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Clár 2025

1. Opening address and remembrance of deceased members
2. Óráid an Uachtaráin
3. Adoption of Standing Orders
4. Óráid an Chathaoirleach
5. Miontuairiscí
6. Roll call
6. Tuairisc an Runaí
7. Tuairisc an Chisteoir
8. Toghachán na hOifí
9. Ruin/Byelaws
10. Date of First Coiste Chondae Meeting 2026

## COISTE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO COMHTHONÓL 2025

### Standing Orders

In order that the proceedings of the Convention are carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be strictly observed.

1. The person proposing the Motion/Resolution or Amendment may speak for not more than five minutes.
2. All accredited delegates must not exceed three minutes.
3. The person proposing the Motion/Resolution/Amendment may speak a second time for not more than 3 minutes.
4. The chairperson may at any time consider a Motion/Resolution/Amendment has been sufficiently discussed and call on the proposer for a reply after which a vote must be taken.
5. With the consent of the Chairperson, a delegate may move 'that the question be now put' after which the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. Any motion seeking to amend existing bye laws must have a majority equal to two thirds of those present and entitled to vote and voting.
7. Standing orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering a matter not on the Clar except by the consent of a majority of two thirds of those present and entitled to vote
8. The chairperson may change the order of items on the Clar with the consent of a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote and voting
9. A motion may be withdrawn with the permission of the convention.
10. Voting procedures as per Official Guide.

### County Convention Minutes 18.12.24:

The Chair, S. Tuohy welcomed everyone to the Great National Hotel in Ballina.

**Welcome:** He welcomed the Chair of the North Board, Mr. M. McKenzie. He thanked the hotel and the Western People for sponsoring notepads for all delegates. He wished the best of luck to M. Diskin and D. Butler for the position of Vice Chair. He wished the Chair well. He acknowledged all those who have passed on. He finished with a prayer.

The Chair outlined the Clár for the evening. P. Hughes is in attendance and will oversee the vote for Vice Chair.

**Presidents Address:** The President, JP Lambe made his address. The President welcomed all clubs to Convention. He noted that we had a lot of games won in 2024 but let them slip. He wished all teams well for 2025. He noted a number of players have stepped away and they gave us great memories and performances. He acknowledged the work of management teams as well as all the clubs throughout the county. He cited the development of club facilities over the last few years. He wished Crossmolina the best of luck as they represent the county. He congratulated the county board officers and the work they put in for clubs and players. He thanked the stewards and scanners for their work in relation to gates. He also thanked our supporters. He looked forward to the staging of rugby in MacHale Park.

The Chair thanked JP Lambe for his report. He added that JP's work has never stopped.

**Standing Orders:** Proposed by J. O Malley and seconded by P. Cunnane.

The Chair went through his report. He acknowledged the support of the clubs and the officers of the board for their support whilst he was sick in 2024. He thanked the president of the GAA for setting up the FRC. He acknowledged the work of this group. He noted that the introduction of the new rules will be a challenge for clubs but they will adapt. He lamented the loss of the FBD Leagues especially for 2025. He noted that our county senior team were the wrong side of some results in 2024 but he urged all clubs and supporters to get behind all our teams in 2025. He acknowledged our supporters. He thanked the U17's for winning a third consecutive Connacht Title. Our 20 Team were disappointing in 2024 but there is a very good backroom team in place to ensure that this team is in a good position for 2025.

The Hurlers had a good league and championship campaign. He cited the appointment of Cian O Toole in his role as GPO.

He thanked our club championship winners, Ballina, Crossmolina, Cill Chomáin and Achill. He also wished Tooreen well as they won a fifth title in a row.

He noted that a lot of adult teams are without a manager at time. He asked the question as how this is happening.

Tom Burke as physio a good appointment. The CDO Programme is working well. 16 clubs are prepared to take it up in 2025. There was an Academy Review in October with seven recommendations.

He acknowledged the work of Brian O Malley and Charlie Lambert at BNN.

Financial Statements-In a very healthy position. We are going through a period of uncertainty at present and he lamented that running a county board with 2.5 staff. He cited that this is unsustainable. He thanked, Valerie Murphy and Kevin Fitzmaurice. He thanked M. Diskin and M. Cummins for their work.

He thanked all our sponsors and commercial partners.

He noted the stresses put on our volunteers and staff in relation to revenue.

He noted the work of the referees and the value we all have for them. Without them we will have no games.

Infrastructure: he cited our lack of facilities. He noted our frustration in applying for an LSSIF Grant.

Bohola Pitches/COE. He thanked Bill Durcan for his donation of 40 acres.

Paul Hickey, Chair of Cairde, went through some slides on an overview of the proposed plan for Bohola.

He thanked the support of the officers.

Roll Call was taken. 168 for voting. Voting ballots were sent out.

Sean MacHale spoke in relation to referees.

Minutes proposed by J Gibbons and seconded by M Callaghan

The Rúnaí went through his report.

The Cisteoir went through the accounts. She noted that the reports are not signed at present.

Kevin Fitzmaurice went through the accounts under the different categories.

The result of the contest for the Vice Chair was Michael Diskin as the victor. Both Dermot and Michael addressed delegates.

Mistake in the Senior D4 winner. It should say Kilmaine. Also P. 50 Ballintubber won U15 D6 Grading league.

P. McNicolas raised the item of putting on the Clár the adult championship review to be tabled in January.

Amend page 114 C. Burke is Newport.

Reports, George Armstrong and seconded K. McDonnell

Officers were returned on block. Proposed by S. Curry and seconded by P. Geraghty.

1. Proposed by L. Daly and seconded by P. Cunnane. Carried.
2. Referred to CCC.
3. Referred to CCC.
4. Referred to CCC.
5. Proposed by B. Treacy seconded by M. O Brien. Defeated.
6. Referred to finance Committee.
7. Referred to BNN
8. Proposed by S. Corry and seconded by W. McDonagh. Carried. Referred to CCC.
9. Carried.

Byelaws Proposed by V. Duffy and D. Walshe

### Elected Officers

Position	AINMNIUCHÁIN 2024 Elected Officers for 2025
UACHTARÁN President	JP Lambe
CATHAOIRLEACH Chairperson	Seamus Tuohy (Breaffy)
LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH Vice Chairperson	Michael Diskin (Castlebar Mitchells)
RÚNAÍ Secretary	Ronan Kirrane (Davitts GAA)
RÚNAÍ CÚNTA Assistant Secretary	Brian O Malley (The Neale)
CISTEOIR Treasurer	Valerie Murphy (Charlestown)
CISTEOIR CÚNTA Assistant Treasurer	Sinead McLoughlin (Knockmore)
OIFIGEACH CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ (PRO)	John Walker (Cill Chomáin)
OIFIGEACH OILIÚNA Coaching Officer	Seamus Smyth (Seamus MacGabhann) Ballycastle
OIFIGEACH CULTÚIR Cultural Officer	Daithí Gallagher Castlebar Mitchells)
ÁRD COMHAIRLE Central Council	Con Moynihan (Bealach an Doirín)
COMHAIRLE CHONNACHT Connacht Council	Liam Moffatt (Crossmolina Deel Rovers)
COMHAIRLE CHONNACHT Connacht Council	Paul Cunnane (Davitts GAA)

# Secretary's Report 2025

## Tuarascáil an Rúnaí

07.12.2025

It is with genuine pride, gratitude, and a deep sense of community that I present my third annual report as County Secretary of Mayo GAA. Each year brings its own challenges and opportunities, but what remains constant and what continues to inspire me is the collective spirit that drives everything we do within this county. The past year has been one of progress, resilience, and shared purpose right across our clubs, committees, and teams.

The introduction of the new playing rules has been a real highlight. Their positive impact could be felt at every level bringing more flow, more attacking football, and a fresh sense of excitement to our games. The transition was handled with true Mayo spirit: clubs, referees, coaches, and players embraced the changes with openness, professionalism, and remarkable cooperation. I want to express sincere thanks to everyone who helped bring these innovations to life on fields across the county.

The 2025 club season will be remembered as one of the most vibrant in recent memory. Week after week, across every corner of Mayo, the standard of football was exceptional. The depth of talent across grades, the sporting spirit shown by players and management teams, and the strong attendances at games all reflected a county alive with passion for our games. The efforts of stewards, gate staff, scanners, and club volunteers were central to the smooth running of these fixtures, and I want to acknowledge their hard work and good humour. Their commitment allowed thousands of supporters to enjoy brilliant days out and ensured that the matchday experience was one we can all be proud of.

I want to extend heartfelt thanks to my fellow officers on the County Board for their dedication and support. Their steady leadership and willingness to work together for the good of Mayo GAA has been invaluable. In particular, I want to acknowledge our Chairperson, Séamus Tuohy. His calm guidance, genuine care for the Association, and unwavering commitment to the county have been a pillar of strength during what has been a challenging year for him personally. We wish Séamus continued good health and look forward to his full recovery.

To our Vice Chairperson, Michael Diskin, I offer sincere thanks for his exceptional work with the CCC and for the leadership he showed when required to step into the Chair's role. His sense of fairness, attention to detail, and passion for well-run competitions have greatly benefited our clubs and players.

A special word of appreciation must also go to our Treasurer, Valerie Murphy, whose careful stewardship of our finances ensures that Mayo GAA continues to operate with transparency and stability. Valerie's dedication, strategic thinking, and commitment to fairness have strengthened the financial foundation on which our work depends. Her contribution is deeply valued.

I also want to mark the completion of John Walker's five-year term as Communications Officer. John's work often fast-paced and always public-facing, has played a major role in how Mayo GAA communicates with supporters near and far. His professionalism, energy, and commitment to presenting our games in the best possible light have raised the bar for communication and engagement. We thank John sincerely and wish him every success as he moves into new endeavours.

Above all, I want to extend deepest appreciation to the countless volunteers in our clubs the people who coach, organise, steward, mentor, fundraise, and support. Their commitment is the heartbeat of Mayo GAA. Every evening spent at a pitch, every meeting attended, every young player encouraged it all builds the strength of our Association. Their work, often unseen, is what allows our games not just to survive, but to flourish.

As we look forward, we do so with confidence and unity. The strong structures now in place, the talent coming through, and the unwavering support of our communities all point to a positive future. With continued cooperation and shared ambition, Mayo GAA will remain vibrant, progressive, and united in the years ahead.

#### **FBD League:**

Unfortunately, 2025 brought with it the absence of the provincial competitions. I know many of us felt a real sense of disappointment at this, particularly given the introduction of the new rules and the opportunity those early-season games traditionally provide for experimentation, connection, and momentum.

While some argued that these competitions added unnecessary load to players, it was clear to see that challenge games were simply played in their place, often involving long journeys and far more logistical strain than a structured provincial league would have required. The lack of FBD fixtures left a noticeable gap for players, management teams, and supporters alike.

From a Mayo perspective, I strongly believed and still believe that a properly organised provincial competition provides meaningful, well-paced preparation and is far more beneficial than the alternative. For that reason, we are genuinely pleased to see the competitions return in 2026. It is our hope that these games will once again offer counties the chance to build rhythm, give players valuable exposure, and strengthen the connection between supporters and their teams at a time of year when enthusiasm is high and optimism is fresh.

## National Football League:

Round 1 – Dublin 25.01.2025

Venue: Croke Park, Dublin

Score: Dublin 1-17 – 1-15 Mayo

We opened our league campaign with a trip to Croke Park always a special occasion, no matter the time of year. At half time we held a 1-10 to 1-8 lead and had shown real intent and energy. However, Dublin found greater rhythm in the second half and outscored us 1-9 to 0-5.

There was still plenty to admire in our performance. Fergal Boland made a bit of history in firing in Mayo's first two-pointer under the new rules, and the group showed a hunger that would grow as the campaign continued.

Round 2 – Galway 02.02.2025

Venue: MacHale Park, Castlebar

Score: Mayo 0-16 – 0-26 Galway

This was the toughest evening we faced during the league. Galway arrived with purpose, and their seven two-pointers proved decisive. Shane Walsh was in flying form with 0-9, and we struggled to adapt defensively to the new scoring rules.

Two defeats from two led to plenty of talk externally about pressure and possible relegation – but inside the group there was calmness, determination, and a collective will to respond

Round 3 – Tyrone 16.02.2025

Venue: MacHale Park, Castlebar

Score: Mayo 0-12 – 0-10 Tyrone

Our first league win arrived at an important time. While the game itself wasn't a classic, the composure shown in the closing minutes meant a great deal. Tyrone finished with 14 men, which helped our shape late on, but our lads still had to see it out with maturity.

Ryan O'Donoghue (0-2) and Frank Irwin (0-3) stood out on a day where the result mattered more than the spectacle.

Round 4 – Armagh 22.02.2025

Venue: BOX-IT Athletic Grounds, Armagh

Score: Armagh 1-17 – 1-17 Mayo

This match was a reminder of the character within our group. At half time, few would have predicted that we'd claw our way back, yet the second-half resilience was exceptional. Not only did we level the game, but we had chances to win it.

Ryan O'Donoghue (0-6) and Davitt Neary (1-2) led the scoring as we delivered one of our most spirited performances of the spring.

Round 5– Kerry 01.03.2025

Venue: MacHale Park, Castlebar

Score: Mayo 0-21 – 1-16 Kerry

This was a really inspiring victory against a strong Kerry side. Ryan O'Donoghue scored 0-9 (including a two-pointer). We dominated the final quarter with excellent performances across the field.

Round 6– Derry 16.03.2025

Venue: Celtic Park, Derry

Score: Derry 1-17 – 2-19 Mayo

Round 6 was probably our best attacking display of the year. Goals from Jordan Flynn and Frank Irwin sealed the win. The highlight being the goal after the buzzer on half time. Excellent work from Ryan to overturn the ball in the middle of the field and move at pace created a superb goal which put us in the driving seat. Mattie Ruane kicked 5 points in a very solid team performance.

Round 7– Donegal 23.03.2025

Venue: MacHale Park, Castlebar

Score: Mayo 1-18 – 1-16 Donegal

A hard-fought win. Secured a place in the league final. Aidan O'Shea and O'Donoghue influential late on.

Final – Kerry

Date: 30 March 2025

Venue: Croke Park, Dublin

Score: Kerry 1-18 – 1-12 Mayo

While qualifying for a League Final was an added bonus to the competition we were second best in the decider and never got going. Ryan O'Donoghue scored 0-5; Eoghan McLaughlin netted Mayo's goal. Kerry's David Clifford (0-8) was named man of the match.

Overall we finished the Division 1 campaign with 4 wins, 1 draw, and 2 losses, qualifying for the final but losing to Kerry. The campaign showed flashes of attacking promise but inconsistency in defence and adaptation to new GAA rules created challenges ahead for the championship.

Top performers included Ryan O'Donoghue (consistent scorer, especially from frees and two-pointers), Jordan Flynn, Frank Irwin, and Fergal Boland.

## Championship:

### Mayo 2-20 Sligo 2-17 — Connacht Championship Quarter-Final, Castlebar

Mayo booked their place in the Connacht semi-finals, but they were made to work hard for it against a spirited Sligo side in Castlebar.

Sligo started the better of the two, with David Quinn opening the scoring after three minutes, but Mayo quickly hit back through Davitt Neary. The visitors looked sharp early on, and captain Niall Murphy edged them back in front before Mayo struck for their first goal - Colm Reape's quick kickout set Neary away, who combined nicely with Darren McHale to tee up Ryan O'Donoghue for a tidy finish.

That goal gave Mayo the momentum they needed, and they tagged on three more points - Aidan O'Shea among the scorers - to move five clear midway through the first half. Sligo rallied before the break, with Alan McLoughlin and Niall Murphy reducing the gap, but Mayo still led 1-8 to 0-8 at half time.

Mayo made the perfect start to the second half when Aidan O'Shea found the net after good build-up play from David McBrien and Jack Carney. Debutant Dylan Thornton then fisted over a point to push the lead to seven.

Sligo refused to go away, and Luke Towey punched home from a Pat Spillane pass to keep them in touch. Mayo looked to be cruising again when O'Donoghue and substitute Fergal Boland added points, but Sligo hit back with another lifeline — Cian Lally firing a goal to cut the margin to just seven with time still on the clock.

Kevin McStay's side steadied things again with three unanswered scores, including efforts from O'Donoghue and Conal Dawson. Sligo kept battling, though, and finished strong - Oisín Flynn pointed, and McLoughlin and Murphy both landed two-pointers to make for a tense finish. But time ran out for the Yeats County, and Mayo held on to seal a hard-earned win and a semi-final meeting with Leitrim.

### Mayo Team and Scorers

Cormac Reape; Jack Coyne, Donnacha McHugh, Enda Hession (0-1); Sam Callinan, David McBrien, Stephen Coen (c); Jack Carney (0-2), Matthew Ruane (0-1); Davitt Neary (0-1), Darren McHale (0-4), Fenton Kelly; Aidan O'Shea (1-3), Dylan Thornton (0-1), Ryan O'Donoghue (1-4, 4f).

**Subs:** Diarmuid O'Connor for Ruane (43), Fergal Boland (0-2) for Kelly (54), Niall Coggins for Neary (60), Sean Morahan for McHugh (61), Conal Dawson (0-1) for Hession (66), Paul Towey for Thornton (71).

## Connacht Semi Final: Leitrim 0-13-20 Mayo

Avant Money Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada

After an evenly contested first half in Carrick-on-Shannon, Mayo eventually pulled clear of a determined Leitrim side to record a comfortable, if unspectacular, win and secure their place in the Connacht final.

Mayo made the brighter start, with Mathew Ruane opening the scoring in the second minute. Leitrim soon settled and drew level through Darren Cox before Barry McNulty edged them ahead with a two-point free. Ryan O'Donoghue and Aidan O'Shea responded with frees for Mayo, but McNulty's accuracy from placed balls kept the home side in touch.

Points from Darren McHale and Jack Carney briefly put Mayo ahead, only for McNulty to again draw Leitrim level from a free. Late first-half scores from goalkeeper Colm Reape (45) and O'Donoghue helped Mayo to a narrow 0-08 to 0-07 advantage at the break, with Cox adding a fine point for Leitrim just before the whistle.

Leitrim continued to compete strongly after the restart, matching Mayo score for score in the opening ten minutes. O'Donoghue and Jordan Flynn pointed for the visitors, while McNulty, Riordan O'Rourke (free), and Tom Prior kept Leitrim in touch.

However, by the midway point of the second half, we finally found another gear. Five unanswered points from O'Donoghue (2), Stephen Coen, Paul Towey, and Jack Carney gave the visitors clear breathing space and effectively decided the contest.

Leitrim's effort faded in the closing stages, and although McNulty and Prior added late scores, Ryan O'Donoghue brought his personal tally to nine points, with Paul Towey and Jordan Flynn also on target, as we ran out as winners and advanced to the provincial final.

Mayo: Colm Reape (0-01, 45); Jack Coyne, Donnacha McHugh, Enda Hession; Sam Callinan, David McBrien, Stephen Coen (0-01); Jack Carney (0-02), Mathew Ruane (0-01); Davitt Neary, Darren McHale (0-01), Jordan Flynn (0-02); Aidan O'Shea (0-01, 1f), Dylan Thornton, Ryan O'Donoghue (0-09, 5f).

Subs: Diarmuid O'Connor, Niall Coggins, Eoghan McLoughlin for Callinan, Neary, Ruane (HT); Paul Towey (0-02) for McHale (52); Shairoze Akram for Coggins (70).

Referee: Niall Cullen (Fermanagh):

### Connacht Final: Galway 1-17 Mayo 1-15

On a wild, blustery afternoon in Castlebar, Galway showed real resilience and composure to edge us out and claim a fourth successive Connacht title their first such run since the 1960s.

A real game of two halves we were 8 down at the break and facing a huge battle not to receive a second heavy defeat of the season by our neighbours.

When Rory Brickenden received a black card in the 62nd minute, Galway seized the moment. Finnerty converted the resulting free to nudge his side back in front before Paul Conroy added a fine score to put daylight between the sides.

We pressed hard for an equaliser, with Enda Hession forcing a superb save from Connor Gleeson and Colm Reape pointing the ensuing 45 to leave just one between them. McHugh, however, produced a vital block to deny Paul Towey, and Galway broke quickly for Liam Ó Conghaile to clip over the insurance point

Mayo had one last chance, but Mathew Ruane's late effort drifted wide, confirming Galway's victory and retention of the Nestor Cup after a gripping contest.

We began positively despite playing into a fierce wind. Ryan O'Donoghue landed two early frees, and Paul Conroy replied with a two-pointer for Galway. The home side struck for goal in the seventh minute when Davitt Neary set up Darren McHale, who finished confidently to the net.

At that stage, Mayo led 1-2 to 0-2, and looked to have weathered the early pressure. But Galway gradually settled, with Conroy and Cillian McDaid leading the response. Conroy struck a pair of fine two-pointers, while scores from Matthew Thompson, McDaid, captain Seán Kelly, and Rob Finnerty saw Galway edge ahead.

A crucial moment arrived when Johnny McGrath was fouled in the square and referee Paddy Neilan awarded a penalty. Matthew Tierney converted coolly, pushing Galway into a commanding 1-11 to 1-3 half-time lead.

We came out with renewed intent after the break, driven by O'Donoghue, Ruane, and McHale. With the wind at our backs, we quickly cut into the deficit, and by the 46th minute McHale's point had them within one, 1-12 to 1-11, in front of over 27,000 spectators.

Finnerty replied for Galway, but Davitt Neary's point and a two-point free from O'Donoghue which Gleeson managed to tip over brought parity once more.

Galway were under sustained pressure, yet McDaid rose to the challenge, combining with Thompson before firing over. O'Donoghue levelled again, but Brickenden's black card proved costly as Galway took control in the closing minutes.

Finnerty's free and Conroy's superb point steadied the visitors, before Ó Conghaile's late strike sealed a memorable win. Mayo fought until the end but were left to rue missed opportunities, particularly in the final moments.

### Scorers

**Galway:** Paul Conroy 0-7 (2 × two-pointers, 1 × two-point free); Rob Finnerty 0-4 (3 frees); Matthew Tierney 1-1 (penalty); Cillian McDaid 0-2; Seán Kelly, Matthew Thompson, Liam Ó Conghaile 0-1 each.

**Mayo:** Ryan O'Donoghue 0-9 (1 × two-pointer, 6 frees); Darren McHale 1-2; Mattie Ruane 0-2 (two-pointers); Davitt Neary, Colm Reape (45) 0-1 each.

