**Tuairsc Iomána Mhaigh Eo 2024**

Ba bhliain gnóthach agus tairbheach a bhí ag iománání Mhaigh eo i 2024. Tá an cluiche ag laidriú sa chontae de réir a chéile ach tá neart oibre fós le déanamh.

Mayo hurling continued to progress and grow in 2024 with ten hurling clubs fielding at underage and adult level.. This is more hurling clubs than at any time in our history. We have seen a resurgence of hurling in the county at underage and adult level and we look forward to building on this for the year ahead. On the club scene we saw over 230 hurling games played at all levels.

 **Inter-County Hurling**

National Hurling League

Ray Larkin and Brian Finn took over as joint managers at the start of the 2024 campaign. Mayo had an exceelent start to their 2024 season. Mayo played in Division 3A of the National Hurling League and won all of their five games. They beat Sligo in the final in McHale Park and gained promotion to Division 2B for the 2025 season.

Nicky Rackard Cup

Mayo had a strong Championship campaign which culminatd in the Nicky Rackard final in Croke Park on June 2nd. The Mayo captain for the year was Tooreen’s David Kenny. Mayo had wins over Monaghan, Louth, Armagh and Roscommon. They were defeated by Donegal in O’ Donnell Park, Letterkenny and met the same opponents in the Nicky Rackard final. Mayo had a the upper hand in the first half and went in at thalf-time leading by four 0-12 to 0-8. However, three second half goals from Donegal put the game beyond Mayo’s reach. The final scoreline was Donegal 3-17 Mayo 0-22. It was a much-improved year for Mayo with only two defeats in league and championship both coming against Donegal opposition. The hope for 2025 is to bring the Nicky Rackard Cup back to the county.

**Mayo U-20 Hurling**

Mayo U-20s were managed by Brian Finn (Tooreen) with David Ketterick (Westport), Brendan Geraghty (Castlebar) and Gerry Glavey (Tooreen) as selectors. The All-Ireland U-20 competition was run on a knock-out basis. Mayo played a strong Roscommon team in McHale Park on May 6th and were defeated ending their involvement in the U-20 competition. This is a young U20 team with several players eligible again in 2025. All gear, jerseys, tracksuits, etc. was supplied by Mayo County Board. Manager Brian Finn will continue in this role for 2025.

**Mayo U-17 Celtic Challenge Cup**

The Mayo U-17 hurlers competed in the Celtic Challenge championship. Mayo had a very successful year at the U-17 age group. This team was managed by the Seán Heneghan (Claremorris), Richie Crinnigan (Tooreen), Michael Bolger (Ballina), John Enright (castlebar).

Mayo U-17s had some good performances in the early rounds and managed to reach the All-Ireland final against Laois. The final was played in the GAA National Development Centre in Dublin on June 2nd. Laois came out on top on a score line of 1-14 to 2-9 after a close match. Niall Peoples (Ballina) was awarded player of the match in the final.

Jerseys were supplied by Croke Park and track suits, training tops, socks and togs were supplied by Mayo County Board. Mayo U-17 management would like to thank Mayo County Board members Seamus Tuohy, Valerie Murphy, John Walker, Billy McNicholas, Kieran Kilkeeny and Michael Cummins for their support throughout the year.

**Mayo U-15 Hibernia Cup**

Mayo entered two hurling teams for the second year in the Croke Park run, National U15 Hibernia Cup Hurling championship.  Seventy five players from ten different Mayo GAA hurling clubs attended trials at the start of the year in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park.  Due to the phenomenal interest from the clubs and players Mayo GAA had sufficient numbers to enter and U14 development team and also an U-15 team. Both Mayo hurling teams fulfilled all their fixtures and represented Mayo GAA with great distinction and honour. The success of both teams, the improvement in skill levels and the camaraderie that was formed during the year is testament to the vision and support of all associated with Mayo GAA.  The Mayo GAA U15 Hurling management team is indebted to all the team working with Mayo GAA Coaching and Games as their expertise and advice was always available.  It must also be noted that members of the Mayo GAA Coaching & Games team attended several of our games at home and away and this was noted by parents and management who really appreciated their interest and support.

**Mayo GAA U15 Hibernia Cup Management 2024**

Liam Fallon (Team Manager- Castlebar)

Pat Freyne (Team Manager- Tooreen)

John Kennedy(Coach-Moytura)

Darren Conlon (Coach-Ballyhaunis)

Seán Ó Raghallaigh  (Coach- Westport)

Peter Dooley (Coach-Castlebar Mitchells)

Cian O’ Toole (Mayo Hurling GDC)

Liam Kearns (Coach / First Aid- Tooreen)

**Club Competitions**

Tooreen made it five county titles in a row when they defeated Ballyhaunis in the county final. They are also aiming for a fifth Connacht final in a row when they play Tynagh Abbey Duniry in the Connacht Final on November 24th. We wish them well in their Connacht and All-Ireland campaign this year.

 Three adult Championship competitions were run in Mayo in 2024; Senior, Junior A and Junior B. twelve teams from ten clubs competed in these competitions.

