

COISTE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO COMHTHONÓL 2025



Comhthionól Bhliantúil 2025

De Ceadaoin - 18ú Nollaig 2024

Óstan Mhór Náisiúnta Béal an Átha- Co Maigh Eo

Ar tosnú – 19:00

Contents	Page(s)
Clár	3
Standing Orders	4
Minutes 2023	5-6
Secretary's Report	7-23
Competition Control Committee Report (CCC Report)	24-36
Fixtures Analyst Report	37-38
Public Relations Report	39-43
Bord na Nóg Report	44-50
Health and Well Being Report	51-54
Coaching Officers Report	55-65
Cumann na mBunscol Report	66-67
Secondary Schools Report	68-69
Hurling Report	70-76
Cultural and Scór Report	77-79
Hearings Committee Report	80-84
Training and Planning Report	85-94
Connacht Council Report	95-97
Club Development Draw Report	98
Safety and Facilities Report	99-100
Central Council Report	101
Childrens' Officer Report	102-107
Insurance Officer Report	108
Stewarding Report	109-112
Handball Report	113-115
Motions	116-118
Nominations	119
Voing	120



COISTE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO COMHTHONÓL 2025

Clár 2024

1. Opening address and remembrance of deceased members
2. Óráid an Uachtaráin
3. Adoption of Standing Orders
4. Óráid an Chathaoirleach
5. Miontuairiscí 2024
6. Tuairisc an Runaí
7. Tuairisc an Chisteoir
8. Toghachán na hOifigí
9. Ruin
10. Date of First Coiste Chondae Meeting 2025

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.

2023 MIONTUAIRRISC:

Cumann Lúth Chleas Gael Chontae Mhaigheo Comhthionól Bhliantúil 2024 was held in The Castlecourt Hotel, Westport.

Chairman, Seamus Tuohy welcomed the delegates to Convention and formally got Convention underway with a prayer in remembrance of deceased members. West Board Chair Shane Quinn welcomed clubs to Convention and thanked the hotel and the West Board for the work in getting the venue ready.

Óráid an Uachtaráin:

The South Board nominated JP Lambe for the position. JP complimented the Board on their work across all areas. He expressed gratitude to both Garrymore and the South Board for the nomination and he looks forward to assisting when called upon.

Standing Orders:

Standing Orders were adopted on the proposal of D. Walshe and seconded by D. O Reilly

Óráid an Cathaoirleach:

Seamus Tuohy in his address to Convention covered the following:

- Thanked the delegates present.
- Thanked Shane Quinn and the West Board
 - The Senior team on retaining the Connacht Title, gaining promotion in the League.
- Acknowledged the hard work of the players and management teams across all grades in football and hurling.
 - He thanked the various academy teams and the support of the coaches.
 - He acknowledged the success of the CDO programme.
- The Club Championship winners were all congratulated.
- All committees were thanked for the work they carried out throughout the year.
- All referees were thanked.
- Demographics through M.McKenzie and his committee.
- Finances-He thanked V. Murphy and her team for their work.
- Thanked all our sponsors
- The Mayo Associations in London and Dublin were thanked for their help during the year.
- All his fellow Officers were thanked along with Michael Cummins, Kevin Fitzmaurice and Keith Deasy and the Press.
- Thanked his family for their support over the year

Minutes:

The Rúnaí read the minutes. There were no matters arising out of the minutes of the previous year's Convention. The minutes were adopted on the proposal of Padraig Prendergast and seconded by Kevin McDonnell

Tuairisc an Runaí.

In his report to Convention, Ronan Kirrane covered all the following points;

- U-17's and U-20's Teams along with their respective team managements were all thanked.
- The management and players at Senior Football and Senior Hurling Level as well as the Liaison Officers at all levels
- The Club Senior, Intermediate and Junior Championships
- Sub-Committees
- Our Sponsors
- Our Volunteers

The Runaí thanked our Administrator Michael Cummins, John Prenty and the staff in the Connacht Council Office, Croke Park, County, Divisional and Club Officers for all their help during the year. The Runaí's report was adopted on the proposal of Johnny Hopkins and seconded by Con Moynihan

Tuairisc an Chistéoir:

The Cistéoir Valerie Murphy and our Head of Finance, K. Fitzmaurice delivered the Financial report to delegates at Convention.

Kevin Fitzmaurice gave a detailed overview of the accounts.

Beo Maigh Eo

Liam Heffron gave a detailed overview of the Historical website which he led up and was funded through Mayo GAA.

www.mayogaa.com – new look website

John Walker presented the new website which was launched during proceedings.

Return of Officers for 2024

There was no vote at Convention. All officers were returned in block unopposed. Proposed by F. Hyland and seconded by J. Farragher.

Secretary's Report 2024

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí

Firstly, I would like to thank all stakeholders for their contribution towards our games throughout 2024. The Split Season has given clarity to all players, teams and supporters for how the season pans out. Whether we agree with it or not it seems that for the time being at least it is here to stay.

The Intercounty landscape looks set to change considerably over the next few years with the introduction of the new rules which were ratified for one year at Special Congress on 30.11.24.

It has come very much into focus of late that games have become pedestrian, overly thought out leading to frustration among players, management and supporters. While it is most certainly not the remit of players to entertain the masses, games in the last few years have become uninspiring to say the least. Congratulations to all those who have worked in the FRC over the last year and hopefully we will be looking at a different landscape in a very short period of time. The transition to the new rules will be interesting but will bring about a period of adjustment for us all. It seems strange and ill thought that in 2025, above all years the FBD League and its counterparts have been stood down.

The greatest concerns for clubs will be in the introduction of these rules at club level. There are many issues at stake and support for referees and officials will be high on that list. However, these rules will be on trial for a year and teething problems will be addressed after the National League when we have all seen how the rules will work.

Another major issue facing the organization is that of facilities. This is a national issue but one that is having a massive impact on our teams within the county. Many clubs around the county have improved their facilities with more set to follow in the near future and it is fantastic to see that pride clubs are taking in their new facilities. The issue at county level is a much greater one. Earlier in the year the board made an application for an LSSIF Grant which was unsuccessful. This was a major disappointment for the county, especially when you see some of the amounts given to other counties and other codes. Bear in mind that Mayo GAA never received so much a cent for the stand in Hastings MacHale Park, nor did we receive funding for resurfacing of the pitch. With the acquisition of land in Bohola we now have an opportunity to create something that will greatly improve the lives of all our players for generations to come. We will be sitting down with elected representatives both locally and from Dáil Éireann and we will be unapologetic about seeking major financial support for this project in the very near future.

Another huge area that clubs in the country face is that of demographics. While Mayo is not alone in this issue, the signs of change are very quickly evident within the county. There has been a huge shift nationally in population to the east of the country and with rural population

on the decline, clubs face major issues. The problem is twofold. We have too many people in a concentrated area and not enough in other areas. This is leading to players in the urban areas not getting the football they need and some in rural areas getting too much, or too much expected of them. Are there ways to fix this problem? That remains to be seen but we must all start to think hard about the problems before clubs start to close the doors of their clubhouses for good.

FBD League:

This competition was held in the University of Galway Air Dome and proved a very valuable starting block for the new season. Many thanks to John Prenty for organising the competition and giving the players protection from the elements. It is disappointing that the competition has been shelved as there were major benefits to it for players, management and the provincial council. With the introduction of new rules, the FBD Competition would have provided an excellent vehicle for players to adapt to the new rules and for patrons to see them in a competitive game before the league starts in late January. Attendance was high at these games, and it proved an entertaining start to the season.

National Football League:

League Results:

Round 1: Galway 0:10 Mayo 2:12 Pearse Stadium, Galway, 28.01.24. The league started off in January with a chance to have a cut at our near neighbours Galway in Salthill. The good news for us was that the home side were facing a large number of players unavailable through injury and while that does not win games it certainly makes it easier to accomplish. That proved to be the case and goals from E. McLaughlin and a penalty from Cillian made us full value for money on the day. Two points in the bag early doors certainly helped the tricky start to the year. Mayo: Colm Reape; Jack Coyne, David McBrien, Rory Brickenden; Paddy Durcan (0-1), Sam Callinan, Eoghan McLaughlin (1-0); Bob Tuohy (0-1), Conor Reid; Fergal Boland (0-3), Jack Carney (0-1), Jordan Flynn (0-2); Aidan O'Shea, Tommy Conroy, Ryan O'Donoghue (0-2, frees). Subs: Diarmuid Duffy for Reid, Paul Towey (0-2) for Conroy, Cillian O'Connor (1-0, penalty) for O'Shea, Donnacha McHugh for Tuohy, Stephen Coen for Boland

Round 2: Mayo 1:12 Dublin 0:14 (Hastings Insurance MacHale Park, 3.2.2024) While Dublin in Croke Park in July would be more of a mouthwatering affair the visit of Dublin to Hastings Insurance MacHale Park is always a game to look forward to and this was no different. Dublin raced into an early lead and after the first quarter it looked like we were in all sorts of trouble. To be honest we were in trouble but an improved second quarter rectified matters and a great game ensued. The game was turned on its head in the 52nd minute when a goal from sub-Stephen Coen when he latched on to a long effort from J. Flynn drew great hope from the massive crowd. Running down the straight it was left to Fergal Boland to nudge us in front and get us over the line. Mayo: Colm Reape (0-1, free); Jack Coyne, Rory Brickenden, Sam Callinan; Paddy Durcan, David McBrien, Eoghan McLaughlin; Jordan Flynn, Jack Carney (0-1); Conor Reid, Fergal Boland (0-1), Bob Tuohy (0-1); Aidan O'Shea, Paul Towe (0-1), Ryan O'Donoghue (0-7, six frees). Subs: Donnacha McHugh for Reid, Stephen Coen (1-0) for McLaughlin, Tommy Conroy for Towe, Cillian O'Connor for O'Shea, Diarmuid Duffy for Tuohy

Round 3: Kerry 0:16 Mayo 0:15 (Austin Stack Park, Tralee, 17.02.2024). A break of two weeks between Dublin and Kerry was next and the mood was high heading for Tralee. Games in Tralee are always entertaining, and this game continued in that pattern. At times we looked fantastic, at times we really rode our luck but ultimately, we ended up losing by the minimum in a game that would probably have been best resulted in a share of the spoils. Three points down with 60 minutes gone we managed to fight our way back to parity but really at that stage we should have seen out a share of the points. However, with Sam Callinan black carded for a tackle that no one else in the large crowd saw bar one we left enough of a gap for D. Clifford to snatch a fabulous winner. Mayo: Colm Reape (0-1, free); Jack Coyne, David McBrien, Donnacha McHugh; Sam Callinan (0-2), Rory Brickenden, Eoghan McLaughlin; Jack Carney, Diarmuid O'Connor (0-1); Bob Tuohy (0-1), Fergal Boland (0-3), Jordan Flynn (0-1); Aidan O'Shea, Tommy Conroy, Ryan O'Donoghue (0-5, two frees). Subs: Darren McHale (0-1) for O'Shea, Enda Hession for McLaughlin, Stephen Coen for McBrien, Cillian O'Connor for Tuohy, Ciarán Boland for Conroy

Round 4: Tyrone 1:15 Mayo 1:11 (Healy Park, Omagh, 24.02.2024). When all is said and done this was certainly a game that we could have won but for different reasons we didn't. The loss of Ryan before the game didn't seem to halt our attack as we raced into an early lead. When Cillian O'Connor crashed home a penalty it looked like we were in pole position, but the concession of points left us only three up at the break. The second half seemed to knock us for six before we even knew what happened. Tyrone pushed hard up on our kickouts, and we really struggled with their high level of attacking pressure. As a result, we never got going in the second half and Tyrone ran out deserved winners. Mayo: Rob Hennelly (0-1, free); Jack Coyne, Rory Brickenden (0-1), Sam Callinan; Michael Plunkett, Stephen Coen (0-1), Enda Hession; Diarmuid O'Connor, Matthew Ruane; Diarmuid Duffy, Fergal Boland (0-2), Jordan Flynn; Cillian O'Connor (1-2, penalty goal and two frees), Tommy Conroy, Conor McStay (0-1).

Subs: Jack Carney for Diarmuid O'Connor, Ryan O'Donoghue (0-2) for McStay, Eoghan McLaughlin for Plunkett, Bob Tuohy (0-1) for Ruane, Darren McHale for Duffy.

Round 5: Mayo 0:15 Roscommon 0:09: (Hastings Insurance MacHale Park, 02.03.2024) Following defeat in Rounds 3 and 4 we now faced the need to get bad to winning ways as we welcomed Roscommon to Castlebar. In front of a crowd of 10,000 it was anticipated that we would really struggle and while we didn't score for 17 minutes of the first half we still managed to go in at half time a point to the good. The second half saw a different Mayo outfit and when we managed to restrict Roscommon to three second half points the result was inevitable. Mayo: Colm Reape (0-1); Jack Coyne, Rory Brickenden, Sam Callinan; Donnacha McHugh (0-2), Stephen Coen (0-1), Enda Hession (0-1, mark); Jack Carney, Eoghan McLaughlin; Bob Tuohy, Fergal Boland (0-2), Jordan Flynn; Aidan O'Shea (0-1), Paul Towey, Ryan O'Donoghue (0-6, three frees). Subs: Matthew Ruane for Flynn (blood), Tommy Conroy for Towey, Darren McHale for Tuohy, Cillian O'Connor (0-1) for O'Shea, Matthew Ruane for Flynn, Conor Loftus for McLaughlin.

Round 6: Mayo 2:13 Derry 3:15 (Hastings Insurance MacHale Park, 17.03.2024). There was great excitement as we welcomed Derry to Castlebar for the first time in years on St Patrick's Day. The band played in front of a large crowd and all in attendance were looking forward to a great game. The result would score that there was five points between the sides, however in essence the game was long over before the final whistle. Derry flew up the road in buoyant spirits where we were left to lick our wounds. Mayo: Colm Reape (0-2, free and '45); Aaron McDonnell (0-1), Rory Brickenden, Sam Callinan (0-1); Donnacha McHugh, Stephen Coen, Enda Hession; Jack Carney (0-1), Matthew Ruane; Bob Tuohy, Fergal Boland (0-1), Jordan Flynn (1-0); Aidan O'Shea (0-2, one free), Tommy Conroy (0-1), Ryan O'Donoghue (0-3, two frees). Subs: Conor Loftus for Tuohy, Jack Coyne for Hession, Paul Towey (1-1) for Boland, Fenton Kelly for McDonnell, Kevin Quinn for Loftus

Round 7: Monaghan 1:14 Mayo 2:13 (St Tiernach's Park, Clones, 24.03.2024). Our final league game of the campaign saw us take to the roads for the fourth time in 2024. In a bazaar game it looked as if we would lose out before staging a comeback in the final ten minutes to take the victory in front of a small crowd. The game changed when Mattie Ruane finished to the net in the final minutes to push Mayo over the edge. Mayo: Rory Byrne; Eoin O'Donoghue, Rory Brickenden, Sam Callinan; Paddy Durcan, David McBrien, Padraig O'Hora (0-1); Matthew Ruane (1-2), Aidan O'Shea (0-1, free); Darren McHale (1-1), Ryan O'Donoghue (0-5, frees), Jack Coyne; Stephen Coen, Tommy Conroy, Enda Hession. Subs: Michael Plunkett for Callinan, Cillian O'Connor (0-2, mark and free) for McBrien, Fergal Boland (0-1) for Durcan, James Carr for Eoin O'Donoghue, Bob Tuohy for O'Shea.



Championship:

Connacht Quarter Final: New York 2:06 Mayo 2:21 (Gaelic Park, New York, 07.04.2024). We entered the first Connacht Championship at the Quarter Final stage across the water in New York. The days leading up to the game had supporters in a frenzy regarding tickets but thankfully there weren't any reports of issues on the day. Instead a sea of red and green had a memorable trip and came home with a win. There was a huge crowd over for the game with a lot of supporters in fear that 2024 may be the final time a mass exodus of Mayo fans head en masse to the Big Apple. The scenes in Times Square were both surreal and impressive as almost every man woman and child seemed to be present to enjoy the celebrations. The game itself was almost an afterthought but there were times where we caused ourselves problems. Two goals for the home side ensured that the game wasn't a landslide in a day in which Ryan O Donoghue became Mayo's top scorer in the history of meetings between the two sides. Mayo: Colm Reape; Jack Coyne, Rory Brickenden, Sam Callinan; Paddy Durcan (0-1), Stephen Coen, Eoghan McLaughlin; David McBrien, Matthew Ruane; Bob Tuohy, Fergal Boland (0-1), Jack Carney (0-2); Aidan O'Shea (0-1, free), Tommy Conroy, Ryan O'Donoghue (1-13, nine frees). Subs: Cillian O'Connor (1-1, penalty goal) for Tuohy, Darren McHale (0-1) for McBrien, Paul Towey (0-1) for Conroy (blood), Enda Hession for Coen, Michael Plunkett for McLaughlin, Conor Hunt for Durcan.

Connacht Semi Final: Roscommon 0:13 Mayo 1:15 (Dr Hyde Park, Roscommon, 21.04.2024). We eased our way into the Connacht final against Galway after coming good in the second half to see off Roscommon in front of almost 14,000 spectators in the Hyde Park sunshine. We made the brighter start, with captain Paddy Durcan splitting the posts in the fourth minute.

A couple of early turnovers from the nourished confidence levels further, and when Aidan O'Shea cut across the face of goal and found the net in the eighth minute, we were firmly in control. We led at the break by a single point but based on the first 35 minutes we were in a decent place. We upped the pace again in the second half and looked very comfortable for long periods however we weren't allowed to rest as Roscommon through everything at us in the last 10 minutes. However, as much as they tried Roscommon couldn't close the gap and we ran out deserved 5-point winners. Mayo: Colm Reape; Jack Coyne, Rory Brickenden, Sam Callinan; Paddy Durcan (0-1), David McBrien, Donnacha McHugh; Stephen Coen, Matthew Ruane; Jordan Flynn, Fergal Boland (0-2), Jack Carney; Aidan O'Shea (1-1), Tommy Conroy (0-2), Ryan O'Donoghue (0-7, four frees and a mark). Subs: Enda Hession for McHugh, Conor Loftus (0-2) for Durcan, Bob Tuohy for O'Shea, Paul Towey for Flynn, Pdraig O'Hora for Coyne.