**Mayo:** Colm Reape; Rory Brickenden, Jack Coyne, Donnacha McHugh; David McBrien, Enda Hession, Stephen Coen; Mattie Ruane, Jordan Flynn; Diarmuid O'Connor, Ryan O'Donoghue; Jack Carney; Darren McHale, Aidan O'Shea, Davitt Neary.

**Subs:** Sam Callinan for McBrien (9), Paul Towey for O'Connor (HT), Fergal Boland for Neary (61), Fenton Kelly for McHale (66)

### All-Ireland Championship Group Stage (Group 1)

Round 1: 18.05.2025

#### Mayo 1-14 Cavan 1-17

Hastings Insurance MacHale Park.

This was a game in which we were fancied to come out victorious, with plenty to spare and in a strong position in the group. However, it couldn't have been further from reality. In truth we were comprehensively beaten, wounded and in huge danger of finishing bottom of the group. Cavan thoroughly deserved their win, their first victory against us in championship since 1948.

Even without injured some key men, Cavan played to their strengths and were cruising to a comfortable win when they led by eight points after 70 minutes.

A late burst from Mayo saw them shoot 1-02 in added time to narrow the margin of defeat, but they were very much second best on the day.

Cavan had started the better and led by two points at the end of the first quarter. They could have been further ahead were it not for some wayward shooting.

An unimpressive Mayo eventually opened their account on 18 minutes from a Ryan O'Donoghue free, and further scores arrived from O'Donoghue (2-point free), Stephen Coen (2) and Matthew Ruane to give them a cushion at the break.

That advantage was wiped out just two minutes after the restart when Gerard Smith goaled for Cavan and, buoyed by this score, points followed from the outstanding Cormac O'Reilly and Padraic Faulkner to give the visitors the initiative.

Mayo did respond with a couple of scores from Ryan O'Donoghue (free) and Dylan Thornton to draw level, but the momentum remained with Cavan as their more direct and free-flowing style of football continued to pose problems for the home defence.

Two superb points from Cian Madden and one from Oisín Kiernan restored Cavan's cushion after 47 minutes, but we stayed in contention thanks to two scores in quick succession from Stephen Coen, who finished the game with four points from his station in defence.

It was at this stage though that a relentless Cavan upped the ante and delivered the decisive match-winning burst, outscoring Mayo by 0-08 to 0-01 during a 20-minute blitz. Cavan sensed their opportunity and a two-point score from Oisín Kiernan proved the spark that lit the flame.

Cormac O'Reilly, Dara McVeety, Cian O'Reilly, Brian O'Connell and Cian Madden also raised white flags as Cavan cut loose all over the field and raced into a 1-17 to 0-12 lead.

On came Paddy Durcan for his first minutes since last year's group game against Cavan in an effort to kickstart a revival, but as a team we were unable to put the leaders under any significant pressure.

Points from substitute Fergal Boland and Ryan O'Donoghue (free) came too late to effect the final outcome, and the same could be said of Aidan O'Shea's goal which arrived deep in additional time.

**Mayo:** C Reape; J Coyne, D McHugh, S Callinan; S Coen (0-04), D McBrien, E Hession; D Thornton (0-01), M Ruane (0-02); D Neary, J Carney, J Flynn; A O'Shea (1-00), D McHale (0-01), R O'Donoghue (0-05, 2fs, 1tpf).

Subs: F Kelly for Carney (55); P Towey for Neary (58); P Durcan for Hession (59); F Boland (0-01) for Flynn (58); F Irwin for McHale (70).

Referee: P Faloon (Down)

## **Round 2: Tyrone 1-13 2-17 Mayo** Healy Park, Omagh

This was brilliant and without doubt the highlight of the season for us. We didn't travel in huge numbers and considering the defeat in Round 1, the late throw in time and the long journey that was to be expected but those who were there were served up a wonderful treat of football.

Following the Cavan game Kevin McStay took ill and it was Stephen Rochford who led the men into the white heat of Healy Park.

Darren McHale's goal on the stroke of half-time, and a second from the penalty spot, netted by Ryan O'Donoghue, kept this game balanced in Mayo's favour, and the passion and grit that was sadly lacking previously kept an increasingly desperate home side at bay.

Even when Darragh Canavan fired home a 45th minute goal to help Tyrone trim the deficit back to one going into the final 15 minutes, we never flinched and pressed on for a convincing win.

Mayo, playing into the wind, carried all the drive and energy as they ran at a flat and disjointed home side right from the off, moving into a 0-4 to 0-1 lead by the 15th minute.

Pressing hard on Niall Morgan's kick-out, they had no shortage of joy in dominating possession around the middle through Mattie Ruane, Paddy Durcan and David McBrien, and with Bob Tuohy and Conal Dawson adding dash to complement the physical presence of Aidan O'Shea, we looked a totally different animal to that which crashed to home defeat at the hands of Cavan.

Dawson and Rory Brickenden were on target early on, before Ryan O'Donoghue knocked over a couple of points.

The Red Hands struggled for momentum, going 15 minutes without a score before Ben McDonnell pulled one back, but we responded with five on the spin to open out a seven points gap.

Durcan, O'Donoghue, Tuohy, and Brickenden with his second, kept the score-board ticking to the delight of the band of travelling supporters.

Tuohy sent in a dropping ball which goalkeeper Niall Morgan fumbled, and Darren McHale nipped in to gather and slot the ball to the net for a massive boost and a 1-9 to 0-4 interval lead.

O'Donoghue came agonisingly close to adding a second goal soon after the restart when he raced through to collect O'Shea's assist and send his shot crashing against an upright.

Following the first round our need was greater, and it showed. The impact of the bench proved decisive, and Davitt Neary in particular answered the call in noble fashion, running hard at a nervous Tyrone defence to win frees that O'Donoghue clipped between the posts.

And it was Neary who won the penalty that O'Donoghue netted on 63 minutes to restore the seven points cushion.

Tyrone were unable to muster another big response, although Morgan did raise another orange flag, but the green and red had more in the tank, Aidan O'Shea capping an influential display with a point, and corner back Jack Coyne also on target.

**Mayo:** C Reape (0-01, '45); J Coyne, R Brickenden (0-02), S Morahan; S Coen, D McBrien, E Hession; P Durcan (0-03), M Ruane (0-01); J Carney (0-01), D McHale (1-00), B Tuohy (0-01); A O'Shea (0-01), C Dawson (0-01), R O'Donoghue (1-06, 1-0 pen, 0-5f).

**Subs:** J Flynn for Tuohy (51) D Neary for McHale (51), F Kelly for Dawson (54), F Boland for Ruane (63), S Callanan for Durcan (67)

**Referee:** D Coldrick (Meath).

**Round 3:** 15.06.2025

**Donegal 0-19 1-15 Mayo** King & Moffat Dr Hyde Park

Seven seconds. That's how close we were to getting out of the group but ultimately it was an agonizing defeat after a wonderful game of football.

It culminated in Fergal Boland sending over a majestic equaliser on 69:53 that seemed to extend our season, followed by a Ciarán Moore score after the hooter that meant Cavan will take our place in the preliminary Quarter Final. The damage was done in Castlebar-simple as that.

With no one side dominating the knockout battle and plenty of turnovers in a game where Paul Faloan allowed the two sides to let their physicality flourish, Donegal's ability to hold the ball for longer spells and engineer clear striking opportunities from 30 metres out was all important.

No single aspect of play could be pointed to as the key ingredient in Mayo's resurgence after half-time, simply big individual plays that made an impact. Jack Coyne came up with some big turnovers, David McBrien's battle with Michael Murphy rocked the stadium with neither man taking a backward step, and two excellent points from Conal Dawson put the tie right back into the melting pot.

It was a misplaced pass from Murphy, intercepted by Darren McHale and worked upfield for McBrien to squeeze the ball into the net off the goalpost that gave Mayo their only lead of the second half at 1-12 to 0-13, but it was short lived.

Dáire Ó Baoill sent a majestic kick over from the terrace side to level the game with a double, and with Mayo chasing the game, gaps opened up for Murphy and Shane O'Donnell to make it 0-4 without reply.

Not a single soul left the ground as heart-stopping moments started to flow with regularity.

Jack Coyne and Colm Reape combined to prevent Patrick McBrearty scoring what looked like a tap in, Shaun Patton made a stunning double save to deny Jack Carney and Paul Towey, and then with time winding down we were desperate for an equaliser,

Fergal Boland made his brief cameo role count with a sensational strike off the outside of the right boot to level the game, a remarkable impact with his one kick.

Rarely has sporting joy been so fleeting, as Shaun Patton's kickout found Ciarán Moore on the left wing.

If the St Eunan's man had just booted the ball over the sideline, Donegal would have finished in second place in the group. His decision to plough up the field and kick a point made no change to that eventuality, but it meant everything to us as that point kicked us out of football for 2025.

**Mayo:** Colm Reape; Jack Coyne, Donnacha McHugh (0-01), Enda Hession; Paddy Durcan, David McBrien (1-00), Rory Brickenden; Stephen Coen, Matthew Ruane; Conal Dawson (0-02), Darren McHale (0-03), Bob Tuohy; Jack Carney (0-01), Aidan O'Shea, Ryan O'Donoghue (0-06, 0-05 frees).

**Subs:** Jordan Flynn (0-01) for Tuohy (23), Davitt Neary for McHugh (42), Seán Morahan for Hession (52), Paul Toweey for Neary (55), Fergal Boland (0-01) for Coen (67).

**Referee:** Paul Faloon (Down)

**Senior Management:** Following the end of the season the difficult decision to part company with the Senior Football Management was taken. Kevin McStay and his backroom team had worked tirelessly for the team and for Mayo GAA over the course of the three years. Unfortunately the feeling within many stakeholders was that a new voice was required. The decision reached was not an easy one to make but ultimately we must all move on and look towards the future. A large body of work went into the recruitment process of the new manager. This was broadly outlined to delegates at a Coiste Chondae Meeting. The Management Appointment Committee (MAC) met on numerous times and following the process Andy Moran was recommended for ratification at the following Coiste Chondae Meeting. He will be supported by Colm Boyle and Paddy Tally. We wish them success over the coming years.

#### **All Star Nominations:**

A sincere word of congratulations to Jack Coyne (Ballyhaunis) on being shortlisted for the All Star Awards. Jack's nomination is richly deserved a reflection not only of his outstanding talent, but of his honesty, consistency, and the pride with which he represents Mayo every time he pulls on the jersey.

Jack's commitment to his craft, his resilience, and his leadership within the group have been evident all season. He gives everything to the cause, and this recognition is something the whole county can take pride in. Well done, Jack and thank you for the example you continue to set.

**U20 Football:**

The 2nd and final year of Peadar Gardiner's tenure as Mayo U20 boss brought an end to the seven year for a Connacht title at this age grade. The Connacht campaign began with a five-point win against Roscommon in Castlebar. Seven days later the U20s travelled to Tuam Stadium where they battled hard and came from behind late on against Galway and snatched victory late on a huge two pointer from Darragh Beirne

The third round against Leitrim in MacHale Park brought about a big win and set the group up well travelling to Markievicz Park for round 5 of the round robin stages, knowing a victory there would send the group straight to the Connacht final. Another big score was put up against Sligo which sent Mayo back to Tuam Stadium, this time taking on Roscommon in the Connacht final.

It was a rollercoaster of a game with Mayo having a nine-point lead after 20 minutes but this was reduced to just two points at half time. The 2nd half ebbed and flowed with Mayo missing a number of goal chances to kill the game off, and Roscommon then tied the game up with 10 minutes to go but the boys in green and red finished strongly, and our captain John McMonagle created history in becoming the first Mayo captain to lift a Connacht title under the new rules.

The year ended disappointingly with defeat in the All-Ireland semi-final against Louth in Longford on an evening when things just didn't get going fully. With that Peadar Gardiner decided not to seek a further term as manager of the group. We would like to thank Peadar and his backroom team for the work and effort they put into the group during their two-year tenure, and we wish our new manager Keith Higgins and his management team the very best for the season ahead

Thank you to Shane Quinn for his excellent work as Liaison Officer (LO) with this group.

**U17 Football:**

A change in Management saw Joint Managers Tom Reilly and David Heaney take the helm of developing this group of players. They sailed through the Connacht Championship in impressive fashion and added to this in the All-Ireland Quarter Final vs Cork. Ultimately, we were well short against a well-oiled Armagh machine who had their homework done. Thank you to B. O'Malley for his role as LO for the year.

**Mayo Hurling Review – 2025**

The 2025 season proved to be another year of steady progress and commitment for Mayo hurling, with encouraging performances across our county and continued efforts to strengthen participation, coaching, and competition at all levels.

While there remains much work to be done, the dedication of our players, mentors, and clubs ensures that the game continues to grow in both stature and quality within the county.

At inter-county level, Mayo competed with distinction in the Nickey Rachard Cup, demonstrating significant improvement and resilience under the guidance of the management team. Performances were marked by strong defensive organisation and a more consistent attacking threat. The spirit and discipline shown by the panel throughout the campaign were commendable. Progress was also evident in the National Hurling League, where several younger players were successfully introduced to senior inter-county competition — an important development for the long-term health of Mayo hurling.

At underage level, the ongoing work of the Hurling Games Development Officers, coaches, and schools continues to bear fruit. The commitment to nurturing young players through regional academies, school initiatives, and club programmes has strengthened the player pathway.

The 2025 club hurling season was competitive and well-contested, with excellent commitment shown by players and officials across all participating clubs. The senior championship produced several high-quality games, with skill and determination evident throughout.

A special word of recognition must go to Tooreen, who once again represented Mayo with distinction on the Connacht and All-Ireland club stages. Their performances continue to inspire younger players and underline the depth of hurling knowledge and passion that exists within the county.

The continued support from Connacht GAA and Croke Park for hurling development in Mayo has been invaluable. Investment in coaching, facilities, and structured competition remains central to progress. The dedication of the County Hurling Board, under the guidance of Sean O Raghallaigh, deserves particular mention for his tireless work in promoting and organising the game in challenging circumstances.

Finally, sincere thanks are extended to all players, mentors, referees, and club volunteers who give their time and energy to hurling in Mayo. Their enthusiasm and commitment sustain the game and provide inspiration for future generations. Every sliotar struck, every training session completed, and every child introduced to hurling brings us closer to achieving our shared goals.

As we look ahead to 2026, there is a renewed sense of optimism. With continued unity, investment in underage development, and the passion that defines Mayo hurling, the foundations are strong for further progress in the years to come.

### **County Competitions:**

Our Club Championship games started in earnest in August. The CCC gave clear decisions on the calendar at the start of the year, and these worked very well.

The 2025 club championship season will be remembered as one of exceptional quality, spirit, and competitiveness across all grades. From the opening round games in late summer through to the county finals, the standard of football throughout Mayo was outstanding, with each competition producing memorable encounters and worthy champions.

The implementation of the new championship structures and playing rules continued to enhance the overall quality of play, promoting faster, more open football while ensuring greater balance and fairness across all divisions. The adaptability shown by clubs and management teams in embracing these changes deserves recognition and praise.

### **Senior Football Championship**

The Senior Championship once again showcased the very best of Mayo club football. Games were fiercely contested, with high levels of skill, fitness, and tactical awareness on display. The quarter-finals and semi-finals provided gripping entertainment, as some of the county's most experienced sides were pushed to their limits by emerging contenders.

In the end, the final produced a fitting conclusion to an excellent campaign. Ballina displayed consistency, composure, and quality throughout, and their success was built on a strong panel, excellent preparation, and a deep understanding of the modern game. Credit must also go to the Westport, who contributed enormously to a thrilling championship and demonstrated great character and sportsmanship.

### **Intermediate Football Championship**

The Intermediate Championship maintained its reputation as one of the most competitive and unpredictable competitions in the county. Many games were decided by the smallest of margins, reflecting the evenly matched nature of the teams involved.

Several clubs demonstrated real progress, with improved standards of preparation and tactical sophistication evident throughout. Kilmeena, the eventual champions were deserving winners, having displayed attacking flair and resilience throughout the campaign. Their promotion to senior ranks is richly merited, and they will no doubt be fine ambassadors for the grade in 2026. Commiserations to Moy Davitts-they played their part in a wonderful final and were unlucky to lose out.,

## Junior Football Championship

The Junior Championship once again captured the spirit and passion of grassroots GAA in Mayo. Clubs from every corner of the county brought pride and determination to their performances, often blending youthful exuberance with experienced leadership.

The final stages of the competition produced high-quality football, with the eventual champions showing remarkable consistency and teamwork. The dedication of players, mentors, and supporters at junior level continues to sustain the heart of Gaelic games in the county, ensuring the GAA's reach and vitality remain strong at community level.

Congratulations to Kiltimagh who beat Eastern Gaels in the A Final and Killala who beat Kilmovee in the B Final.

## Appreciation

The smooth and successful running of the championships is due in no small part to the Competitions Control Committee (CCC), under the capable leadership of Vice Chairperson Michael Diskin, whose attention to detail, fairness, and professionalism ensured that fixtures were delivered efficiently and in line with regulations. The notification of the first two rounds of the championship with 5 month's notice allowed clubs the opportunity to plan accordingly.

Sincere thanks are also extended to our referees, match officials, grounds staff, stewards, and club volunteers who gave so generously of their time throughout the season. Their work — often unseen — ensures that every championship fixture is run to the highest standards.

Finally, heartfelt appreciation is extended to the players, management teams, and supporters who continue to uphold the proud traditions of Mayo GAA. The commitment, passion, and respect shown throughout the 2025 season were exemplary, and they reflect the enduring strength of our club game.

As we look forward to the 2026 championships, there is every reason for optimism. With the structures now firmly in place, the depth of talent across all grades, and the ongoing support of our clubs and volunteers, Mayo GAA's club scene remains among the strongest and most vibrant in the country.

COISTE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO COMHTHIONÓL 2026

Competition	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score	Venue	Referee
Connacht Gold SFC (Replay)	Ballina Stephenites	2-13	Westport	1-15	MacHale Park	K. Connelly
Connacht Gold SFC	Ballina Stephenites	1:15	Westport	0:18	MacHale Park	P. Lydon
Egan Jewellers IFC (R)	Kilmeena	0:23	Moy Davitts	1:19	MacHale Park	J. Glavey
Treanlaur Catering JFC (R)	Kiltimagh	1:17	Eastern Gaels	0-07	MacHale Park	J. Walker
Treanlaur Catering EX JFC B	Killala	2:12	Kilmovee Shamrocks	1:09	MacHale Park	J. Hoban
Abbvie League Div 1 (AET)	Breaffy	2:23	Crossmolina	2:22	MacHale Park	R. Gurren
Abbvie League Div 2	Ballaghderreen	2:25	Aghamore	0-20	MacHale Park	S. Corcoran
Abbvie League Div 3	Ardagh	1-13	Aghamore B	0-12	MacHale Park	W. Doherty
Abbvie League Div 4	Mayo Gaels B	3-26	Ballinrobe B	4:11	MacHale Park	P. Chambers
Primary JFC A	Knockmore B	3-18	Westport B	2-15	MacHale Park	B. McDonnell
Primary JFC B	Ballaghderreen B	4-11	Davitts B	0-9	MacHale Park	K. Corcoran
Primary JFC C	Swinford B	2-15	Kiltane B	3-08	MacHale Park	C. McCarthy
McHale Agri & Forest U21A	Claremorris	1-15	Westport	1-14	MacHale Park	E Nolan
McHale Agri & Forest U21B	TBP		St Jarlaths		Ballinrobe	
McHale Agri & Forest U21C	TBP		Lahardane		The Neale	
Homeland MFC A	Crossmolina	2-17	Westport St Patricks	2-14	MacHale Park	K. Connelly
Homeland MFC B	Ballagh Kilmovee	2-09	Ballina	1-11	MacHale Park	E. Nolan
Homeland MFC C	Ballinrobe	1-12	Swinford	1-9	MacHale Park	S. Tolan
Homeland MFC D	Balla	3-20	Gaeil na Daibhéidí	2-12	MacHale Park	G McMahon
Homeland MFC E	Moy Davitts	2-11	Swinford	2-07	MacHale Park	D. Leonard
Homeland MFC F	Kilmeena	4:08	Kiltimagh	1:12	MacHale Park	M Tuffy
Homeland MFL Div 1	Westport St Patricks	1-15	Crossmolina	1-14	Parke	P. Lydon
Homeland MFL Div 2	Ardnaree	4-11	Carras	2-10	Charlestown	M. McGahon
Homeland MFL Div 3	Knockmore	6-11	TME	3-14	Breaffy	K. Barnicle
Homeland MFL Div 4	Ballintubber	3-15	Moy Davitts	2-15	Balla	E. Nolan
Homeland MFL Div 5	Kiltimagh	2-12	Erris St Pats	1-11	Bonniconlon	V. Neary
Comortas Sinsir	Beal an Mhuirthead	2-16	Kiltane	2-14	Tallagh	J Walker

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Comortas Soisir	Cill Chomáin	2-10	Tuar Mhic Eadaigh	0-4	Bangor	R Cosgrove
East Mayo						
Centenary Cup	Moy Davitts	3-15	Aghamore	1-09	COE	D. Corcoran
East Mayo Junior	Ballagh	1-13	Aghamore	0-15	COE	B. McDonnell
Canon Henry Cup	Kiltimagh	2:10	Swinford	0:13	COE	J. Glavey
West Mayo						
Kelly Cup	Breaffy	2-20	Acla	0-6	Breaffy	E. Nolan
West Mayo Junior B	Balla B	2-13	Parke Keellogues Crimlin B	1-9	Kilmeena	P. Chambers
Cusack Cup	Westport B	0:24	CLG Acla	2:23	Westport	W. Doherty
South Mayo						
O Mara Cup	Mayo Gaels	2-16	Claremorris	0-11	Claremorris	J. Regan
South Mayo JFC A	Claremorris B		Mayo Gaels B		Garrymore	M. Tuffy
South Mayo JFC B	Hollymount Carramore B	1-18	Davitts B	0-17	Kilmaine	J Brennan
North Mayo						
Sweeney Cup Senior	Belmullet	1-21	Knockmore	1-08	Crossmolina	D. O Boyle
Sweeney Cup Intermediate	Kiltane	2:25	Cill Chomáin	0:09		M. Herr
North Mayo Junior A	Northern Gaels	3-11	Knockmore B	1:11	Crossmolina	-S. Tolan
North Mayo Junior B	Knockmore C	2-12	Belmullet B	1-11	Crossmolina	B. Holmes
North Mayo Winter League A	Knockmore B	1-13	Bonniconlon	1-10	Moygownagh	J. Walker
North Mayo Winter League B	Bonniconlon B	0-12	Killala B	0-11	Ardnaree	V. Thomas



**Intermediate Success:** Crossmolina claimed the All-Ireland Intermediate Club Football Championship title with a stirring performance that showcased the club's trademark spirit and skill. After a strong campaign through Connacht, they capped it off with a composed and determined display at Croke Park, overcoming their Ballinderry on a scoreline of 1:12 to 0:13. Conor Loftus proved the difference and his penalty late on the difference between the two sides. The victory marked a proud day for the Deel Rovers, restoring the club to the national stage and reaffirming Crossmolina's proud footballing tradition.

