces. 171 members of the Camogie Association attended.
- National Development Forum – Presentation included learning and development and placed the focus on Volunteers and Volunteer Recruitment & Retention.
- Strategic Funding for Clubs and Counties Webinar – The Webinar’s aim was to help Club and County Officers understand the various sources of funding available to sporting organisations.
- National Safety Steward Training - This training was held as an in-person workshop.
- Inclusion training delivered: Disability Inclusion, Autism in Sport and LGBTQ+ awareness. These training workshops have been well attended.
- Club Compás Programme – this programme has been developed in conjunction with the GAA & LGFA with the aim to be rolled out in 2023.

I would like to thank Noeleen McCarthy for her work and support during her time with the committee and to Tracy McDonald for all the work that goes on behind the scenes, organising and facilitating the training opportunities for our members.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

1. Training, Development & CPDs

With Covid changing people’s livelihoods and how they interact with others, this has challenged the committee on delivering in person training. The committee is exploring and identifying alternative methods to deliver training modules to be delivered during the year.

2. Club Compás Programme

Club Compás features a self-assessment tool – developed within Foireann, that enables clubs to assess their performance against the best practice standards set out by the Gaelic Games Family. Upon completion of the self- assessment, each club will receive a bespoke health check report. This report will provide clubs with direction on what to do next to address deficiencies identified in the self-assessment.

Antóin Ó Caiside
Cathaoirleach

National Competitions Management Committee

No of Meeting held: 23

No. of meetings attended:

Name		Total meetings attended
Rachel Hogan	Cathaoirleach	22
Michelle Smith	Committee Member	21
Maire Porter	Committee Member	14
Brendan Cooper	Committee Member	21
Caroline Halton	National Competitions Administrator	22

List of Achievements / Tasks in 2022

The 2022 Master National Schedule was drafted and ratified as per Terms of Reference.

Another busy year with over 330 fixtures completed, from adult to underage. Coming into 2023 with just our AIB Junior All-Ireland Club Final to be played was a fantastic achievement. This would not have been possible without the support and help of all counties, clubs, officers, players, management, grounds personnel and match officials.

The committee would like to thank the Uachtarán, Sinéad and all the staff of the 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
Cathaoirleach

National Finals Appeals Committee (NFAC)

The Committee were presented with two cases in 2022.

Committee Member Name
Deirdre Canning Mitchell
Róisín Walsh
Niamh Kilmartin

I would like to thank my committee members and those members who were co-opted for their assistance.

Deirdre Canning Mitchell
Cathaoirleach

Risk Committee

No of Meeting held: 5

No. of meetings attended:

Name		Total meetings attended
Geraldine Mc Grath	Cathaoirleach	5
Siobhan Cunniffe	Secretary(Staff Member)	5
Tom Hayes	Committee Member	4
John Greene	Committee Member	4
Geraldine Beatty- Greene	Committee Member	3

List of Achievements / Tasks in 2022

- Risk Register presented to monthly Ard Chomhairle meetings.
- Top 10 risks presented quarterly to Ard Chomhairle meetings for discussion.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

Webinars on establishing a Risk Register to be scheduled in 2023 for all counties and provinces.

Geraldine McGrath
Cathaoirleach



National Child Welfare and Protection Committee (NCWPC)

No of Meeting held: 5

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Maire O'Brien	Cathaoirleach	3
Mark Hassett	Member	3
Barbara Ryan	Member	3
Liz O'Donohue	Member	3
Anne Maire O'Gorman	Member	4
Kathryn Bradley	Member	1
Cathy Dillon	Member	1
Roberta Farrell	Staff Member	3

List of Achievements / Tasks in 2022

- Sports Ireland Club Audit Framework – 100% clubs completed.
- Safeguarding Compliance audits completed for National competitions, Camán to Croker, U14 Development Squads, Provincial and County boards and teams, National Referee panel.
- Safeguarding & Education forums completed in Munster and Leinster.
- County Children's Officer resource pack completed.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

Programme of support for Volunteers Webinars

- Risk Assessment and Safeguarding Statement 2023.
- Foireann upgrades.
- Safeguarding Compliance.
- Safeguarding and Education programme for Connacht.
- Develop an online resource library of resources for Children's Officers.