Connacht Final: Galway 0:16 Mayo 0:15 (Pearse Stadium, Galway, 05.05.2024. Let's be clear about it this was a game and final that we left behind us. Leading by two points going into injury and coming the wrong side of a one-point loss tells some of the story but not all of it. By its location Pearse Stadium inevitably throws up a gale of a breeze even on the calmest of games but as Conor Gleeson took aim with the last shot of the game even the wind deserted us, and Galway claimed a three in a row of points and a three in a row of Connacht Titles. The loss left a major vacuum in our season and ultimately it was one we didn't recover from.

Mayo: Colm Reape; Jack Coyne, Rory Brickenden, Sam Callinan; Eoghan McLaughlin, David McBrien, Donnacha McHugh (0-1); Stephen Coen, Matthew Ruane (0-3); Jordan Flynn (0-1), Fergal Boland (0-1), Jack Carney; Aidan O'Shea, Tommy Conroy (0-2), Ryan O'Donoghue (0-6, four frees and a mark). Subs: Diarmuid O'Connor for Boland, Cillian O'Connor (0-1) for O'Shea, Enda Hession for Flynn, Conor Loftus for Coyne, Bob Tuohy for Carney

All-Ireland Championship Group Stage (Group 2)

Round 1: A largely turgid game that never really excited the crowd served its purpose and got us some way to back on track. The truth of the matter was we were never really in any trouble. The worst part of the game was a very serious injury to Paddy Durcan who was only just back from injury. Ultimately it would end his season and deal us a major set back. Mayo 0:20 Cavan 1:08 (Hastings Insurance MacHale Park, 18.05.2024. Mayo: Colm Reape; Jack Coyne, David McBrien, Donnacha McHugh; Stephen Coen (0-1), Sam Callinan, Eoghan McLaughlin (0-1); Matthew Ruane (0-3), Diarmuid O'Connor; Jack Carney (0-1), Darren McHale (0-2), Jordan Flynn; Cillian O'Connor (0-4), Tommy Conroy, Ryan O'Donoghue (0-7, five frees). Subs: Conor Loftus (0-1) for McHugh, Bob Tuohy for Carney, Paddy Durcan for McLaughlin, Aidan O'Shea for Conroy, Paul Towey for Ruane.

Round 2: Roscommon 1:15 2-14 (Dr Hyde Park, Roscommon, 01.06.2024. Groundhog Day as we faced Roscommon for the third time of the year. It seemed the Hyde Park was reserved for fine weather this summer as the sun shone on the famous venue. Question marks were raised as to how we would get ourselves up for another game against our neighbours and this seemed further evident as we struggled at times. The first half was nip and tuck with little between the sides although a swirling wind did make shooting difficult as we hit several scoring chances wide. An improved second half saw us create more opportunities and goals from Donnacha and Ryan saw us over the line. Another hammer blow was the sending off of Fergal Boland, a decision that many of us questioned at the time and in the days after. Mayo: Colm Reape; Jack Coyne, David McBrien, Donnacha McHugh (1-0); Stephen Coen, Sam Callinan, Eoghan McLaughlin (0-3); Jack Carney, Matthew Ruane (0-1); Darren McHale (0-2), Ryan O'Donoghue (1-4, penalty goal and two frees), Jordan Flynn (0-2); Aidan O'Shea, Pádraig O'Hara, Cillian O'Connor (0-1). Subs: Conor Loftus for McBrien, Tommy Conroy (0-1) for O'Connor, Fergal Boland for O'Shea, Enda Hession for McHale, Bob Tuohy for McLaughlin

Round 3: Mayo 0:17 Dublin 0:17 (Dr Hyde Park, Roscommon, 16.06.2024. In what seemed like home from home in 2024 we made the short journey to Roscommon to play Dublin in our final group game. Ahead of the game there wasn't too much optimism but the men in the camp will be boiling and ready to lay down a marker against Dublin. We could have, should have but ultimately didn't win the game and the margin of fine lines left us facing a preliminary quarter final with a week to recover physically and emotionally from a rollercoaster of emotions. Mayo: Colm Reape (0-1, '45); Jack Coyne, David McBrien, Rory Brickenden; Eoghan McLaughlin, Stephen Coen (0-1), Sam Callinan; Donnacha McHugh, Matthew Ruane (0-2); Jordan Flynn (0-1), Darren McHale, Jack Carney; Aidan O'Shea (0-1, a free), Ryan O'Donoghue (0-7, five frees), Tommy Conroy (0-3). Subs: Conor Loftus (0-1) for McLaughlin, Cillian O'Connor for McHale, Diarmuid O'Connor for Coen, Bob Tuohy for Ruane, Paul Towe for Carney

Preliminary Quarter Final Mayo 1:12 Derry 0:15 22.06.24 We welcomed Derry to Castlebar for the second time of the year and the bounce seemed to be with us. Buzzing from a good performance the week before it was important that we hit the ground running. However, for whatever reasons we just could not get into our groove. The first half was an experience to forget, and positive football was simply not on show due to the set-up of the opposition. Games are there to be won but we could not break down the Derry defence. The second half produced better fare and when Ryan O Donoghue split the posts going into injury time it looked as if we would fall over the line. However, Derry had other ideas, and a late equaliser sent us to extra time. It looked as we were in trouble in extra time but when Jordan kicked a monster we were set for the inevitability of penalties. It's no way to win a game of Gaelic football and certainly no way to lose one but the rules are there for us all and in a compact season replays are probably not viable. The lads who stood up and took the penalties for both sides deserve huge praise, but it felt as if we were running out of road and that is what transpired. For only the second time since 2022 we would not make up one of the final eight teams in the search for Sam. Mayo: C Reape; R Brickenden, D McBrien, D McHugh; J Coyne, S Callinan (0-1), E McLaughlin; J Carney, M Ruane; S Coen, D McHale, J Flynn (0-2); A O'Shea (0-1), R O'Donoghue (1-4, 1-Open, 3fs), T Conroy (0-2). Subs: C Loftus (0-1) for McLaughlin (half-time); D O'Connor for McHale (53); E Hession for Coyne (58); C O'Connor for Ruane (67); B Tuohy for O'Shea (70); P Towe for O'Shea (70); M Plunkett for Callinan (87).

Nominations:

Well done to Aiden O Shea and Ryan O Donoghue for being shortlisted for the All Sta Awards. Two great players who continue to set the bar for players right across the country.

U20 Football:

Peadar Gardiner became Mayo U20 Manager in August of 2023. While results didn't go the way of the group there was a huge amount of development which augers well for the future. The implementation of an U19 Development Squad was a major addition, and I have no doubt this will put us in a stronger position going forward. I would like to thank S. Quinn for his role as Liaison Officer (LO) during the year.

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.

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. Perhaps a change to a two-week break between all rounds should be looked at. However, with the calendar tight at the latter end of the year this may not be possible. The decision of the CCC together with clubs to call off the Senior Football Final was the right call for the safety of players, mentors and patrons. This year saw a much higher standard of competition than in 2024 and we were treated to some fantastic fare across all grades. The passing of rule into our Bye-Laws that the team finishing top of the group proved to be a very successful decision as it kept the last round honest and ensured that there would be no dead rubbers.

Personally, I believe it is time we look at a Senior A and Senior B Championship. This could be done in different ways but to get a higher quality of championship we should investigate the idea if nothing else. You must take risks. If you don't take any risk, you won't get any reward.

One thing that worked very well was Friday Night Football (FNF). There is no reason why this should not increase in 2025 especially as the CCC will look at circulating Championship Fixtures with at least two months' notice. The benefit of games on Friday nights is that it frees up the weekend for players and patrons to enjoy the idea too. The only people who seem to have issue with Friday games is a small cohort of team managers. It seems everyone wants Friday Night Football just so long as it doesn't involve their team!

Our Intermediate and Junior Finals both went to replays and to be fair to the four teams all would agree that extra time and/or penalties would have been a disappointing way to lose out on silverware. Instead replays prevailed and we were treated to a second day out.

Comórtas:

Maith sibh to Kiltane for hosting the Mayo Comórtas in 2024. It continues to go from strength to strength each year.

Gate People:

I would sincerely like to thank the Gate people for the exemplary way they continually approach each match day. They are a credit to their clubs and are greatly appreciated. Club representatives assisting the head gate people at championship and league finals have proven to work and reduce any potential issues. Every step has been taken to ensure that all patrons gain access to our games. Many thanks to Sinead McLoughlin for overseeing this area in such a professional manner. Her approach to games is fantastic and she continues to be a great support for clubs and patrons.

Stewards:

The Stewards at our club and county grounds have again proved themselves to be more than capable and professional in their approach. On Match Day these men and women are the first to arrive and the last to leave. They ensure that patrons are looked after and safe on the grounds. I would sincerely like to thank Gerry Bourke and his team for the manner in which they apply themselves through county and club games. The level of work and detail that Gerry and his team put into games is commendable and they leave no stone unturned in assisting patrons at games.

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.

Office & Support Staff:

I would like to thank and acknowledge Michael Cummins, Keith Deasy and Kevin Fitzmaurice for their work throughout the year. The manner in which these lads go about their roles is exemplary and they continue to support the officers and clubs in an efficient manner. Michael continues to be a fantastic support not only to the officers but to players, clubs and supporters. Kevin has undertaken a huge volume of work this year in a very challenging landscape, but his appointment has been very positive for Mayo GAA. Keith continues to provide excellent support

Respect | Discipline

Overall, 2024 was an improvement on previous years. While isolated incidents are inevitable there has been a noted improvement this year. There were two notable incidents which are being investigated by the CCC and will result in discussions with clubs.

At this juncture I would like to thank Brendan Byrne and Craig Middleton (Chairperson and Rúnaí of the Hearings Committee). The level of detail they put into this role is magnificent and they ensure that players and management receive fair and honest hearings. While the CCC aim to deal with cases as promptly as possible this is not always possible. There was one case this year which was delayed due to several reasons which on behalf of the CCC is simply not good enough. However, for the most part proposed sanctions and hearings have been dealt with in a timely fashion.

Hurling:

Brian Finn and Ray Larkin took the helm for 2024 and they had a very successful year. Brian has given so much to hurling in the county and has acquitted himself very well through his tenure. Ray has added greatly to the set up and marked improvements auger themselves well for the future.

The Hurling Chairperson, Sean O Raghallaigh will give a more detailed account of the landscape in his report.

Officers: I would like to acknowledge the efforts and dedication of the officers of the board. I would like to especially acknowledge the Chair, Seamus Tuohy, for his contribution during which was a difficult year for him. I would like to thank Valerie Murphy for her dedication and hard work during the year. In the current climate finances are becoming increasingly difficult to balance due to the spiraling costs associated with all facets of the game both on and off the field. I would like to thank Brian for his assistance during the year and Michael Diskin for his work in relation to pitch bookings, player expenses and the Club & County Draw.

Coiste Bainistíocht:

I would like to thank every member of the Coiste Bainistíocht for their hard work and diligence during the year. Each and every member contributes in some way to the overall benefit of Mayo GAA and for that I am thankful. There is a huge volume of work carried out by the officers and subcommittees to ensure that all facets of Mayo GAA run as smoothly as possible.

Coaches:

I would like to thank all the coaches who work with our academies. These people put in long hours coaching, planning and delivering instruction and wisdom to the next cohort of players right across the county. Thank you to Billy McNicholas, Declan O Reilly and Kieran Kilkenny in this area. A clear pathway has been created for the players and coaches alike to ensure that our players excel at both county and club. An updated policy has recently been taken to the Coiste Chondae with a view to working on what goes well in addition to looking at ways for improvement. I would like to thank Billy, Kieran Declan and the Divisional Chairpersons for their work in this area. Declan comes to the end of his 5-year tenure and he has been an excellent point of contact for the board, coaching staff and clubs during that period. Maith thú Déalgán.

Coaches and Support Teams:

I would like to acknowledge the work and level of detail taken on by all our coaches and Support Staff of our Intercounty Teams. There is a huge volume of work going on behind the scenes and the rewards are there for our players on the fields. Coaching at a high level can be a very difficult position to hold and while criticism is par for the course it does cross the line at times. We see this at club and county level right across the country.

Clubs:

I would sincerely like to thank the clubs for their continued support and the professionalism that they attain to. We are extremely lucky to have a dearth of talent and ability within the organisation. On a daily basis the courtesy which I am afforded by the officers of clubs is exemplary and I thank you for your professionalism and courtesy. I understand the challenges that club officials face but year in year out you continue to provide a pivotal role for your unit. Whilst many of you will never get the thanks or appreciation that your role deserves, we as officers are thankful for the job you do.

Liaison Officers (LO):

I would like to thank Michael Diskin (Senior Football), Anne 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 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 would like to thank the Divisional Boards for the manner in which they conduct their business. They prove a valuable link with clubs and their officers throughout the year.

North	Michael McKenzie
South	Donal Walshe
East	Michael Daly
West	Shane Quinn

Grounds:

I would like to thank Phil for his 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.

CCC:

The CCC Committee continues to run the Football and Hurling competitions within the County with Con Moynihan in the Chair. The Calendar produced by Con and the CCC continues to allow players, managers and patrons to plan holidays, weddings and club events. It provides clarity to all stakeholders from the start to the end of the season.

The role of the CCC is often a very onerous and difficult task. While some on the outside complain over fixtures, the CCC remains very focused on providing a well-timed calendar that works for all. The committee has a responsibility to ensure that our games are played in a fair and honest manner, and this is carried out in a professional manner. Decisions around games and venues are communicated to all as timely as possible. Con comes to the end of his tenure as Chair of the CCC and Vice Chair of the County Board. His dedication, knowledge and support to clubs has been second to none. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of fixtures and competitions and has carried out his duties to a very high level. I wish his successor the very best of luck and I look forward to working with him in 2025. I wish Con the very best as he takes up the role as Central Council Delegate after Congress in February.

Handball:

Mayo GAA handball operated under the stewardship of Ciarán Burke (Chairperson) and Michael Corley (Secretary), report later in this booklet.

PRO:

John Walker continues to lead the charge in this field. He has mobilised a great group of people to support him but the level of work John puts into the role is second to none. From interviews pre and post-match to team sheets online John has made huge strides in putting his stamp on the role. This year he has been acknowledged with a prestigious McNamee Award from Croke Park. It is fair to say that this award is most certainly deserved. Maith thú Séan.

Connacht Council/Central Council:

Paul Cunnane and Liam Moffatt are our Connacht Council representatives, and I thank them for their work throughout the year. Paddy McNicholas is our Central Council delegate and has continued to work on behalf of Mayo GAA in Croke Park. I would like to thank Paddy for his work during the year-he comes to the end of his five-year term, and I wish him well for the future.

Planning and Development Committee:

Mary Prenty is our Planning and Development Officer. Mary has done great - work throughout the year organising various training seminars for Club Officers. As planning and Development Officer Mary has also organised workshops on various relevant topics which will prove invaluable to Clubs in the years ahead. Mary was also on hand to help Clubs with developments. I would like to thank Mary and her Committee for their efforts during 2024. Mary is coming to the end of her five-year term, and I wish her the best for the future.

Infrastructure:

Michael Diskin looked after the infrastructure department during 2024. Michael also looked after the booking of pitches and dressing rooms for our various teams, which has become more demanding but is carried out especially well by Michael. I wish to sincerely thank Michael for the work he has done throughout the year. Michael also served the role of Liaison Officer (LO) with the Mayo GAA Board and the Mayo Senior Football Team. Michael undertook sterling work in this role with meticulous planning and organisational whilst further developing an excellent rapport with all stakeholders involved. Michael continued his role as organiser of the Club and County Draw. It is fair to say that the level he has given to clubs in this area has greatly aided clubs.

Childrens Officer:

Celia Rattigan is our Children's Officer, and she has carried out her duties in exemplary fashion during the year. This role is becoming more demanding each year yet the professional, caring and confidential manner in which Celia approaches this role is hugely important. Celia was always on hand to offer advice to clubs in relation to Garda Vetting, Child Protection issues and Safeguarding courses. On behalf of the board, I want to thank Celia for her work throughout the year.

Culture:

Grainne Kelly-Frayne continues to do tremendous work as our Cultural Officer. I would like to thank Grainne and her Committee for their work during the year. Work continues to go on behind the scenes in relation to our history project. Grainne and her Committee are also responsible for Scor and again they cover great work within the County promoting Scor. Gráinne finishes year five of her term and on behalf of myself and the executive I would like to thank her for her work. She has brought the position to a higher level than previous and I'm sure she will continue to support her successor.

Bord na nÓg:

Bord na nÓg continue to organise underage fixtures within the County. This year the Bord na nÓg was headed up by Charlie Lambert as Chair and Brian O Malley as Rúnaí. They held responsibility for a huge number of games and blitz days throughout the year. The Blitz Days were a particular success. I know from first-hand experience that the organisation of so many fixtures coupled with venues and referees makes it one of the most demanding sub committees within Mayo GAA. I wish to acknowledge the efforts of the Committee throughout the year. They park their club agenda and carry out work on behalf of all clubs in the county. The way the gradings continue to form the basis for upcoming competitions remains an aspect that works well. At a recent meeting in Croke Park it was noted that the vast majority of counties have returned to the Even Grades. A number of years ago we listened carefully to clubs and were guided by them in returning to those grades and from talking to clubs and managers this seems to have been the correct decision. One issue remains and which the BNN and CCC have facilitated the calendar as best as possible one wonders is it time to decouple the U18 player from adult football. The argument of if he's good enough he's old enough is not a strong enough argument to mean that he should be playing adult football. We must remember that this is a player who will no doubt be also playing college/third level football as well as other sports.

Cairde Mhaigh Eo Fundraising:

I would like to thank Maria Staunton for her role in this area. She added greatly to the position.