#### Gate People:

A particular word of gratitude is reserved for the Gate Team of Mayo GAA, led by Sinéad McLoughlin, whose dedication, professionalism, and courtesy at venues across the county ensure that every matchday runs efficiently and safely. Their reliability and attention to detail are vital to the administration of our games and are deeply appreciated by the County Board.

#### Stewards:

Likewise, special thanks and recognition are extended to Gerry Bourke, Chief Steward, and his team of stewards, whose hard work, organisation, and commitment are essential to the safe and successful management of fixtures. Their calm presence, efficiency, and willingness to serve—often in challenging weather and busy venues effect the best traditions of volunteerism in Mayo GAA.

**Event Controller:**

I would like to acknowledge the work of James Rocke in this area. His balanced approach and attention to detail ensures that all facets of match day are positive for our patrons.

Safety and Facilities: In addition, sincere appreciation is extended to Frank Flynn, Safety and Facilities Officer, for his invaluable work throughout the year. His attention to health, safety, and venue standards, coupled with his dedication to maintaining and improving facilities across the county, has ensured that our grounds continue to meet the highest standards of comfort and safety for players, officials, and supporters alike. Frank and Gerry Bourke also head up the committee in processing grant applications that go to Connacht and they do so in a very fair, balanced and thorough manner.

**Office & Support Staff:**

A very special word of thanks goes to our administrator, Michael Cummins, for his leadership, organisation, and continued dedication. Michael's professionalism and steady guidance ensure that our operations stay efficient and that everyone has the support they need to do their best work. Michael continues to support not only myself but all stakeholders within the organisation.

I also want to acknowledge Kevin Fitzmaurice, whose commitment, reliability, and attention to detail make such a difference every day. Kevin's willingness to go the extra mile and his positive attitude contribute enormously to the effectiveness of our team and the welcoming atmosphere in the office.

In addition, we extend our sincere thanks to Keith Deasy, who provides valuable assistance and support in the office. Keith's flexibility, helpful nature, and readiness to lend a hand whenever needed are greatly appreciated by all.

Together, Michael, Kevin, and Keith exemplify teamwork, dedication, and professionalism. Their hard work behind the scenes often goes unseen, but it is absolutely vital to our success. We are genuinely grateful for all that they do — for their time, energy, and the pride they take in their work.

Thank you once again for your continued efforts and for the positive impact you make every day it is greatly appreciated.

## Respect | Discipline

I'd like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to Brendan Byrne, Chairperson of the Hearings, Craig Middleton, Secretary, and all members of the Hearings Committee and the CCC for the tremendous work you've carried out throughout the year.

The hearings and disciplinary processes are never easy, they require patience, integrity, and a strong sense of fairness. Each of you has approached these responsibilities with professionalism, compassion, and a genuine commitment to upholding the standards and values we all share.

Your efforts often take place quietly, behind the scenes, but they play a vital role in maintaining the trust and respect that underpin everything we do. The time, thought, and care you dedicate to each matter make a real difference, and we're deeply appreciative of the balance you bring between firmness and understanding.

Thank you again, Brendan, Craig, and all CCC members, for your integrity, dedication, and the countless hours you give to ensure that our processes are fair, respectful, and consistent. Your contribution is invaluable, and it's truly appreciated by everyone involved.

### Officers:

On behalf of Mayo GAA, I wish to formally acknowledge and extend our deepest appreciation to the officers of all subcommittees for their exemplary service throughout the year.

The time, commitment, and professionalism you bring to your respective roles are central to the effective administration and ongoing development of Gaelic games within the county. Your dedication ensures that the structures of Mayo GAA continue to operate with efficiency, integrity, and ambition.

We recognise the considerable voluntary effort involved in fulfilling these responsibilities and express our sincere gratitude for your unwavering support and contribution to the progress of our organisation.

Your work reflects the true spirit of community and service that lies at the heart of the GAA

Míle buíochas daoibh go léir.

**Coiste Bainistíocht:** I wish to place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the Coiste Bainistíochta for their outstanding leadership, guidance, and commitment over the past year.

The work of the Management Committee is central to the effective governance and strategic direction of Mayo GAA. Your dedication, sound judgement, and collective vision have been instrumental in ensuring that the Association continues to operate to the highest standards of accountability and excellence. While there is often heated debate and differences of opinion it is evident that each member has Mayo GAA at the core of decisions.

I am deeply grateful for the considerable time and effort you have devoted to overseeing the affairs of the County Board and for the steady leadership you provide across all areas of activity.

Your contribution embodies the values of integrity, service, and unity that define our Association.

*Míle buíochas daoibh go léir as bhur gcuid oibre agus dílseachta.*

#### **Coaches:**

Sincere thanks to all our academy coaches for their dedication, expertise, and commitment in nurturing the next generation of Mayo footballers and hurlers. Your work at underage level is vital to the long-term success and sustainability of our county teams, and the professionalism and enthusiasm you bring to the role are greatly appreciated.

A particular word of thanks is due to our Coaching Officer, Seamus Smyth, who has undertaken this role for the first time this year. Under his leadership, the coaching structures have continued to strengthen, with renewed focus on player development, coach education, and alignment across all age grades.

We commend Seamus for the energy, organisation, and vision he has brought to the position and express our gratitude to him and his team for their ongoing commitment to developing the future of Mayo GAA.

**Support Teams:**

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the support staff of all our intercounty teams, at both adult and academy level, for their professionalism, dedication, and tireless commitment throughout the year.

Behind every team stands a group of highly skilled and devoted individuals-selectors, medical personnel, strength and conditioning coaches, analysts, logistics coordinators, and administrators -whose collective efforts ensure that our players are given the very best opportunity to perform to their potential.

Your contribution, often carried out quietly and without fanfare, is vital to the preparation and success of our teams. We deeply value the time, expertise, and care you bring to your roles and acknowledge the significant personal commitment this work entails.

On behalf of Mayo GAA, thank you for your continued service and for the professionalism you bring to representing our county



**Clubs:** I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to all the clubs across the county, to their officers, and to the countless volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to sustain the lifeblood of Mayo GAA.

The clubs are the foundation upon which all our success is built. Your commitment to nurturing players, promoting our games, and upholding the values of the Association is the cornerstone of everything we achieve at county level.

To the officers, administrators, coaches, and all those who quietly contribute their time and energy — whether maintaining facilities, organising events, or supporting teams- we offer our heartfelt thanks. Your dedication ensures that Gaelic games continue to thrive in every community throughout Mayo.

Congratulations to the clubs across the county who have recently opened new facilities or completed significant developments during the year.

These achievements are a testament to the vision, determination, and community spirit that define our clubs. The provision of modern, high-quality facilities not only enhances the experience for players and members but also strengthens the role of the GAA at the heart of local life.

Such projects require enormous effort, commitment, and collaboration from fundraising and planning to voluntary labour and community support. We commend all involved for their hard work and perseverance in bringing these initiatives to fruition.

Your service reflects the very best traditions of volunteerism and community spirit within the GAA

**Liaison Officers (LO):**

I would like to thank M. Diskin (Senior Football), A. McGahon (Hurling), Shane Quinn (U20) and Brian O Malley (U17) for their work in supporting both the respective teams and the board in their role(s) as LO over the last year. This is a role which is unseen by very many but without the level of dedication shown by those above we would be in all sorts of trouble.

**Divisional Boards:**

I wish to extend our sincere thanks to all our divisional chairpersons and secretaries for their hard work, leadership, and commitment throughout the year.

The divisions play a vital role in the organisation and smooth running of our competitions, supporting clubs and ensuring strong communication between the grassroots and the County Board. The dedication and cooperation shown by each divisional committee have been instrumental in maintaining high standards across all levels of competition.

We greatly appreciate the time, effort, and expertise that our divisional officers continue to give on a

North	Michael McKenzie and Michael Herr
South	Donal Walshe and Mary Lydon
East	Mary Prenty and Stephen Monney
West	Shane Quinn and Chris McGowen

**Grounds:**

I would like to thank Phil Heneghan and the Pitch Committee for the hard work and dedication in making sure that MacHale Park is kept in pristine condition throughout the season. The clubs throughout the county have been very supportive in the allocation of games to MacHale Park. The use of venues around the county for neutral games and games at the end of the championship has brought both revenue to towns around the county and supported clubs in gate money. The venues have also been exemplary in their dedication on match day in terms of stewarding, assistance to gate people and in welcoming teams to their venue.

**Handball:**

Mayo GAA handball operated under the stewardship of Ciaran Burke and Chris Gavaghan and a report from the Committee is set out later in this booklet.

**Finance:**

2025 was a year that once again highlighted the importance of careful financial management within Mayo GAA. The work carried out across all levels coaching, facilities, administration, competitions, and county teams depends on solid financial foundations, and we are extremely fortunate to have a Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Finance Committee who approach their responsibilities with integrity, diligence, and long-term thinking.

A sincere word of thanks must go to Valerie Murphy and Sinead McLoughlin whose steady leadership and professionalism continue to guide our financial planning. Their dedication ensures that every euro is accounted for, every decision is considered, and every challenge is met with clarity and composure. Their work supported by the wider Finance Committee together with Kevin Fitzmaurice allows Mayo GAA to operate with confidence and transparency, even in times of rising costs, complex regulations, and growing demands.

Across the year, significant investment went into:

- Our county teams and their preparation
- Coaching and Games Development programmes
- MacHale Park upkeep and improvements
- Underage structures and development squads
- Club support initiatives
- Insurance, player welfare, and safeguarding compliance
- Matchday operations and competition administration
- Ongoing facility maintenance across our wider network

Each of these areas is essential to the health and growth of our Association. While costs have risen nationally from insurance and energy to travel and equipment our commitment to providing a high-quality, well-run programme for players and volunteers remained unwavering.

Our income streams including gate receipts, commercial partnerships, fundraising efforts, Cúl Camps, and contributions from clubs and supporters continue to play a vital role in sustaining the work of Mayo GAA. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of the Mayo community at home and abroad, whose support ensures that our players, from U7 to Senior, have the resources they need to develop and flourish.

The full accounts and detailed financial statements have been prepared with accuracy and transparency and will be presented for review. These figures reflect not only the operational realities of running a county organisation of this scale, but also the enormous voluntary effort that underpins every euro spent.

Looking ahead, responsible financial management will remain central to our mission. With careful planning, continued community support, and the guidance of our Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Finance Committee, Mayo GAA is well placed to build sustainably for the years ahead.

Our sincere thanks to all who contributed to the financial stability of the Association this year through sponsorship, fundraising, administration, or voluntary work. Your support ensures that Mayo GAA continues to move forward with confidence and unity.

**Communications Officer:** I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to our Communications Officer, John Walker, for the outstanding work he has carried out over the past five years in promoting and showcasing our games at both club and county level.

John's professionalism, dedication, and attention to detail have ensured that Mayo GAA has been consistently and positively represented across all media platforms. His commitment to clear communication, timely updates, and the sharing of our stories has played a central role in strengthening the connection between our teams, clubs, and supporters at home and abroad.

As John concludes his five-year term, I extend my deepest gratitude for his exceptional contribution and the lasting impact of his work. I wish his successor every success in continuing to build upon the strong foundation he has established and look forward to working with them in the years to come.

*Míle buíochas, a Sean, agus gach rath ort amach anseo.*

## Connacht Council/Central Council:

Sincere thanks to our Connacht Council delegates, Paul Cunnane and Liam Moffatt, for their outstanding service and support throughout the year.

Both men have been a tremendous source of guidance and assistance to myself and to the officers of the Board. Their experience, insight, and commitment have greatly contributed to the effective representation of Mayo GAA at provincial level and to the strengthening of our relationship with the Connacht Council.

I deeply appreciate the time and dedication Liam and Paul have given to their roles, and we acknowledge the professionalism and integrity with which they continue to serve the county.

*Míle buíochas daoibh as bhur dtacaíocht agus dílseacht leanúnach do Mhaigh Eo CLG.*

## Planning and Development Committee:

A sincere word of thanks to Michael Murphy for his excellent work in the area of Planning and Development over the past year.

Michael has given huge time and effort to supporting clubs with their projects, facilities, and long-term plans. His practical advice, steady guidance, and genuine interest in helping clubs progress have been a great help to everyone involved.

I am very grateful for his commitment and the positive impact he continues to make in driving development across Mayo GAA.



**Childrens Officer:**

A sincere thank you to Celia Rattigan, our Children’s Officer, for the outstanding work she continues to do in what is a very sensitive and often challenging area.

Celia carries out her role with great care, professionalism, and compassion-always putting the welfare and protection of our young players first. Her commitment ensures that Mayo GAA provides a safe, supportive, and positive environment for all children involved in our games.

We are very grateful for her dedication and the calm; thoughtful way she approaches such an important responsibility.

**Cultural Officer:**

A sincere thank you to Daithí Gallagher, our Cultural Officer, for the great work he has done throughout the year in promoting all aspects of our GAA culture.

Daithí has shown tremendous enthusiasm and commitment in supporting Scór and encouraging participation across the county. Through his efforts, our music, song, dance, and storytelling traditions continue to thrive, reflecting the spirit and pride of our communities.

He has also been a strong advocate for the Irish language, helping to keep our native tongue alive within our clubs and ensuring it remains an integral part of Mayo GAA life.

We greatly appreciate Daithí’s energy, creativity, and dedication in fostering the cultural heartbeat of our Association.

*Míle buíochas, a Dhaithí, agus comhghairdeas le gach duine a ghlac páirt i Scór agus i gcur chun cinn na Gaeilge i rith na bliana.*





### Health and Wellbeing:

A heartfelt thank you to Fran Downey, our Health and Wellbeing Officer, for her excellent work and commitment throughout the year.

Fran continues to promote the importance of health, wellbeing, and inclusion across all our clubs, ensuring that the GAA's values of care and community are at the forefront of everything we do. Her support for clubs in delivering the Healthy Club initiatives, wellbeing events, and awareness programmes has made a real difference throughout the county.

Her enthusiasm, compassion, and practical approach have been a huge help to officers and members alike.



### **Bord na nÓg:**

A sincere thank you to Charlie Lambert, Chairperson of Bord na nÓg, and to Brian O'Malley, Secretary BNN, for their outstanding work and leadership throughout the year.

Bord na nÓg continues to play a vital role in the development of our young players and in promoting the values of enjoyment, participation, and skill at underage level. Under Charlie and Brian's guidance, great progress has been made in ensuring our juvenile structures remain strong and well-organised.

I would also like to extend a special word of thanks to Brian for his continued support to me personally in his role as Assistant Secretary, his help, professionalism, and reliability have been greatly appreciated.

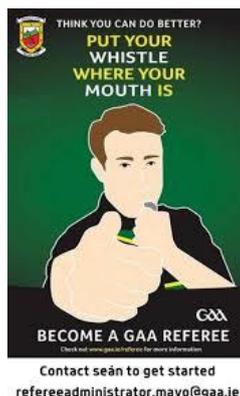
Finally, sincere thanks to all members of the Bord na nÓg committee for their time, dedication, and commitment to the future of Mayo GAA.

### **Cairde Mhaigh Eo Fundraising:**

A sincere word of thanks to Cairde Mhaigh Eo and to its Chairperson, Paul Hickey, for their continued support and commitment to Mayo GAA throughout the year.

Cairde Mhaigh Eo plays a crucial role in providing financial backing for our teams and in supporting the overall development of Gaelic games within the county. The dedication and hard work of Paul and his committee are deeply appreciated and have been instrumental in helping us meet the growing demands of our county teams and structures.

We are very grateful for their ongoing partnership, generosity, and belief in the long-term vision for Mayo GAA.



## Referees:

Our referees continue to be among the most dedicated and hardworking volunteers in Mayo GAA. Without their commitment, fairness, and resilience, no competition from underage right up to senior level could take place. Week after week, in every corner of the county, they turn up prepared, well-organised, and focused, often in challenging conditions and under considerable pressure.

This year, referees once again had to navigate new rules, heightened expectations, and a demanding schedule of fixtures. They met all of these challenges with professionalism and a genuine desire to uphold the spirit of the game. The introduction of the two-point arc and other innovations required adaptability and confidence, and our referees embraced that responsibility with credit.

A sincere thank you to our Referee Administration Chairperson Sean MacHale and his Committee for their tireless work behind the scenes. Their organisation of training sessions, fitness testing, ongoing development programmes, and appointments ensures that our referees are supported, encouraged, and given every opportunity to grow within the role.

We also acknowledge those who represented Mayo at provincial and national level. Their selection is a reflection not only of their own ability but of the strong tradition and high standards set by referees across the county.

To every referee whether you took charge of a county final or an u13 league game your contribution matters enormously. You allow young people to play, communities to gather, and our games to flourish. We are deeply grateful for your time, your integrity, and your continued service to Mayo GAA..

We greatly appreciate the time, patience, and professionalism Seán brings to the role, and the positive relationships he continues to foster with clubs and officials alike.

*Míle buíochas, a Sheáin, for your commitment and the vital contribution you make to our games.*

**Audit and Risk:**

On behalf of the board I wish to formally acknowledge the work of the Audit and Risk Committee, chaired by Joan Gilvarry, and to express my sincere appreciation for their diligence, professionalism, and commitment throughout the year.

This committee plays a crucial role in safeguarding the integrity and accountability of Mayo GAA's governance and financial operations. Under Joan's capable and steady leadership, the committee has provided valuable oversight, guidance, and assurance in ensuring that our structures and practices meet the highest standards of transparency and compliance.

We are deeply grateful to Joan and all members of the committee for their expertise, independence, and dedication to maintaining the trust and confidence of our clubs and supporters.

*Míle buíochas daoibh as bhur gcuid oibre leanúnaí ar son Mhaigh Eo CLG.*

**Club Insurance and Player Injury:**

I wish to extend our sincere thanks to Regina O'Donnell, our Insurance Officer, for her excellent work and commitment throughout the year.

Regina has managed a complex and demanding area with great care, attention to detail, and professionalism. Her support to clubs and officers in dealing with insurance matters, claims, and compliance has been invaluable, ensuring that Mayo GAA operates with clarity and confidence in this important aspect of administration.

We greatly appreciate Regina's patience, efficiency, and the steady guidance she continues to provide to all involved.

**Special Congress 2025:**

During the year, a Special Congress was convened to consider and vote on a series of important motions aimed at further developing and improving our games. These discussions and decisions represented a significant moment for the Association as we continue to adapt and evolve in response to the modern demands of Gaelic football and hurling.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all those who served on the committee that prepared and guided these proposals. Their thorough analysis, thoughtful debate, and dedication to the betterment of our games deserve great credit.

A particular word of thanks goes to our own James Horan, whose contribution to the committee was of the highest calibre. His insight, experience, and commitment to improving the quality and flow of the game were widely recognised and greatly valued.

It is already clear that the new rules introduced following Special Congress have had a very positive impact, enhancing the pace, fairness, and overall enjoyment of the game for players and supporters alike.

### **Sponsorship:**

A sincere thank you to all our sponsors whose financial support throughout the year has proved invaluable to the Board.

Connacht Gold sponsored the Senior Football Championship;

Egan Jewelers sponsored the Intermediate Championship, and Treanlar Catering (Sean Julain) sponsored the Junior Championship.

Homeland continued to sponsor our underage competitions and Smyths Toys have continued their sponsorship of the underage academies.

Elvery's continues to be our main sponsor and I want to thank them and Pat Rowland for all their help.

Portwest continued their sponsorship in 2025 and we within Mayo GAA are grateful for their financial support. MacHale Park retained the name of our sponsor Hastings Insurance in 2025 and we are very grateful to Enda Mulchrone and all the team at Hastings for your support.

Corduff Travel continue to be our Travel Partners, for which we are very thankful. Smyths Toys continued their support of the academies in 2025 and I would also like to thank them for their continued financial support.

It is great to see successful local businesses putting money back into the Community via Mayo GAA.

### **Bereavements:**

During the past year we lost some people who had devoted their lives to the GAA and more importantly Mayo GAA, we remember them all in our thoughts. To all those who suffered bereavement during the year may I, on behalf of Mayo GAA, offer our sincere condolences to all.

**Media:**

To the media, Western People, Connaught Telegraph and Mayo News. I thank you most sincerely for your coverage of both our games and meetings during the year. A big thank you to Mid-West Radio who continue to broadcast many of our games throughout the year to people at home but more importantly to the Mayo diaspora spread all over the world. I would also like to thank An Garda Síochána, Murray Ambulance and the Order of Malta who provide a valuable service on match days not only in MacHale Park but throughout the County on the latter stages of our club championships.

**Conclusion:**

As I bring this report to a close, I wish to once again express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the work of Mayo GAA over the past year. From our players, coaches, and officers to the countless volunteers, supporters, and sponsors who give so generously of their time and resources — your dedication and passion continue to be the foundation of all that we achieve.

The strength of Mayo GAA lies in its people in the commitment of our clubs, the energy of our communities, and the shared belief that together we can continue to grow and succeed, both on and off the field.

We look forward to the year ahead with optimism, unity, and renewed determination. With continued teamwork, vision, and pride in our colours, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

*Míle buíochas daoibh go léir, agus go n-éirí linn go léir ar son Mhaigh Eo.*

Rónan Ó Ciaráin

Rúnaí



## Competition Control Committee (CCC) – Michael Diskin

### Introduction

At the beginning of the year there was much excitement with introduction of the new football rules. While there was some trepidation when the decision to introduce the rules to club football with immediate effect was made. However, this proved to be the correct decision and their introduction reawakened interest and greatly improved club football.

### Challenges of the new football rules

To meet the challenges posed by the new rules, particularly the “3 up 4 back” and the accurate record of “2 pointers” from outside of the 40m arc elements and the greater emphasis of discipline, Mayo CCC quickly proposed the assignment of a 4<sup>th</sup> official and the equipping of match officials with radio microphones for all our adult football and some of our underage matches. Now in hindsight both of these were worthwhile decisions and ensured that the new rules got a fair trial in Mayo. Now at the end of the season the new rules are well embedded and accepted in both club and county football.