Implementation of requirements per Children's First

- Club and County support in completion of Risk Assessment and Safeguarding Statement 2023 by agreed date.
- Promotion of Code of Behaviour Underage.

Continue to work collaboratively with the GAA and LGFA as part of the Gaelic Games family

- Rollout of joint workshops and webinars.

Maire O'Brien
Cathaoirleach

THDC Training Taskforce

No. of Meetings held: 7

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Joan O'Flynn	Cathaoirleach	7
Éilís Kavanagh		7
Richard Mulholland		Resigned mid-year
Niamh McGrath (from Sept 2022)		3
Tracy McDonald (Learning and Support Co-ordinator)	Administration and support	7

List of Achievements / Tasks in 2022

The design, delivery and piloting of a new Level 2 module was the most significant achievement of 2022. Munster and Leinster THDCs engaged in pilot training sessions and valuable feedback resulted in the module being refined. A Level 1 Introductory Module, initially development in 2021 was also delivered in early 2022. These processes also resulted in a reconfiguration of the Level 1 module.

The net outcome is that there are now two modules in place for roll out to the county and provincial THDCs and Executives across the Association, to post-primary and third level units and to staff. The Level 1 course is designed for delivery to new members of THDCs and Executives, while Level 2 is for members who have gained some experience of operating on THDCs and Executives.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

- Identification and delivery of training schedule.
- Succession plan to ensure trained trainers post-2023.

Joan O'Flynn
Cathaoirleach

PR & Communications Committee

No. of Meetings held: 5

No. of Meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Geraldine Mc Grath	Cathaoirleach	5
Gill Waters	Secretary (Staff joined May 2022)	3
Ellen Mc Manus	Staff member (joined April 2022)	3
Brid Mc Namara	Committee Member	4
Geraldine Kinnane	Committee Member	5
Maeve Healy	Committee Member	5

List of Achievements / Tasks in 2022

- Held 2 webinars for all County/ Provincial PROs – items covered Match Day Protocols, Match Day Programmes, session on Canva.
- Adjudicated Media Award.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

- On the Ball magazine to be issued quarterly.
- PRO training to be rolled out nationally.
- Carry out actions on the NDP.

Geraldine McGrath
Cathaoirleach



Remuneration Committee:

Committee Member Name
Marty McEvoy - Cathaoirleach
Roisin Hartley
Germaine Noonan

As appointed members of the Remuneration Committee, we are submitting our report for Congress 2023 and have met on 6 occasions during the year since last Congress. The Terms of Reference under which we function are as approved by the Ard Chomhairle on the 10th of June 2020.

REVIEW PROCESS

Over the last 12 months the Remuneration Committee have engaged with Senior Management and Ard Chomhairle to identify the challenges and mood of the association in relation to staff recruitment, retention, and remuneration.

We are very conscious of the many challenges facing private, public, and sporting bodies due to macro-economic conditions such as the increasing cost of living, rates of inflation etc. therefore all these factors have been taken into account while conducting this review and making our recommendations.

The Committee produced a document and report after Congress 2022 and presented this to Ard Chomhairle. The recommendations around pay increases to staff was applied to individuals as decided by the Association and implemented. The Association engaged with an outside consultancy to carry out a full HR review of the Association. We will review this report with Senior Management if requested.

Since last year the economy has continued to deal with many challenges and cost of living pressures have proved most challenging as rental costs and living costs particularly in our capital have continued to rise. We are conscious that the Association can only work within a budget as agreed by the Association and we can only recommend as per our findings in the marketplace and the competition to recruit key people.

As a result of this we recommend the following and will assist in reviewing the report and recommendations of the HR review. We believe based on budgets agreed that the Association increase pay scales as appropriate.