Maria is replaced by Paul Hickey. Paul has put a very solid group together and no doubt this group will work well over the next few years.

Referees:

Thank you to Sean MacHale for his work as Referee Co Ordinator again this year. Sincere thanks to our referees who act so professionally throughout the year in facilitating our games. Refereeing is a difficult role and is often not helped by the experts on the sideline or in the stand. Like everything it is easy to complain but far more difficult to make a difference. The purchase of microphone systems by the divisions has greatly improved the role of the referee. Thank you to Donal Walshe and the divisions for this.

Health and Well-being:

Fran Downey Chaired our Health and Wellbeing Committee in 2023. Fran and her team worked tirelessly throughout the year to assist Clubs across the County. The promotion of the “Healthy Club programme” was very well-received by Clubs.

Chairperson:

I would sincerely like to thank Seamus Tuohy for all the work he undertakes on behalf of Mayo GAA. He has the best interests of Mayo at the root of all decisions and remains steadfast in his support of players, managements and clubs throughout the county. As you will be aware Seamus has had a difficult year with ill health but has bounced back stronger and fitter than ever. Thank you to Con Moynihan who stepped into the breach during that time and to the members of Coiste Bainistí who put their shoulder to the wheel especially during that period.

Finance:

Valerie Murphy is our Treasurer and as you will see from the accounts that will be presented to Convention Mayo GAA is in a satisfactory financial position despite the current climate. Valerie has ensured that Mayo is in a stable financial state now, however we must remain cautious in terms of our spending. I would like to thank Valerie and her Finance Committee for the work that they have done during the year by keeping a tight rein on spending and having proper procedures in place. I also wish to acknowledge the enormous amount of work Michael Diskin, our Assistant Treasurer, does in relation to the payment of Player expenses, the Club Development Draw and organising the Gate People for our Championship.

I would also like to thank our Audit and Risk Committee for the very important work they have done throughout the year.

Club Insurance and Player Injury:

I wish to acknowledge the work that Regina O'Donnell has done in this area. Regina was always on hand to offer advice on Insurance matters to Clubs throughout the County. Thank you, Regina, for a job well done.

Congress 2024: Congress 2024 was held in Newry in February. There was a large number of motions raised-one of which was our own which centered around co-operation agreements. That motion was passed unanimously.

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 2024 and we within Mayo GAA are grateful for their financial support. MacHale Park retained the name of our sponsor Hastings Insurance in 2024, 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 renewed their support of the academies in 2024, 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:

When I look back on my second year as Rúnaí of Mhaigh Eo I do so in a favourable manner. Whilst we may not have been as successful on the field as we would have liked we continue to strive for success.

Like clubs, the role of a voluntary secretary can erode an inordinate amount of time with greater demands coming all the time. I would like to think that I have always been contactable for club officers, approachable and reliable in supporting and working with clubs in a positive manner. While some may not like the decisions made at the time, we, as officers, are bound by the T.O. and the Codes of the GAA.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and peaceful Christmas. The end of the season allows us the opportunity to reflect on the year that has been and look forward to longer days, renewed hope and optimism for 2025. Ní neart go cur le Chéile.

Rónan Ó Ciaráin

Rúnaí

Competitions Control Committee (CCC) – Con Moynihan

Introduction

This is my 10th report to Convention and my 5th and final as CCC Chair. I have found over the years that writing them is a rewarding exercise as it allows you to reflect over the year gone by and look forward to the coming year and reflect on what went right and wrong and to look at ways to improve and learn.

A special thanks at the outset to all clubs in Mayo who have made vital contributions to their communities on and off the field in 2024.

The first thing that has to be stated from the perspective of the CCC is that the split season has been a phenomenal success and is here to stay. Like the recent FRC discussion I believe that the system does need a few tweaks but this has to be tackled at a national level. In my opinion there is no reason that our 4 All Ireland Finals (Football, Hurling, LGFA and Camogie) cannot be played during the month of August. Even for the busiest of dual counties, there is plenty of weekends to play off a Club Championship schedule if a dual county gets to an All-Ireland Final. Every other county should then be mandated to start their Championships in August with the All-Ireland finalists in each code getting a bye to their respective Provincial Club Semi Finals.

The fact that our Inter County season is now being played first and the Club season takes priority from August onwards lifted our games to a new level. Huge crowds, great atmospheres and great occasions in towns all over Mayo have been a feature of the split seasons and long may it continue.

Mayo GAA TV has grown from strength to strength and again I feel that the appetite exists to broaden the appeal of this channel through 2024 and beyond. A special thanks to all the clubs who hosted Mayo GAA TV this year, they showcased their grounds to perfection and nothing was too much trouble to accommodate our broadcast teams.

As per my comments last year I would recommend that a mid-week magazine show be introduced in 2025 to update supporters on a weekly basis as to Inter County, Adult and Bord Na Nóg News.

The future will always be about adapting to the needs of our members and in 2023 we incorporated a Review of our football and hurling into our calendar and competitions and this year we held meetings in February re the Leagues, August re the Championships and the review of both in October. These are of great benefit in maintaining the connectivity between the clubs and the CCC.

U20s

The U20s had what can only be described as a poor season. For whatever reasons the team did not produce and our season ended with a whimper versus Down in the Shield Competition.

A review took place in mid-summer which incorporated players, management and the Board. This was one of the most thorough discussions that I have been involved in throughout my time in Mayo and as a result I have reasons to be optimistic regarding 2025. All sides have done much soul searching and I have no doubt that Peadar Gardiner and his team will bounce back in 2025- the best of luck to all.

The scheduling of these fixtures remains the only bugbear of mine – some of our fixtures early in the year were played on midweek afternoons and this must be looked at next year.

Calendar

This was the second year under my watch in which we could meet the clubs and get advice and suggestions on how to run our competitions in 2024. We held 2 meetings with clubs in late January and fed their suggestions in to the calendar. As a result the Club Calendar was issued in early February and we hoped that it would run smoothly for the year. For the most part it did however we had one or two hiccups which were mainly down to issues outside the control of the CCC.

All Divisional Senior Competitions were played to a finish before the main league business began and I would suggest that Junior Competitions such as the North Mayo Junior, Canon Henry Cup and Cusack Cup be played alongside these Senior Competitions. Despite what clubs wish, the fact is that club managers and players do not any other competitions taking place between the final rounds of the League and the entirety of the Football and Hurling Championships.

We had this very situation with the New Junior Competitions. Despite the clubs request for this to happen, even they will admit that it didn't work. Knockmore and Claremorris requested a postponement of their Final as they were scheduled to play each other in the Senior Championship. The really positive aspect of this competition is that the players thoroughly enjoy it and that the 3 Finals were played in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park. After 3 years we know now that these competitions are here to stay and hopefully there will be a provincial and national competition set up shortly for the Primary Junior A Champions in each county.

Our main sponsors for our Championships re-affirmed their commitment and for that they have our gratitude. We were also successful in getting new sponsors for our Leagues and U21 Championships and we are looking forward to working with all of them in the future. Our New League Structure was passed in October 2023 and worked very well in year.

As always our League and Championship Regulations will be ratified at Co Board level at the end of February. The new season will again commence in mid-March with the outstanding County Cup Fixtures and Divisional Cups.

It is hoped that this starting date will be the normal start of the season for club footballers in Mayo going forward and will allow Club Players who are not involved in All Ireland Club Competitions a decent off season.

Club Competitions

Our Club Competitions commenced in March with the County Cup competitions and moved on to Divisional Competitions through March and April. Our Adult Championships Draw took place in March. The vast majority of our competitions were played on time and on schedule.

New Junior Championships

This competition commenced over the May Bank Holiday weekend all 3 finals were highly competitive affairs. Claremorris B, Parke Keellogues Crimlin B and Garrymore B were deserving winners and it was fantastic to have all 3 finals in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park. Again there will be much discussion in January where and when to play these finals but at present I believe that they are pretty much ideally placed where they are.

Only 6 games were conceded in these competitions which was very satisfactory, 2 were by 1 club and 3 were R3 fixtures. Maybe there is an argument to use the U21 format which we used this year for these competitions- it's certainly a competition that will continue to grow.

Minor Leagues and Championships

As an 18 year old can now play Adult Football these competitions were ran under the remit of the CCC in 2024 and were supervised by Bord Na Nog. This arrangement was very successful and will hopefully be continued.

The diary is already very busy for these players and the hope again in 2025 is to have the Minor Championship completed in time for the Adult Championships and the U17 Championships.

Adult Leagues

The Adult Leagues were completed on schedule and the results are attached at the end of my report. The issue of some B teams capability to fulfil fixtures is always a serious issue and was to be addressed in 2024. 12 of the 15 walkovers in D3 were caused by 2 teams. In D4 several teams yet again entered competitions that they were unable to participate in.

After 5 years we still have not arrived at a stage where teams are not aware of whether they can field or not. There was a suggestion for a larger entry fee for 2nd and 3rd teams in 2024 and this may have to happen in 2025.

However, having said all that The Leagues for the most part were highly competitive and clubs seemed to embrace the new structure. As this year 2 of this structure I hope that the new CCC can let clubs know if there is to be changes in 2026 as this will make the leagues next year even more competitive. Congratulations to all of the teams who won their respective leagues and many thanks to AbbVie our new League sponsors.

Adult Championships

Our Adult Championships again took centre stage in the latter part of the year. Once players were knocked out of the Championship for most clubs it meant the end of their season. We hope to have that as the same idea in 2025. This is the kernel of the split season and the reason that our organization should never move back to the old system.

Following on from last year the CCC met with Club Managers in August to go through the various regulations and Jerome Henry made a presentation in relation to Rules. This was a highly successful meeting and will be repeated every year from now on. The format was altered slightly in that there was a 2 week break between every round with the Hurling Championship in between and a week between Qtr Finals and Semi Finals. In my opinion this was a resounding success and the hope from the CCCs point of view was that it would lead to less player burnout and hopefully give our County Champions a chance to be a bit fresher before heading into the Connacht Championships.

At the time of writing that isn't exactly how it worked out - Ballina and Cill Chomáin were defeated by Coolera Strandhill and Ceathra Rua respectively and Crossmolina Deel Rovers have made it to a Connacht Final. The discussion on Mayo clubs performance in Connacht is a hot topic and I do not have any explanations for it but as a CCC we have done everything possible to assist teams in their provincial campaigns.

Again in 2024 it was decided to play the Exclusive Junior B Championship as a knockout competition, which was well received and Achill made it 3 in a row after again being desperately unlucky in the A Championship Group stage.

The CCC have again organised an U21 Championship in 2024 and from feedback received it appears that this competition is very popular with the players. In my opinion the new format has been an outstanding success. The only issue that I have with the competition is the reluctance of County Champions to play in it. Both Ballina and Cill Chomáin did not play their fixtures yet Crossmolina put out a team in R1 knowing that they had a 3rd game and it hasn't done them any harm.

Neutral Venues were not as much of a frustration as they were in previous years. Clubs wish to have neutral venues equidistant from each other but this is proving impractical at times. It is a balancing act but I am sure that all clubs are aware of the circumstances by now. I would like to thank most sincerely those clubs that gave us the loan of their grounds in 2024 and

indeed over the past number of years. Club facilities in Mayo are second to none and we should be extremely proud of all of the volunteers that made this possible.

Our Hurling Final took place in Tooreen on October 12th where Tooreen once again emerged victorious over Ballyhaunis. Despite the constraints of the calendar in 2024 the CCC felt that a balance had been achieved for our dual players and we will endeavour to continue to do so in 2025.

Tooreen went on to the Connacht Final but found Abbey Duniry a bridge too far on a very wintry November day. The new amalgamation of St.Ciarans added to the SHC and both the Junior A and B competitions ran off very smoothly. The format of these competitions will have to be looked at also as a 5 team competition at Junior level proving extremely difficult to run off with the dates available and led to a walkover being given in the SHC. The CCC hope that our Junior Champions will be allowed to compete in the Connacht Junior Club Championship in 2025.

Our SFC Final had to be postponed for a week this year due to the weather warning that was in place on the weekend of the 20th October. The decision to postpone the fixture in the Friday was the correct one and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2 clubs involved, the members of the CCC and all involved with the event management in MacHale Park for their input during that difficult week. As a result the following weekend was a feast of football with the Junior and Senior Finals on Saturday 26th and the Intermediate on the Sunday. Ballina Stephenites put in a comprehensive performance to retain their title while the other 2 finals were great games and both ended in draws. Both replays were the following weekend and once again there were 2 great games with Cill Chomáin and Crossmolina Deel Rovers emerging victorious.

There is and has been a lot of talk in relation to the standard of club football in Mayo over the past few years but as an eternal optimist I am convinced that the main reasons for that is that the club championships in Mayo are very hard to win. Over 60 minutes in Round 3 of the group stages Knockmore occupied all 4 places in the group table at various times. Ballina were 20 seconds from playing a Quarter Final away from home. Those fine lines emphasise the renewed competitiveness of these Championships.

It was great to have Hastings MacHale Park available for all Championship Finals this year and the CCC kept our promise to try and stage all finals at HQ. However there is still the argument to be made for playing certain semi-finals and finals outside the venue due to the atmosphere created and the boon it gives to local economies right across the county

Again this year we held a meeting with Club Managers and Secretaries involved in Co Finals in October regarding game regulations – thanks to all who attended and our Finals were notable for their lack of controversial incidents.

It was a great achievement to get our Championships completed on schedule and again I have to pay tribute to my fellow CCC members, the Clubs who gave us their venues for fixtures, all of our stewards and club officials and stewards for all their work, Michael Cummins and Phil Heneghan for their help throughout the year, The Hearings Committee for their diligent work all season, all of our referees and other match officials.

Overall what I felt was a very successful year on the fixtures front and by the time of Convention we should only have 1 fixture left which is the U21 A Final.

Streaming

Many thanks go to our PRO and his committee, Streamsport, our teams of commentators and co-commentators and also our loyal fan base throughout the county, country and globe who contributed to the success of Mayo GAA TV.

We at Mayo GAA will continue endeavour to improve the streaming of our showcase games and also to help as many clubs as possible get as many fixtures online as possible. In a post Covid world this looks like it will be the way forward for many people to see our games at all levels.

I would hope that this service will be expanded in 2025 and I would urge the Executive to meet in early 2025 to try and advance this.

Discipline

Thankfully this season incidents were isolated in relation to discipline and collectively we are working well in protecting our games. Some disappointment was expressed in previous years with clubs and players appealing decisions to see if they can get off on various technicalities.

The Hearings Committee report will show that just one decision this year was overturned, and that was from a Red Card to a Yellow. All of the appeals to the Connacht Council were dismissed so hopefully clubs are getting the message. Referees must also be commended for their attention to detail in submitting their reports but mainly there has been a reduction in on field incidents and players have to be commended as well.

We have as a CCC put in heightened measures in our regulations in 2024 for both League and Championship and it is incumbent now on clubs to realise that a Zero Tolerance policy is in place when it comes to abuse of match officials in the county. I wish to thank Brendan Byrne and his Committee for their work on the Hearings Committee this year. In my opinion they went about all of their business in a fair minded manner.

Refereeing:

I would like to thank the referees for their support during the year. Without your dedication and time, we would not be able to fulfil games. Your professionalism and support to our county is very much appreciated by all members within our organisation

Thanks To Sean McEil, Referees Co-ordinator, who is a fantastic representative on the CCC and has done a Trojan amount of work.

We would hope to again encourage all clubs to recruit new referees. Recruitment of Referees commenced again and we wish the new recruits the very best of luck in their future careers. I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to clubs to try and source refereeing recruits in the New Year. Without Officials we cannot have games.

As stated above there will be a zero tolerance policy in relation to the abuse of match officials in 2025. Referees will be brought in early in the New Year to go through a refresher course on discipline and on filling in reports to ensure that our games remain disciplined and enjoyable for all and that respect is maintained on all sides.

As noted earlier, incidents of abuse to officials have decreased and this alone should provide encouragement to anyone wishing to take up the whistle.

Mac Hale Park and the Grounds Committee

I would like to thank MacHale Park staff for their work and support namely Michael Cummins our Administrator who does a huge amount of work and an invaluable support to a number of committees. A special thanks to our grounds man Phil Heneghan who has performed miracles time and time again in relation to keeping our main surface playable. Thanks also to Gerry Bourke and Sinead McLoughlin for their organising of stewards and gatemen for all our games in MacHale Park and around the county at finals.

I would also like to thank James Murray and his staff, who were present at all of our games in MacHale Park, a service that is critical in today's game, thanks also to the Order of Malta for their assistance when called upon. Thanks to James Rocke, Event Controller for all our big events in MacHale Park and John Hopkins for his work on the PA system, all ably assisted by John Walker and his PR Team.

Media

I would like to thank the local media in Mayo for the co-operation and professionalism at all times during 2024. Through Mid West Radio, Local Newspapers and the many podcasts available on all social media platforms there is an intense hunger for all Mayo GAA related activity and we hope that this relationship continues in 2024.

National Media is an issue that I feel compelled to return to each year.

Without TG4 we would have very little GAA other than Inter County Games on National Television. The National Broadcaster has now deigned to bow down to the fact the club game is worthy of coverage also.

Despite the bad press that it has received, GAAGo is the ace in the pack for us all. Proper investment in this vehicle will lead to huge opportunities for their intercounty and club games right across the spectrum. The success of the many podcasts behind paywalls is an example of this e.g the Mayo Football Podcast and Ah Ref on a local level and Smaller Fish on a National level being the best examples that if the product is professional, people will subscribe.

Again, I also hope that in 2025 that this coverage extends to the Joe McDonagh, Christy Ring, Nicky Rackard and Lory Meagher Hurling Competitions also. The success of the Tailteann Cup should make even RTE aware of the appetite for all levels of our games.

Our Social Media presence is now greater than ever and is invaluable in getting the GAA message out to the wider world. Used positively it is a fantastic resource and is highly valued in promoting our games.