### Fixtures Calendar

The first task undertaken by the CCC was to draft a fixtures calendar for adult hurling and football. This was subsequently presented to and approved by the football and hurling clubs. Overall the calendar proved very successful and brought clarity to the senior League and Championship fixtures programme’s. The only deviation from it was caused by Storm Amy in early October which necessitated the postponement of the County Football semi-finals for a week.

### Senior Leagues

The Senior League had four divisions. Divisions 1, 2 and 3 were divided in 2 while Division 4 was divided in 3; the latter largely on a geographical basis. The Leagues commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 with League finals held in late July. All four league finals were held in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park and were well contested, highly entertaining skillful matches. The winners were, Breaffy, Bealach and Doirín, Aghamore B and Mayo Gaels B in Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively.

### Football Championship

**Premier Junior:** The Premier Junior football Championship was divided into three Divisions, A (8 teams), B (14 Teams) and C (14 teams) and commenced on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and finished on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 All finals were played in MacHale Park with Knockmore B, Bealach and Doirín B and Swinford B winning Divisions A, B and C, respectively following close well-contested exciting matches.

**Exclusive Junior Championship:** A total of 13 teams contested this competition and were divided into one group of 5 two group of 4. In the group of 5 teams it was necessary to commence this championship the first weekend in August. Kiltimagh defeated Eastern Gaels in the final. Kiltimagh have reached the Connacht Junior Club final

**Exclusive Junior B Championship:** A total of 6 teams contested this championship with Killala defeating Kilmovee Shamrock in the final.

**Intermediate Championship:** A total of 16 teams contested this competition and were divided into 4 groups of 4 teams. The round robin matches were highly competitive and drew large attendance. Kilmeena defeated Moy Davitts by the minimum in a very high quality hugely entertaining final with the result in doubt up until the last kick of the match. Unfortunately, Kilmeena were defeated by a strong Strokestown team in the Connacht final.

**Senior Championship:** A total of 16 teams contested this competition and were divided into 4 groups of 4 teams. Again, the round robin matches were highly competitive and drew large attendance. Ballina Stephenites defeated Westport St Patricks by the minimum in a very high quality hugely entertaining replay with the result in doubt up until the last kick of the match. This was Ballina Stephenites third title in a row which is a massive achievement for which, their players, management and club deserve a huge congratulation. Unfortunately, Ballina Stephenites were defeated by a very strong St Bridget's in the Connacht Club Championship.

### **Under 21 Football Championship**

This competition, though very popular with Clubs suffers because of the time of year it is played at when pitches are generally very heavy and the weather is poor. Furthermore, clubs competing in the Connacht Club championships are generally disadvantaged and frequently either withdraw or fail to fulfil fixtures. An alternative time slot must, at least, be examined.

### **Hurling**

Following a request from the hurling clubs, a total of 4 weekends were designated as "hurling only" weekends. This worked well and should be repeated. Tooreen B defeated Moytura in the Junior A Hurling Championship final while Westport defeated Ballina in the Junior B Final with both matches played in Hasting Insurance MacHale Park. Subsequently, Moytura represented Mayo in the Connacht Junior hurling Championship. Castlebar narrowly defeated St Ciarans in the Senior A Championship final while Tooreen narrowly defeated Ballyhaunis in the Senior Championship final. This represented a 5-in-a-row for Tooreen and have subsequently won the provincial Intermediate championship.

### **Review of Hurling Final.**

Following the senior hurling final, a sub-committee of the CCC tasked to investigate all matters relating to the 2025 Mayo Senior Hurling final and make recommendations and report back to an Coiste Bainistí.

## Discipline

Thankfully the level of ill-discipline in our matches has declined in recent years. The introduction of the new football rules contributed to this as well as the improved communication between match officials, players and team mentors. The introduction of the “solo and go” and the severe penalty for on- and off-field dissent has also contributed to this reduction. Interesting in the five football finals (including the senior replay) no red card was issued to a player. The excessive number of team officials and players on the side-line is a concern and this must be reduced.

Unfortunately, there were a small number of incidences where match officials were verbally abused by team management and or club supporters resulting in significant suspensions. Such behaviors are totally unacceptable. Suspensions alone would appear to be inadequate and other deterrents such as club fines and or loss of home venue for matches must be considered.

## Referees

Referees play a huge role in the delivery of our programmes of matches. Literally, without referees we would have no matches. The County Board recognizes and appreciates the dedication of our referees, match officials and umpires. This year we assigned a 4<sup>th</sup> officials to all our adult and a selection of our underage football matches. This and the equipping of match officials with radio microphone, while initially prompted by the introduction of the new rules, turned out to be a very positive development that improved the officiating, professionalism and the delivery of our games.

One of the biggest challenges facing Mayo GAA is the lack of referees and addressing this is a priority for 2026. The feedback from referees strongly indicates that the new football rules makes officiating easier. All clubs, but particularly clubs with no or a small number of referees, are requested to double their efforts to identify new referees in 2026. Mayo GAA will provide quality training for such new referees as well as an annual programme of upskilling and in-service training. This year, three referees (James Regan, Enda Nolan and Jamie Hoban) from Mayo were added to the Connacht referees’ panel and hopefully some will further progress to become intercounty referees.

## Referees Charter

During the past few weeks a committee representing an Coiste Bainistí and the Mayo Referees developed a Referees Charter. This is a welcome development and describes the aligned objectives of Mayo GAA and its panel of referees while clarifying the responsibilities and behaviors of both parties.

## Members of the CCC

Michael Diskin, (Chairperson), Ronan Kirrane (Rúnaí), Brian O’Malley (Assistant Secretary), Charlie Lambert (Chair, Bord na nÓg), John Walker (Communications Officer) Sean McÉil, (Referees Coordinator). Trevor Kelly (Hurling Secretary; resigned October 2025), Mike King (Fixtures Analyst) Mary Lydon (Secretary South Mayo Board), Michael Herr (Secretary North Mayo Board), Chris McGowan (Secretary, West Mayo Board), Stephen Mooney Secretary East Mayo Board) and Michael Cummins (Administrator)

### Lessons from the 2025 season

- Having the Calendar completed and agreed by the clubs early in February is essential. Clubs and players deserve certainty for their football and hurling programmes.
- Allowing four “Hurling only” weekends without competitive football matches on that weekend worked and should continue to be facilitated.
- A number of clubs withdrew teams late from competitions and following fixtures were made. Such late withdrawals greatly distort competitions and are very unfair to the remaining clubs in that group/competition.
- The assignment of a 4<sup>th</sup> official to all football Leagues matches from under 18 upwards worked well and should be continued.
- There were a small number of incidences where match officials were verbally abused by team management and or club supporters. Suspensions alone would appear to be inadequate and other deterrents such as club fines and or loss of home venue for matches must be considered.

### Míle Buíochas

I thank all of the members of the CCC for their work and dedication over the past year. We met either in-person or on-line more than 30 times. Sometimes meetings were called at short notice.

A special thanks to Ronan Kirrane for his input, knowledge and been always available. John Walker did a tremendous job on promoting all our competitions and for the smooth running of Mayo TV.

Brian O’Malley managed the massive underage football programme and its to his and Charlie Lamberts credit this programme was fully completed on schedule. Divisional Board secretaries played a huge role in the smooth running of divisional all county competitions. Seán McÉil, as referees’ coordinator is pivotal in communication with referees, assigning referees and in the development of the Charter.

Mike King shares his vast experience on fixtures and I thank him for this. I thank Seamus Touhy, chairperson of Mayo County board and his Coiste Bainistí for their support. I thank all of the referees and all of clubs for their commitment and support throughout 2025.

Finally, I thank my predecessor, Con Moynihan, for the smooth handover last January. Go mbeidh Nollaig Siochánta agus ath bhlian fé mhaise agaibh uiligh agus ag bhúr clainn

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‘Don’t be sad because it’s over, smile because it happened’

The past five years as Mayo GAA PRO have been memorable, a whirlwind of excitement, challenging at times but above else unforgettable. What began as the role of PRO and evolved into Communications Officer during my tenure, became so much more than a position; it was a privilege. Getting to meet and truly know our club and county players, supporters, and the dedicated officers in every corner of Mayo was an honour I will never forget.

The dark nights spent on windswept pitches in remote parts of the county, the long late drives home from Castlebar to Cill Ghallagáin after county board meetings, even the occasional irate supporter unhappy with a decision, all of those moments fade into the background when I think of the hundreds of joyous, heart-lifting experiences I encountered over the past five years. When I assumed the role in 2020, I made a clear commitment: to treat every member of our community with respect and dignity. From Club to County, football to hurling, Scór, Mayo Masters, Ladies Football, Camogie, Rounders and Handball, each was given a meaningful platform on Mayo GAA to share their story.

From day one, I also set out to listen to our clubs and champion the grassroots. Supporting local volunteers, players, and administrators at every level has been central to helping the county prosper and grow. While the past five years have brought enormous change across the country, I believe that Mayo GAA has continued to move forward with purpose and unity. One of our proudest developments is the creation of a modern, user-friendly Mayo GAA website. It now serves as a comprehensive hub for news, fixtures, archives, lottery information, ticketing, and daily match updates. Delivering a digital platform of this standard required dedication, collaboration, and resilience. I am deeply grateful to SportsloMo for their expertise, guidance, and patience throughout this process. Míle buíochas also to the Mayo GAA Board, whose support never wavered as we worked towards the website successful launch at the 2023 Convention in Westport.

The establishment of a Communications Committee in my first year was equally important. Their insight, encouragement, and professionalism played a vital role in everything we achieved. Our social media footprint has also transformed.

Over the past five years, Mayo GAA has experienced exceptional growth across all platforms, earning recognition as one of the leading sports social media voices in the country today. A 70% increase in interactions reflects not only the hard work behind the scenes but also the passion and appetite our supporters at home and abroad have for engaging, high-quality content.

### **County Teams**

It has been a genuine privilege to collaborate with so many outstanding county teams, dedicated managers, and exceptional backroom staff across every code and age group over the past five years. I want to sincerely thank each of them for their unwavering cooperation, professionalism, and commitment to Mayo GAA.

Press nights and post-match interviews are not always easy, yet time and again they showed remarkable openness, patience, and support, whether we were celebrating a win, regrouping after a loss, or reflecting on a hard-fought draw. We shared unforgettable highs and some challenging days, but through it all, the passion and loyalty to Mayo GAA never faltered. That enduring dedication is, and always will be, the true spirit of our great association.

### **Local Media**

My role would simply not be possible without the steadfast support of our local media. From the outset, I made it a priority to treat every journalist, reporter, and contributor, both online and offline, with the utmost respect, fairness, and impartiality. Their professionalism and integrity make them an essential pillar of our GAA community. The dedication and depth of coverage provided by the local media in Mayo is unrivalled anywhere in the country. Week after week, they bring our games to life with expert reporting, insightful analysis, and thoughtful debate. They travel the roads of

Mayo and beyond often in all kinds of weather ensuring that our teams, players, and supporters are always represented with accuracy, passion, and pride.

We are deeply indebted to them for their commitment, their storytelling, and their unwavering belief in the value of Gaelic games within our county. Their work not only informs but strengthens the connection between Mayo GAA and its supporters at home and across the world.

### **Club Games**

While county teams often command the spotlight, the club game has always been the heartbeat of our organisation and I was determined that our coverage would reflect that.

Over the past five years, we made it a priority not to miss a single club final, ensuring that every parish, every code, and every grade received the recognition they richly deserved.

Across that time, our platforms were filled with real-time match updates, results, photographs, and, whenever possible, the joyful videos of celebrations that mean so much to players and supporters alike. Showcasing these moments became a point of immense pride, reinforcing the belief that every club and every final is a vital part of the Mayo GAA story. Our club championships are strengthened enormously by the commitment of our sponsors, and it was always fitting and appreciated that club players turned out in force for the launches of the Connacht Gold, Egan Jewellers, Treanlaur Catering, and previously TF Royal Hotel & Theatre championships.

Their presence captured the spirit of community and pride that defines Mayo GAA. Our language and culture are also central to our ethos agus tá áthas orm go bhfuil Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta ag dul ó neart go neart sa Chontae. Tá an Ghaeilge agus an Ghaeltacht mar chuid lárnach do Chumann Lúthcleas Gael agus táim iontach brodúil gur bhain mé úsáid as an nGaeilge go minic ar shuíomhanna CLG Mhaigh Eo.

One of the standout successes of recent years was the introduction of official GAA programmes for all club championship games and finals. Supporters responded incredibly positively, and these programmes, uploaded in advance on the Mayo GAA website, allowed fans to familiarise themselves with team lists, player positions, and match information well before throw-in. They brought an added sense of occasion and connection, supporters could now follow their club heroes with even greater interest and knowledge.

Streaming the club championship draws live on social media also proved hugely popular. Year after year, we witnessed a captivated county, with every club eagerly awaiting the reveal of who they would face and who they might avoid in the early rounds. These moments generated excitement, conversation, and a shared sense of anticipation that rippled across Mayo.

At every step, the goal was simple: to honour the clubs, the lifeblood of our association, and to ensure that the heartbeat of Mayo GAA, our club game was celebrated with the respect, visibility, and enthusiasm it so richly deserves.

## Cairde Mhaigh Eo

Fundraising is the lifeblood of any organisation, and over the past five years it has been no different for Mayo GAA. Club and county development draws, club-led fundraisers, and our ongoing support for chosen charity partners have all played a central role in reinforcing our values as a proud, people-driven association.

One initiative that truly stood out was the live streaming of the County Development Draws from clubs right across the county.

This approach not only ensured full transparency, an essential element of any fundraising effort, but also provided a wonderful opportunity to shine a well-deserved spotlight on the host clubs.

These collective efforts, driven by the passion and generosity of our clubs, supporters, and partners, have had a profound impact on Mayo GAA.

They have helped us grow, invest, and support the next generation, while staying firmly rooted in the communities that make our organisation what it is.

### **McNamee Award for Digital Media Impact in 2024.**

Receiving national recognition by winning the Best Digital Impact Award at the GAA McNamee Awards in 2024 was a standout highlight of my tenure. This honour reflects far more than a single achievement, it is a tribute to the clubs, the Communications Committee, and the County Board, whose passion, creativity, and commitment to showcasing the very best of Mayo GAA have been unwavering. That work in capturing and sharing compelling moments from our games across multiple digital platforms has set a new benchmark for excellence. The award also serves as a powerful endorsement of our digital strategy. It confirms that the direction we have taken is not only effective but deeply resonant with supporters at home and abroad. As a result, Mayo GAA now proudly holds one of the largest and most influential county media footprints in the country, a testament to the collective effort and belief that drives our organisation forward.



### **Mayo GAA TV**

From the United Arab Emirates to the United States, from England to Egypt, and from Australia to Africa, Mayo GAA supporters across the world have stayed connected to home like never before through **MayoGaaTV.com**. The reach and engagement have been extraordinary, uniting a global Mayo community around the sport and traditions they love. Planning and producing weekly live broadcasts is both demanding and deeply rewarding, but the impact speaks for itself. Mayo GAA TV has created a worldwide family of supporters, people who may live thousands of miles away, yet on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, they kick every ball, roar at every score, and celebrate every success as if they were standing on the side-line in their home parish. This shared experience has strengthened the bond between our diaspora and their roots in a truly powerful way. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to **Raffael Rocco and the StreamSport team**, as well as to our dedicated commentators, analysts, club volunteers, the County Executive, and every member of the production crew who contributed over the past five years. Their professionalism, passion, and commitment have been instrumental in bringing Mayo GAA to a global audience and in showcasing our games with pride, quality, and authenticity.

### **Photography**

In a county as vibrant and active as Mayo, thousands of games take place each year across every age group and code. As County Communications Officer, capturing and sharing these moments would simply not be possible without the unwavering support of our remarkable photographers. Their professionalism, creativity, and commitment ensure that the heartbeat of Mayo GAA is brought to life for supporters near and far.

Access to high-quality imagery is invaluable, and we are fortunate to have an exceptional team of men and women behind the lens, individuals who travel the county in all conditions to preserve the emotion, drama, and passion of our games. I want to acknowledge and sincerely thank Sportstime Photography (Cormac Feehan), Sarah Jane Walsh Photography, Mary Coffey, Martin McIntyre, Carol Boyle, Kim Robertson, Paul Barrett, Sportfile, and Inpho Photography.

Their work is more than photography; it is storytelling. Through their lenses, they capture the spirit of our communities, the pride of our players, and the moments that define Mayo GAA. We are indebted to them for their dedication and the invaluable contribution they make to our organisation every single week.

### **Website & Social Media**

The Mayo GAA website remains our most visited and influential digital platform, continuing to attract exceptional levels of engagement year after year. As in previous seasons, club fixtures and results dominate viewing activity, underscoring the central role of the club game within our organisation. In addition, a significant number of users rely on the website as a trusted source for archives, reference materials, and comprehensive club information.

Website traffic continues to display sharp peaks driven by huge volumes of views within a few hours on Sunday evenings as supporters seek the latest updates. This reached a notable high in early September, when the site recorded over **81,400 views in a single evening**. Overall, the website has now surpassed **3.70 million views for the current calendar year**, reflecting both its relevance and the appetite for timely, reliable information.

Analysis of user behaviour shows a clear shift toward mobile consumption, with the vast majority of visitors now accessing the website from their smartphones rather than laptops, desktops, or tablets. This trend reinforces the importance of our mobile-friendly design and continuous investment in accessibility.

Across all platforms, our social media channels also continue to experience strong, consistent growth, expanding our reach and strengthening our connection with supporters at home and abroad.

### **National Media**

Over the past five years, I have had the privilege of building strong and positive relationships with the national media, and I want to sincerely thank them for their continued interest and support for Mayo GAA. Their coverage plays a vital role in shining a spotlight on the talent, dedication, and passion that define our county.

During my tenure, both **RTÉ** and **TG4** broadcast live club games, bringing the excitement of our matches to a national audience and giving our players and clubs the recognition they so richly deserve. These broadcasts not only highlight the skill and commitment at the heart of our clubs but also strengthen the profile of Mayo GAA across Ireland.

Looking ahead, it is crucial that these relationships are nurtured and expanded. Securing regular national coverage of our club games ensures that the stories, achievements, and communities that make Mayo GAA so special continue to be celebrated on a broader stage. By doing so, we not only promote our players and clubs but also showcase the very best of the GAA and the spirit of our county.



**Finally** - I would like to extend my deepest thanks to the **Mayo GAA Executive**, our Administrator **Michael Cummins, Johnny Hopkins, James Rock, Connacht Council and John and Mary Prenty** for their unwavering cooperation and support over the past five years. Their guidance and encouragement have been invaluable in helping me navigate this role.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to my **PR Committee**, the officers of the **Mayo County Board**, and all Sub-Committees. Your dedication, insight, and commitment have been instrumental in every success we have achieved together. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the incoming **Communications Officer** every success in the role and to assure them of my full support as they take the reins.

I am also deeply grateful to **Alan Milton, Siobhán Brady, and Niamh Boyle** at Croke Park for their guidance and assistance throughout my tenure. Their professionalism and encouragement made an enormous difference.

It was a pleasure to be invited by Croke Park to speak to all the new incoming Communications Officers earlier this year about the importance of the role and to share my own experience in the position. At GAA Congress, it was also approved that the traditional PRO role will now be divided in two, with counties appointing both a Communications Officer and a Digital Impact Officer.

To my club, **CLG Chill Chomáin**, thank you for nominating me for this role and for entrusting me with the responsibility of representing our county. And, finally, a very special word of thanks to my **wife, Fionnula, and my son, David**.

Your patience, understanding, and unwavering support over these past five years have made everything possible and for that, I am truly grateful.

Looking back over the past five years, I am filled with gratitude for all the incredible people I have met, the unforgettable moments of joy and laughter, the challenges and triumphs we shared, and the countless memories along the journey. As a good Erris man once told me *'Talent wins games, but teamwork wins championships'*.



***Beir bua agus gach beannacht, Séan.***

## 2025 Connacht Council Report



**Club Championships:** The 2024 club championships were again hotly contested and there was provincial silverware for Crossmolina as they won the 2024 Intermediate club championship. Sadly, both Ballina Stephenites and Cill Chomáin suffered defeat in the respective provincial football championship's. Tooreen were once again crowned kings of Connacht as they claimed another Connacht Intermediate hurling title.

**Bursary Awards:** Congratulations to all Mayo recipients who received their awards earlier this year out of a total of 66 handed out. The bursary awards have been in place for 16 years and awards members who are active members in their higher education clubs.

**Planning and Development:** Connacht GAA continues to work on its risk register, Club Development grants where 12 Mayo clubs were supported with grants totalling over €85,000. Unfortunately, the dome and other aspect of the COE suffered serious damage in storm Éowyn in 2025, and work is underway to re-erect this fantastic games development structure in 2026.

**Coaching & Games:** Connacht had the honour of hosting the Féile Peile na nÓg tournament this summer.

The Club Development Officer continues to go from strength to strength with increasing Mayo club numbers expected in 2026.

GAA for ALL hosted a coaching event for children from special schools included in Mayo with extremely positive feedback from all involved.

Wheelchair hurling training sessions took place again this year and well done to all who participated and best of luck to all Mayo players in future events.

Third level colleges competitions continued to be held in the COE and this year it hosted the Ashbourne & Sigerson cup finals.

**FBD League:** Apart from the 2021 season (when COVID prevented the playing of the FBD league) and for the first time since 1995 the FBD league was not played in 2025. While mindful of player workload the loss of these games had a significant impact on the financial situation for the Connacht council and ultimately a knock-on effect for reimbursed gate receipts to the Connacht counties. The FBD games are due to recommence in January 2026, and we look forward to seeing players get some valuable game time in advance of the National leagues. Mayo lies second, with 8 wins, in the role of honour for the Paddy Francis O'Dwyer cup.

**Jubilee Team:** Galway's provincial winning squad of 2000 were honoured by the Connacht Council in MacHale Park on Connacht final day. Thanks to the MacHale Park stewards and county board officers who facilitated their recognition on the day.

**Thanks:** Lastly, we would like to thank Vincent Neary, Connacht GAA President, John Prenty and all his staff for all the work they do throughout the year.

Paul Cunnane/Liam Moffatt (Mayo delegates to Connacht GAA)





## Ard Comhairle Report for Convention 2025

It was an honour and a privilege to represent Mayo GAA on Central Council in 2025 and I would like to thank all of the clubs and the Executive for their queries, assistance and support over the past year and I look forward to representing you in 2026 if given the opportunity.