We recognise the additions that are available to staff members in addition to their base salaries i.e. TOIL (Time off in lieu) and mileage are real benefits to staff members.

**Marty McEvoy
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: 58

The NTHDC dealt with 58 cases between 24th February and 3rd November 2022.

Breakdown of cases:

1. Red Cards: 10.
2. Abuse of Referees by Team Managements: 19.
3. Abuse of Referee by player: 1.
4. Unregistered or Illegal Players: 13 which necessitated 23 meetings/hearings.
5. Appeals from Clubs/Counties in respect of decisions of other THDCs: 5.
6. Decisions of NTHDC appealed to NFAC: 3.

Between the 26th May and 30th June 2022, the NTHDC held 33 Zoom calls which resulted in 23 hearings taking place during this time.

I would ask that all clubs/counties please make sure that all players are properly registered before they take part in any form of camogie activity. Unregistered players are uninsured players and injuries do happen. Also check the age profile of your players which are set out very clearly in the Associations Rule Book. It is up to club and county to make sure that all players are legal.

The level of abuse towards referees from team management, that has come before us this year, is unacceptable. Clubs and County Boards must ensure all those involved uphold the rules of the Association, and set a good example for those girls that they are in charge of.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the NTHDC. It was a very busy year for this committee. A special word of thanks to our Secretary Mona, who has put in numerous hours of work during the year - the amount of phone calls and emails that accompany each of these cases is phenomenal. To Hilda, Sinéad and all the staff in the Croke Park office, thank you for your help and support during the year.

Martina Donnellan
Cathaoirleach

Governance Committee

No. of Meetings held: 4

No. of meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Sheila O'Donohoe	Cathaoirleach	4
Tom Daly	Member	4
Niamh Kilmartin	Member	4
Grace McNamara	Member	4

List of Achievements / Tasks in 2022

- Review Terms of Reference of following subcommittees for Ard Chomhairle: Resource Management, Remuneration, Audit and Referees.
- Review Terms of Reference for roles of Secretary and Trustee for Ard Chomhairle.
- Review Pulse Audit by Sport Ireland for Ard Chomhairle.
- Review and make recommendations on Succession Planning document.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

Review and make recommendations on Governance related matters as directed from Ard Chomhairle

Help in achieving Goal 12 of the NDP 2020-2023, which is to provide an innovative, dynamic and sustainable Association that demonstrates best practice in governance and partnerships.

Sheila O'Donohoe
Cathaoirleach



All-Stars Committee

No. of Meetings held: 4

No. of Meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Jacqui O'Connor	Cathaoirleach	4
Ann Downey	Committee Member	3
Breda Cunningham	Committee Member	3
Nuala Quirke	Committee Member	3
Niamh Kilmartin	Committee Member	3
Patricia O'Grady	Committee Member	2

List of Achievements / Tasks in 2022

The 2022 season brought an end to the COVID restrictions. This saw a change to the format once again, with the nominees chosen predominantly from the All-Ireland Senior Championship and the National League Final only, as opposed to the full league campaign in 2021. It is recommended for 2023, that this format remain as the high volume of matches covered in 2021 between the Championship and National League proved difficult, for a small committee.

In addition, once again 15 All-Star winners were chosen from 36 nominees, as opposed to 45 in 2019. The Soaring Stars remained at 15 winners from 36 nominees. Over the last two years, All-Stars have been picked from 36 candidates, and it would be recommended that this continues for the coming year. Regarding the Soaring Stars, it is recommended that 15 players are chosen from the Championship and the National League final as opposed to 36.

One Manager of the Year was selected from three nominees. The committee worked in conjunction with the GPA once again in the shortlisting for the Players' Player of the Year Awards in the three intercounty grades.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

Passion – Continue to work as a unified committee covering all games in order to ensure that the players nominated deserve their accolade.