Schools and Bord Na Nóg

Both topics are covered in other reports to the Convention

Schools Football is up and running this autumn and I would like to wish the best of luck to all our schools in the coming months.

Our U17s once again retained the Connacht title, and this group were just unfortunate to meet an Armagh team who were on a different level to Mayo on the particular day in Longford in the All-Ireland Semi Final. The main memories that I will have of this team is that the sun was always shining when they played! A lot of credit must go to the management team in relation to their handling of this group of players and no doubt due to their efforts many of these players will go on to represent Mayo at Adult level.

LGFA and Camogie

A mixed year for both codes but no doubt both groups will come back stronger than ever. Again in 2025 I will be recommending that the calendar will be shared with the LGFA and we should be working together to try and ensure a smooth running of all competitions

Mayo Senior Teams

Again a team that had a very mixed season. The highlight of the year from a personal point of view as a supporter was the trip to New York in April. A mixed League campaign led into a Connacht Championship that saw us pipped at the post in Salthill. Draws with Dublin and Derry eventually saw us bow out of the Championship on penalties. It is still my opinion that are consistently in the top 8 teams in the country, and we just need a few tweaks and a bit of luck to land the Holy Grail.

As stated last year I believe that the Central CCC must have more of an input into the Master Schedule when it comes to all 4 codes. As stated earlier I believe that there is no issue with the All-Ireland Finals being played in August if certain other conditions were put in place. I also believe that alternate weekends should be explored for Inter County Fixtures i.e. LGFA and Hurling on one weekend and Gaelic Football and Camogie on the next

I want to wish the best of luck to Kevin and his team in 2025.

2025 Outlook

What we have learned from the past 5 years, is that a split season is now the only way forward and must be retained. At the time of writing I have a draft Calendar for 2025 in place and the CCC are awaiting the Master National Fixtures Calendar to be released shortly in order to firm up next year's competitions.

At present we would again hope to play all of our Competitions prior to the start of the Championships which may begin as early as Mid-August in order to give a week's break to each participating team.

I am confident that the Club League Structure which was revamped in 2024 will add another level of competitiveness to our Club players.

The New CCC will again be communicating with all stakeholders early in the New Year to ensure that we get to a situation where we guarantee our players games as scheduled in our calendar and a defined closed season.

Executive Members:

I wish to thank Seamus our Chairperson for his support, effort and work that he has put in to date in his term. I thoroughly enjoyed working with him over the past number of years and I am looking forward to working with him in my new role on the Executive which commences in February.

A special thanks to Ronan Kirrane, Secretary for his support, honesty and availability whenever I called on him.

To all our County board officers a big thank you for your on-going support. Your support and commitment to the county makes life a little easier when issues arise. Our board worked tirelessly throughout the year with our CCC committee in the promotion, development and scheduling of our games in this County, it goes without saying that every one of them deserve your appreciation for their time and effort over the last 12 months.

To our PRO John Walker thank you for your tremendous work over the past year with the CCC, Mayo GAA TV and the countless pieces of advice and support that you gave to clubs over the year.

CCC Members

Our CCC worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure that games went ahead in our county in 2024. For that alone every one of them deserve your appreciation for their time and effort over the last 12 months, Ronan Kirrane, Our County Secretary ,John Walker , PRO, Brian O'Malley Assistant Secretary, Sean MacÉil, Referees Co-ordinator, Charlie Lambert, Chairperson Bord Na Nóg, Trevor Kelly, Hurling Board Secretary, Mike King ,Fixtures Analyst, Stephen Mooney, East Secretary , Mary Lydon ,South Secretary, Mick Herr, North Secretary and Chris McGowan, West Secretary.

I wish my successor the best of luck and he will be fortunate to have a fantastic group of people to assist him in 2025.

To you, the clubs, recognition must be given to your continued dedication, efficiency and hard work over the last year, great credit goes to the clubs of this County. As we prepare for the 2025 season I have no doubt that the incoming CCC committee will be looking forward to continuing to work with you and I wish you all the very best for the 2025 season.

To all of the people in the county who have lost loved ones in 2024 we remember them at this time of year. On a personal level, I would like to remember especially my own clubman and GAA legend John O'Mahony who passed away earlier this year. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

On a final note, I wish to thank my wife Mary and my children for their unwavering support. Their patience as calls were made, meetings attended both on Microsoft Teams and on the road has made my life much easier. Their interest in GAA is almost as great as mine and this is invaluable, and we had some great days up and down the road following Club and County in all codes.

Wishing all our clubs Continued success and best wishes for 2025.

Con Moynihan
Chairperson,
CCC

Competition Winners 2024

<u>Competition Name</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Referee</u>
Connacht Gold SFC	Ballina Stephenites	Knockmore	Hastings MacHale Park	J Henry
Egan Jewellers IFC	Crossmolina Deel Rovers	Moy Davitts	Hastings MacHale Park	G McMahon (R) S Corcoran (D)
Treanlaur Catering JFC A	Cill Chomáin	Bonniconlon	Hastings MacHale Park	P Lydon (R) K Barnicle (D)
Treanlaur Catering JFC B	Achill	Kilmovee Shamrocks	Hastings MacHale Park	J Regan
Abbvie SFL Division 1	Westport	Castlebar	Hastings MacHale Park	L Devenney
Abbvie SFL Division 2	Crossmolina Deel Rovers	Ardnaree Sarsfields	Ballina	G McMahon
Abbvie SFL Division 3	Eastern Gaels	Breaffy B	Charlestown	J Walker
Abbvie SFL Division 4	Ballinrobe B	Kilmaine B	Hollymount	K Durcan
McHale Forest & Agri U21 A Championship	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
McHale Forest & Agri U21 B Championship	Aghamore	Parke Keelagues Crimlin	CoE	M Tuffy
McHale Forest & Agri U21 C Championship	Beal an Mhuirthead	Neale	CoE	E Nolan
McHale Forest & Agri U21 D Championship			CoE	
Primary JFC A Championship	Knockmore B	Claremorris B	Hastings MacHale Park	J Clancy
Primary JFC B Championship	Parke Keelagues Crimlin B	Hollymount Carramore	Hastings MacHale Park	D O'Boyle
Primary JFC C Championship	Garrymore B	Bonniconlon B	Hastings MacHale Park	B McDonnell
Homeland U18 Division 1	Westport St Patricks	Castlebar Mitchels	Islandeady	J Walker
Homeland U18 Division 2	St Jarlaths	Ballina Stephenites	Charlestown	V Joyce
Homeland U 18 Division 3	Naomh Padraig	Aghamore	Foxford	D Hughes
Homeland U18 Division 4	Shrulle Glencorrib	Beal an Mhuirthead	Knockmore	P Conlon
Homeland U18 Division 5	Ardmoy	Westport B	Bofeenau	B McDonnell
Homeland U18 Division 6	Ballinrobe B	Aghamore B	Ballinrobe	J Boyle

COISTE CHONTAE MHAIGH EO COMHTHIONÓL 2025

<u>Competition Name</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Referee</u>
Homeland Minor A Chship	Castlebar Mitchels	Westport St. Patricks	Hastings MacHale Park	J Glavey
Homeland Minor B Chship	Parke Keellogues Crimlin	Sarsfields Shamrocks	Hastings MacHale Park	D O'Boyle
Homeland Minor C Chship	Ballinrobe	Swinford	Hastings MacHale Park	P Chambers
Homeland Minor D Chship	Ardnaree Sarsfields	Beal an Mhuirthead	Hastings MacHale Park	G McMahon
Homeland Minor E Chship	Westport St Patricks B	Mayo Gaels	Hastings MacHale Park	S Tolan
U21 A Championship 2023	Castlebar Mitchels	Claremorris	Hastings MacHale Park	F Flynn
U21 B Championship 2023	Crossmolina Deel Rovers	Mayo Gaels	Hastings MacHale Park	J Henry
U21 C Championship 2023	Swinford	Erris St Patricks	Ballina	K Barnicle

CCC Committee Members:

Con Moynihan	CCC Chairperson /Vice Chairperson
Ronan Kirrane	Secretary
John Walker	PRO
Brian O'Malley	Assistant Secretary/Bord Na Nóg Secretary
Trevor Kelly	Secretary Hurling Board
Seán McÉil	Referees Co-ordinator
Mike King	Fixture Analyst
Charlie Lambert	Chairperson Bord Na Nóg
Chris McGowan	West Board Secretary
Stephen Mooney	East Board Secretary
Michael Herr	North Board Secretary
Mary Lydon	South Board Secretary



GAA Values

Community Identity

- Community is at the heart of our Association. Everything we do helps to enrich the communities we serve.
 - We foster a clear sense of identity and place.

Amateur Status

- We are a volunteer led organisation.
- All our members play and engage in our games as amateurs.
- We provide a games programme at all levels to meet the needs of all our players.

Inclusiveness

- We welcome everybody to be part of our Association.
 - We are anti-sectarian.
 - We are anti-racist.

Respect

- We respect each other on and off the playing fields.
 - We operate with integrity at all levels.
 - We listen and respect the views of all.

Player Welfare

- We provide the best playing experience for all our players.
- We structure our games to allow players of all abilities reach their potential.

Teamwork

- Effective teamwork on and off the field is the cornerstone of our Association.
 - Ní neart go cur le chéile (There is no strength without working together).

Fixtures Analyst Report.

The role of the Fixture Analyst in the County is to monitor 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).

Here in Mayo, the CCC prepared a Draft Master Fixtures Calendar in January, which was then presented to the February Co Board Meeting for approval.

During 2024, a total of 637 adult games were played. This can be broken down further as follows:

183 Championship Football Games.

337 League Football Games.

63 Under 21 Football Games.

54 Hurling Games.

During the playing season, there were a total of 43 Walkovers, but the bulk of these are made up of lower division league games, where clubs initially entered a second team in the competition, but unfortunately were unable to field a team when the competition commenced.

There were 29 Date changes during the year, the most notable being our Senior Championship Final, which was postponed due to a severe weather warning. The CCC made a wise decision in a timely fashion.

The calendar prepared at the start of the year was well-planned and adhered to, which gave club players the certainty required to plan their schedules.

A recommendation coming from the National Fixtures Committee is for Counties to set dates and times for the first two rounds of the Club Championship earlier in the year to allow club players who may be working away, or indeed abroad to make the necessary arrangements to book time off. It is something that I think the incoming Chairperson should consider.

Another recommendation that I would like considered is to include more Friday evening games in our Fixtures Planner. Other Counties have embraced it and it is working very well. It has a number of advantages, it frees up the players on the team for the full weekend, where they can go and watch other games, it takes some pressure off our referees and officials and gate people on busy weekends, and supporters absolutely love to see games on a Friday evening. We held two championship games this year under lights in Garrymore and Ballinrobe, and both the attendance and atmosphere at these games were second to none.

Finally, I want to commend the CCC committee for their commitment and work throughout the year, under the Chairmanship of Con Moynihan, who I must say, for the 5 years that Con served as Chair, he always had the interests of clubs to the fore. I would like to wish him well in his Central Council role, and I am sure that the incoming Chair will need him on speed-dial for a few months.

Micheal Mac an Ri.



Mayo GAA PRO Report 2024 – John Walker

‘Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts’

2024 was another busy year on and off the field for the Mayo GAA communication’s team and I would like to start by thanking all those who played their part in keeping Mayo GAA as one of the leading online and offline GAA platforms in the country. We had many successes over the past twelve months, none more so than receiving the National GAA McNamee Award for Best Digital Impact. We also faced many challenges which we overcame. The changing face of media in Ireland and the unquenchable thirst for information, news and sport places an extra burden and responsibility on those tasked with managing the service. I believe the role of the County PRO could be a full time paid position in the future if the GAA is serious about maximizing exposure for our club and county games. The spilt season continues to pose challenges during the summer months when our county games are over and before our club games commence, this is a time when there is little or no GAA discussion on the local and national airwaves. This vacuum must be addressed if we are to reach our full potential and continue to entice young people to join our clubs and play our games.

Mayo GAA today has one of the largest social media footprints in the country with 60% growth over the past three years. I am so appreciative of all the players, clubs, supporters and GAA followers who have contributed to this ‘Ní neart go cur le chéile’. Partnership is certainly the key to this success and I could not have done this work without the support and backing of the entire GAA community in Mayo. Sharing powerful moments, images and videos from our club games has transformed how people engage with Mayo GAA. The Mayo GAA TV live broadcasts in association with StreamSport has captured the imagination of the public over the past three years and when supporters cannot attend matches they are so appreciative that they can still connect with their club and county online. Mayo GAA TV streamed 30 championship games, also the Division 1 and 2 League finals in total on www.mayogaatv.com.

The demand and interest for our streaming services this year resulted in more games going to air live. This year a number of new commentators and analysts joined our team and they seamlessly took up the mic with little furore. I would like to thank the entire Mayo GAA TV and our loyal sponsors Mayo Credit Unions for their unwavering support over the past twelve months and the host clubs assistance and hospitality during the broadcasts . I would like to thank Raffael Rocco from StreamSport and his team for all their assistance throughout the year.

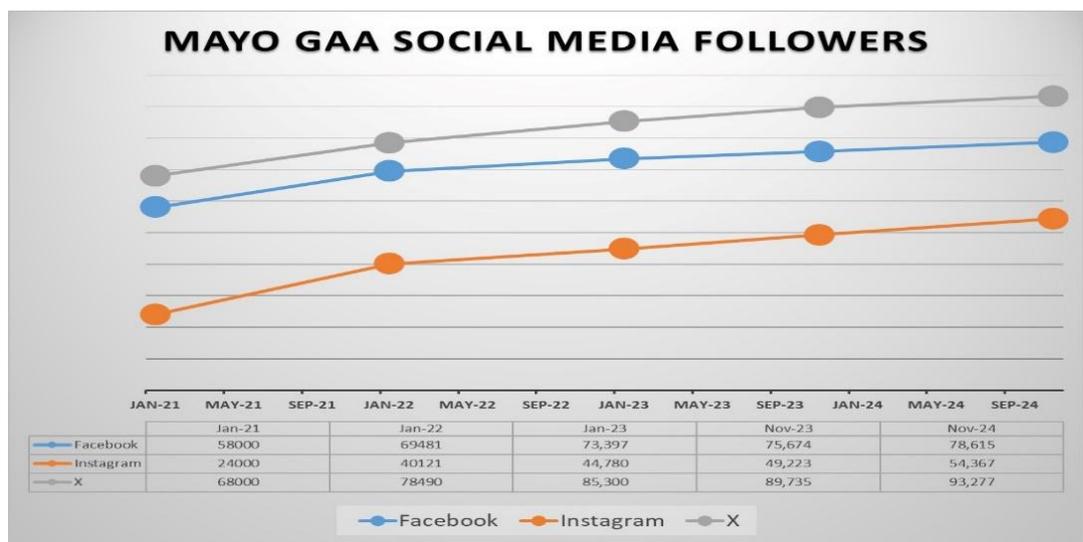
The work in redesigning the new Mayo GAA website over the past twelve months was a daunting task. Thousands of media assets had to be transferred to the new site www.mayogaa.com and this painstaking work in collaboration with SportLoMo now means the Mayo GAA website is gold standard.

I was delighted that local Mayo Company, SportLoMo were appointed to help me with this work and I would like to thank Alex Andrews and Mairead O'Malley for all their help throughout the year. Our fast loading mobile responsive website is a one-stop portal for all Mayo GAA news updates, GAA fixtures, club and county results and club and county GAA histories. The fully interactive and user-friendly site also provides e-commerce links for booking GAA coaching courses, e-ticketing links to purchase match day tickets for all games plus easily accessible links to all the Mayo GAA coaching resources and all Mayo GAA social media platforms.

The Mayo GAA App also has all the latest news, fixtures and results instantly available on all mobile devices. The App can be easily downloaded for free from Google Play or the Apple IOS Stores.

Social Media:

The success and growth on all the Mayo GAA social media channels (Facebook, X and Instagram) is a testament to the Mayo GAA clubs and supporters. (See graphic below)



Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta LIVE streamed

The Mayo GAA 2024 Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta finals were live streamed for the first time ever in 2024 and it was a wonderful achievement for the clubs involved. Míle buíochas do Chiarán Ó hEadhra agus a fhoireann. The Mayo GAA Comórtas Peile final took place on March 16 with CLG Bhéal an Mhuirthead winning the senior title and CLG Chill Chomáin retaining their junior crown. Comhghairdeas leo. Rinne na clubanna seo ionadaíocht ar shon Mhaigh Eo ag na cluichí ceannais i gCorcaigh. Tá obair na gcapall a ndéanamh ag na clubanna Gaeltachta uilig sa chontae agus tá ard mholadh tuilte acu.

PRO Promotions:

We had several press launches during the season with different club and county teams, sponsors and media. Media relations is a key role for the PRO. I was delighted to secure coverage of our games on RTÉ, TG4, Raidió na Gaeltachta and GAAGO during the year.

New sponsors

Mayo GAA were delighted to welcome a number of new competition sponsors in 2024. Support like this means Mayo GAA can expand and develop coaching in clubs and in schools all over the county. I would like to thank AbbVie who are the new sponsors of the Mayo GAA leagues, Treanlaur Catering are the new sponsors of the Mayo GAA Junior Championship while McHale Agri, Forest and Garden have come onboard as sponsors of the Mayo GAA U21 football championship. It would be remiss of me not to also thank the many loyal and unwavering sponsors who return year after year to help us promote our games at all grades and in all codes.

Mayo Minor Footballers

The Mayo GAA minor footballers bowed out at the All-Ireland semi-final stage to a very strong Armagh side (0-16 to 1-06) . At the end of the season Kobe McDonald and Oisín Deane from Crossmolina Deel Rovers club and Tom Hession from Eastern Gaels were honoured with places on the Electric Ireland minor team of the year.