Senior Championship

Castlebar, Tooreen, Ballyhaunis and the St Ciarán’s amalgamation competed in the senior hurling championship for the TJ Tyrell Cup. The St Ciarán’s team was an amalgamation of the seven junior hurling clubs. There was a round-robin format with Ballyhaunis and Tooreen meeting in the final on October 12th in Adrian freeman Park, Tooreen. The finalists produced an entertaining game which ended in a draw after normal time. Tooreen came out on top after extra time and secured the TJ Tyrell for the 34th time on a score line of 1-21 to 0-22.

In the Senior B final Castlebar Mitchels defeated St. Ciarán’s on a score of 2-18 to 0-13 at St Feichin’s Park, Cong. This was a significant win for Castlebar after suffering defeat to the same opposition a year previous. The Martin O’ Malley cup was presented to captain Conor Murray. Sympathies were extended to the O’ Malley family on the passing of Liam O’ Malley on the night before the final. May he rest in Peace.

Genfitt Cup-League

The Genfitt Cup involved eight teams in two divisions. Tooreen won the Division A1 final defeating Castlebar. Ballyhaunis defeated Ballina in the A2 Final. Westporet defeated Moytura in teh A3 final. Caiseal Gaels got the better of Ballyvay in the B1 final. Gaeltacht Iorrais brought home the B2 final defeating Claremorris.

Junior Hurling

2024 saw two Junior Championship competitions, Junior A and Junior B. Four teams competed in Junior A for the Ciaran Byrne Cup. Westport, Ballina Stephenites, Moytura, Tooreen B and Castlebar B. This proved to be a very successful competition which culminated in a final between Ballina and Tooreen on September 13th in James Stephens park, Ballina In a brilliant game of hurling Tooreen won on a scoreline of 1-17 to 1-10. Secretary Trevor Kelly presented the Ciarán Byrne cup to Tooreen captain Jack Trench.

The Junior B competition (Tom Earley Cup) involved Ballyvary, Claremorris, Gaeltacht Iorrais and Caiseal Gaels. The final was contested by Gaeltacht Iorrais and Caiseal Gaels. Caiseal Gaels came out on top with a final score of Caiseal gaels 3-22 Gaeltacht Iorrias 0-11. It was a first significant victory for Caiseal Gaels at adult level and also a first final for the newly-formed Gaeltacht Iorrais.

**Iománaíocht Faoi Aois**

Mayo clubs had a very successful year at underage level in 2024. Championships were played at the even age groups U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18 and U-20. We had great participation levels from all clubs in all age groups. 2024 saw 20 underage clubs and schools finals hosted this year. This was the largest number of hurling finals in a single year to date. Seven different clubs took home silverware with Tooreen and Westport leading the way with 4 titles each, followed by Moytura and Caiseal Gaels with two each and Ballyhaunis and Claremorris each brought back some silverware also.

In total, 11 clubs were represented in the various finals. Many new referees came on board for the year making for a very smooth year fixture wise. None of this would have been possible were it not for the Trojan work done by Adrian Hession (Tooreen), John Kennedy (Castlebar) and Donie O’ Sullivan (Moytura) as part of Coiste Iomána na nÓg.

The following were the teams who competed at each level:

* U-20: Castlebar, Tooreen
* U-18: St Ciaran’s, Westport, Tooreen, Castlebar, Claremorris
* U-16: Castlebar, Claremorris, Tooreen, St Ciaran’s, Ballyhaunis
* U-14: Castlebar, Claremorris, Tooreen, Ballyhaunis, Ballina, Caiseal Gaels, Moytura, Ballyvary, Ballina Stephenites, Gaeltacht Iorrais.
* U-12: Castlebar, Claremorris, Tooreen, Ballyhaunis, Ballina, Caiseal Gaels, Moytura, Ballyvary, Ballina Stephenites, Gaeltacht Iorrais.

**Féile na nGael Hurling 2023**

Féile 2024 was again played at the U-15 age group and the finals were hosted by Tooreen and Castlebar Mithchels GAA Clubs. Westport were victorious in the A Final defeating Tooreen. Westport went on to represent Mayo in the National Féile Finals in Wexford. They topped their group and were defeated by eventual winners Middletown, Armagh in the semi-final.

Claremorris won the A2 final, Castlebar won the B1 final and Ballina won the B2 final.

**Coiste Iomána Mhaigh Eo 2023**

The Hurling Committee consists of three members which is a sub-committee of the County Board. The members are Cathaoirleach: Seán Ó Raghallaigh (Westport) Rúnaí: Trevor Kelly (Ballyhaunis), OCP: Anne McGahon (Moytura). Thank you also to Coiste Iomána na nÓg Adrian Hession (fixtures), John Kennedy and Donie O’ Sullivan for their work with underage competitions throughout the year.

I would like to thank the members of the Hurling Board who have worked hard to promote the game throughout the county in 2024.