Meeting in 2025 were as follows and main points are as below- detailed reports appeared in Co Borad reports throughout the year

AC Meeting 10ú Márta – Teams- to review and vote on FRC Amendments- all 13 amendments passed.

Congress held in Donegal on Weekend of 21st and 22nd February.

AC Meeting 29ú Márta

Motions to amend codes were passed.

The meeting received updates from World GAA, Games Development and the Hurling Development Committee.

AC Meeting 25ú Aibreán

An Coiste Bainistíochta signed off on compliance with the Sport Ireland Sports Governance Code having considered the supporting evidence put to it by Internal Audit and the Audit & Risk Committee

An Ethics & Integrity Commission was established;

A Volunteering Task Force was established

The Codes Drafting Report prepared by the Rules Advisory Committee arising from the passing of Motions at the March meeting was approved;

It was agreed to utilise the Smart sliotar in the senior, intermediate and junior club semi-finals and finals in 2025 (12 sliotars per game). 5 companies are licensed to provide Smart Sliotars.

The Code of Trustees was updated on foot of legal advice

The meeting received updates from the DRA and the Sliotar, Hurley and Helmet Work Group.

AC Meeting 14ú Meitheamh

It was confirmed that there was a 24% increase in Allianz League gate receipts leading to an increased distribution to counties.

Eligibility for the All-Ireland JFC, relating specifically to London and New York, is to remain unchanged for the 2026 competition.

It was agreed that county boards will supply smart sliotars for semi-finals and finals in all county junior, intermediate and senior championships.

Meeting 17ú Iúil -re Amateur Status Review Group Meeting in CoE

AC Meeting – 29ú Lúnasa – Teams FRC Motions Briefing

AC Meeting -6ú Meán Fómhair

A presentation was made by GAA Rounders ahead of their All Ireland Final Weekend. Any club wishing to set up Rounders in their club should log on to [www.gaarounders.ie](http://www.gaarounders.ie) for further information. Congratulation to Breaffy GAA on their All Ireland Success.

Coiste Bainistíochta referred the Association's partnership with Allianz to the Ethics and Integrity Committee.

The FRC presented its final report to Ard Chomhairle, including minor amendments, ahead of Special Congress.

Motions on Playing Gear and Equipment will also be heard at Special Congress.

The CCCC presented the 2026 Fixtures Masterplan which is to be circulated to counties for consideration and feedback.

After hearing a presentation from the working group headed by Páraic Duffy, it was agreed to send forward to Congress proposals for the 2027 Fixtures Masterplan, which if passed would see the hurling final played on the last Sunday of July and the football final two weeks later.

It was decided to convene a single topic standalone meeting to confirm the dates around the close season and the return to training for inter-county players.

Central Council also heard a detailed presentation from the Hurling Development Committee.

AC Meeting -25ú Meán Fómhair- Return To Training Briefing

30ú Meán Fómhair- Webinar re Motions for Comhdháil Speisialta

Comhdháil Speisialta 4ú Deireadh Fómhair

All motions carried at Special Congress.

An chéad chruinniú eile: 29ú Samhain 2025

Con Moynihan





## Mayo Bord na nOg 2025 Annual Report

The Bord na nÓg in 2025 had an exceptionally busy season. It started in Mid-March with the minor and U16 leagues getting underway. It culminated in our U15 finals being held in the Connacht C.O.E. In Mid-October.

We played over 100 competitions and facilitated over 10,000 children in 2025. The numbers this year are truly staggering.

Our Go Games program is now the largest in the region with organised blitzes happening all year long. These blitzes cumulatively end in the COE and this year we had record breaking numbers in attendance. We have over 1,000 U8's and almost 950 U10's at our blitzes. Huge credit for this must be given to our divisional boards, who have supported this project since its inception 3 years ago.

In 2025, we had record numbers for U12 and our initiative of have a certified Go Games referee in every club was well received and a 100% compliance with it. In 2026 we plan on expanding the program by asking these referees to take more responsibility in our Go Games plan.

95.4% of all games administered by the Bord na nÓg in 2025 were played.

We would not have accomplished this without our fellow officers on the Bord na nÓg.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have helped and supported the Bord na nÓg in 2025.

Seamus Tuohy our County Chairperson, for the advice and steerage as always. We are delighted to see he is making a speedy recovery and back into the thick of it again.

Ronan Kirrane our County Secretary, who it must be said, has never not answered the phone or replied to text on a daily basis. He has always been on hand to help us out. From advice and guidance, we are grateful for all of his support. Ronan still takes a very active interest in the underage in this county and is quite often seen at our games.

Valerie Murphy our county Treasurer, for her continued support of underage football in the county and speedy discharge of her duties.

Homeland, who sponsor all our underage leagues and championships in Mayo.

Michael Diskin our Vice-Chairperson and all the members of the Mayo C.C.C. for their valuable contributions to disciplinary matters.

John Walker our Communications Officer, for his service in promoting and supporting our games in Mayo GAA. It must be said that John has put a lot of time and effort into promoting our games and it shows when Croke Park awarded him for his efforts in this.

Sinead McLoughlin our Assistant Treasurer, for her continued help and support with organising gates for the Bord na nÓg and who is always willing to help out at all our events.

Celia Rhattigan our Children's Officer, she now has one of the busiest roles in Mayo GAA today. No club doesn't know Celia and we are very fortunate to have her involved.

Gerry Bourke and his band of merry stewards who were always on hand to help with the big and small days in Hastings Insurance MacHale park as well as the Connacht C.O.E. for our blitzes and finals.

John Prenty and the staff in the Connacht C.O.E. who are always very accommodating to underage games.

Phil Heneghan, who always has the pitch in MacHale park looking so well.

Michael Cummins, who's help and support from the biggest contentious issues to the smallest details, ensures that we at least look somewhat professional at all times! He has always been a firm advocate of underage players using MacHale park and we are very fortunate to have him involved. Also a solid mention to Keith Deasy in the office for his detailed work behind the scenes and James Rocke who has assisted us with announcements etc on finals day in Mc Hale Park.

All the members of the Bord na nOg County Committee a massive thank you to all the hours spent in meetings related to grading, presentations, fixtures, blitzes etc. All the unseen work that goes on behind the scenes.

Finally To all the volunteers, parents, club officers, referees etc who have assisted us in the delivery of the 2025 Bord na nOg programme a Mile Buiochas and a very happy Christmas/ New Year to you all.

A full and comprehensive report can be viewed on our website by the following link <https://mayogaa.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/End-of-Year-2025-1.pdf>

Is Mise Le Meas

Charlie Lambert Cathaoirleach Bord na nÓg Mhaigh Eo

Brian O Malley Runai Bord na nÓg Mhaigh Eo

## Cumann na mBunscol – Maigh Eo

### Neil Reilly

A Chairde,

Ar son Cumann na mBunscol Maigh Eo, tá athas orm an tuairisc seo a chur ar fáil don bhlian 2024/25.

This was another action packed year for Cumann na mBunscol Maigh eo with a great number of teachers giving generously of their time and skills to the school children after school hours for training and practice purposes.

The Mini 7's competitions ran from September to November and were again, thoroughly enjoyed by the children who participated. In excess of 130 national schools took part in the competitions involving more than 2500 boys and girls. The children were delighted to be able to participate in these competition.

We were also able to run all of our Cumann na mBunscol competitions for boys and girls in both football and hurling over the year and were delighted to present 14 cups in boys and girls competitions and 4 shields. An additional 4 cups were presented in hurling. There were also a number of other localized football competitions and qualifiers for county finals.

We were delighted to host a number of Rounders Blitzes this year around the county which was a lovely way of promoting another, and often forgotten Gaelic Game.

Handball was promoted this year by the hosting of a handball competition and we hope to see this game going from strength to strength in the coming years.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the considerable contribution and assistance given to us by Billy McNicholas and all of the coaching team.

Most importantly, we would like to thank the County Board for the considerable support it has always given to Cumann na mBuncol Maigh eo. We are delighted to have an excellent working relationship with the County Board and we believe that relationship is now more important than it has ever been at a time when our gaelic games are in competition with an increasing range of activities in the lives of our children.

It is easy to forget but very important to remember that not every child has access to a GAA club, to kit or to a pitch. Not every child is taken to Club training at weekends by their parents. Some children in rural areas are many miles away from a club. Others quite close but without the means or parental support to allow them to participate. Playing in Cumann na mBunscol games at school is the only opportunity some children get to play football and hurling and compete in competitions.

We believe it is of paramount importance, now more than ever, that the relationship between Cumann na mBunscol and the GAA, in particular the county boards around the country, is strengthened as we all strive to achieve our common goal of promoting Gaelic Games among our youth.

We have to acknowledge the contribution of our senior football players who generously give of their time to attend schools, present medals, talk to the children and generally inspire the younger generation, many of whom dream of wearing the green and red of Mayo. We must build on that enthusiasm we now have and ensure that it is nurtured and encouraged as these young people grow and mature into their teenage years. You cannot underestimate the impact that speaking with a senior player can have on a child.

We wish to thank the Connacht Council for making the Connacht Dome Centre of Excellence available to us for some of our finals this year. As was also always the case with McHale park, the children love to tog out in the Centre of Excellence to showcase their improving skills in games. We hope and respectfully request that your generosity in facilitating access to your facilities and pitches will continue in the future. It really means a lot to the children to play in these great and iconic venues.

We must also sincerely thank all the Clubs around the county for facilitating the use of pitches for our competitions.

We must thank Ronan Kirrane, County Secretary, for his professionalism and courtesy to us over the years. We also thank Mick Cummins for his help, guidance, courtesy and professionalism in liaising with us when required which is very much appreciated. Seamus Tuohy chairperson of Mayo County board is always willing to listen to our needs and concerns and we really appreciate that. Phil Heneghan, grounds man in McHale park is always on hand to help.

In Summary, we thank the GAA and the Mayo County Board in particular for your tremendous and unwavering support of Cumann na nBunscol Maigh eo. We ask you to continue supporting us and helping us in whatever way that you can and we, in turn, will continue to nurture the youth and develop and promote our historic gaelic games in our schools in a modern, progressive and inclusive manner.

Neil Reilly - County Board Delegate - Maigheo Cumann na mBunscol



## Secondary Schools Report:

*Michael Herr Secretary Mayo Post Primary Schools*

Mayo post primary schools committee:

Chairperson - Mr Joe McCabe

Secretary - Mr Michael Herr

Treasurers - Mr. Kevin Shannon & Mr Brendan Prendergast

P.R.O. - Mr John Holian

Mayo post primary schools' committee run 20 football competitions and two hurling competitions.

There are 18 post primary schools in Mayo. With the inclusion of St. Attracta's and Summerhill from Sligo, along with St. Nathys Roscommon and presentation college Headford, there are 22 schools in all Mayo school's competitions.

We cater for all schools from senior boys down to first year and we also run a first and second year competition for schools who do not have enough first years.

We also run a first-year B competition for the larger schools who have a large first year enrolment.

The competitions are as follows

Senior Flanagan cup for A - D levels

Junior Colleran cup for A – D levels

U-15 O'Haire cup for A - D levels

First year first year for A – D levels

First & second year for schools unable to field a first-year team

First year B for schools who have a large first year enrolment

We would like to welcome the new coaching hurling officer Cian O'Toole. Cian is now working in the schools promoting hurling.

Mayo post primary schools had a very successful 2024-25. Mayo schools contested 3 Connacht finals,

Winning one. St Colmans won the A final and went on to contest the All-Ireland final in which, they lost to St. Patricks Maghera. Gortnor Abbey Crossmolina were beaten in the C final and St. Tiernans Crossmolina were beaten in the D final.

We try to complete the Flanagan cup finals before the Connacht schools' championship which starts in mid-November presently the situation is,

### **Flanagan A**

St. Muredachs V St. Gerald's on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November in Munnelly Park

### **Flanagan B**

Ballyhaunis beat Balla in the Final

### **Flanagan C Semi-Finals,**

St. Tiernans V Louisburg Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> in Islandeady

St. Louis V Headford Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> in the COE

**Flanagan D**

St. Brendan's Belmullet beat St Josephs Foxford in the Final

**Flanagan E**

St. Patrick's Lacken Cross V Davitt College TBC

The first year, O'Haire (U15) & Colleran Cup (U17) are progressing and weather permitting, we will get the finals played before the Christmas holidays.

In September the mayo post primary schools committee met with the county board Bord na nÓg officers.

In attendance were chairperson Charlie Lambert and Assistant Secretary Brian O'Malley from the county Bord na nÓg and representing the schools Were, Joe McCabe, Chairperson, Michael Herr, Secretary, Gareth O'Donnell, Shaun Bourke, Kieran Kilkenny, Mayo GAA Academy head, Cian O'Toole Hurling GPO, Sean O'Raghallaigh Hurling Chairperson and Seamus Smyth Mayo GAA Coaching Officer.

A lot of issues regarding school and bord na nÓg fixtures were discussed, Coaching, gear for teachers and venues for school finals. We hope to meet on a regular basis and to explore how co-operation can be Improved in the best interest of all students playing gaelic football. Clubs in Mayo contribute €150 each towards schools football and Mayo GAA add to this to make it a €500 voucher to every school in Mayo for purchasing of playing equipment.

Many issues that restrict more playing of games were highlighted and they are,

1. When a team have to travel to play, substitute teachers have to be used to cover the classes that the team coaches are missing. This incurs a considerable cost and burden on resources in the school.
2. We looked at the idea of playing games outside of school hours but it was felt that it would be too much to impose on teachers personal time.
3. Lack of access for teachers to training courses for football and hurling.
4. Costs. Every school when playing away, must pay for a bus.
5. Some clubs charge their local schools for the use of their facilities, even though, these players are also their own members.
6. Interest from principals. Schools are first and foremost centres of academic learning and not sporting centres. Principals are already struggling with the resources they already have, without adding a further burden on them.
7. Time of year. Access to pitches and resources are restricted during the winter months.

What can we, as clubs and county board do to help with these difficulties?

1. Our club coaches and trainers can go to the schools to help and assist the teachers in coaching the sports. They do have to comply with schools regulations beforehand though. They will need to have the schools Garda Vetting and safeguarding in place.
2. Clubs will have to look at the practice of charging their schools for the use of facilities that would otherwise be empty during school hours. Support not discourage.
3. Mayo Coaching academy to assist by organising and/or providing periodical training sessions for teachers here in Hastings Insurance MacHale park.
4. Club volunteers to assist the school's committee to ensure that their members are getting football and hurling in schools.
5. Look at the feasibility of playing the Flanagan Cup final under lights on a Friday night or alternatively on a day when parents and supporters can attend.

### **Mayo post primary schools 2024-25 Winners**

#### **Flanagan Cup Winners**

- A Final – St. Gerald's
- B Final – Ballyhaunis
- C Final – St. Tiernans
- D Final – St. Patrick's Lacken Cross
- E Final Swinford V Our Lady's

#### **O'Haire Cup Winners**

- A Final - St. Muredachs
- B Final – Balla
- C Final – Ballyhaunis
- D Final – St. Brendan's

#### **First Year Winners**

- A Final – Summerhill
- B Final – Headford
- C Final – Foxford
- D Final – Our Lady's Bellmullet
- E Final – Summerhill B

#### **1st & 2nd Year Final**

Gortnor Abbey

#### **Colleran Cup Winners**

- A Final – St. Gerald's
- B Final – St. Tiernans
- C Final – St. Brendan's
- D Final – Charlestown
- E Final – St. Gerald's B

#### **Junior Hurling**

Ballyhaunis

## 2025 Insurance Officer Report

I would like to thank all the clubs I have spoken to over the past year for their assistance and co-operation and I am grateful for their commitment. Overall, there were no major issues as most clubs maintained their system of reporting injuries and advising on the organizing of activities whilst embracing the Healthy Clubs Initiative and integrating the wider community into their activities.

The main message for clubs is that if they are planning to do development/ building works that they contact the insurance in time to complete numerous documents to be returned before any works can start. The same is applicable for events such as fundraisers. Below are the required actions needed to be taken for both the public liability insurance and the Players injury Fund.

### **GAA Public Liability: Development Works & Club Events**

Club should notify the GAA's insurance brokers Marsh Ireland of ANY fundraisers or development works at your grounds as soon as they have the project planned so that all is in order to proceed when required. All fundraisers need to be cleared by Marsh Ireland before they happen for cover to be extended to cover them. All construction and /or Club /Facility Development and /or Maintenance activities must be notified and agreed in advance with Marsh Ireland to ensure the best risk management practices are adhered. On completion of a project, the Club must provide a completion certificate from the Contractor and update the Club's H&S statement and other controls before opening to users.

Marsh Ireland can be contacted at [generalgaaqueries@marsh.com](mailto:generalgaaqueries@marsh.com) the email is required from the club's official email, they will not accept it from personal emails, only from official GAA club registered email addresses. Alternatively, you can contact the GAA Insurance Department by emailing [Sinead.leavy@gaa.ie](mailto:Sinead.leavy@gaa.ie) or [ciara.clarke@gaa.ie](mailto:ciara.clarke@gaa.ie).

Injury Fund Notifications: All GAA Injury claims must be registered on-line by the player on the Foireann system within 60 days of the injury, failure to do so will result in the claim being refused. CLG will not be considering any appeals as it is a strict condition of the Fund that all claims are notified within 60 days of the Injury date and all information is true and correct at the time of the submission of the claim. The Injury date is Day 1.

Regina O' Donnell, Insurance Officer Mayo GAA, 087 2951007  
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## Planning and Training:

### Introduction

2025 has been a busy and impactful year for the Planning and Training Office of Mayo GAA. My work focused on steward training, club governance, leadership development, climate awareness, and supporting club administration.

### Steward Training

On 15th March, 33 new stewards were certified at MacHale Park. This strengthens our match-day operations. Special thanks to Gerry Bourke for his support.

### Climate Change Talk

Held on 16th April, this session helped clubs understand climate science, funding opportunities, and how to reduce emissions through better facility management.

### AGM Preparation Webinar

On 23rd October, Pat Teehan led a webinar on organising effective AGMs. Topics included planning, compliance, communication, and documentation.

### Club Excellence Event

On 8th November, Mayo GAA and Mayo College FET hosted "Setting Standards of Excellence in Your Club" at MacHale Park. Keynote speaker Brian Cody and expert-led workshops focused on leadership, coaching, and governance. It was a major step in club development.

### Future Goals

We will continue to expand training, promote sustainability, support governance, and develop leadership across Mayo GAA.

### Conclusion

Thank you to all who contributed to our progress in 2025. We look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead.

Signed: Michael Murphy

Planning and Training Officer, Mayo GAA

## Safety and Facilities Officers Report 2025:

The role of the Safety and Facilities Officer is to provide advice and support to Clubs and the County Management & Finance Committee on best practice in several key areas including; Ground Health & Safety, the Protection of Association Property (including title), Trusteeship, Insurances and the Development of Grounds and Facilities (including funding available for these developments).

The Safety and Facilities Committee which assists with the role was re-established this year with the following members:

Frank Flynn (Chairman) Gerry Burke (Chief Stewart) (Secretary of Committee)

James Rock (Event Controller)

Philip Heneghan (Groundsman McHale Park)

Michael Diskin (Vice Chairman)

Michael King (Holymount Carramore)

Regina O' Donnell (Insurance Officer)

The purpose of the Safety and Facilities Committee is to ensure compliance with Ground Health & Safety, Protection of Association Properties & Facilities in line with Legal Obligations and GAA Rules and advise on Physical Development of Grounds & Facilities at both club and county level.

The committee assisted clubs in preparing documents for grant applications from Connacht Council. The committee had to approve the grants in principal so that they were acceptable to go forward to Connacht Council to seek funding for their specific development projects. Well done to all clubs this year that received funding.

The Safety Statement for McHale Park was also updated prior to the first round of the Senior Championship.

Numerous webinars were held by Connacht Council and Croke Park and were attended where advice and support was given.

The Risk Register was up dated for Mayo County Board to again highlight the risks to the association and to agree a set of controlled measures to help mitigate these risks.

I would like to thank Seamus Tuohy for appointing me to the role of Safety and Facilities Officer for 2025 and to thank him for his support and help to me throughout this year. I would like to extend this thanks to the whole executive committee also.

Finally, I would like to thank the Safety and Facilities Committee for their work throughout the year and also to the committee's secretary Gerry Burke, Head Steward.

**Mise le Meas - Proinsias O Floinn**

## Childrens Officer – Celia Rattigan

A Chairde,

I am pleased to present this year's Safeguarding Report on behalf of Mayo GAA. Safeguarding remains a priority within our county, ensuring that every young player enjoys our games in a safe, positive, and supportive environment.

### **Safeguarding, Vetting & Coach Education,**

Across Mayo, clubs have shown a strong commitment to maintaining high safeguarding standards. Garda Vetting compliance as well as Safeguarding continues to be a priority for clubs.

Coach Education has also been a major positive. The uptake of Safeguarding 1, 2 & 3, along with our coaching courses has been very encouraging. At this point I want to sincerely thank our Safeguarding tutors Denis O Boyle and Eanna Casey for their excellent delivery of the safeguarding workshops. I would also like to thank Billy Mc Nicholas and his team of GPOs for their delivery of Coach Education workshops in Mayo. Their professionalism, clarity and support as well as Eannas and Denis's greatly enhanced the quality of all our courses.

### **Cul Camps**

The Mayo Cul Camps once again provided excellent opportunities for children to learn, play and enjoy our games in a safe setting. The camp coaches & supervisors carried out their roles with great enthusiasm and professionalism. Their strong commitment to safeguarding procedures ensured that each camp was both enjoyable and securely managed.

### **Give Respect – Get Respect**

The Give Respect – Get Respect initiative continues to be a cornerstone of our culture in Mayo GAA. Many clubs actively promote respect among players, coaches, parents, referees & supporters. The greatly helps foster more positive sidelines, better communication, and a more enjoyable environment for young players. The initiative remains a simple yet powerful tool in reinforcing the values that define us.

### **Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment 2025**

2025 saw the renewal of Clubs Risk Assessments & Safeguarding Statements. These are central to our safeguarding responsibilities and outline the measures clubs & County have put in place to ensure children are protected in all GAA activities.

Clubs are reminded of the importance of continuing to monitor for potential risks of concern, such as supervision, transport, changing rooms, communication and hosting of underage events.