Mayo Hurling

Mayo hurling continues to go from strength to strength and it is great to see the newly formed clubs continue to field teams and compete at different grades. Ray Larkin will be the sole manager of the Mayo senior hurling team in 2025 after Brian Finn decided to step down earlier this year. Finn informed the County Board that he was stepping back for personal reasons. Finn was appointed as joint-manager of the Mayo senior hurlers with Ray Larkin last year and he had a very successful stint at the helm winning the Allianz Hurling League

Division 3A final against Sligo earlier this year. The Mayo senior hurlers also reached the Nicky Rackard Hurling All-Ireland final at Croke Park this year only to be pipped at the finish when Donegal scored two late goals. Brian Finn will remain as manager of the Mayo U20 hurlers.

The hurling year ended on a high when Mayo GAA and Tooreen hurling stars Shane Boland and David Kenny picked up their national 2024 Champion 15 team awards at a black tie gala awards ceremony at Croke Park. The Champion 15 team is a selection of the top hurlers who starred in this year's Christy Ring, Nickey Rackard and Lory Meagher Cup campaigns.

The Mayo U17 Hurlers reached the Celtic Challenge All Ireland final but lost narrowly to Laois in a super game of hurling at the Abbottstown GAA Centre of Excellence in Dublin.

A new Mayo GAA hurling Games Promotion Officer was also appointed this year and everyone associated with Mayo GAA would like to wish Cian O'Toole the very best in his new role.

Senior Football

The Mayo senior footballers had a mixed season after finishing mid-table in the Allianz football league and then coming up just short against Derry in the All-Ireland Quarter Finals. The game at Hastings Insurance MacHale Park was decided on penalties after the sides finished level 1-12 to 0-15 after extra time.

The Mayo GAA U20 Footballers were knocked out of the Eirgrid Connacht GAA U-20 football championship by Sligo 0-14 to 0-09 for the third year in a row. In the Eirgrid Connacht U20 FC Shield Final Mayo defeated Leitrim 3-11 to 0-09. Mayo lost to Down in the U20 'B' All-Ireland Semi-Final.

The Mayo U17 Footballers won the Connacht title but were defeated by Armagh 0-16 to 1-06 in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The Mayo U16 Footballers won this year's Buncrana Cup in Donegal.

Mayo senior footballers Ryan O'Donoghue from CLG Bhéal an Mhuirthead and Aidan O'Shea from Breaffy GAA were nominated for an GPA GAA All Star Awards for 2024.

Club Football

Congratulations to the County final winners in this year's championship. Ballina Stephenites won the Moclair Cup, Crossmolins Deel Rovers won the Sweeney Cup and CLG Cill Chomáin won the Pete McDonnell Cup and Achill won the Treanlaur Catering Junior B Cup. The best of luck to Crossmolina Deel Rovers who go on to represent Mayo in the All Ireland Club series in January 2025.

It was great to see the senior, intermediate and junior jubilee teams introduced at half time at the three 2024 County Football Finals. Twenty-five years ago CLG Béal an Mhuirthead won the Pete McDonnell Cup, Swinford GAA won the Sweeney Cup and Crossmolina Deel Rovers won the Moclair Cup.

Kevin Connelly Hollymount Carramore won the 2024 Referee of the Year.

Handball & Rounders

Joe McCann from Ballaghaderreen brought great honour to his club and community when he won the World's Men's Open Doubles 4-Wall title alongside Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy. Aughagower's Shane Heraty and Lorcon Conlon of Bofield Handball Club also captured the Mens B Doubles 40x20 World Championship title at the O'Neill's 4-Wall World Championship. In Rounders, the Breaffy mixed and ladies teams were crowned champions in September while Kilmeena won the mixed intermediate All-Ireland title.

Final Thank You

I would like to thank all the media for their unwavering support over the past twelve months. The coverage and exposure of our games in the local, national press and local radio is greatly valued and appreciated.

A special thanks to James Rocke for his help and assistance in producing all the match day programmes for our County Finals. I would also like to thank all the clubs for their cooperation, support and encouragement during the year. I would also like to thank our Administrator Michael Cummins for his help and support throughout the year. Many thanks to my fellow officers for their support throughout the year.

I'd like to wish Con Moynihan our CCC chairperson the best of luck in his future endeavours as he completes his role at the end of this year.

Content is king of world of media and Mayo GAA is so lucky to have outstanding local photographers who share their images with me every week. They have covered hundreds of games in every corner of Mayo this year again and they always capture the essence and passion of our game with great honesty and professionalism. I would like to thank Sarah Jane Photography, Cormac Feehan Sports Time Photography, Kim Roberston, Mary Coffey and Helen Reapy for their focus and amazing pictures all year. A picture tells a thousand words, and our photographers have told wonderful stories this year.

Finally, I would like to thank my own PR committee for all their expert advice, guidance and support during the year.

Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine / We all need each other to succeed.

Bord na nÓg 2024

Compiled by Brian O'Malley

Bord na nÓg Committee 2024

*Charlie Lambert Chairperson BNN
Brian O'Malley Assistant Secretary
Carol Boyle/John Walker PRO
Celia Rhattigan Children's Officer
Kieran Kilkenny Academy Liason
Hurling Liason.
Sean MacHale Referee Liason.*

*Declan Traynor East Board
John Clancy East Board
Cathal Duffy East Board
Gareth O'Donnell East Board
Padraig Doherty North Board
Seamus Smyth North Board
Sean Tolan North Board
Dermot Kenny North Board*

*Liam Nyland South Board
Brian Harte South Board
Mike Flynn South Board
Kevin Tuffy South Board*

*Martin Costello West Board
Kevin Kelly West Board
Shaun Boyle West Board
Gerry O'Neill West Board*

The 2024 season started back on March 11th this year with the start of the minor leagues and U16 leagues. It is always a hard start for all clubs when we start in Spring but to the credit of all clubs, we managed to get all our games played.

As is now a common issue, the weather for the first part of all the leagues caused us issues. We had 8 fixtures this year which were abandoned by referees and were re-fixed. Any game that is abandoned by the referee must be replayed as an original fixture. Thankfully we had catchup weeks inserted into the calendar to help with this.

Where it is generally in spring, we experienced the bad weather in years gone by, we have over, the last few years, encountered bad weather affecting our summer games. This year our minor championship finals were held during a storm warning in August. Our U16 finals in the first week of September were under a yellow rain warning.

Unfortunately, it is something we cannot control but it is something we can try and plan for. The calendar for 2025 will hopefully reflect this.

Where in 2024, we have enjoyed a mild and dry autumn, this will not always be the case. playing games after the 1st of November is a lottery and one, we will try and not gamble with so the plan in 2025 is to try and finish all games before the October bank holiday.

The Bord na nÓg wants to thank all the clubs who make their pitches available to us for our neutral games in the championship and leagues. It is a credit to all who have such wonderful facilities available to us all. We encourage all who travel to a neutral venue to pay at the gate if the club is charging or at the very least, buy their club lotto. We are also mindful that some clubs have taken the decision not to make their facilities available and their decision is respected. We would also like to thank the Connacht GAA for the use of the pitches in the C.O.E.

Our expansion of the Go Games calendar in Mayo over the last few years has had a very positive effect on underage football and hurling in the county. Go Games are fun and inclusive games designed to develop playing skills and promote a positive environment for our children to play in. Over the years the rules and structures for the under 12, under 10 and under 8 have changed to non-competitive games. This means no score keeping or cups or shields to be presented. We understand that there are a lot of clubs who have memorial cups, which were presented to clubs in memory of deceased members and that they want to keep the traditions alive.

However, the new rules now forbid this practice, and clubs need to realise it is for the better welfare of the child. The Bord na nÓg are always willing to sit and talk with clubs in re-organising these tournaments. We would encourage clubs to look at playing U14, seven a side tournament to replace the other ones if they want to keep some competition going, otherwise, play the U12/10/8 games as Go Games.

Where the penalty on clubs for breaching these rules is small and ineffective, the penalty on the county is a reduction in our coaching money.

Our rules and regulations for 2025 have introduced the probability of clubs losing the rite to host Go Games if they no longer comply with the National Policy around Go Games.

The Bord na nÓg introduced Silent-Sidelines for U14 down in 2023. This has had a very positive effect on our games, however, abuse towards officials at underage games continues and it is most worrying. When we lose control of our emotions on the sideline, then this is what the children learn. The expression, “Monkey see, Monkey do” is probably the best way to describe what is happening. It would be a very good idea if clubs worked on this as a lack of discipline by one or two members will have an impact on the entire club and its members. The club do have the power to use the code of conduct rules to help in these matters. The code of conduct sets out the basic principles that establish standards of behaviour for all who attend our events or participate in games. This applies to players, supporters, members, officers, coaches, managers, match officials and parents/guardians. It is a must read for any club that is experiencing issues with behavioural conduct within your club.

Mayo GAA has one of the highest participation rates in the country with aged 6- to 11-year-olds. We are at almost double the national average. This is very evident, when you see that our U8 Go Games and our U10 Go Games would have an average of 1,000 children playing at each grade on a regular basis. Where this bodes well for future participation, one major factor cannot be overlooked and that is the Volunteer.

This year we have noticed a significant increase in clubs who are struggling to get support to take on teams. From the largest to the smallest club this is an issue. The question needs to be asked, are the requirements to coach at underage too prohibitive? Should we be looking at other ways to entice volunteers to participate in our games.

2024 was one of the busiest years at underage football and now that we have a significant increase in hurling clubs in Mayo, this is leading to an even greater shortage in volunteers. We are increasingly seeing one person involved in multiple teams and they are getting very frustrated.

In 2024 we are bringing a motion regarding U12 referees and Go Games referees. In years past, we sent one, two or three referees to one venue to referee the games there and to ensure that all games are played in a fair and constructive manner. We just don't have enough referees for this luxury. Therefore, the emphasis is on the clubs to ensure that one full member, who has completed this online Go Games referring course and under the Children first act 2015, they must have child safeguarding and Garda Vetting.

We are constantly listening to the club's feedback, and this is evident in our proposed calendar for 2025. We will reduce the number of competitions which take place prior to the springtime change. We will try our hardest to finish before the Autumn time changes. We are introducing a longer break during the August Bank holiday. We will introduce shipped competition into our leagues at U16 and U14 in 2025. All of these suggestions and more have come directly from clubs who attend our mid-year and year-end reviews.

The Bord na nÓg Maigh Eo has a completion record of 94.3% in all competitions from U12 to U18 administered in 2024. This includes our development leagues. We organised 78 different leagues, championships and Go Games in 2024. Over 5,500 Go Games, 11 Blitzes in the county, an average of 120 competitive games per week and almost 80 finals. Certainly, a busy year and an even busier one in 2025.

We would like to acknowledge all the assistance we got all year from Seamus Tuhoy, Ronan Kirrane, Valerie Murphy, John Walker, Con Moynihan and Michael Diskin and their continued support. Congratulations to John Walker in his McNamee award, it is well deserved for all his efforts in promoting our games.

We want to say a special thank you to Michael Cummins, James Rocke, Phil Heneghan, Gerry Bourke and Sinead McLoughlin for all their hard work in our championship games and without who's day-to-day support, we would not have had such a successful year. Sinead has done every single gate with us this year and we are very grateful for her support.

Best of luck to our committee member, Seamus Smyth, who is the incoming County Coaching Officer. He has been a fantastic support to the Bord na nÓg over the last few years.

Minor Leagues

Division 1 - Westport St.Patrick's

Division 2 - St. Jarlath's

Division 3 - Naomh Padraig

Division 4 - Shrule Glencorrib

Division 5 - Ardmoy

Division 6 - Ballinrobe B

Minor Championships

A - Castlebar Mitchels

B - Parke Keellogues Crimlin

C - Ballinrobe

D - Ardnaree Sarsfields

E - Westport St.Patricks B

U16 Leagues

Division 1 - Balla

Division 2 - Charlestown Sarsfields

Division 3 - Tuar Mhic Eadaigh

Division 4 - Achill

Division 5 - Islandeady

Division 6 - Ballina Stephenites B

U16 Championship

A - Weatport St. Patrick's

B - Ballinrobe

C - The Neale

D - Louisburg

E - Knockmore

F - Ballina Stephenites B

U16 Shields

A - Castlebar Mitchels

B - St. Jarlath's

C - Parke Keellogues Crimlin

D - Islandeady

E - Castlebar Mitchels B

F - Ballinrobe B



U14 League

Division 1 - Balla

Division 2 - Ardmoy

Division 3 - Kiltimagh

Division 4 - Kilmeena

Division 5 - Hollymount Carramore

Division 6 - Ballinrobe B

Division 7 - Parke Keellogues B

U14 Championships

A - Balla

B - Naomh Padraig

C - Béal an Mhuirthead

D - Islandeady

E - Erris St.Pats

F - Ballina Stephenites B

G - Knockmore B

H - Swinford B

U14 Shields

A - Westport St.Patricks

B - Ballinrobe

C - St. Jarlath's

D - Louisburg

E - Crossmolina Dee Rovers

U12 Spring League medal

- Westport St.Patricks
- Ardnaree Sarafields
- Béal an Mhuirthead
- The Neale
- Carras
- Aghamore
- Parke Keellogues Crimlin
- Achill
- Ballyhaunis
- Eastern Gaels
- Islandeady

U12 Summer League medal

- Westport St.Patricks
- Charlestown Sarsfields
- Knockmore
- Crossmolina Deel Rovers
- Tuar Mhic Eadaigh
- Achill
- Louisburg

U17 Grading League Final

Division 1 - Westport St.Patricks

Division 2 - Breaffy

Division 3 - Shrule Glencorrib

Division 4 - Ardroy

Division 5 - Hollymount Carramore

Division 6 - Castlebar Mitchels

U15 Grading Leagues

Division 1 - Ballintubber

Division 2 - Claremorris

Division 3 - Béal an Mhuirthead

Division 4 - Shrule Glencorrib

Division 5 - Louisburg

Division 6 - Claremorris B

Division 7 - Ballina Stephenites B

U13 Grading Leagues

Division 1 - Ballina Stephenites

Division 2 - Ballintubber

Division 3 - Carras

Division 4 - Louisburg

Division 5 - Erris St.Pats

Division 6 - Westport St.Patricks C

Division 7 - Ballina Stephenites B

Division 8 - Charlestown B

Division 9 - Breaffy B



MAYO GAA HEALTH AND WELLBEING REPORT

Mayo GAA Health & Wellbeing Committee:

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

The **Irish life GAA Healthy Clubs Programme** marked its tenth anniversary in 2023. It has gained national and international recognition as an exemplary programme for the delivery of health promotion through a sports club setting.

The Irish Life GAA Healthy Club Programme is delivering health and wellbeing benefits worth €50M to Ireland, according to the findings of an independent Social Return on Investment (SROI) evaluation conducted by Just Economics. Full details on this report can be found at <https://www.gaa.ie/news/healthy-club-programme-delivers-health-and-wellbeing-benefits-worth-50m-to-irela/>

Phase 6 of the Healthy Club Programme commenced earlier this year, with nine new clubs from Mayo participating. This will bring the total number of clubs engaged in the programme to twenty-nine.

Our nine new clubs include:

Balla GAA

Ballintubber GAA

Beal Atha Bhearraigh GAA

Bonniconlon GAA

Garrymore GAA

Kiltimagh GAA

Louisburgh GAA

Naomh Pdraig GAA

Shrule/Glencorrib GAA

Clubs participating in this phase of the health club programme will be awarded GAA Healthy Clubs status by Croke Park in 2025.

Priority areas we have worked on this year:

Continue to identify and support the needs of Healthy Clubs: In March of this year, the Mayo GAA H&W committee hosted an evening to celebrate the great Initiatives that clubs have been rolling out.

Eight clubs offered presentations for upcoming events, qualifying them for a small *Grant to support the initiative. The evening offered an opportunity for clubs to share their own learnings as well as promote the community and health activities within communities.

Breaffy GAA in attendance on the evening, promoted their **Breaffy Wanderes Group**. Headed up by Helen Heneghan and Siobhan Dravins, it recently won a **Mayo People of the Year Award**. May we offer our warmest congratulations to Helen and Siobhan on this great achievement.

The evening also offered an opportunity for Mayo GAA H&W to promote supports available to communities across the county with our recently designed Health & Wellbeing leaflets. This vital resource includes contact numbers and website links which clubs can promote, signpost or access at a glance.

*Some Clubs have yet to avail of the grant, please email secretary.hwc.mayo@gmail.com to redeem this funding

Critical Incident Response Training: All clubs should have a CIRP in place in preparation of a critical event occurring. County committee members assist clubs to;

Prepare a county and club level Critical Incident Response Plan from the template/resource 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.

Resources for clubs to help implement this plan can be viewed and downloaded from the Health & Wellbeing section of Mayo GAA Website. Please scan QR code for details;



Healthy Club Officer Training: This training occurs twice yearly to support current Club Officers and members of the HC team, it is run at different times of the year to accommodate healthy club officers who may be new to the position and role.

A Workshop on Substance Misuse developed between the GAA and the Western Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force continues to be offered to Healthy Clubs, our county committee member Jamie Burke can deliver **Explaining Drugs & Alcohol, The workshop** to support clubs on this subject area, who have yet to avail of it.

Continued promotion and implementation of our **Smoke/Vape Free Grounds**, eliminating the use of tobacco smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes and Vaping. We continue to ensure all patrons enjoy our games in a healthy environment, while also supporting members of our GAA community interested in Quitting. The HSE Freephone Quitline is: **1800201203**.

Our **Social Inclusion** initiative, which involves hosting all Three County Title Winning club footballers from 25yrs ago 1999 continued again this year, where each team was honoured during the County Final, with a special half time presentation on the pitch. We were delighted to host this wonderful occasion, where previous club players are acknowledged for their talent and dedication in playing for their club, bringing together on the pitch as they did twenty-five years ago, resulting in an evening of celebration and camaraderie.

The Three Clubs being honored were:

Senior Club Champions - Crossmolina GAA

Intermediate Club Champions - Swinford GAA

Junior Club Champions - CLG Béal an Mhuirthead

This tradition is rolled out yearly and we look forward to welcoming the three County Champions from the year 2000 in 2025

Website and Social Media Presence:

The launch of the new Mayo GAA website designed by our award-winning PRO and his communications team provided a fresh platform, for Mayo GAA Health & Wellbeing to promote positive wellbeing, policies to support clubs and provides information on voluntary, statutory and community groups involved in wellbeing and health promotion, which all support the health of our members on and off the field. Check out the QR Code to see whats available.