People – To ensure the committee is represented from each province of Ireland. As alluded to in the National Development Plan, it is all of Ireland, as it is our game.

Place – Our Association through the All-Stars and Soaring Stars, is a place to inspire more people to watch and engage with camogie, locally, nationally, and internationally.

Pride – To take pride in the role the committee are undertaking and to ensure we carry this out with dignity, integrity and with the utmost confidentiality.

To continue to work in partnership with the GPA, which will enhance the exposure of our players. This will further develop our commerciality in terms of empowering and driving our Association.

Jacqui O' Connor
Cathaoirleach

Resource Management Committee

No. of Meetings held: 8

No. of Meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Hilda Breslin	Uachtaran	7/8
Niamh Kilmartin	Secretary	1/1
Marie Kearney	Secretary	7/7
Patsy O Keeffe	Treasurer	8/8
Linda Kenny	Leinster chairperson	8/8
Marion Graham	Munster chairperson	0/1
Ger Browne	Munster chairperson	1/7
Deirdre McGrath	Ulster chairperson	8/8
Brian Molloy	Connacht chairperson	7/8
Catherine Neary	Independent - HR	7/8
Padraig Tierney	Independent	7/8
Liam O'Neill	Independent	4/8
Sinead McNulty	Staff	7/8
Siobhan Cunniffe	Staff	8/8

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The committee monitored spending against 2022 approved budget and recommended appropriate actions to Ard

Chomhairle to meet budget targets and preserve integrity of Association's finances. It also reviewed and approved the monthly financial statements of the Association.

The committee adopted appropriately prudent spending policies in light of the Covid pandemic experience and uncertainty around future income streams.

Supported Finance Manager and Ard Stiúrthóir in their preparation of submissions to Sport Ireland for additional funding under their Return to Sport criteria. This application was successful and resulted in receipt of significant additional funding prior to year end.

Reviewed 2023 budget as prepared, agreed the appropriate targeted outcome and changes required to meet that outcome. Agreed final version and recommended approval to Ard Chomhairle.

2022 Financial Statements reviewed with association's auditors and recommended to Ard Chomhairle for approval. The healthy financial outcome further consolidated the Association's finances and reserves against unexpected events, such as experienced in the last few years during pandemic.

Reviewed with auditor their observations in relation to the internal financial controls of Association and pleased to report that no control weaknesses were observed.

Provided input and suggestions on the establishment of new Association audit committee including their terms of reference. The committee, in association with Audit Committee, supported tendering process and final decision in relation to appointment of new external auditor.

Reviewed all HR issues, decisions and policies as required and advised Ard Chomhairle on all HR related matters. Provided input whenever requested to Remuneration Committee to assist in their pay related decisions.

Continued the ongoing work to strengthen the internal controls of the Association. During 2022 the following four policies were updated, reviewed by RMC and approved by Ard Chomhairle: Fixed Assets, Cash Management, Procurement and Financial Reserves.

I would like to thank the Ard Stiúrthóir, Finance Manager and the association staff for their support to the RMC committee throughout the year. I would also like to thank all committee and Ard Chomhairle members for their engagement and support throughout the year, it is much appreciated.

Patsy O'Keeffe
Chairperson RMC



Audit Committee

No. of Meetings held: 3

No. of Meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Sinéad Devine	Cathaoirleach	3
Padraig Tierney	Member	3
Geraldine Beattie Greene	Member	3
Siobhán Cunniffe (Finance Manager)	Rúnaí	3

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The Audit Committee was established in June 2022. Appointments to the committee are for a period of three years and will take place on a three-yearly cycle to coincide with incoming Uachtarán taking office. The committee has three members, one of whom is an external member. The Uachtarán nominated Sinéad Devine, external member, as Committee Chairperson.

The role of the Audit Committee is to assist Ard Chomhairle to fulfill its audit and oversight responsibilities in relation to its financial reporting obligations, internal control systems, risk management systems and external audit functions.