The Safeguarding Statement, which must be clearly displayed in your club, is a clear declaration of our commitment to child welfare. It provides reassurance to parents & members that safeguarding is taken seriously and that procedures are in place.

The excellent co-operation and engagement from all clubs highlights our county's commitment to providing safe, supportive environments for all our young players.

### **Bord na nOg**

Mayo Gaa Bord na nOg has been a tremendous support in promoting Safeguarding and embedding it as a priority at underage level. Their commitment to providing competitions and plenty of meaningful game time for all our players is hugely important. Ensuring fixtures and development team competitions are in place helps play a vital role in ensuring all our young players can participate in our games.

At this point I would like to acknowledge and thank the Bord na nOg Chairperson Charlie Lambert, Assistant Secretary Brian O Malley and all the Bord na nOg Executive who play a vital role in creating positive, child centered environments across the county. Their support is greatly appreciated.

### **Acknowledgements**

As County Children's Officer, I wish to acknowledge the unwavering support I receive from the Mayo GAA Officers and Executive. Special mention to our chairperson Seamus Tuohy, Vice Chair Michael Diskin, Treasurer Valerie Murphy & our secretary Ronan Kirrane. Their co-operation, advice, support and openness to promoting safeguarding are invaluable and greatly strengthen the work carried out across the county.

I also want to give particular thanks to our County Designated Liaison Person (DLP) Padraic Carolan. The DLPs role can at times be challenging and sensitive. It requires professionalism, discretion, and a calm approach. Padraic's work is vital to ensuring that concerns are handled correctly, and in line with procedures. Thank you, Padraic, for your unwavering commitment.

Huge thanks also to all Mayo GAA clubs for their continued dedication to safeguarding. The work of Club Children's Officers is exceptional. Their behind the scenes efforts from overseeing vetting safeguarding etc to supporting coaches, managing records and promoting best practice are vital to the safe environment of every underage team in Mayo.

Finally, Safeguarding is a shared responsibility, with this in mind I thank all officers, tutors, coaches, club officials and volunteers across Mayo for their dedication during the year. Your collective commitment ensures that Mayo GAA continues to provide a safe & enjoyable environment for all our young players.

I wish you and all your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas & prosperous New Year.

# Mayo GAA Health and Wellbeing Report – Fran Downey

Mayo GAA Health & Wellbeing Committee:

Fran Downey, Noreen Johnston, Paul Cunnane, Neil Sheridan, Ciara McGorman, Jamie Burke, Pat O'Donnell

On behalf of the Mayo GAA Health and Wellbeing Committee, I wish to take this opportunity to thank our committee members for their hard work and dedication over the year and congratulate them for their efforts in promoting health and wellbeing throughout our county.

The Healthy Club Programme continues to go from strength to strength with 27 Mayo GAA clubs receiving official accreditation in the Irish Life GAA Healthy Club Programme. With the introduction of the new Accreditation Model, supporting clubs to achieve Foundation Level, Silver & Gold Healthy Club awards, we have continued to see existing healthy clubs stay engaged and progress to the next phase as they continue to support the holistic health of their members and the communities they serve.

Our 27 Healthy Clubs and their status include:

GOLD:

Kilmeena GAA

Moy Davitts GAA

SILVER:

Breaffy Gaa

Ballyhaunis GAA

Ballintubber GAA

Burrishoole GAA

Castlebar Mitchels

Davitts GAA

The Neale GAA

Clg Thuar Mhic Éadaigh

Hollymount Carramore Gaa Club

Westport G.A.A

FOUNDTION:

Achill GAA Official

Aghamore GAA Club

Balla GAA

Ballina Stephenites GAA Club

Bonniconlon GAA

Ballyvary Hurling Club

C.L.G Cill Chomáin

Garrymore GAA

Kiltimagh Gaa Club

Knockmore G.A.A.

Louisburgh GAA

Mayo Gaels GAA

Naomh Padraig

Parke Keellogues Crimlin G.A.A

Shrule/Glencorrib GAA

To all the wonderful clubs who have worked extremely hard in supporting their communities through the work of their Healthy Club Officers, is a testament to the strength of our GAA Community here in Mayo.



### County Board Executive Support:

We are extremely grateful to the County Board Executive where Health and Wellbeing has been welcomed and embraced by all members of the Coiste Bainisti. I wish to sincerely thank our chairperson Seamus Tuohy for his continued support and in depth understanding of what is involved in the Community and Health Department. We have worked closely over the year in providing opportunities to develop and highlight the importance of positive health and wellbeing for all members.

### Examples of what we are working on

- Planning and Developing Health Club Initiatives
- We regularly meet with clubs involved in the HCP to provide ongoing support throughout the eighteen months of the programme
- We continue to identify and liaise with interested clubs to support to them as they ready themselves for *Phase 8* of the Healthy Club Programme. Applications for the next phase opens on November 22, 2025 and closes on January 12, 2026
- We continue to deliver our Health and Wellbeing boards with a board available to every club in the County. For clubs who have yet to receive their Boards please feel free to contact us
- Reporting at county level the work completed as well as liaising with Connacht GAA to encourage partnering with other counties on national policies and initiatives

We continue to prioritise Mental Fitness by continuing to deliver safeTALK Training-Suicide Alertness For Everyone, to club members across the county.

As per our Priority Actions, we continue to review and update our Critical Incident Response Plan. All clubs should have a CIRP in place in preparation of a critical incident event occurring. County committee members assist clubs to;

Prepare a club level CIRP from the template/resources provided

Support clubs in adopting their own CIRP and support them should an incident arise

Respond in the most appropriate manner following a critical incident

*A critical incident is defined as an incident that overwhelms ones natural capacity to respond.*

Our Social Inclusion yearly event means we once again had the pleasure of hosting all Three 25yr Jubilee teams at this years County Final, with a special half time presentation pitch side.

The Three Clubs being honoured were:

Senior Club                      Crossmolina GAA

Intermediate Club              Ballinrobe GAA

Junior Club                      Killala GAA

The tradition is rolled out yearly and we look forward to hosting next years county champions from the year 2001 in 2026.

This is a small reflection of the work being done and I trust this report highlights the good work which has taken place over the past 12 months, not just by committee members but all healthy club officers, their teams and the clubs themselves.

Upon reflection, it is great to see the continued development of the Health and Wellbeing Committee and its structures becoming an integral part of the county board executive, and I hope we continue to develop and grow throughout the next number of years.

Is mise le meas,

Fran Downey

County Health and wellbeing Officer

Mayo GAA Health and Wellbeing Officer



## Fixtures Analyst Report – Michéal Mac An Rí



The role of the Fixture Analyst in the County is to oversee the fixtures schedule for the current year, to monitor the number of games played and measure the spread of games. We then report these observations and findings to the County Board, the CCC and the Provincial Fixture Analyst (Adrian Hassett).

The Mayo GAA Competitions Control Committee, under the Chair of Michael Diskin, prepared a Draft Master Fixtures Calendar in January, which was then presented to the February Co Board Meeting for approval.

During 2025, a total of **619** adult games were played. This can be broken down further as follows:

- 181 Championship Football Games.
- 335 League Football Games.
- 59 Under 21 Football Games.
- 44 Hurling Games.

This does not include Divisional Competitions which consisted of 143 adult games.

Over the course of the playing season, there were a total of 53 Walkovers, but the bulk of these were made up of clubs entering second teams in our league competitions, but unfortunately, were unable to field a team when the competition commenced. Going forward, I believe that this will have to be addressed with sanctions, as it is very unfair to other teams drawn in a group, to then be left without competitive games because of a last minute withdrawal.

There were 37 Date changes during the year, which included losing all games scheduled for the weekend of October 4/5<sup>th</sup> due to Storm Amy. This meant that our Senior, Intermediate & Junior Semi-finals had to be postponed until the following weekend.

While it was not ideal for the clubs involved, the CCC made this decision in the interest of health and safety, and the call was made in a timely fashion.

The calendar prepared at the start of the year was well-planned and adhered to, and I was delighted to see that some of the recommendations made last year were introduced by Mayo CCC in 2025. To facilitate club players in planning their schedules well in advance, the CCC informed clubs in early May of the times and dates for the first two rounds of the club championship games. This was a very welcome addition to our fixtures calendar in 2025. Additionally, Friday evening Championship games were introduced, which drew huge crowds and created a tremendous atmosphere to kick off our Championship season.

This season, the one competition that has proven very difficult to get up and running properly is the Under-21 Grade. Due to the adult teams' progression in their respective championship competitions, there were major delays in the commencement of the Under-21 competition. While it was highlighted to clubs earlier in the year that the competition would be running regardless of whether their adult teams progressed in the championship, when the time came, clubs would not fulfil Under 21 fixtures, as some of their main players were on the adult teams.

This is not acceptable and will have to be addressed going forward. One suggestion I think the CCC should consider refraining from making the Under 21 Draw until we know the teams qualifying for the Senior, Intermediate & Junior Quarter Finals, and then emphasize to these clubs that if they are entering the Under 21 competition and failure to fulfil their Under 21 fixtures, a monetary fine could be imposed on them.

Finally, I want to commend Michael Diskin and his committee for their commitment and work throughout the year, often meeting at short notice to debate and decide on important decisions to keep our competitions running smoothly throughout the season.



## Tuairsc Iomána Mhaigh Eo 2025

Bhí bliain an-mhaith ar pháirc na himeartha ag iománaí Mhaigh eo. Tá an cluiche ag laidriú sa chontae de réir a chéile agus tá níos mó daoine ag imirt anois ná mar a bhí riamh. Tá deich gclub bunaithe sa chontae faoi láthair agus iad suite thuaidh, theas, thoir agus thiar. Caithfear tógáil anois ar an sár obair atá déanta le cúpla bliain anuas.

Mayo hurling continued to progress and grow in 2025 with ten hurling clubs fielding at underage and adult level. There is a good geographic spread of hurling clubs in the county which offers an opportunity to young players who want to play the game. On the club scene we saw over 230 hurling games played at all levels.

### Inter-County Hurling

#### National Hurling League

Ray Larkin took over as manager at the start of the 2025 campaign after Brian Finn had stepped down. Mayo had an excellent start to their 2025 season. Mayo played in Division 3 of the National Hurling League and won all of their five games. They beat London in the Division 3 final in Manguard Park, Hawkfield, Kildare and gained promotion to Division 2 for the 2026 season. This was a great league campaign and playing at Division 2 will be of great benefit to Mayo in 2026.

### Nicky Rackard Cup

Mayo had a strong Championship campaign which culminated in the Nicky Rackard final in Croke Park on May 31st. Mayo were undefeated in the Nicky Rackard campaign with wins over Roscommon, Armagh, Louth, Sligo and a draw with Fermanagh. They met neighbours Roscommon in the Nicky Rackard final in Croke Park. The final scoreline was Roscommon 3-16 Mayo 1-21. It was a much-improved year for Mayo with only two defeats in league and championship in the whole season. The hope for 2026 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) and Brendan Geraghty (Castlebar) as selectors. The All-Ireland U-20 competition was run on a knock-out basis. Mayo played Tyrone in the Richie McElligott Cup in a knock-out games in James Stephens Park Ballina. They were defeated on a scoreline of 3-14 to 3-24.

### Mayo U-17 Celtic Challenge Cup

The Mayo U-17 hurlers competed in the Celtic Challenge championship. This team was managed by the Seán Heneghan (Claremorris), Richie Crinnigan (Tooreen), Michael Bolger (Ballina), John Enright (castlebar). They reached the semi-final and were eventually beaten by a strong Meath team in McHale Park.

Mayo U-17 management would like to thank Cian O' Toole, Mayo CDO, Mayo County Board members Seamus Tuohy, Valerie Murphy, John Walker, Billy McNicholas, Kieran Kilkenny 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. Eighty 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**

Pat Freyne (Team Manager- Tooreen)

John Kennedy (Castlebar Mitchells)

Darren Conlon (Coach-Ballyhaunis)

Seán Ó Raghallaigh (Coach- Westport)

Keith Holland (Coach-Castlebar Mitchells)

Pat Hourigan (Moytura)

Peter Dooley (Ballina Stephenites)

Cian O' Toole (Mayo Hurling GDC)

Liam Kearns ( Tooreen)

Paul Geraghty (Ballina Stephenites)

**Club Competitions**

Tooreen made it five county titles in a row when they defeated Ballyhaunis in the county final. They also secured a fourth Connacht title by defeating Meelick-Eyrecourt in the Connacht final.

Three adult Championship competitions were run in Mayo in 2025; 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 12<sup>th</sup> in Ballyhaunis GAA grounds. The finalists produced an entertaining game which ended in a victory for Tooreen on a score line of 2-17 to 0-21.

In the Senior B final Castlebar Mitchells defeated St. Ciarán's. This was the second successive win for Mitchells. The Martin O' Malley cup was presented to captain Corey Scahill.

### Genfitt Cup-League

The Genfitt Cup involved eight teams in two divisions. Tooreen won the Division A1 final defeating Ballyhaunis 0-26 to 0-17. Ballyvary secured their first adult league Division 2 title defeating Caiseal Gaels by 1-9 to 0-8.

### Junior Hurling

2025 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 Moytura and Tooreen on September 13<sup>th</sup> in McHale Park. In a brilliant game of hurling Tooreen won on a scoreline of 1-17 to 1-10.

The Junior B competition (Tom Earley Cup) involved all teams who did not make the junior A semi-finals. The final was contested by Westport and Ballina. Westport came out on top with a final score of Westport 3-18 Ballina 2-13.

### Iománaíocht Faoi Aois

Mayo clubs had a very successful year at underage level in 2025. 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. 2025 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.

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 2025

Féile 2025 was again played at the U-15 age group and the finals were hosted by Ballyvary and Claremorris GAA Clubs. Westport were victorious in the A Final defeating Ballyhaunis after extra time. Westport went on to represent Mayo in the National Féile Finals in Wexford.

Castlebar and Ballyvary contested the B final with Ballyvary coming out on top. Both clubs represented Mayo at the regional Féile competition.

### 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 (Moystura).

All three members are outgoing at the end of 2025. I would like to sincerely thank the members of the Hurling Board who have worked tirelessly to promote and grow the game in the county over the years in which they were involved. I wish the new committee members every success in the year ahead.

### 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 all 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 Michael Diskin, Treasurer Valerie Murphy, Assistant Treasurer Sinéad McLoughlin. Thank you for your support and commitment to hurling in 2025.

- 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 Michael Diskin. Michael 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.**

Coiste Éisteachta Mhuigheo  
Mayo GAA County Hearings Committee  
Report to County Convention 2025

Mayo Hearings Committee 2025

Brendan Byrne (Chairperson) (Castlebar Mitchels)

Craig Middleton (Secretary) (Claremorris)

Tod O'Mahony (Assistant Secretary) (Kiltimagh)

Mattie Joe Connolly (Garrymore) Joe McEvey (Moy Davitts)

Pat McManamon (Burrishoole) Anthony Egan (Bonniconlon)

John Kilgallon (Ballaghadereen) Sean Higgins (Davitts) PJ King (Knockmore)

Disciplinary Hearings and Appeals in Mayo in 2025.

We heard two Appeals on behalf of Underage Players whose Club Transfers were refused by the CCC and both of these Appeals were unsuccessful.

On the Hearings front, twelve Hearings have been conducted, at the time of writing. In a repeat of last year, there were 13 requests for Hearings, one of which was withdrawn at the eleventh hour, leaving 12 to be heard.

Players.

There were 11 reported Infractions by Players which were the subject of a Hearing. This is an increase on 2024 when there were 7.

**Category III - 7 (3 successful)**

Seven infractions alleged against players for Category III Infractions including striking with minimal force and dangerous play. One of these cases was successful due to an incorrect Player being cited; the correct Player appeared before us a few days later but was unsuccessful. Two other Category III Infractions saw the Players involved having their Infractions downgraded to a Category II (Black Card), where compelling video evidence proved as error had occurred. All other Category III Infractions were deemed to be proven.

**Category IV – 3 (none were successful)**

There were two Category IV Infractions, for Hearing, where a Player was cited for abusive language towards a Referee. One Player supplied video evidence, which was deemed not to be sufficiently compelling to exonerate the Player; the second such case provided no video evidence. Neither of these Hearings were successful.

The third case involved a Player cited for Striking with Force – this was not successful as the video supplied did not satisfy the Hearings Committee that the Referee had erred.

**Category V – 1 (Remitted back to CCC)**

One Hearing related to an alleged Category V infraction, being the use of Threatening Language towards a Match Official. No video or other compelling evidence was produced. However, due to conflicting evidence from Match Officials, the Hearings Committee felt compelled to remit the matter back to the CCC. The CCC subsequently proposed no further action.

None of the Decisions taken by the Hearings Committee were Appealed to Connacht Hearings Committee in 2025.

**Team Officials**

On a positive note, there were no Hearings this year involving Infractions by Team Officials.

**Clubs**

One Hearing was conducted in relation to a Club based on its contention that the CCC had incorrectly applied a Rule regarding League rankings. The Hearings Committee ruled that the CCC had acted correctly under Byelaws and Rules.

## Summary

To summarise, of the eleven disciplinary Hearings conducted, seven were upheld in their entirety, one was overturned due to mistaken identity and two were amended to a lesser charge which would have carried a Black Card. A further Hearing which was sent back to the CCC for re-processing was subsequently dropped.

**In other words, three out of eleven Hearings had the proposed Sanction overturned by the Hearings Committee and one was remitted back for re-processing with no further action resulting.**

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I would like to extend the appreciation of the Hearings Committee to all those Players and in some cases, their parents, Team Officials, CCC members, Club representatives and witnesses who attended the various Hearings and Appeals during the past year for the courtesy with which they treated the Committee and respect for the work that we do, in what are oft times difficult circumstances.

**NB:** We also take this opportunity to draw further attention to **Rule 7.3 (dd)** which came into force during 2025 which Clubs were alerted to this in July this year. Whilst it was not invoked this year it was strongly considered as an option by the Hearings Committee in a couple of cases, and Clubs should be aware that there is a real possibility of this being applied in the future. For more information, please refer to the GAA Official Guide (Part1) 2025.

Whilst this Committee acknowledges that anyone accused of an Infraction is fully entitled to due process and at liberty to request a Hearing, where a Hearing is deemed, by the Hearings Committee, to be totally without merit or an abuse of process, as per Rule 7.3(dd), there is now a chance that an additional penalty will be applied.

Finally, the usual words of thanks go to those in MacHale Park, especially Michael Cummins, Administrator and Philip Heneghan, Groundsman, for facilitating our proceedings, often at very short notice and sometimes long into the evening.

# Stewarding Report

As Chief Steward for Mayo GAA, I am pleased to write this report, which outlines the stewards activities across GAA events held in Hasting Insurance MacHale Park during the year. The role of stewards has been pivotal in ensuring the safety, smooth operation, and enjoyment of spectators at both club and county level competitions.

## Stewarding Overview

Throughout the year, stewards have played an integral role in the smooth running of match days in Hasting Insurance MacHale Park including:

- The Allianz National League
- Connacht Championship
- Senior Club Championships
- Bord na nOg Finals.
- Hurling
- LGFA
- Camogie
- Connacht v Munster rugby

Stewards have made themselves available for approximately 100 games in 2025.

For each of these events, stewards were responsible for crowd management, ensuring public safety, assisting with protocols, and helping to maintain the overall positive atmosphere of the games.

## Training

All stewards underwent initial training, including crowd control, conflict resolution & health and safety procedures.

## Crowd Management and Safety

Our primary responsibility was ensuring the safety of patrons and maintaining crowd control throughout the year. This year, we observed positive results from our efforts in managing large crowds at high-profile games, particularly at our home National league games and Connacht championship Senior, Connacht V Munster Rugby match where attendance was at its peak.

## **Pre Match Briefings**

In addition to training, we deliver pre match briefings that focus specifically on the layout, specific challenges, and any known issues that may arise at the venue. This will help stewards become familiar with their area stewards and carry out their duties more effectively.

## **Duties**

Stewards' duties include effectively managing all sections of the grounds, ensuring patrons enter and exit the venue safely, preventing overcrowding and ensuring that all spectators adhered to the seating arrangements, especially at Connacht Championship games where the stand has allocated seating arrangements.

## **Challenges**

### **Unsupervised children**

Unsupervised children on match days still continues to be a major concern.

The presence of unsupervised children at matches poses several dangers. Children may wander into restricted areas, potentially putting themselves at risk of injury from players, equipment, or accidents in busy, crowded environments. There is also the risk of children becoming separated from their guardians. Additionally, unsupervised children may engage in disruptive behavior, which can disturb other spectators and interfere with the enjoyment and safety of the game. I continue to encourage parents or guardians to supervise their children closely to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all patrons.

Minor disturbances have been reported, both of which involved crowd control challenges during high-pressure moments. In these cases, stewards intervened swiftly to de-escalate tensions and maintain a safe environment for all patrons.

### **Post match pitch invasions**

Pitch invasions following a game pose significant risks to player safety & crowd control. They can quickly spiral out of control & may lead to injuries for both players and spectators. Additionally, such invasions can create chaos and heighten the risk of confrontations.

## **Conclusion**

Overall, the stewarding team has shown excellent dedication and commitment throughout the year. We successfully ensured the safety of all patrons and contributed to the smooth operation of numerous matches. However, there are always opportunities for improvement, and by addressing the challenges above we can continue to enhance the stewarding experience and, most importantly, the safety and satisfaction of our Mayo GAA supporters & players.

## Thank you

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the officers of the Board, Seamus Tuohy Chairman, Ronan Kirrane Secretary, Valerie Murphy Treasurer, Michael Diskin, Vice Chairperson & John Walker our PRO for their continued support in making sure that our need are always catered for.

To our Deputy Head Steward Michael McKenzie thank you Michael for all your continued support throughout the year, it is much appreciated.

Thanks to Philip Heneghan, groundsman at Hastings Insurance MacHale Park, for his assistance on match days.

I would like to express my gratitude to head gate person Sinead McLoughlin for her collaboration and dedication in ensuring the smooth running of our games. Thank you, Sinead for all you do.

A huge thank you to Michael Cummins for everything you do on match days.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the stewards for their hard work and dedication this year. Your support and commitment ensure that everything runs smoothly and safely, and your efforts do not go unnoticed. We really appreciate the time and energy you put into helping make each game a success.

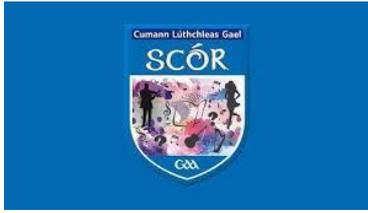
Your hard work and professionalism are greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a very peaceful Christmas & a prosperous New Year.