Our Facebook & Instagram following is growing which not only promote initiatives and events rolled out at county level but also serve as a communication tool for healthy clubs to promote the great things going on in their club and community. If you haven't already liked or visited the page, you can scan the QR code below and connect with us.



Disability Friendly Stadium: The Committee are committed to working hard at delivering improvements to our grounds, both outside and inside to ensure that all patrons are welcome and can enjoy our sports and are not isolated from other spectators, or their friends or family.

County Board Executive Support:

I wish to thank most sincerely our chairperson Seamus Tuohy for his continued support, and to the County Board Executive where Health and Wellbeing has been welcomed and embraced by all members of the Coiste Bainistí and Chontae.

To all County Board members, your support is very much appreciated. The positive engagement received when promoting our areas of work does not go unnoticed.

I hope the following report will highlight the great work which has taken place over the last 12 months by not just the committee members but all healthy club officers, their team and the clubs themselves.

It is great to see the development of Health & Wellbeing as it continues to support the holistic health of its members and the communities they serve. Its structures have become an integral part of the County Board Executive as well as clubs and I hope we continue to develop and grow throughout the next number of years.

Fran Downey – Chairperson – Health and Wellbeing





Mayo GAA Coaching Officer Report 2024

2024 proved to be a very busy and productive year for everybody involved in coaching in Mayo. I would like to express my gratitude to all who helped Mayo Coaching & Games from club to school to inter-county. We are indebted to so many people in Mayo GAA with regards to coaching and to all players, parents, coaches, administrators, ground staff and supporters of club, school and inter-county teams I say thank you.

I would also like to thank the officers of the Mayo County Board Seamus Tuohy, Con Moynahan, Valarie Murphy, Ronan Kirrane, John Walker and all our executive members. Also, I would like to thank, Cathal Cregg and Billy McNicholas of Connacht GAA for their support and patience with regards to queries raised.

Cul Camps

The 2024 Cul Camp programme was completed in mid-August. A total of 56 camps took place over 7 weeks.

6495 children participated in the camps in conjunction with over 200 coaches required to run them successfully.

A big thank you must go to all involved.

The planning for this mammoth coaching and games project began in December 2023, and culminated in the program of camps

By far the biggest challenge was the recruitment and training of the large number of coaches that are needed to run these camps.

A big thank you must go to all the clubs for their assistance in the recruitment of The Cul Camp Coaches in 2024. This played a significant role in insuring that enough coaches were available to run our camps in a safe and enjoyable manner.

Each coach was required to have the Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games & Child Safeguarding One courses completed and be GAA Garda vetted. Also, each coach had to be registered on the Croke Park payroll system.

I would like to thank the Clubs and the Club Coaching Officers and Local Coordinators for their assistance in the smooth running of the camps, also our Coaching Steering Committee, Mayo GAA Administrator Michael Cummins and Mayo GAA Treasurer Valerie murphy for all their help.

A big thank you must go to our full time and part time coaches, clubs, parents, and particularly the children for making the camps a most enjoyable experience for all concerned.

We have received numerous compliments from parents and club personnel regarding the very professional and excellent organisation of the Cul Camps in Mayo for 2024

Mayo GAA Academy

Our Academies had another very successful year under the tutelage of Kevin Gallagher (U14s), Patrick Hopkins (U15) and Diarmuid Byrne (U16). We had 4 squads at U14 and 2 each for U15s and U16s. (see fixtures below). Many thanks for the hours of hard work our managers and their respective management teams have put in.

A big thank you must also go to our Academy Manager Kieran Kilkenny for coordinating all our Academy Teams in 2024

One other very positive initiative was the appointment of an academy physio on 19hrs per week. This will aid in our medical needs going forward and will have huge long-term benefits. Many thanks to the board for their support in this.

Official Fixtures for our academy squads 2024					
Date:	U14s	u15s		u16s	
	4 teams	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2
13/04/2024	No game	Connacht fixtures (COE)	Connacht fixtures (COE)	Connacht fixtures (COE)	Connacht fixtures (COE)
4/05/2024	4 teams COE (7 a-side)	Home vs Donegal (W)	Home vs Donegal (W)	Home vs Tyrone (D)	Home vs Meath (L)
25/05/2024	Regional Games	Away vs Derry (L)	Away vs Derry (W)	Neutral vs Down (W)	Away vs Laois (W)
1/06/2024	4 teams COE (7 a-side)				
13/07/2024	4 teams COE (7 a-side)	Home vs Tyrone (W)	Home vs Tyrone (L)	Away vs Armagh (L)	Neutral vs Kerry (L)
20/07/2024	Regional games	Connacht fixtures (COE)	Connacht fixtures (COE)	Connacht fixtures (COE)	Connacht fixtures (COE)
3/08/2024	4 teams (15 a-side)	Home vs Monaghan (W)	Away vs Dublin (W)	Home vs Derry (W)	Home vs Galway (L)
12/08/2023	4 teams (15 a-side)	Lose vs Tyrone	Win vs Tyrone	Win vs Armagh	Win vs Laois

Congrats to our U17 players and management on winning the Connacht title. This was the first time that Mayo Minors have won 3 Connacht Titles in a row in 14 years.

They overcame Cork in the All-Ireland Quarter Final but unfortunately were defeated by Armagh in the Semi Final.

Our U20s had a disappointing campaign.

Hopefully we will see an impact from the good work done by this year's U19 Development Squad on next year's U20 championship.

In September and October, the Academy Review Committee met on numerous occasions to review all aspects of the Academy.

The Committee brought the following recommendations to Coiste Bainisti which were proposed and seconded.

Player Pathway

- Structured Academy pitch sessions to run from March to October
- Trials to be held in the Regions followed by County Cup for selection of all squads up to and including U17
- In Football players to play at their age only up to and including U17 from 2026 onwards
- Mayo GAA Coaching and Games to oversee the running of the U14 academy programme in the Regions

Coach Pathway

- Academy Team Leaders, U15, U16 and including the U17 Manager to be appointed via expression of interest to Mayo GAA for a 2-year term at each age group with a review after each year.
- The Appointment Committee for Academy Leads and U17 Manager to consist of Coaching Officer Mayo GAA, County Head of Games, Academy Manager and at least one other member of the County Coaching Steering Committee.
- Budget to be agreed at the start of each season between Senior Officers of Mayo GAA, Coaching Officer Mayo GAA and Academy Manager

CDO Programme

15 Mayo GAA clubs opted to take part in the Club Development Officer Programme this year which ran from January to June.

Here is the list of participating clubs with their respective CDOs

Swinford-Balla : Euan mc Donnell

Breaffy : Gerry Jennings

Ardagh-Crossmolina : Martin Carr

Louisburgh-Castlebar : Martin Ball

Naomh Padraig-Bonniconlon : Sean Mc Keown

The Neale : Rachael Connelly

Westport : Joseph Grady

Erris Hurling : James O Donnell

Davitts : Stephen mc Donagh

Castlebar Hurling : Shaun Morley

Ballyhaunis : Shaun Morley

A 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.

Over 90% of the schools and clubs stated that they will take part in scheme next year.

100% of the CDOs said that they would recommend the position.

The application process for the 2025 Programme opened in September.

16 clubs to date have expressed an interest in taking part next year

Coach Education

Coach Education remains a vital component of our club coach's pathway from Introduction all the way up to Award 2.

It is great to see so many of our coaches showing an interest in upskilling themselves.

The following Coach Education Courses took place in Mayo over the last 12 months.

Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games (ICGG): Venue and number of coaches

Kiltimagh ICGG – 29

Kilmaine ICGG – 16

The Neale ICGG – 23

Parke ICGG – 21

Westport (1) ICGG – 17

Achill ICGG – 17

Connacht Centre ICGG – 22

Killala Community Centre ICGG – 27

St. Brendan`s College Belmullet ICGG – 16

Westport (2) ICGG – 18

3 x Cúl Camp ICGG Courses: McHale Park - Football – 99

Award One Youth Football:

Connacht Centre: 17

An Sportlann – Castlebar - 27

Hurling

Cian O Toole from Annaghdown GAA Club in Galway took up the vacant role of Hurling Games Development Officer for Mayo GAA in June. Cian has graduated in Sports Science from GMIT Galway and had been the Hurling CDO for Athenry GAA Club for the previous 6 months as part of his placement.

We wish Cian all the best in his new role.

The following is Cian's report on all hurling matters for 2024.

Introduction

This report provides a comprehensive overview of hurling development activities in Mayo over the past few months. It outlines initiatives aimed at promoting the sport across various age groups, enhancing player skills, and fostering engagement within clubs and schools.

Overview of Activities**1. School Programs**

· Completed Coaching Blocks: A six-week coaching block was successfully executed in the following schools:

- o Ballinrobe NS
- o Robeen NS
- o Claremorris NS
- o Barnacarrol NS
- o Irishtown NS
- o Gaelscoil Claremorris
- o Ballindine NS
- o Cong NS
- o Neale NS

- Blitz Day: A successful blitz day was organized at the conclusion of the coaching block, promoting competitive play among participants.

- Upcoming Coaching Block: A second block of coaching sessions is scheduled to be concluded by the year end, targeting the following schools:

- o Ballyhaunis NS

- o Aghamore NS

- o Knock NS

- o Began NS

- o Tavrane NS

- o Ballaghaderreen NS

- o Kilmovee NS

- o Barnacogue NS

- o Charlestown NS

- o Taverna NS

2. Club Engagement

- Individual Club Meetings: Engaged with all hurling clubs in Mayo to discuss development strategies and gather feedback.

- Coaching Officers Meeting: Facilitated a strategic meeting with coaching officers to outline seasonal objectives and plans.

3. Mayo Hurling Academy

- Training Sessions: Led skill enhancement and tactical development sessions for U14 and U15 squads.

- U15 Academy Day Finals: Accompanied the U15 squad to Ballyshannon, where they reached the finals, showcasing their progress.

4. U12 Festival of Hurling

- Attendance at Finals: Supported clubs during the U12 finals, celebrating grassroots participation and showcasing emerging talent.

5. Táin Óg Meetings

- Participated in Táin Óg meetings to align hurling development efforts with broader regional initiatives.

6. Skills Challenges and Competitions

- Assisted in organizing the Mayo U13 Hurling Skills Challenge and supported the Connacht Hurling Skills final day, enhancing player skill levels through competitive events.

7. Match Attendance and Observations

- Attended the U17 match between Toreen and London at the Centre of Excellence to assess player performance.
- Observed senior Mayo hurling games to evaluate the standard of play and identify areas for further development.

8. Coaching Clinics

- Conducted a coaching clinic during the school blitz day at Gaeltacht Iorrais, providing targeted skill improvement opportunities.

9. Cúl Camps Coordination

- Toreen Cúl Camp: Conducted in the first week, focusing on foundational hurling skills for young participants.
- Castlebar Cúl Camp: Held in the second week, further engaging youth and promoting skill development.

10. ICGG Hurling Course

- We are hoping to hold an ICGG Hurling Course before Christmas, contingent on securing enough coaches to participate. This course aims to enhance coaching skills and further develop hurling expertise within our clubs.

11. Connacht Hurling Plan

- A Connacht Hurling Plan is being developed by Connacht, with significant participation from Mayo hurling clubs. This meeting showcased a strong representation from our clubs, highlighting our commitment to collaborative development within the region.

Mayo Academy Hurling 2024

- Panels: Two panels of approximately 30 players.
 - o U14 Manager: Pat Freyne (Tooreen)
 - o U15 Manager: Liam Fallon (Castlebar)
- All hurling clubs participated, except Gaeltacht Iorrais.
- The U15 squad competed against teams from Armagh, Wicklow, and Monaghan, reaching the semi-finals against a strong Armagh side in Sligo.
- U14s competed in the second tier against Louth (A), Fermanagh (H), Longford (A), and Leitrim (H).
- Training sessions were held in Mulvey Park, Castlebar, with strong player turnout and support from nine coaches.
- U14 coaches will continue with the U15s for the 2025 season.
- All players received training tops, socks, and gear, with food provided for both home and away games.

Mayo U17 Celtic Challenge 2024

- Mentors:
 - o Sean Heneghan, Claremorris
 - o Richard Crinnigan, Tooreen
 - o Michael Bolger, Ballina
 - o John Enright, Castlebar
- Started November with trial games on Sunday mornings, with 45 players showing interest.
- Conducted fitness tests in mid-December, with training sessions scheduled twice a week from January to the end of the season.
- A strength and conditioning coach, Conor Canny, was appointed early in February.
- Played five challenge matches and six championship matches (Celtic Challenge), culminating in a division 3 final on June 2nd. The team won five of their six matches in the Celtic Challenge and competed in the highest division final available, narrowly losing to Laois.
- Access to Mayo GAA resources and support was key to the team's success last year.

Conclusion

The extensive work undertaken in the past few months reflects a commitment to fostering hurling development throughout Mayo. Strategic engagement with schools, clubs, and young players aims to enhance participation and skill levels at all age groups. Continued focus will be placed on building on this momentum to further elevate hurling in Mayo.

As this is my 5th and final End of Year Coaching Report, I would like to thank all involved with Mayo GAA for facilitating me in fulfilling my duties as Coaching Officer.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve with you all.

I would like to wish the incoming Coaching Officer all the very best in the years ahead.

Declan Ó Reilly

Coaching Officer





Cumann na mBunscol

Ar son Cumann na mBunscol Maigh Eo, tá athas orm an tuairisc seo a chur ar fáil don bhliain 2023/2024.

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 localised 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 mBunscol 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,

Maigheo Cumann na mBunscol

Mayo Post Primary Schools compiled by *Michael Herr Secretary*

Committee Chairperson J. McCabe

Secretary M. Herr

Treasures K. Shannon and B. Prendergast.

P.R.O. J. Holian.

We cater for all schools from Senior Boys to First Year and we also run a 1st and 2nd Year Competition for schools who do not have enough 1st Years.

We also run a 1st Year Competition for the larger schools who have a large first Year enrolment.

The competitions are as follows:

Senior Flanagan Cup A, B, C and D Levels.

JUNIOR Colleran Cup A, B, C and D Levels.

U-15 O’Haire Cup A, B, C and D Levels.

First Year A, B, C and D Levels.

1st and 2nd Year for schools unable to field a 1st Year Team.

1st Year B for schools who have a large first year enrolment.

We try and get the Flanagan Cup games completed before the October Mid-Term Break and in doing so this gives all the participating schools competitive and meaningful games as they prepare for the Connacht Colleges Championship which goes to All Ireland Finals in A, B, C and D.

The Post Primary Schools play a very important role in keeping gaelic games alive and prosperous in secondar level schools and presently we are very lucky that we have teachers in the schools who work hard to keep our games going. A special word of thanks to the school principals for their co-operation in helping to get school GAA games played. To date we have played four finals in the 24/25 Year with eight more to be played in the next few weeks.

Flanagan A winner St. Gerald’s College Runner Up St. Colman’s College

Flanagan B Finals St. Louis, Kiltimagh vs Ballyhaunis CS.

Flanagan C Final St. Attractas, Tubbercurry vs St. Tiernans, Crossmolina.

Flanagan D Final Foxford vs Lacken Cross

Flanagan E Final Scoil Mhuire Swinford vs Our Lady’s Belmullet

First Year A Final-Winner Summerhill Sligo-Runner Up St. Gerald's Castlebar.

First Year B Final PC Headford vs St. Attractas.

First Year C Winner Foxford Sec School. Runner Up Ballyhaunis CS.

First Year D Final St. Tiernans, Crossmolina vs Our Lady's Belmullet.

O'Haire A Final St. Murdeachs vs St. Gearld's/Summerhill

O'Haire B Final Balla Sec School vs St. Attractas

O'Haire C-Ongoing

O'Haire D Semi Finals Foxford/Gortnor Abbey v St. Brendans/Davitt College

1st & 2nd year Semi Finals Charlestown V T.Keady/L'burg v Lacken/Gortnor Abbey

This year we got a request from P.C. Headford to allow them into the Mayo Post Primary Schools Competition and we agreed to allow them as three clubs from South Mayo will benefit as players from these clubs namely Carras, The Neale and Shrule Glencorrib who are students in PC Headford will get the chance to play more competitive football.

This year two schools in Mayo were unable to enter teams into the 1st Year and U15 (O'Haire Cup) as they had no teachers available to look after the teams. One school asked all the clubs who had players in the school would they be able to assist in some way and the three Coaching Officers from the clubs are engaging with the school and, going forward will offer assistance.

Thanks to J. Prenty, Connacht Secretary, for providing pitches to all schools with no charge for the use of facilities and only for the COE most of our games would not be played.

We have 23 Post Primary Schools who are actively involved in Gaelic Football and most schools enter teams into all competitions. The Senior Football in A, B, C and D goes on to Connacht and All Ireland Finals.

All schools put in a huge effort into winning the Connaught Title and this gives them the chance to reach an All-Ireland Final but most of these schools have a huge problem with the county U17 training three times a week especially on Tuesday nights as All Senior games are played on a Wednesday. With player welfare in mind hopefully the U17 Management can change their training schedule and give the schools the support they need.

Thanks to the County BNN Chairperson, C. Lambert and Rúnaí B. O Malley for their help and understanding when they were fixing County BNN games so that schools and BNN games did not clash.

Thanks to the County Board for providing two new cups for our competitions.

Thanks to all the clubs who assist the schools with their annual levy.

Tuairsc Iomána Mhaigh Eo 2024

Ba bhliain gnóthach agus tairbheach a bhí ag iománáiní Mhaigh eo i 2024. Tá an cluiche ag laidriú sa chontae de réir a chéile ach tá neart oibre fós le déanamh. Mayo hurling continued to progress and grow in 2024 with ten hurling clubs fielding at underage and adult level. This is more hurling clubs than at any time in our history. We have seen a resurgence of hurling in the county at underage and adult level and we look forward to building on this for the year ahead. On the club scene we saw over 230 hurling games played at all levels.