The Audit Committee:

- Held three meetings via Zoom during the period.
- Approved the draft tender document for the External Auditor.
- Reviewed tender proposals and recommended the appointment of Crowe Ireland as External Auditors to the Camogie Association.

Key Priorities / Objectives for 2023

1. Meet privately with external auditors to discuss any recommendations/ issues arising from the audit.
2. Review the findings of the audit with the external auditors.
3. Review management letter and management response to auditors' findings and recommendations.
4. Review audited financial statements of the Camogie Association, including its annual reports and other formal statements relating to its financial performance. Report to Ard Chomhairle on significant financial reporting issues and judgements contained in those statements having regard to matters communicated to it by the auditors.

Sinéad Devine
Cathaoirleach

National Development Plan Implementation Committee

No. of Meetings held: 14

No. of Meetings attended:

Committee Member Name	Role	No. of meetings
Paul Donnelly	Cathaoirleach	14
Ivor Lehane	Committee Member	14
Donal Murphy	Committee Member	12
Ambrose Curry	Committee Member	12
Anna-Marie McCarthy	Committee Member	12
Louise Conlon & Lizzy Broderick	Technical Development & Participation Manager	12
Liam Clancy	Rúnaí	14

Background

- 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. It 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. Over the last 12 months, we have 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 153 milestones in the plan, assign new defined KPIs 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.

- As discussed and agreed at the 2022 Annual Congress, the NDPIC has worked with and supported all units to develop, consult and launch strategic action plans which clearly articulate identified priorities for action over the next 12-14 months and alignment with the strategic goals of the current NDP.

List of Achievements / Tasks in 2022

- Design, development and delivery of an online training to units of strategic planning (August 2022).
- Provision of 1-2-1 direct support to units to support them in the development of strategic action plans (November - December 2022).
- Design and development of research methodology aimed at establishing a robust baseline position relating to levels of engagement and involvement in Camogie.
- Facilitation of Forward Planning Session with Ard Chomhairle (December 2022).
- Provision of training and support to staff on the new Executive Reporting Framework with a specific focus on KPI development (January 2023).

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 adapted to 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 on which to plan effectively and make informed decisions.

Dr. Paul Donnelly
Cathaoirleach

GAA Committee Reports





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GAA Committee Reports



Féile na nGael Committee

John West Féile 2022

Following an absence for 2 years due to Covid 19 restrictions, the John West Féile competitions returned in 2022. The National Competition was run over one day, which was a change from the past where it was a weekend event. This change has done little to take away from the enthusiasm and joy that the Féile event generates. The National Féile event took place in Dublin and Meath - huge credit must be given to the local organisers from each County Board, along with the volunteers from clubs who made the event so successful.

The National and Regional events involved 80 clubs with almost 160 games taking place over the 2 weekends of camogie. These games provided playing time for over 2,000 girls and a team of 400 coaches were involved. None of these games would have been possible without the assistance of over 40 coaches, who gave up their time to officiate at these games.

The National Féile event took place on the 25th of June following local events in April. Below is a list of the winners from the John West National Féile.

Winners Roll of Honour 2022		
Division	Competition	Team
1	Shield	Kilmacud Crokes
1	Cup	Éire Óg
2	Shield	St Brigids, Dublin
2	Cup	Swatragh
3	Shield	Lough Lene Gaels
3	Cup	Naas
4	Shield	Omagh St Enda's
4	Cup	Westport Camogie Club
5	Shield	Arklow Rock Parnell
5	Cup	Boardsmill

The Regional John West Féile event took place on the 28th of May. The Regional event is designed to give additional places to counties, and it is hoped within the regional event, that teams get to experience the Féile feeling. The Regional Féile took place in venues in Kilkenny, Westmeath, Tipperary, Armagh, and Galway. It is important to acknowledge all the clubs and club personnel who made themselves available for the running and organisation of the John West Regional Féile event.

Below is a list of the teams and winners from the John West National Féile.