**Nótaí Buíochais**

* All hurling clubs and their officers for their commitment to the promotion of the game of hurling in Mayo.
* All referees who officiate and make it possible for the games to be played. We appreciate your contribution to hurling in the county.
* Connacht Delegates Liam Moffatt and Paul Cunnaune for their work at Connacht Council level in progressing Mayo Hurling.
* Ray Larkin and Brian Finn the Mayo Senior Hurling Management team. For all their hard work and commitment throughout the year.
* County Board officers Cathaoirleach Seamus Tuohy, Secretary Ronan Kirrane, Vice-Chairman Con Moynihan, Treasurer Valerie Murphy, Assistant Treasurer Michael Diskin. Thank you for your support and commitment to hurling in 2023.
* PRO John Walker and his committee for promoting the game at all levels in Mayo. This has helped to significantly grow the game at grassroots level.
* Mayo GAA administrator Michael Cummins. Michael is always available and willing to help with any issues or problems that arose during the year.
* All coaches promoting the game in Mayo. Your contribution keeps the game alive and well in Mayo.
* The Competition Controls Committee (CCC) for their work in organising all adult hurling competitions under the guidance of Con Moynihan. Con has been a great support throughout the year in all matters relating to hurling.
* Bord na nÓg for their collaboration and co-operation in organising underage fixtures. Go raibh maith agat Charlie Lambert (Cathaoirleach) agus Brian O’ Malley (Rúnaí).
* Local Media for all their coverage of hurling throughout the year.

Mar fhocal scoir guím gach rath ar gach duine atá bainteach le CLG Mhaigh Eo. Tá súil agam go mbeidh Nollag mhór mhaith ag gach duine agaibh agus go mbeirimid uilig beo ar an am seo arís!

Le gach dea-ghuí

Seán Ó Raghallaigh

Cathaoirleach Iomána Mhaigh Eo.

**Mayo GAA Hurling Finals - 2024**

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| **Competition** | **Winner** | **Runner-Up** | **Referee** |
| **SeniorA Hurling Championship (Tyrell Cup)** | Tooreen | Ballyhaunis | Mel Kenny |
| **SeniorB Hurling Championship (O’Malley Cup)** | Castlebar | St Ciarans | Sean O’Neill |
| **Junior A Hurling Championship (Byrne Cup)** | TooreenB | Ballina | Mel Kenny |
| **Junior B Hurling Championship (Earley Cup)** | Caiseal Gaels | Gaeltacht Iorrais | Sean ONeill |
| **Senior Hurling League A1 Final (Genfitt Cup)** | Tooreen | Castlebar | Mel Kenny |
| **Senior Hurling League A2 Final (Genfitt Shield)** | Ballyhaunis | Ballina | Eoin Shaughnessy |
| **Senior Hurling League A3 Final (Genfitt Plate)** | Westport | Moytura | Sean ONeill |
| **Senior Hurling League B1 Final (Genfitt Shield)** | Caiseal Gaels | Ballyvary | Eoin Shaughnessy |
| **Senior Hurling League B2 Final (Genfitt Plate)** | Gaeltacht Iorrais | Claremorris | John Walker |
| **U20A Hurling Championship** | Tooreen | Castlebar | Eadhmonn MacSuibhne |
| **U18A Hurling Championship (Connor Cup)** | Tooreen | Castlebar | Mel Kenny |
| **U18B Hurling Championship**  | Westport | St Ciarans | James Judge |
| **U16A Hurling Championship (BRB Cup)** | Castlebar | Westport | Eadhmon MacSuibhne |
| **U16B Hurling Championship** | Claremorris | Ballyhaunis | Jamie Rooney |
| **U16C Hurling Champioship (O’Malley Shield)** | Tooreen | St Ciarans | Johnny Burke |
| **U15 Feile A1 Hurling (Freeman Cup)** | Westport | Tooreen | Sean ONeill |
| **U15 Feile A2 Hurling** | Claremorris | Ballyhaunis | James Judge |
| **U15 Feile B1 Hurling** | Castlebar | Moytura | Mel Kenny |
| **U15 Feile B2 Hurling** | Ballina  | Caiseal Gaels | Lucian Brooks |
| **U14A1 Hurling Championship (Howard Morley Cup)** | Tooreen | Ballyhaunis | Eoin Shaughnessy |
| **U14A2 Hurling Championship (Howard Morley Plate)** | Westport | Claremorris | John Walker |
| **U14B1 Hurling Championship (Howard Morley Shield)** | Ballyvary | Castlebar | James Judge |
| **U14B2 Hurling Championship (Howard Morley Plate)** | Moytura | Ballina | Mel Kenny |
| **U13B Development Hurling League** | Castlebar | Moytura | Mel Kenny |
| **U12 A1 Hurling Festival Final** | Westport | Ballyhaunis | Pat Conlon |
| **U12 A2 Hurling Festival Final** | TooreenB | Castlebar | Garryowen McMahon |
| **U12 B1 Hurling Festival Final** | Moytura | Claremorris | Mark McDonnell |
| **U12 B2 Hurling Festival Final** | Ballina | Ballyvary | Mick Herr |
| **U12 B3 Hurling Festival Final** | TooreenC | Gaeltacht Iorrais | Sean OReilly |