Inter-County Hurling

National Hurling League

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

Nicky Rackard Cup

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

Mayo U-20 Hurling

Mayo U-20s were managed by Brian Finn (Tooreen) with David Ketterick (Westport), Brendan Geraghty (Castlebar) and Gerry Glavey (Tooreen) as selectors.

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

Mayo U-17 Celtic Challenge Cup

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

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

Jerseys were supplied by Croke Park and track suits, training tops, socks and togs were supplied by Mayo County Board. Mayo U-17 management would like to thank Mayo County Board members Seamus Tuohy, Valerie Murphy, John Walker, Billy McNicholas, Kieran 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. Seventy-five players from ten different Mayo GAA hurling clubs attended trials at the start of the year in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park. Due to the phenomenal interest from the clubs and players Mayo GAA had sufficient numbers to enter and U14 development team and also an U-15 team. Both Mayo hurling teams fulfilled all their fixtures and represented Mayo GAA with great distinction and

honour. The success of both teams, the improvement in skill levels and the camaraderie that was formed during the year is testament to the vision and support of all associated with Mayo GAA. The Mayo GAA U15 Hurling management team is indebted to all the team working with Mayo GAA Coaching and Games as their expertise and advice was always available. It must also be noted that members of the Mayo GAA Coaching & Games team attended several of our games at home and away and this was noted by parents and management who really appreciated their interest and support.

Mayo GAA U15 Hibernia Cup Management 2024

Liam Fallon (Team Manager- Castlebar)

Pat Freyne (Team Manager- Tooreen)

John Kennedy (Coach-Moytura)

Darren Conlon (Coach-Ballyhaunis)

Seán Ó Raghallaigh (Coach- Westport)

Peter Dooley (Coach-Castlebar Mitchells)

Cian O' Toole (Mayo Hurling GDC)

Liam Kearns (Coach / First Aid- Tooreen)

Club Competitions

Tooreen made it five county titles in a row when they defeated Ballyhaunis in the county final. They were aiming for a fifth Connacht final in a row when they played Tynagh Abbey Duniry in the Connacht Final on November 24th but it was not to be on the day.

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

Senior Championship

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

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

Genfitt Cup-League

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

Junior Hurling

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

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

Iománaíocht Faoi Aois

Mayo clubs had a very successful year at underage level in 2024. Championships were played at the even age groups U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18 and U-20. We had great participation levels from all clubs in all age groups. 2024 saw 20 underage clubs and schools finals hosted this year.

This was the largest number of hurling finals in a single year to date.

Seven different clubs took home silverware with Tooreen and Westport leading the way with 4 titles each, followed by Moytura and Caiseal Gaels with two each and Ballyhaunis and Claremorris each brought back some silverware also.

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

The following were the teams who competed at each level:

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

Féile na nGael Hurling 2023

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

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

Coiste Iomána Mhaigh Eo 2023

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

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

Nótaí Buíochais

- All hurling clubs and their officers for their commitment to the promotion of the game of hurling in Mayo.
- All referees who officiate and make it possible for the games to be played. We appreciate your contribution to hurling in the county.
- Connacht Delegates Liam Moffatt and Paul Cunnaune for their work at Connacht Council level in progressing Mayo Hurling.
- Ray Larkin and Brian Finn the Mayo Senior Hurling Management team. For all their hard work and commitment throughout the year.
- County Board officers Cathaoirleach Seamus Tuohy, Secretary Ronan Kirrane, Vice-Chairman Con Moynihan, Treasurer Valerie Murphy, Assistant Treasurer Michael Diskin. Thank you for your support and commitment to hurling in 2024.
- PRO John Walker and his committee for promoting the game at all levels in Mayo. This has helped to significantly grow the game at grassroots level.
- Mayo GAA administrator Michael Cummins. Michael is always available and willing to help with any issues or problems that arose during the year.
- All coaches promoting the game in Mayo. Your contribution keeps the game alive and well in Mayo.
- The Competition Controls Committee (CCC) for their work in organising all adult hurling competitions under the guidance of Con Moynihan. Con has been a great support throughout the year in all matters relating to hurling.
- Bord na nÓg for their collaboration and co-operation in organising underage fixtures. Go raibh maith agat Charlie Lambert (Cathaoirleach) agus Brian O' Malley (Rúnaí).
- Local Media for all their coverage of hurling throughout the year.

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

Le gach dea-ghuí

Seán Ó Raghallaigh

Cathaoirleach Iomána Mhaigh Eo.

Hurling 2024			
Competition	Winner	Runner Up	Referee
SeniorA Hurling Championship (Tyrell Cup)	Tooreen	Ballyhaunis	Mel Kenny
SeniorB Hurling Championship (O'Malley Cup)	Castlebar	St Ciarans	Sean O' Neill
Junior A Hurling Championship (Byrne Cup)	Tooreen B	Ballina	Mel Kenny
Junior B Hurling Championship (Earley Cup)	Caiseal Gaels	Gaeltacht Iorrais	Sean O' Neill
Senior Hurling League A1 Final (Genfitt Cup)	Tooreen	Castlebar	Mel Kenny
Senior Hurling League A2 Final (Genfitt Shield)	Ballyhaunis	Ballina	Eoin Shaughnessy
Senior Hurling League A3 Final (Genfitt Plate)	Westport	Moytura	Sean O' Neill
Senior Hurling League B1 Final (Genfitt Shield)	Caiseal Gaels	Ballyvary	Eoin Shaughnessy
Senior Hurling League B2 Final (Genfitt Plate)	Gaeltacht Iorrais	Claremorris	John Walker
U20A Hurling Championship	Tooreen	Castlebar	Eadhmonn MacSuibhne
U18A Hurling Championship (Connor Cup)	Tooreen	Castlebar	Mel Kenny
U18B Hurling Championship	Westport	St Ciarans	James Judge
U16A Hurling Championship (BRB Cup)	Castlebar	Westport	Eadhmonn MacSuibhne
U16B Hurling Championship	Claremorris	Ballyhaunis	Jamie Rooney
U16C Hurling Championship (O'Malley Shield)	Tooreen	St Ciarans	Johnny Burke
U15 Feile A1 Hurling (Freeman Cup)	Westport	Tooreen	Sean O' Neill
U15 Feile A2 Hurling	Claremorris	Ballyhaunis	James Judge
U15 Feile B1 Hurling	Castlebar	Moytura	Mel Kenny
U15 Feile B2 Hurling	Ballina	Caiseal Gaels	Lucian Brooks
U14A1 Hurling Championship (Howard Morley Cup)	Tooreen	Ballyhaunis	Eoin Shaughnessy
U14A2 Hurling Championship (Howard Morley Plate)	Westport	Claremorris	John Walker
U14B1 Hurling Championship (Howard Morley Shield)	Ballyvary	Castlebar	James Judge
U14B2 Hurling Championship (Howard Morley Plate)	Moytura	Ballina	Mel Kenny
U13B Development Hurling League	Castlebar	Moytura	Mel Kenny
U12 A1 Hurling Festival Final	Westport	Ballyhaunis	Pat Conlon
U12 A2 Hurling Festival Final	Tooreen B	Castlebar	Garryowen McMahon
U12 B1 Hurling Festival Final	Moytura	Claremorris	Mark McDonnell
U12 B2 Hurling Festival Final	Ballina	Ballyvary	Mick Herr
U12 B3 Hurling Festival Final	Tooreen C	Gaeltacht Iorrais	Sean O'Reilly

Culture Report 2024.

Complied by Grainne Kelly Freyne



As 2024 draws to a close we reflect on what was quite a busy year. A change of timetable for Scór competitions was assigned by Coiste Scór Náisiunta. While not ideal, Coiste Scór Mhaigh eo embraced this and ran with the format.

Scór na bpáistí.

First competition held this year was Scór na bpáistí. There were four hotly contested divisional finals with two acts in each discipline qualifying for the County final, this was held in Tooreen Hall. The standard of Music, Song and dance was extremely high, full credit must be given to the National School teachers for their dedication in the promotion of our native culture. Thanks to the Tooreen Hall Committee for their assistance on the day, they left no stone unturned to make sure everything was in pristine condition for the large crowd that attended.

Senior Scór

County final of Senior Scór was held in Balla Community Centre on 22nd March. Nine Club quiz teams took part on the night with Castlebar Mitchells coming out on top. This is one area where all clubs could take part, it would be great to have 52 clubs taking part next year. A book with 1000 questions suitable for table quiz/ Scór quizzes was launched by Liam Rabbitte and is available for purchase, this is designed to assist clubs prepare for Scór. Details are available from Coiste Scór.

Leah McNamara Clg Acla Solo Singing and Kilfian Gaa Novelty Act led by Tom Roache were crowned Connacht Champions and travelled to Killarney INEC for All Ireland Senior Scór Finals held on the 11th May. Both acts represented both their clubs and county with pride, putting on a faultless performance on the day.

Kilfian Club man Michael received a national award on the day for his dedication to promoting Gaa. We congratulate Michael on his achievement.

Scór na Nóg

Scór na nóg county finals were held in Lecanvey Hall on 15th November. This year we saw a lot of Ladies clubs getting involved. The standard was very High. We have representatives in all disciplines except Novelty Act going forward to the Connacht final which will be held on the 7th of December in Claremorris Town Hall. We thank the members of Louisburgh club for hosting the county final . A scholarship to the value of €500 was awarded to the highest placed song in Irish this scholarship is in Memory of the Late Frank Molloy from Claremorris who spent his life promoting the use of Irish. Balla Club were the winners we thank Mayo Gaa for the sponsorship.

Scór representatives sang Amhran na bhfainn and played Music at all Major games in MacHale Park we thank All for their assistance with this.

As I come to the end of my five-year term as Cultural Officer, I would like to think that I have raised the profile of the job a little. The projects which I initiated as part of my brief were as follows; -

Enhancement of the Stadium Project –

Photographs of All Ireland - Minor, U21, Junior, Senior, League winning teams in both Football, Hurling and Scór are now on display in both the Dr Mickey Loftus Room the Canteen and foyer area of Mac Hale Park. My idea was to celebrate what we have achieved rather than wait for the ultimate prize. I wish to thank Pdraig Corcoran for help and assistance with this.

Club Crests-

All Club Crests Football, Hurling and Handball are now on display in MacHale Park. These official crests are available in high-definition format for any club to use. These are on display inside the main gate, Paddy Muldoon Room and will be in the |Mickey Loftus Room where delegates meet for the county board meetings – here we leave behind our individual thinking and represent out clubs for the betterment of Mayo GAA. I wish to thank Michael Lang IT officer for his assistance with this project.

Officers Board.

All Past Officers of County Board from its formation up to today have been put on display this can be added to as officers change. I wish to thank Sean Feeney for his assistance with this project.

History Project

Recording all documentation from county, clubs, programmes, photos this can be viewed online there is a link on the new webpage. This project was led by Liam Heffron and was assisted by Michael Davitt Museum.

Promotion of Scór and Seosamh MacDonnachta awards reintroduction of the Irish Scholarship for Scór na nóg.

I wish to thank our Scór Committee – Ann Forry, Mary Fergus, Caroline O`Malley, Tom Roache, Aingeal Uí Mhaicín, Jackie Duggan, Angela Dowd for all their help and assistance over the last five years promoting and organising Scór competitions they helped to make my job a little easier.

To Michael Cummins, Philip and all in MacHale Park thank you for all your help and kindness, nothing was ever too much trouble. To my fellow officers of the county board, Chairman Seamus Touhy and previous chairman Liam Moffatt I wish to say thank you for all your assistance and support over the years. I would like to wish the incoming officer Daithí Gallagher every good wish with the post, I know that I am leaving the position in very good hands.



Hearings Report:

Coiste Éisteachta Mhuigheo Mayo GAA County Hearings Committee
Report to County Convention 2024

Mayo Hearings Committee 2024

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 in Mayo in 2024.

2024 began with a flurry of activity followed by a period of calm for most of May, June and July. From August onward, as one might expect, we saw an increase in applications for Hearings coinciding with the start of Championship. In all, as at the time of writing, there were 13 requests for Hearings, one of which was withdrawn at the eleventh hour, leaving 12 to be heard. None of those Hearings involved any Juvenile Players in 2024, a welcome repeat of the past two years.

Players.

There was a total of seven reported Infractions by Players which were the subject of a Hearing. This is two less than in 2023. Six infractions alleged against players related to Category III Infractions including striking with minimal force as well as dangerous play. Only one of these Hearings provided evidence that was deemed sufficiently compelling to find that the Referee had made an error. The remaining five were therefore proven, resulting in the minimum sanction of a one match suspension being imposed.

Two of these Decisions were Appealed to the Connacht Hearings Committee and the Decision of Mayo Hearings Committee was upheld in each case. One of the cases which were

unsuccessfully Appealed to Connacht was also taken to the Disputes Resolution Authority (DRA) The DRA upheld the Decision of both Mayo Hearings Committee as well as Connacht Hearings Committee.

There was one Hearing relating to an alleged Category V infraction, being the use of threatening language towards a Match Official. No video or other compelling evidence was produced leaving the Hearings Committee with no option but to impose the minimum Sanction of a 12 Week Suspension from all Codes at all Levels as well as a two-match suspension in the same competition.

This Decision was Appealed to Connacht Hearings Committee which asked for the matter to be re-processed by Mayo CCC to allow them to correct the Referee's Report which had not been signed in Irish.

It is also allowed the player to seek clarification from the Referee. When the clarification was produced, the player decided not to seek a subsequent Hearing. The above proposed Sanction by the CCC therefore applied.

Team Officials

There were two Hearings where Team Officials were accused of Abusive Conduct towards a Match Official and one where it was alleged Abusive language towards a Match Official. The latter Infraction was amended, on receipt of Clarification from the Referee, to Disruptive Conduct, which carries the same minimum Sanction.

No video or other sufficiently compelling evidence was provided to rebut the report of the Referee and all three of these were found to be proven as a result.

As one of these Infractions – Category II (a) Disruptive Conduct - related to a match involving juvenile teams, a doubled Suspension for an eight-week period together with a one match ban was imposed.

This Decision was Appealed to Connacht; the Appeal failed.

The other two Infractions were Category IV infractions where the minimum sanction imposed was a 12 week suspension in all Codes at all Levels as well as a two-match suspension.

Clubs

Two Hearings for Sanctions imposed on Clubs were conducted in 2024.

The first was in the case of a Club which had a fine imposed upon it for non- fulfillment of two fixtures in 2023. The Hearings Committee found that it has no discretion available to it to impose a fine less than the minimum fine specified by Rule or Competition Regulations so, accordingly, a fine of €250 was imposed for each of the two fixtures that were not fulfilled. Arguably one of the most complex cases of the year, the second Hearing, was regarding a Club which had received a proposed Sanction from Mayo CCC, the details of which were as follows:

A Club requested a Hearing into a Sanction that was proposed by the CCC for repeated ill-discipline of some players, officials and supporters in 2022 and 2023, citing Rule 7.2 (d) (3): “Disruptive conduct by players, team officials or supporters (not causing the premature termination of a game), Official Guide

Part 1.

Penalties: shall be at the discretion of the council or committee in charge subject to a penalty being of a form provided for in rules 7.1 7.2 or Codes 16.2 to 16.6”

The Defending Party did not dispute most of the evidence produced by the CCC, ahead of the Hearing, except for one alleged Infraction from 2022 where a Member was allegedly Sanctioned in error, due to mistaken identity.

No video or other compelling evidence was provided to refute any of the alleged incidents. However, the Representatives of the Club outlined the steps their Club had taken over the previous months to educate and improve the disciplinary standards which had previously prevailed, and this was acknowledged. There is also ongoing work in this area.

Decision

The Hearings Committee found that the charge of, “Disruptive conduct by players, team officials or supporters (not causing the premature termination of a game),” an infraction, under Rule 7.2 (d), was proven and imposed the following Sanction:

1. A fine of €250 Euros.
2. The loss of home-advantage for one Season for League Matches, for at Under 12’s, Under 14’s, Under 16’s and Under 18’s.

However, the Hearings Committee suspended the commencement of the above sanction at point 2 above, until 1st January 2025. If the following conditions were met, then this part of the Sanction would not be enforced against the Defending Party:

Conditions

No Player, Member, Official or Supporter from the Defending Party (Club) is Sanctioned in 2024 under any of the following Rules:

- Rule 7.2 (b) Category V or Category VI
- Any Infraction under Rule 7.2(c), 7.2 (d) or 7.2 (e)

This Committee is happy to report, that, at the time of writing, the Club in question has not broken the terms of the above “suspended” Sanction under point (2) above.

Summary

To summarise, of the twelve Hearings conducted, nine were upheld in their entirety, one was amended to an alternative infraction carrying the same penalty as that alleged, a further Hearing which was sent back by Connacht for re-processing was dropped and one Hearing resulted in the proposed Sanction by the CCC being deemed as not proven with no further action against the Defending Party, in this case an Adult Player. In other words, one out of twelve Hearings had the proposed Sanction overturned.

Transfers

Transfers and Permissions to Play are matters that are decided by the Mayo Competitions Control Committee (CCC). There is a right of appeal, by an aggrieved party, such decisions made by Mayo CCC, to the Mayo Hearings Committee, which acts as an Appellate Body in such matters.

There were no such Appeals in 2024.

The role of the Hearings Committee is not an easy one but a vital one, all the same, and the dedication and professionalism of all members of the panel is acknowledged. There will undoubtedly be occasions when a Defending Party may have been found, in error, to have committed an infraction they did not commit, and we very much acknowledge the frustration and disappointment that this may cause. However, the onus is on the Defending Party to prove, with compelling evidence, that a Referee made an error and not the CCC to prove the Infraction occurred.

This, in general, involves the Defending Party providing the Hearings Committee with video evidence to rebut the Report of the Referee.