**Gerry Bourke**

**Chief Steward**





## Scór Report to County Convention 2025

### Daithí Ó Gallachóir

The past year has been one of outstanding achievement, continued energy, and cultural pride across all strands of Scór in Mayo. Scór na nÓg enjoyed strong participation countywide, with finalists progressing to the Connacht Finals in disciplines ranging from Tráth na gCeist (CLG Acla) to Set Dancing (Louisburgh GAA). Notable successes included Rachel Gallagher (Ballinrobe) in Solo Singing, Lucy McDermott (Davitts) in Recitation, Ida Hennigan (Moy Davitts) in Sean Nós Dancing, Kilfian GAA in the Novelty Act and CLG Baile an Tobar in Instrumental Music. Scholarships were awarded to Beth Ní Scolaí (Ballintubber) and Brandon Newman (Kiltane), recognising their commitment to the Irish Language.

At primary level, Scór na bPáistí continued to flourish, with Gaelscoil Raifteirí claiming titles in both Figure Dancing and Ballad Group, while winners emerged from every division of the county—highlighting the depth of young talent in our schools. Scór Sinsear county finals were held in Balla Community Centre producing a strong cohort for the Connacht Finals, including Mistéalaigh Chaisleán a’ Bharraigh (Quiz), Leah Nic Conmara (CLG Acla) in Solo Singing, Ethan Mac Né (CLG Acla) in the Recitation, CLG Acla in the Ballad Group and Kilfian GAA in Nuachleas.

The highlight of the year came when Achill’s Leah McNamara was crowned All-Ireland Senior Scór Solo Singing Champion 2025, the first Mayo winner since 2018, sparking joyous celebrations in the TF Royal Theatre.

Importantly, 2025 saw the return of Sean Nós Dancing to Scór na nÓg at county level—an affirmation of Mayo’s deep roots in this cherished tradition. Finally, congratulations to CLG Chill Chomáin (Silver) and Ballintubber GAA (Bronze) on their national recognition at the Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha awards.

Scór in Mayo continues to thrive—buíochas mór to all who promote and protect our cultural heritage.

## Coaching Report: Seamus Smyth

2025 was my first year as Mayo GAA Coaching Officer and I would like to express my gratitude to all for the help and support I received from Mayo Coaching & Games and Coiste Bainsti.

### Coach Education

Before the calendar season started FRC Workshops were held in the regions: North/Ballina Stephenites, 26th February, South/Ballinrobe Community School, 25th February and West & East/Hastings MacHale Park, 6th March. Information Evenings for underage coaches were held throughout March and early April, thanks to all referees and coordinators who facilitated these workshops and information evenings. Throughout the year our GDC'S held numerous ICGG, Award 1 and 2 Courses in the four regions.

Can all club coaching officers please ensure that their coaches have their Garda Vetting, Safeguarding updated and ICGG(minimum) course completed.

In addition the below workshops were held in October and November: Mayo GAA Alignment Workshop (Academy to Senior): Style of Play, Vision, Performance Pathway, Player Development, etc with Andy Moran.(Academy Coaches). Principles of Attacking Play with Andy Moran and Fundamentals of Defending with Paddy Tally & Colm Boyle(Club Coaches)

### Academy

As part of the academy review in '24 it was recommended that the Mayo GAA Coaching and Games to oversee the running of the U14 academy programme in the regions. The programme started in March and finished with a National Day blitz in Meath on Saturday 26th July, in addition there was an U14 regional development camp for two days at Halloween in Hastings MacHale Park. 130 players attended and participated in skills testing, they were screened and their fitness tested, with numerous workshops throughout the two day camp. The four regions trained on Saturdays and competed in Connacht blitz days throughout the Summer. Coaches over the previous two years felt that the 7-a-side blitz format offered limited developmental value, functioning more like a Go Games event and a preference for more meaningful, competitive, full-team formats that better reflect the challenges of U14 football. Thanks to all coaches involved, especially regional leads: North(Emmett O'Connor), East(Tim Moriarty), West(Aidan Gill) and South(TomWalsh)

In keeping with the Mayo GAA Academy ethos of an open-door policy, this year returned to a fully structured County Cup at U15 and U16. There was 3 to 4 weeks of regional training where regional panels were selected for the County Cup. This competition was held over 4 weeks where regions competed against each other in a round robin series followed by a final held in the Connacht GAA COE for both age grades.

Mayo U15 team took part in the Dermot Earley Connacht blitz and two teams participated in the National U15 Competitions - Adan Mangan Kilclonfert Cup & Adam Mangan Offaly Cup, panel of 56 players and they are divided into 2 teams. The first team reached the Adan Mangan Kilclonfert Cup final beating Kerry by 2 points, the second team played Galway in a competitive shield final(Adam Mangan Offaly Cup). In addition there was a development squad of 26 players who met once/twice a month to train together and play challenge games. The idea was to keep an eye on these talented players with the hope of them progressing and possibly joining the main academy squad, 6/8 players. The players are currently on a S&C programme for the winter months. Thanks to John Comer(Lead) and coaches Martin Costello, Cian Monaghan, John Dunne, John Sammon, Sean McAndrew, Shaun Boyle and Tom Corrigan.

Mayo Mayo U16 team played inr the Connacht blitz days and two teams entered in the National U16 competitions – Bunrana and Tebb Webb Cups, panel of 66 players and divided into two teams. The first team lost the Bunrana Cup final to Tyrone, while the second team played Dublin in the Ted Webb Shield final, in Clonguish, Co. Longford. Thanks to Eamon Smith(Lead) and coaches Diarmuid Byrne, Eoin Sweeney, Ger Brady, Michael Smyth, Paddy Hopkins and Paul Keane. After a successful County U17 Cup, the panel has been reduced to 45 and continues a S&C programme two days a week in Swinford.

### **U20 Development Squad**

There was a panel of 32, lead Colm Boyle with a background team of Michael Conroy, Barry Moran, Matthew Flangan and Liam Kearns. They trained on Saturdays, had inhouse game with the U20 in Crossmolina, 8th February, competed against Dublin, Meath and Cork during February and March and concluded on the 29th March with a round robin of games in the COE, Bekan.

### **Hurling:**

#### **Schools Coaching Programme**

##### **Block 1 – January to Early Spring (Castlebar & Westport Areas)**

A six-week coaching block was delivered across Castlebar and Westport, involving:Knockrooskey NS, Carrakennedy NS, Lankill NS, Scoil Phádraig Westport NS, Breaffy NS,Scoil Raitfeirí,St. Patrick’s Castlebar and Snugboro NS. A blitz for participating schools is held at the end of each block.

#### **CDO & Coach Education**

A dual ICGG course took place on 15th & 22nd February, providing hurling coaches with the skills required to coach effectively.

- Shaun Morley (CDO) coached in Ballyhaunis and Castlebar from February–June.
- Eoin McGrath (CDO) oversaw school coaching in Gaeltacht Iorrais. from February to June.

### **Block 2 – Spring (Ballina & Ballyvary Clubs)**

Coaching was delivered in the following schools:

Ballina Area: Culleens NS, Breaffy NS (Ballina), Quay NS, Behy NS

Ballyvary Area: Ballyvary NS, Straide NS, Parke NS, Meelick NS

### **Cumann na mBunscoil**

- Strong hurling participation in May/June with a significant increase in entries.
- Cooneal NS and Cloonliffen NS received taster sessions.

### **Post-Primary Schools**

- Connacht post-primary blitzes held throughout the year.
- Tourmakeady Secondary School introduced hurling with foundation sessions.
- A new Mayo Post-Primary Hurling Competition was introduced in October.
  - Ballyhaunis Community School won the inaugural title.
  - Additional participation from Rice College, St. Colman’s, and St. Gerald’s.

### **Autumn Coaching Block – Ballinrobe & Moytura (September–October)**

Schools coached: Ballinrobe, Cloonliffen, Irishtown, Kilmaine, Roundfort, Barnacarrol, Robeen. Blitz was held in Ballinrobe with Moytura clubs attending.

### **Autumn Coaching Block – Ballyhaunis, Caiseal Gaels & Tooreen (November–December)**

Schools included: Began NS, Ballyhaunis NS, Tooreen NS, Aghamore NS, Carracastle NS, Derrynabroc NS, Brusna NS, Kilmovee NS.

## **2. Club Coaching & Development**

### **Club Support**

- A Club Support Programme was delivered early in the year for Gaeltacht Iorrais.
- All 10 hurling clubs completed a Club Planning Document for the first time; these were reviewed later in the year.
- Hurling packs were distributed at the Senior County Football Final.

## Workshops

- 1st March: Damian Curley delivered a Hurling Striking Workshop in Ballyvary, with strong cross-club attendance.

## Club Blitzes (May/June)

- Toreen – Vinny Judge Blitz
- Ballina – Anthony Golden Blitz
- Westport – Pat Cox Blitz

## Underage Club Leagues

- Most Mayo clubs took part in the Táin Óg National League, competing against teams from several counties.

## 3. County Academies & Player Pathway

### Under 17 Academy

Strength & Conditioning and pitch sessions ran throughout the year.

- The team reached the Celtic Challenge Semi-Finals.
- They began in September again with few sessions completed.

### Connacht U15 Hurling Academy

- Mayo players were heavily involved across the year.
- The programme concluded in September, with Mayo players performing strongly against Galway.

## 4. Games Programme & Competitions

### Go Games

Easter Croke Park Go Games Days featured teams from Westport, Moytura, Ballyvary, Castlebar, Caiseal Gaels and Gaeltacht Iorrais (separate day)

## Cul Camps

Dedicated hurling camps were held at Claremorris/Moytura (joint camp), Westport, Ballina, Tooreen and Castlebar. Hurling skill stations were also delivered at multiple football Cúl Camps.

## Skills Competitions

- The U13 Hurling Skills Competition was completed in September.
- Ballyhaunis and Tooreen represented Mayo in the Connacht Finals, performing strongly against Galway clubs.

## Summary of Key Achievements

- Engagement with 40+ primary schools across three major coaching blocks.
- Major growth in Cumann na mBunscoil hurling participation.
- improved coach education year: ICGG delivery, club planning completion, and striking workshops.
- All 10 hurling clubs completed planning documents for the first time.
- Extensive club involvement in Táin Óg.
- Mayo U17s reached the Celtic Challenge Semi-Finals.
- Launch of a new Post-Primary Mayo Hurling Competition, won by Ballyhaunis CS.
- Calendar of blitzes, camps, and Go Games days delivered.
- Successful delivery of the Connacht U15 Academy, with strong Mayo performances.

## Skills Competition

Connacht U13 Football Skills Tests was held in the COE, 26th September with Ballintubberr winning the solo competition and were second overall. Regional Winners: Region 1: Belmullet – Crossmolina, 16th September, Region 2: Castlebar Mitchels – Castlebar, 19th September, Region 3: Moy Davitts – COE, 12th September and Region 4: Ballintubberr - COE, 12th September. Well done to all involved

## Cul Camps:

The 2025 Cul Camp programme ran throughout the county for 6 weeks from 30th June to the 8th August. 6,262 children participated in 54 camps in conjunction with over 200 coaches. A special thanks to these coaches and our own ambassadors Jack Coyne (Football) and David Kenny (Hurling). Also, thank you to everyone involved in clubs for facilitating these camps, the biggest GAA project we are responsible for, over the summer months.

**Club Development Officer Programme:**

21 clubs took part in this years programme(January to June), an increase of 5 clubs from 2024:

Swinford/Balla: Ryan Fadden

Breaffy :Gerry Jennings

Louisburgh/Kilmeena/Burrishoole: Lurcan Cody

Naomh Padraig/Bonniconlon: Adam Burke

Neale/Kilmaine/Shrute Glencorrib: Joe Lydon

Gaeltacht Iorrais: Eoghan McGrath

Erris St.Pats: Ben Donohoe

Davitts: Olivia Cleary

Ballyhaunis & Castlebar Hurling: Shaun Morley

Castlebar: Megan Davitt

Kiltimagh: James O'Boyle

Ardagh/Crossmolina: Ray Walsh

Westport: Tim Champion

The annual review of the CDO Programme took place in August in conjunction with Connacht GAA. This included feedback from Clubs, Schools and the CDOs which was very positive from all 3 Mayo groups. The very important link between schools and their local clubs is a positive take away from the programme.



## Mayo Handball Report 2025

2024 was a huge year for GAA Handball nationally hosting two world championships in the 4Wall and Wallball codes with three world titles coming back.

To top 2024 would be difficult, but 2025 has been nothing short of a remarkable year which included Mayo reclaiming the All-Ireland Senior Handball championship for the first time since 2013.

In all seven celtic crosses, a Féile championship, three Spanish open titles and a strong uptake of the game across the county puts spirits high going in to 2026.

The All Irelands started coming west when Ollie Cassidy(Swinford) and Joe McCann (Ballaghadereen) retained their Masters Softball title in Mullingar in July winning 21 -11, 21-14 over Offaly.

Ollie Cassidy brought home more success when he won the masters singles and doubles wallball titles at the Spanish open in Valencia.

**Juvenile handball** has had a fantastic year in the county culminating in two major titles for Newport. Great work has been going on county wide and huge thanks to all the volunteers and coaches for their time and effort.

Handballs inclusion in cúl camps across the county has been a huge boost for handball and we have no doubt that our collaboration going forward with Billy McNicholas and his team will produce future stars, so a big thank you to the development team.

Newport came home with the division two Féile 4wall title after facing a stacked championship of Kells (Kilkenny), Loughmacrory (Tyrone) and Breacach (Tyrone). The team consisting of Mikey Kilroy, Dylan Sheridan, Sean Nevin, Feidhlim Guilfoyle and John Irwin taking home the title much to the delight of their coaches Padraig O'Malley and Aidan Connaghton.

The celebrations did not end there however for Newport as Sean Nevin and Feidhlim Guilfoyle created an inspirational story on their way to the all Ireland U15 doubles softball title in the 60x30.

Newcomers to the traditional code, Sean and Feidhlim showed the grit, determination and pride we all love to see when wearing the green and red.

They headed to Tyrone to face their opponents in their home court and came through an epic tiebreaker 11-15, 15-4, 15-11.

Their reward was a trip to Castlebridge in Wexford to contest the final against Kilkenny.

Sean and Feidhlim incredibly won another tiebreaker to take home the U15 All Ireland Softball championship, a truly amazing 48 hours for everyone involved!

Mayo took two of the six **Hardball** titles in September making history for Claremorris and Aughagower in the process.

Shane Heraty was in top form in the junior championship but was on the wrong side of the doubles final with partner Lorcan Conlon. Shane didn't have to wait long to avenge the doubles loss as a week later the Aughagower man won out the junior singles against Kildare 21-13, 11-21, 11-5.

In the **Senior Championship** Claremorris duo Patrick Murphy and Niall Joyce took home the blue ribbon title after a commanding win over three time champions Corks Daniel Relihan and Michael Hedigan 21-13, 21-6.

They became the first Mayo team to win the doubles title since 2013 when Dessie Keegan and Stephen Cooney won it and join legends Paddy Bolingbrook, Pdraig McCormack and Paeder McGee in winning this historic title that goes back over 100 years. The same duo took home another major title from the Spanish open just a few weeks later to cap an outstanding 2025 for the county.

**Onwards to 2026!**

**Le meas**

**Chris Gavaghan**

**Rúnaí CLG Liathróid Láimhe Maigh Eo**



Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Coiste Chontae Mhaigheo  
COMHDHÁIL BLIANTÚIL 2025 AINMNIUCHÁIN 07.12.2025

Position	AINMNIUCHÁIN 2024 Nominations
UACHTARÁN President	JP Lambe
CATHAOIRLEACH Chairperson	Seamus Tuohy (Breaffy)
LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH Vice Chairperson	Michael Diskin (Castlebar Mitchells)
RÚNAÍ Secretary	Ronan Kirrane (Davitts GAA)
RÚNAÍ CÚNTA Assistant Secretary	Brian O Malley (The Neale)
CISTEOIR Treasurer	Valerie Murphy (Charlestown)
CISTEOIR CÚNTA Assistant Treasurer	Sinead McLoughlin (Knockmore)
OIFIGEACH CAIDREAMH POIBLÍ (PRO)	Paul Cunnane (Davitts)
OIFIGEACH FORBARTHA Planning and Training Officer	TO BE APPOINTED Riall 3.11
OIFIGEACH OILIÚNA Coaching Officer	Seamus Smyth (Ballycastle)
OIFIGEACH SÁIBHÁILTEACHT Safety Officer	TO BE APPOINTED Riall 3.11
OIFIGEACH CULTÚIR Cultural Officer	Daithí Gallagher Castlebar Mitchells)
OIFIGEACH SLÁINTE & FÓLLAINE Health and Well Being Officer	TO BE APPOINTED Riall 3.11
OIFIGEACH NA BPÁISTI Children's Officer	TO BE APPOINTED Riall 3.11
OIFIGEACH DÉIMEAGRAFACH Demographics Officer	TO BE APPOINTED Riall 3.11
ÁRD COMHAIRLE Central Council	Con Moynihan (Bealach an Doirín)
CATHAOIRLEACH ÍOMANÍOCHT Chairperson Hurling	TO BE APPOINTED
COMHAIRLE CHONNACHT (2) Connacht Council	Paddy McNicholas - Kiltimagh Liam Moffatt – Crossmolina Deel Rovers John Walker – Cill Chomáin

Voting allocations - 2026

North	Allocated	West	Allocated
Ardagh	3	Achill	3
Adrnaree	3	Balla	3
Ballina Stephenites	3	Ballintubber	3
Ballycastle	3	Ballyvary Hurling	3
Seamus Smyth	1	Shane Quinn	1
Ballycroy	3	Breaffy	3
Belmullett	3	Seamus Tuohy	1
Bonniconlon	3	Celia Rattigan	1
Michael McKenzie	1	Burrishoole	3
Cill Chomain	3	Castlebar Hurling	3
John Walker	1	Castlebar Mitchels	3
Crossmolina	3	Michael Diskin	1
Liam Moffatt	1	Daithí Gallagher	1
Mick Herr	1	Islandeady	3
Gaeltacht Iorrais	3	Kilmeena	3
Kilfian	3	Louisburgh	3
Killala	3	Parke	3
Kiltane	3	Tuair Mhic Eadaigh	3
Knockmore	3	Westport	3
Sinead McLoughlin	1	Chris McGowan	1
Sean MacÉil	1	Charlie Lambert	1
Lahardane	3	Sean O Reilly	1
Lacken	3		
Moygownagh	3		
	58		50
South	Allocated	East	Allocated
Ballinrobe	3	Aghamore	3
Claremorris	3	Frank Flynn	1
Davitts	3	Ballaghderreen	3
Paul Cunnane	1	Con Moynihan	1
Ronan Kirrane	1	Ballyhaunis	3
Garrymore	3	Mary Prenty	1
Mary Lydon	1	Caiseal Gaels	3
Shrule Glencorrib	3	Charlestown	3
Hollymount Carramore	3	Valerie Murphy	1
Kilmaine	3	Eastern Gaels	3
Donal Walsh	1	Stephen Mooney	1
Mayo Gaels	3	Kilmovee	3
Moytura	3	Kiltimagh	3
The Neale	3	Bohola Moy Davitts	3
Brian O'Malley	1	Swinford	3
		Tooreen	3
	35		38
		Total electoral votes	
Others		North	58
Cumann na mBunscoil	1	South	35
Post Primary	1	East	38
Handball	1	West	50
	3	Others	3
		Total electoral votes	184

## Ruin 2026 - Motions

1. All clubs are permitted to record their own games up to and including the county final, regardless of whether the match is being broadcast live or recorded by a commercial entity (such as RTÉ, Mayo TV, or TG4). Each team may use their own recording device for the sole purpose of analysing the game for internal use. Such recordings must not be shared publicly, distributed, or used for financial or any other form of gain. **(Cathair na Mart)**

2. That any club with more than seventy-five (75) registered adult playing members shall be permitted, with the approval of the Mayo County Board, to enter an additional (second) team in the Intermediate Championship, provided that the club's first team competes in the Senior Championship. **(Cathair na Mart)**

3. At the conclusion of the league competitions, such clubs shall submit to the Mayo County Board a list of players — the number of which shall be determined by the Mayo County Board — designated as their Senior squad. These players shall be ineligible to participate with the club's Intermediate team under any circumstances for the duration of that year's championship **(Cathair na Mart)**

4. That the CCC examine the case for playing the Premier Junior Championships on alternate weekends than the Main Mayo Club Championships (In August and September). **(Crossmolina Deel Rovers)**

5. RULE 1 – THE FIELD OF PLAY – sub rule 1.4 of the Official Guide (An Treoraí Oifigiúil) – Part 1 to be amended. The semi-circular arc of 13m radius, centred on the mid-point of the 20m line to be removed. The only semi-circular arc to be used and marked on the field of play shall be the 40m arc

2. Rule 7.5(n)(ii) of the Official Guide (An Treoraí Oifigiúil) – Part 2 to be amended to read as follows:

That it is proven that a score allowed during the course of the Game was either not recorded and/or awarded or incorrectly recorded and/or awarded by the Referee and that error had affected the result of the Game.

6. An additional rule to be added to the Official Guide (An Treoraí Oifigiúil) – Part 2 to read as follows:

‘Video evidence, when clear, reliable and unedited, can be relied upon when presented as part of an objection, to prove that a score should be awarded and recorded correctly in accordance with RULE 7 – SCORES and sub-rule 3.1 of the Official Guide (An Treoraí Oifigiúil) – Part 2 (i.e – if video evidence clearly proves that a score should be awarded and recorded as a one point score in accordance with Rule 3.1, but it was awarded and recorded as a two point score in error, then, on objection and submission of clear, reliable and unedited video evidence, the score will be amended accordingly. The same rule to apply to the application of all scores)’

We would suggest this rule be included as Rule 7.5(n)(iii) of the Official Guide (An Treoraí Oifigiúil) – Part 2 (**Hollymount Carramore**)

## 7. Introduction of Preliminary Quarter Finals in Mayo Senior and Intermediate Club Championships

That Aghamore GAA Club proposes that preliminary quarter finals be introduced into both the Mayo

Senior and Intermediate Club Football Championships, similar to the current format used in the

Galway Club Championships and the existing structure in the Mayo Junior Championship.