U 15 Intercounty Development 2022				
Ballyhale Shamrocks	Burren Rangers	St. Martins	St. Laurences	Killeavy
St Lazarians	Sallins	Kilcormac Killoughey	Castlebar Mitchels Camogie Club	Boyle Camogie Club
Burgess Duharra	Bredagh	Ahane	Mount Sion	Denn
Newtownshandrum	Burgess Duharra	Slieve Felim Rapparees	Four Roads Camogie Club	St. Rynagh's
Ruan	Raharney	Bishopstown	Ballyduff Camogie Club	Newbridge
Blackrock Effin	Portlaw	Craughwell Camogie Club	O'Moores	Naomh Pádraig
Ballynastragh Gaels	Granemore	Cloughbawn Camogie Club	Kilclief Ben Dearg	Loch Mór Dál gCais / Glenavy
Clarinbridge	Ballinderry	Corofin	Naomh Bríd	Castlepollard

Winners Roll of Honour 2022		
Division	Competition	Team
1	Shield	N/A
1	Cup	Newtownshandrum
2	Shield	Bredagh
2	Cup	Ballinderry
3	Shield	Kilcormac Killoughey
3	Cup	Bishopstown
4	Shield	Mount Sion
4	Cup	O'Moores
5	Shield	Killeavy
5	Cup	Newbridge

James Heffernan Camogie Association Representative

All-Ireland Poc Fada Committee

Committee Members

Committee Member Name
Tomás Riáin - Cathaoirleach
David Murray
Paul Cumiskey
Fra Kiernan
Mark McAllister
Kevin Kelly
Joey Carton
Anthony Flaherty
Culm Carty (Until July 2022)
Lizzie Flynn (Camogie Association until November 2022)
Ciaran O’Cearnaigh (Runaí, Páirc an Chrócaigh)

2022 Results

Place	Senior Camogie	County
1	Molly Lynch	Cork
2	Chloe Morey	Clare
3	Noelle Murphy	Kilkenny
4	Roisín McCormack	Antrim
5	Michaela Fallon	Roscommon
6	Catherine Muldoon	Tyrone
Place	U16 Camogie	County
1	Lucy Lynch	Cork
2	Tierna Kelly	Derry
3	Andrea Fallon	Roscommon
4	Amy Lacey	Laois

Place	Senior Mens	County
1	Killian Phelan	Kilkenny
2	Colin Ryan	Limerick
3	Cillian Kiely	Offaly
4	John Chawke	Limerick
5	Anthony Daly	Galway
6	Mark Fahy	Galway
7	Sean Ryan	Clare
8	Neil McManus	Antrim
9	Pearce Smith	Down
10	Cormac Gough	Derry
11	Brian Treacy	Carlow
12	Darren Geoghegan	Louth
Place	U16 Boys	County
1	Darragh Smith	Westmeath
2	Tadhg Boddy	Limerick
3	Killian Fallon	Galway
4	Sean Og McLaren	Antrim

The All-Ireland Finals of the 2022 GAA Poc Fada took place on Annaverna Mountain on the Cooley Peninsula on Monday 1st August. This year we returned to the full competition format by re-introducing all County and Provincial competitions with winners earning their place at the 2022 Finals, which were again sponsored by Martin Donnelly and myclubshop.ie.

One of the largest ever crowds attended the event on the August Bank Holiday Monday and witnessed a fantastic competition with sunshine throughout the day. All competitions took place over the intended courses with rain staying away until the presentations. We were delighted to have Leitrim hurler Zak Moradi strike the first ceremonial poc of the day.

There was delight in the Lynch household as siblings Molly and Lucy won the Senior Camogie and U16 Camogie events respectively.

Congratulations must go to Senior Men’s winner Killian Phelan of Kilkenny while Darragh Smith won the U16 event on its return. We look forward to celebrating the 20th anniversary of Camogie involvement in the Poc Fada on Monday 7th August 2023.

Tomás Riáin
Cathaoirleach

Ciaran O’Cearnaigh
Runaí



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