Under this proposal:

- The team finishing top of each group will advance directly to a home quarter final.
- The teams finishing second in each group will have a home preliminary quarter final against a team finishing third in another group.
- The winners of the preliminary quarter finals will then progress to the county quarter finals. (**Ach Mór**)

8. That GAA Central Council conduct a comprehensive review of the Injury Benefit Fund, as the current maximum payout of €5,500 no longer reflects the true cost of treating serious injuries.

Medical expenses have risen significantly in recent years. We acknowledge the fact that the association in recent years increased the maximum amount paid from the injury fund however with inflation this has now also grown inadequate.

This has placed a considerable financial strain on both clubs and counties, especially where Gaelic games related surgery and rehabilitation are required. We therefore request that the payout limit be reviewed and increased to an appropriate and sustainable level. **(Na Daibhéidi)**

9. A review to take place around the structure of Junior competitions. In this year's competition we saw Junior A with eight teams and two teams progressing out of the group stages; Junior B had 16 teams and only 1 team progressing out of the group stages. We would like to see quarter finals return Junior B competitions to allow teams an opportunity to progress in the competition thus giving players the opportunity of more game time. **(Na Daibheidi)**

10. Mayo GAA CCC would organise a Senior and Intermediate 'B' Championship competition for those who fail to qualify for the quarter finals of the Mayo Senior and Inter championships.

(This would be a similar competition to the Exclusive Junior B competition). **(Coillte Mach)**

11. Mayo GAA CCC would organise a competition for players who have not played Senior, Intermediate or Exclusive Junior championship in 2026

This would be started after the first round of the Senior, Intermediate or Exclusive Junior Championship and played on the alternative free weekends when there are no main Championship games.

This competition would be ran as a trial in 2026. **(Coillte Mach)**

12. Request for Clarification and Enforcement of Rule 20.

We respectfully request that the County Board issue a formal communication to all affiliated clubs regarding the interpretation and application of Rule 20.

Specifically, we ask that the Board:

- (I) Clarify its interpretation of Rule 20, including any relevant guidance or precedents that inform its enforcement.
- (II) Ensure that all clubs are adhering to Rule 20 in both spirit and practice, with consistent oversight and accountability.

We believe that clear communication on these matters will strengthen trust and transparency among clubs and support the continued development of Gaelic games in Mayo. **(Kilmovee)**



## Bye- Laws 2026

1. The Governing Body of the Gaelic Athletic Association in Mayo shall be The Mayo County Committee, excepting those functions reserved to the Provincial Council and the Central Council under the Official Guide 2025.

### 2 COUNTY CONVENTION

2.1. In accordance with Rule 3.8 and 3.9 T.O 2025, and these Bye Laws the County Convention shall elect / appoint Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.9 and Delegates in accordance with Rule 3.10 following nomination in accordance with Rial 3.11:

Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, County Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, two representatives on Provincial Council and one representative on Central Council.

In addition the County Convention shall appoint a Children's Officer, a Planning and Training Officer and Demographics Officer, all recommended by the outgoing county committee.

2:2. Rule 3.9(b) 2 shall not apply to the office of Treasurer or Children's Officer.

2.3 Before publication of Convention motions submitted in accordance with Rule 3.12 these shall be examined by the Management Committee. Motions considered to be out of order should be returned to the submitting Unit indicating reasons and affording an opportunity to re-submit.

### COUNTY COMMITTEE

In accordance with Riail 3.16(b) of An Treorai Oifigiuil 2025 - The County Committee shall consist of the following:

County Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, County Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Central Council Representative, Connacht Council Representatives (2), Children's Officer, Planning and Training Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer of the Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, The Chairperson and Secretary of Coiste na nOg, The Chairperson of Hurling Committee, The Referee's Administrator, County Safety and Facilities Officer, Demographics Officer, A named representative from each of the County Primary Schools Committee, County Post-Primary Schools Committee and County Handball Committee, The Chairperson and Secretary of each Divisional Committee, The Health and Well Being Committee Chairperson (with reporting rights) and a named representative of each Adult Club affiliated and taking part in Adult Competitions. The Referee's Administrator shall be appointed in accordance with Rial 3.17(h) T.O 2025.

The representatives from the County Primary Schools from the County Post-Primary Schools, shall be appointed by the County Committee in January each year. The Handball representative shall be nominated by the County Handball Committee.

### 4. County Sub Committees

In accordance with Riail 3.18 of An Treorai Oifigiuil 2023 and subject to Rules 3.19 and 4.4 T.O 2025 - The County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined therein and in these Bye-Laws: All members of sub-committees shall be named

**5. (i) Management Committee.**

The Management Committee shall consist of the following members:

County Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, County Secretary and Assistant Secretary, County Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Central Council Representative, Connacht Council delegates (2), Divisional Committee Chairpersons (4), Coiste na nOg Chairperson and Secretary, Children's Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Planning and Training Officer, Coaching Officer, Public Relations Officer, Chairperson of Hurling Sub Committee and County Safety and Facilities Officer, Health and Well Being Officer without voting rights and the Insurance Officer without voting rights

**(ii) County Competitions Control Committee.**

The County Competitions Control Committee shall consist of the Secretary of each Divisional Committee (4), The Referees Administrator (Voting only on appointments of Referees), The Hurling Sub Committee Secretary or Chairperson, The County Secretary, The County Assistant Secretary, The County Administrator (without voting rights), The County Public Relations Officer, The Chairperson of Bord na nÓg, one Fixtures Analyst and a Chairperson nominated by the County Chairperson and appointed by County Committee. The quorum for all meetings of the Competitions Control Committee shall be 3. The CCC shall submit a report to each Coiste Banistí and Coiste Chondae meeting outlining fixture plans and a brief report on disciplinary matters.

**(iii) County Fixtures Analysts –**

In accordance with Rule 3.18(iii), T.O. 2025, the Management Committee shall appoint at least one County Fixture Analyst.

**(iv) County Hearings Committee.**

The Hearings Committee shall consist of ten named members, including a Chairperson and Secretary, Assistant Secretary appointed by County Committee. No member of the Management Committee, County Competitions Control Committee, or of the Executive Committee of the Post Primary Schools may serve on this Committee. The powers of the Hearing Committee shall be plenary powers. Quorum for a hearing shall be 3 members including Chairperson.

The Hearings Committee shall submit a report to each Coiste Banistí and Coiste Chondae meeting outlining decisions made on disciplinary matters.

**(v) Safety and Facilities Committee...** shall have six members including County Safety and Facilities Officer who shall be Chairperson, a Qualified Event Controller. The remaining members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in R. 3.18 (v) T.O. 2025.

**(vi) Planning and Training Committee** shall consist of five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by The National Officer Development Committee and Club and County Planning Committee.

**(vii) County Referees Administration Committee.**

The County Referees Administration Committee shall consist of the County Referees Administrator, who shall act as Chairperson, four named members with expertise, in this area, and our other named members ,one from each Division, all appointed by the County Committee.

**(viii) County Coaching and Games Development Committee.**

The County Coaching and Games Development Committee shall consist of The Coaching Officer, who shall act as Chairperson, The County Games Manager, who shall act as Secretary, a named representative of each of the following: Post Primary Committee, Third Level schools, The Hurling Sub-committee, Handball and three members selected by the county committee.

**(ix) County Cultural Committee.**

The County Cultural Committee shall consist of the County Officer for Irish Language and Culture, who shall act as Chairperson, two delegates elected by each Divisional Board, and a Secretary appointed by the County Committee.

**(x) County Public Relations and Marketing Committee.**

The County Public Relations and Marketing Committee shall consist of The Public Relations Officer, who shall act as Chairperson, and eight other named suitable members appointed by the County Committee.

**(xi) County Youth Committee.**

The County Youth Committee shall consist of the Children's Officer who shall act as Chairperson, and eight other named members nominated by the Management Committee and appointed by the County Committee. It shall be responsible for the co-ordination and initiation of all Youth activities within the County.

**(xii) County Finance Committee.**

There shall be a County Finance Committee, which shall consist of the Officers of the Mayo County Committee.

**(xiii) Information Technology Committee.**

There shall be an Information Technology Committee consisting of a Chairperson and four other named members appointed by the County Committee.

**(xiv) County Teams Management and Panels Committee.**

The Membership of the County Teams Management and Panels Committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee / Teams Management / Player relationships as approved by Ard Chomhairle from time to time. The functions of this Committee will be as outlined in Rule 3.18 (xiv) of An Treorai Oifigiuil 2025.

**(xv) Audit and Risk Committee** shall consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member.

**(xvi) Demographics Committee**

It shall consist of a at least 5 members to include the Demographics Officer, who shall act as Chairperson and be a member of an Coiste Bainistí . All other members shall be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

**(xvii) Health & Wellbeing Committee**

It shall consist of a Health and Wellbeing Officer who shall be appointed by the County Committee and shall act as Chairperson, the Children’s Officer and four other named members (One of whom shall act as Runai), nominated by the Management committee for appointment by the County Committee

**(xviii) Referees Liaison Committee**

It shall consist of the Chairperson of the CCC (to act as chairperson), County Treasurer, Assistant Secretary (to act as Rúnaí), one Divisional Chairperson and the Children’s officer and shall be appointed by the County Committee. The function of this sub-committee is to meet on a quarterly basis with the referee’s committee to improve the officiating of our games

**5. County Sub Committees**

In accordance with Riail 3.17 (m) of An Treorai Oifigiuil 2025, The County Committee shall appoint the following Sub Committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined in these Byelaws:

**(i) Post Primary Schools Committee.**

The function of the Committee shall be the promotion, development and control of Gaelic Games in Post-Primary Schools. It shall organize competitions where appropriate, and encourage as wide a participation in Gaelic Games as is feasible. Membership of the County Post-Primary Schools Committee will consist of:

A representative of each affiliated Post-Primary School.

representative of the Coaching and Games Development Committee.

A representative of Bord na nOg.

**County Coaching Officer** who may act as the Committee Chairperson.

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the Officers, and two representatives of Colleges. The Executive Committee of the County Post-Primary Schools Committee shall reflect the respective strength of Post Primary Colleges within the County if so desired. There shall be a Competitions Control Committee consisting of the membership of the Executive Committee. Its functions within the Post-Primary Schools Committee shall the same as those of a Competitions Control Committee at County level. The County Hearings Committee shall hear appeals against its decisions, and/or requests for a Hearing. The Provincial Appeals Committee shall hear appeals against The County Hearings Committee decisions. It shall forward motions to the Provincial body.

**(ii) Hurling Committee.**

There shall be a County Hurling Committee, which shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary and Public Relations Officer appointed by the County Committee and one representative of each club participating in Adult Hurling competition. Subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee it shall be responsible for the promotion and development of hurling within the county. There will also be a Coiste Iomana n-Og section within the hurling Committee responsible for the organization of all underage leagues and all underage County Hurling Championships under the jurisdiction of the hurling committee and the CCC

**(iii) Cairde Mhaigheo**

There shall be a Cairde Mhaigheo Committee consisting of the County Chairperson, County Secretary and County Treasurer who shall have power to co-opt members from within the county committee and outside. It shall have responsibility for all fundraising activities.

**(iv) Coiste na nOg.**

There shall be a County Coiste na nOg consisting of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, PRO appointed by PR Committee), representative of the hurling committee, Children's Officer, Games Development Officer, Referee Appointment Officer (appointed by the County Referees Committee) and 4 delegates per division nominated by the Divisional Sub-Committees, (Divisional Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Assistant Secretary may hold proxy for a Divisional delegate). Subject to the overall jurisdiction of C.C.C It shall be responsible for the organization of all underage Leagues and all underage County Championships.

The PRO and Referee Appointment Officer will have no voting rights at Coiste Na NoG

**(v) Divisional Committees**

There shall be four Divisional Committees (North, South, East and West). Each Board shall consist of the following elected officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and a Public Relations Officer, and two delegates from each club

It shall be responsible for the organization of Adult Junior Leagues and Under Age and other Special competitions as fall within their remit.

Divisional Annual General Meeting must be held at least one month before County Convention. Voting rights at Divisional Annual General Meeting shall be confined to the outgoing members and two delegates per Adult Club.

Each Divisional Committee, through its chairperson, shall submit a monthly report to Coiste Bainisti and an annual written report for inclusion in the County Secretary's report to County Convention and an annual financial statement to the County Treasurer.

County Sub-Committee (excepting Audit and Risk Committee).

**General**

The Chairperson of each Sub-Committee shall be selected from the Officers or Members of the County Committee or from other personnel deemed qualified by the County Committee.

The Chairperson of each Sub-Committee shall present a Progress Report on the work of the Sub-Committee for each County Committee meeting.

All County Sub-Committees shall meet with corresponding Sub-Committees at (a) Provincial and (b) Club levels, at least once annually, with the higher Committee being the convenor.

The Terms of Reference of all Sub-Committees, and job specifications of all Officers shall, upon appointment, be documented and distributed.

Each Sub-Committee shall submit a written Report to County Convention, to be included on the Convention Agenda

A member psychically absent, without just cause, from three consecutive meetings shall automatically become disqualified from membership of the Committee for that year. This shall also apply to all members of Sub-Committees.

District or other Committees or Clubs may, not later than the 31st August in any year, notify the Secretary of the County Committee in writing of the appointment of a replacement representative on the County Committee. Such representative shall thereafter assume full membership of the County Committee until the conclusion of the following County Convention

**6. Catchment Areas for Clubs**

In accordance with Rule 6.2 T.O 2025, the County Committee shall determine a Catchment Area for each Football Club in the County which shall be a Parish (the District under the jurisdiction of a Parish Priest or Administrator) shall be in force in the county, subject to the overall authority of the Co. Committee.

The Catchment Areas for Hurling Clubs are attached in Appendix A.

**Attachment to First Club:**

A person on first becoming a member of the Association as a Youth Member or an Adult member shall be restricted to joining the Club in the Catchment area of his permanent residence or the Club in the Catchment Area where the person's parents/guardians were permanently resident at the time of his birth.

If no such Club exists, a Player may with the permission of the County Committee, play with the nearest Club to his place of permanent residence, or as directed, by the County Committee, in exceptional circumstances.

To be eligible for selection on any Mayo inter-County Panel a Player must first be a current paid and registered playing Member of a GAA Club, in the particular year.

Club membership alone per se, does not confer automatic playing eligibility. In accordance with T.O. Rule 6.2(b), a club may not register an ineligible member. This bye-law shall also apply to juvenile members under the age of 12. Penalty for breach: as set out in Code 8.3, T.O. 2025.

### **7. Permanent Residence**

In the context of these Bye-Laws and Code 8.3, T.O. 2025, permanent residence shall mean residing at a fixed address for a minimum period of eight consecutive weeks, prior to the date of the Transfer application and is likely for at least the ensuing year. Documentary proof of such residence shall be required. Residence in a Club catchment area for the purpose of attending a Primary School, Post-Primary School or Higher Education College, shall not qualify as a Permanent Residence, for the purpose of this Bye-Law.

### **8. Playing Restrictions (Club) – Rule 6.7 OFFICIAL GUIDE 2025**

Subject to Rial 6.7 T.O 2025 Competitions Control Committee may consider applications for permission to play at under age level to players whose own club are unable to field at a particular age level and make recommendations to the County Committee whose decision shall be final

Subject to Rial 6.7 T.O 2025 Competitions Control Committee may consider applications from adult players, that in the previous year had not played with their current club, for permission to play at adult level with a junior club with low numbers of adult players The Competitions Control Committee would make recommendations to the County Committee whose decision shall be final. Where granted, this arrangement would last for one year and such a player would have to reapply each year for permission to play.

Subject to Riail 6.7 of An Treorai Oifigiuil 2025 a player from an separately affiliated football club may be granted permission to play hurling with a separately affiliated hurling club or dual affiliated club. A Player affiliated with a dual club may not seek permission to play with any other club unless the player's relevant age group is not catered for within the dual club, the only exception to this is where a player's 1<sup>st</sup> Club gives written consent for permission to play in the case where they had been a prior arrangement in place with the concerned player involved between the two clubs.

Parentage Rule- a player may apply for permission to play with a club in a catchment area in which his parent was a player in adult competitions or in exceptional circumstances, a member, who over a reasonable period of time, made a proven contribution to that club, prior to the birth of the player or in the case of either of the players parents were at the time of the players birth, permanently resident in the present Catchment area of that club.

Applications for both Permissions to Play in both Football and Hurling must be signed by the Applicant, in person, on the official form, to be had from the County Secretary and must state the exact grounds on which such application is based. In the case of underage Players (up to and including under-18 grade) an application for Permission to Play must be accompanied by an authorisation, signed in person by the applicant Player's Parent(s) or Guardian(s). Permissions to Play must be with the County Secretary no later than 15<sup>th</sup> February of the playing year.

Proximity to Club Base- A player may apply for permission to play to the club/Independent Team based on proximity to club ground

Such applications for permission to play shall be processed in accordance with Coiste Chontae Mhaigheo Bye-Laws and the County Committee's decision on such applications shall be final.

All Notifications of Amalgamations and Co-operations at all age grades must be with the County Secretary by 17<sup>th</sup> January. All Amalgamations and Co-operations must be approved by the Demographics Committee within 14 days and sanctioned by the County Committee at the February meeting.

## **9. TRANSFERS**

Applications for Transfers must be signed by the Applicant, in person, on the official form, to be had from the County Secretary and must state the exact grounds on which such application is based. In the case of underage Players (up to and including under-18 grade) an application for Transfer must be accompanied by an authorisation, signed in person by the applicant Player's Parent(s) or Guardian(s).

Applications for Transfers within the County must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> March to allow CCC sufficient time to process the applications.

All applications for transfer shall be made on the official form supplied by the County Secretary.

A transfer may be granted to a player who is in permanent employment in another catchment area even though he resides in his native parish. In the event of a dispute his first club shall have first call on his services.

Parentage Rule- a player may apply for a transfer to a club in a catchments area in which his parent was a player in adult competitions or in exceptional circumstances, a member, who over a reasonable period of time, made a proven contribution to that club-

A player may apply for a transfer to a club/Independent Team based on proximity to club ground. In the event of a dispute, the club within whose catchment he resides shall have first call on his services

A player whose permanent residence is changed to the area of the club to which he wishes to be transferred. Permanent residence shall mean residing at a fixed address for a minimum period of eight consecutive weeks, prior to the date of the Transfer application and is likely for at least the ensuing year.

Attachment to First Club- A person on first becoming a member of the Association as a Youth Member or an Adult Member shall be restricted to joining the Club in the Catchment area of his permanent residence or the Club in the Catchment Area where the persons parents/guardians were permanently resident at the time of his birth – in the case where 2 clubs exist in the same parish a player may join either of the clubs in the parish as their first club. A transfer, if sought, may be granted with the agreement of both clubs and subject to the official forms being received by the County Secretary

As the GAA is community centred and is also based on the allegiance of its Members and Players to both our Gaelic Games and their local Clubs; the object of which is to promote the Association's aims at local level, the Transfer Rules in the Official Guide and these Bye-Laws reflect that ethos. A Player is considered to always owe allegiance and loyalty to the Club with which he first legally participated in official Club competitions in County Mayo.

### **10. Regrading**

Further to Section 10.8 , Codes, all applications for Player re-grades from Senior Championship to Intermediate Championship shall be lodged with the County Secretary at least 3 days prior to the Meeting of the County Committee meeting preceding the First Round of the Intermediate Championship

All applications for regrading must be considered by the County Competitions Control Committee and the CCC shall make recommendations to the County Committee on all applications for regrading.

The right to regrade from Senior Championship to Intermediate Championship shall be subject to a maximum of 5 players in any one calendar year.

Where Clubs have teams competing in the Primary Junior A /Junior B/Junior C Championship, then each Club may regrade, by one level only and to the next lowest grade of championship in which that Club has a team participating, all players that played in the higher championship level in the preceding year, with the exception of 12 of those players nominated from the players who participated in the team's final championship game,(inclusive of relegation semi-finals and finals) in the preceding year. Each of the 12 named players must be a registered player with that club in the current playing season.

Any player whose application to regrade has been refused by the County Committee shall be furnished with the reason(s) for such refusal and shall have the right of appeal against that decision to the County Hearings Committee

### **11. Competition Control Committee**

(i) The Secretary of the Hurling Committee shall be a member of the Competition Control Committee. In his/her absence the Chairperson of the Hurling Committee can attend or nominate a nominee.

(ii)

**Appendix A - Hurling Club Boundaries**

Using the football club areas, we have assigned each football club to a Hurling club. See appendix 1 below for reference.

- In recognition that the boundaries may be unfair on some clubs we would be looking at allowing permissions to play for some players. For example, Balla Football club is assigned to Ballyvary Hurling Club, however for some players, given the proximity of the Southern end of Balla to Claremorris there may be a scenario where a player would live significantly closer to Claremorris Hurling Club grounds. Where a player in Balla would demonstrate they are significantly nearer to Claremorris Hurling Club grounds, they could potentially play with Claremorris. For this to be allowable the player would submit a permission to play request and both Hurling clubs would have to be in agreement with the request. Each year the permission to play request would need to be submitted. There are number of these scenarios that may arise and each one will be dealt with individually.
- Where a player would transfer from one football club to another, in a different hurling catchment area this player would automatically play hurling with the new catchment area.
- All existing arrangements relating to permission to play are to remain in place for the current players.

All permission to play applications must be done yearly.

This agreement came into effect from the 2025 Hurling Season onwards.

**Appendix 1. Hurling Boundaries**

**Tooreen:** Aghamore, Kitimagh

**Castlebar Hurling:** Breaffy, Ballintubber, Islandeady, Lahardane MacHales

**Ballyhaunis:** Eastern Gaels

**Westport St Patricks:** Kilmeena, Burrishoole, Achill, Loisburgh

**Casieal Gaels:** Ballaghaderreen, Charlestown, Kilmovee

**Ballyvary:** Swinford, Moy Davitts, Parke/Keellogues/Crimlin, Balla,

**Gaeltacht Lorrains:** Belmullet, Kiltaine, Cill Chomain, Ballycroy

**Ballina Stephenites:** Bonniconlon, Ardnaree, Killala, Lacken, Kilfian, Moygownagh, Crossmolina, Knockmore, Ardagh, Ballycastle

**Moytura Hurling:** Neale, Ballinrobe, Shrule Glencorrib, Kilmaine, Tourmakeady

**Claremorris:** Davitts, Hollymount Carramore, Garrymore, Mayo Gaels

Bye laws -Mayo Convention on 08.12.2025. The Bye Laws were viewed by the Coiste Bainistíocht and the Coiste Chondae on 20.11.2025.