Where no such evidence is available, the Defending Party's quest to have an alleged Infraction found to be deemed at Hearing to be unproven is much more difficult.

I would like to extend the appreciation of the Hearings Committee to all those Players, 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 sometimes difficult circumstances. Clearly not everyone will always be happy with the result of the proceedings, but I hope that all concerned will feel that they were genuinely listened to and afforded ample opportunity to state their case.

A final word of thanks goes to those in MacHale Park, especially Michael Cummins, Administrator and Philip Heneghan, Groundsman, for facilitating our proceedings, often at very short notice and frequently long into the evening.

Is mise le meas,

Carraig Middleton / Craig Middleton
Rúnaí / Secretary
Coiste Éisteachta Mhuigheo / Hearings Committee, Co Mayo



Planning and Training Committee Report 2024

Compiled by Mary Prenty

The Planning and Training Committee is responsible for

- a. Delivering Club and County Officer training within the County.
- b. Assisting clubs in developing a Club Plan, including information and guidance on source of funding for implementing the plan.
- c. Assisting the County Board in the development and implementation of a County Plan.
- d. Other duties as directed from time to time by Central Council.

The Planning and Training Officer acts as Chairperson of the County Planning and Training Committee and partners with the planning and training personnel at Provincial and Central Council levels to implement GAA policies at local level.

Members of the Mayo County Planning and Training Committee ratified for 2024 were: Mary Prenty (Chairperson), Michael Lang (IT Officer), Julie Reilly (North Mayo), Alan Prendergast (South Mayo), Bernie Ryder (East Mayo), William Keaveney (West Mayo), Brendan Mooney (Club Funding Options), John Mc Donald (Campus Project) and Liam Moffatt (Connacht Development Committee).

County Officer Development Conference

The annual County Officer Development Conference took place in Croke Park on the 19th and 20th January. The weekend featured a number of keynote speakers, role-specific workshops, networking opportunities and a variety of topical workshops.

The Planning and Training Forum was held online on 13th June 24. Discussions on issues highlighted by club officers included:

- Training in technology
- Website upskilling
- Conflict management
- The Club Compás Initiative
- Communication skills
- Microsoft 365 updates
- Support with volunteer recruitment
- Time management skills
- Safely sharing information (GDPR training).

A Planning and Training Forum in September was held to prepare for the launch of training modules in early 2025.

Club Leadership Development Programme

The Club Leadership Development Programme commenced in January with a revamped format where club officers could gain certification in Gaelic games by completing all elements of the programme. This included:

- The club officer foundation e-learning module
- Role induction webinar
- Attending an in-person workshop on how to make your Club Executive more effective
- Attending topical module webinars and completing a self-reflection document.

There was a wide-ranging choice of very practical and relevant modules to choose from and further information is available here: <https://learning.gaa.ie/OfficerTrainingModules>

Club Officer Induction training modules were held through the MS Teams platform. These modules are aimed at supporting the Club Chairperson, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Club PRO and Club Coaching Officer.

A digital webinar, led by Noel Tierney TUS Athlone Campus, included training in Microsoft Excel (Basic) and Microsoft Forms. Thanks to Noel for his time and support to our committee. Archived training modules are available and can be viewed here: www.learning.gaa.ie

Club Compás

The Club Compás programme gives clubs a digital self-assessment tool to review their performance and guidance to improve and enhance the operation of the club. Each club receives a self-assessment report that scores their performance against best practice. The report also highlights “what to do next” and has learning resources available. A Club Compás explainer webinar is a training tool designed to support clubs.

All clubs were strongly encouraged to utilise the Club Compás programme as an aid to reflect where they currently are but also to encourage action planning. The accreditation functionality is expected to be live in 2025. This programme should be viewed as a tool to enhance and streamline the administration and operation of the club. Further information is available here: <https://learning.gaa.ie/clubcompas>

County Executive Training Programme

Fintan Ryan, a lead facilitator, has been delivering an interactive workshop on the County Executive Programme to several counties in recent years.

It is recommended that all counties engage in this initiative, as the programme aims to examine how your County Executive operates and what can be done to make things as efficient as possible.

Official GAA Microsoft 365 Account for Club Officers

All club Chairpersons, Secretaries, Treasurers, PRO's, Co. Board Delegates and Children's Officers have a designated official GAA Microsoft 365 account to assist with club administration. The package includes Outlook, Calendar, Teams, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, OneNote, OneDrive and other Microsoft apps. It is recommended that all club documents and records, including club deeds, boundary maps, deeds of trust, club photos, and items of historical interest are stored on the free OneDrive storage available. Using the official Microsoft 365 account contributes to good governance, ensures GDPR compliance and allows for a smooth transition from outgoing officers to incoming officers. Please ensure that as a club officer, you are not **redirecting official correspondence to a personal or business email** as this may lead to a breach of data (under GDPR) and have consequences for your club.

A database of all club officers was compiled in early January and circulated to the principal officers for their attention. All requests for new emails and temporary passwords were processed in a timely fashion and are up to date.

Stewards Training

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, in conjunction with EUROPLAN, provides both face-to-face and virtual training opportunities to ensure that there are an adequate number of certified stewards available for both club and County Board events. Training events for Mayo stewards were held in Hastings MacHale Park (10/02/24) and in Connacht GAA (2/04/24). This training is organised each year to facilitate stewards whose certification expires on 28th February. There are 138 certified stewards available to the County Board to cover events in clubs and county grounds currently.

It is recommended that all clubs have a minimum of one certified steward available for club events. Thanks to Gerry Bourke and the stewards for their cooperation and support.

Club Planning

The Club Planning Programme is available to all clubs, and it provides a structured approach to developing a 1–5-year Club Strategic Plan. The process includes an *Expression of Interest* to establish the level of interest in developing a plan. A facilitator is then appointed to meet with the Club Executive to outline the process and support the club. A facilitated Club Planning Workshop, where all club and wider community members are invited to attend, is used to discuss and review all aspects of club activity. A draft plan is compiled from the information garnered from the focus groups and a final plan is published and launched in the plan template provided. The onus is on the club to implement the plan and monitor the progress regularly at the Club Executive meetings.

Congratulations to Crossmolina GAA Club (2024- 2029), Moy Davitts GAA Club (2024-2027) and Kilmeena (2024-2029) who launched their Club Strategic Plans this year.

There are a further 7 Clubs who are well advanced in producing a plan and I encourage them to complete the process in the recommended format and have their plan published. One last push and they are over the line.

There are 6 Clubs who have just commenced the process and are looking forward to a good club planning workshop.

This is the view of Enda Lavelle, Chairperson of Crossmolina GAA Club on the development of their plan:

As it was part of my mission to ensure we launched a new club plan in 2024.

To be able to work so closely with the Mayo Planning and Training Committee was invaluable. We were provided with facilitators who helped with the workshops for our executives and patrons, which made the process much sleeker. Then throughout the process, we had support whenever needed from the Planning and Training Committee.

For me to see our club with a solid club plan in place for the next 5 years, was vitally important and took a lot of pressure off me as Chairman.

Management of actions and gauging our progress has been made so simple. We have a clear direction for the club and its patrons. We continue to review the actions at every executive meeting. We have a lot of development in place for the club over the next few years and we hope having this detailed club plan in place will help when applying for much-needed grants.

I would like to express my thanks to the Mayo Planning and Training Committee for all the help and professionalism shown throughout the process.

Facilitation in the development of Club Plans is a unique process. All new facilitators complete the necessary training as prescribed by Central Council and Connacht GAA.

A mix of new and experienced facilitators are required to support clubs in developing Club Plans. A workshop was held for Club Coordinators and Club Facilitators who were currently in the club planning process. The presenters were Mattie Kilroy, Galway and Willie Keaveney, Kilmeena.

Club Trustees

Club Trustees carry a significant burden of responsibility in terms of Club property. However, trustees and their clubs do have a choice. The Club has the option to transition to a Corporate Trust. In a Corporate Trust a legal entity rather than individual trustees holds the property for and on behalf of the Club. The primary advantage of this model is that continuous amendment to the title is avoided when trustees die or retire. In many cases the trustees themselves are not fully aware of their legal responsibilities or how they can move out of the role. Trustee presentations have been held with a number of Club Executives and Trustees during the year and such presentations are available to any club that requests it.

Currently there are several clubs in transition to the Iontaobhas Corparáideach Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta (ICCLG). Clubs can apply for a grant of €1000 towards the costs of the transition to the ICCLG when the property is registered with the Property Registration Authority and the Certificate has been submitted. A full template and information pack is available to all Clubs who wish to commence the transition to the Corporate Trust.

Funding Opportunities for Clubs

Community Recognition Fund

Mayo PPN Community Recognition Fund online information session was held in June. The fund aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community. It is separate in its objectives and scope to any other public funding streams which aim to support the development of public service needs arising from the significant number of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.

The Community Recognition Fund was first introduced in 2023 to recognise the huge efforts made by communities in welcoming and supporting people coming to Ireland. Of the total fund of €50 million, €2,428,540 was allocated to Co. Mayo.

Climate Action Fund- Community Climate Action Programme

Mayo County Council, in association with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) made available funding to local communities for projects that promoted community climate action. This was a new programme to support small and large, rural and urban communities and it will be continued in 2025.

Clubs were informed that applications were open, and an expression of interest was required to seek funding under Strand 1 of the Climate Action Fund -Community Climate Action Programme - Building Low Carbon Communities.

Briefing calls/ notes, guidelines and live webinars were provided to inform applicants of the terms and conditions. It is recommended that clubs have a registered PPN number to keep up to date on upcoming grants that will be available in early 2025.

Ms Lorna Dennehy, Mayo Co.Co. hosted online presentations in relation to planning the application, tips on grant eligibility (are you shovel ready with a clear vision of what grant is for) and writing up applications. Anyone on these calls will know the importance of thinking green, whether it is recycling, energy conservation, community bike/car charging, water conservation projects, solar thermal/PV's and/or biodiversity plans. Congratulations to Castlebar Mitchels who were successful with their Climate Action Fund Application. Special thanks to Lorna Dennehy who went way beyond the call of duty supporting our clubs. Lorna, your support is greatly appreciated.

Sports Capital and Equipment Funding and Community Loans

In late 2023 a seminar was held in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park in preparation for sports capital and equipment funding and community loans. This seminar outlined the process for making an application to the Sports Capital Programme and practical tips for a successful application. Sports capital webinars followed, and a copy of the recording and presentation slides were made available to the clubs following the online events.

Clann Credo are providing bridging loan and term loan facilities to improve the facilities and to facilitate the drawdown of approved grant funding. This arrangement works very well with clubs of all sizes and varying needs. Clann Credo looks for social benefit from the investment made in addition to evidence of capacity to repay a loan.

Congratulations to the 22 clubs who have now received confirmation of their Sports Capital grant allocation for 2024.

A **Sports Capital Programme – Next Steps workshop** was held on Monday 25th November 24. The workshop covered the pitfalls and learnings of completing a Sports Capital Grant, procurement regulations in spending the grant, and securing bridging and term loan finance to facilitate the drawdown of the grant. This was followed by a Q&A Session.

Congratulations to the 6 clubs who were successful in the *Sports Capital Equipment Allocation* for 2024.

Congratulations to the Clubs who had successful applications from *Clar Funding* 2024. Applications can be made for small scale renovations work in clubhouses, astroturf facilities, upgrades to cycle tracks and walking/running tracks, spectator stands, sensory gardens and biodiversity plans and planting.

Hastings MacHale Park - Campus Project:

An energy workshop specifically for Mayo Clubs and their commercial partners was held in the COE to identify where energy and carbon savings could be achieved. The aim of the workshop was to work together to optimise SEAI funding, energy saving and positive collaboration outcomes.

This was followed up with a Teams call to discuss energy audits and help create innovative partnership between clubs and their commercial partners to identify energy upgrades and secure grant and community contribution funding.

A separate energy saving information workshop was held in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park, Castlebar, on 12th November. This workshop provided information on the potential savings that can be achieved around energy conservation and how this can be managed without incurring heavy upfront costs to the club. Presentations from Pinergy, John Harrington, (Future Fit) SEAI, My Waste and Climate Action Officer were very informative.

Pinergy, through their partnership with Connacht GAA, are offering innovative energy solutions to reduce energy consumption/costs for clubs who are interested in retrofitting, adding to their facilities, new astro turf pitches, LED lighting on playing/training pitches, walking tracks, with lighting, and gyms.

Biodiversity Committee

The Biodiversity Committee, chaired by Deirdre Cunningham, Heritage Officer, Mayo Co.Co. held meetings during the year where the contents of the Climate Action and Sustainably Plan were discussed. Progress to date, includes the hand painted mural in Hastings Insurance MacHale Park and the planting of native Irish shrubs and hedgerow in both MacHale Park and the Castlebar Mitchels Campus Project.

The mural was created by James Kirwan, resident artist in the Heritage Office, Mayo Co.Co. The hedgerow and tree planting was carried out by students from the horticultural school of

Mayo College of Further Education and Training, under the management of Cormac Langan. Special thanks to Deirdre Cunningham, Heritage Office, Mayo Co.Co. who continues to support our clubs in relation to all matters in biodiversity and sustainability.

Swift Bird Project

Lynda Huxley, Swift Conservation Ireland, continues to support our clubs in relation to nest boxes and nest site advice and has assisted the installation of a Schwegler 17A triple cavity Swift nest box in several clubs. A meeting with architects for Westport GAA new building was also held and it was agreed that boxes will be built into the new building when they have secured funding for the building work. Further information from Swift Conservation Ireland: swiftconservationsireland@gmail.com

Waste Management for Clubs.

It is recommended that clubs have a Waste Management Policy on display in the clubhouse and posted on the club website. Managing waste is challenging and expensive. An online waste management workshop recently outlined how setting up a green team in the club, using desktop audits, and Green Club Took Kit for waste segregation and the elimination of single use plastic bottles is a big win for clubs. Encouraging carpooling and bike shelters with charging points is another step in the right direction. Sharon Cameron, Environmental Officer, Mayo Co.Co. is offering practical support to our clubs regarding all aspects of waste management. She has been on several site visits this year and is circulating information on the My Waste Sports workshop. Special thanks to Sharon Cameron for her dedication.

Discussions have taken place with Tommy Griffith and Peil Waste regarding match day segregation and disposal of waste generated at Mayo home games. Peil Waste has agreed to host a pilot programme (free of charge) to be put in place at an upcoming home game for Mayo in the Allianz League. This will give Mayo GAA an opportunity and insight around best practice for managing waste at large scale events in the stadium. Special thanks to Tommy Griffith and Peil Waste for supporting Mayo GAA in the stadium and supporting our clubs at large events.

Trees on the Land

Clubs were informed when applications opened, and clubs have been successful with orders for the Spring 2025 planting project. There is an opportunity for sponsored tree section for all GAA clubs. <https://www.treesontheland.com/plant-trees>

Mayo College of Further Education Collaboration

Mayo GAA Hastings Insurance MacHale Park and Mayo College of Further Education collaboration, which was officially launched at the Mayo GAA v Louth All-Ireland Senior Championship Round 2 game (June 23), continues to be a successful partnership while significantly contributing to the development and sustainability to some campus projects and to our clubs and facilities.

Among the programmes available.

Free Courses for Mayo GAA: Mayo College of Further Education and Training has generously offered several free courses tailored specifically for Mayo GAA club officers and members. These courses have provided valuable knowledge/skills for our members, enhancing their capabilities in various aspects of club management and operations.

Assistance with Pitch Sustainability Projects: The college has also extended its support to our clubs by assisting with pitch sustainability projects. This initiative has been instrumental in ensuring that our playing fields/ hedgerow/ and biodiversity facilities are maintained to the highest standards, promoting environmental sustainability and long-term usability.

Free Pitch Maintenance Master Classes: In addition to the above, Mayo College has conducted free pitch maintenance master classes, goalmouth repair workshops, as well as advice on planting of native trees and hedgerows. These sessions have equipped our groundskeepers and volunteers with the expertise needed to ensure that their grounds are maintained to the highest standards.

We extend our thanks to Michael Murphy, Principal of Mayo College of Further Education and Training, and the dedicated staff members, Cormac Langan and John Sloyan, for their unwavering support and commitment to Mayo GAA. Their contributions have been invaluable, and we look forward to continuing this fruitful partnership.

Special thanks to the following for their support and commitment during the year:

- Planning and Training Committee Members - Willie Keaveney, Bernie Ryder, Julie Reilly, and Alan Prendergast.
- Club Facilitators, Gerry O’Neill, Mattie Kilroy, and Gerry Mc Nulty.
- Jack Mc Carney, Planning and Training Officer, Croke Park.
- The County Board Officers and the Executive members for their help and support during the year.
- Michael Cummins, Administrator Mayo GAA.
- Kurt Reinhardt, for his ongoing keen interest in sustainability projects.
- Jimmy Darcy, and Míde Ní Shúilleabháin, Green Clubs Programme Croke Park for their direction and informative workshops.
- Brendan Heaney for his experience and encouragement to our subgroups and his support to our clubs.
- Mel Gavin, R&D Coordinator ATU Sligo.
- David Mellett (Head of Castlebar Municipal District) for your support to our projects.
- Deirdre Cunningham, Heritage Officer, Mayo Co.Co.
- Ms. Lorna Dennehy, Community Climate Action Officer, Mayo Co.Co.
- Sinead Ni Mhainnin, Waste Prevention and Resource Efficiency Officer, Connacht Ulster Region Waste Management Office.
- Sharon Cameron, Environmental Officer, Mayo Co.Co. for your dedication and expertise to Mayo GAA and our clubs.
- Brendan Mooney (Kiltimagh)- for advice on the funding options available to our clubs.
- Michael Callaghan, Breaffy – funding options and officer training.
- Tracy Hannon, Clann Credo, for your financial advice and ongoing support to our clubs.
- John Harrington, Future Fit, for your experience and wise counsel in relation to SEAI funding.
- Adrian Hassett, Operations Manager, Connacht GAA.
- Michael Lang, IT Officer, Mayo County Board
- John Mc Donald, Kilmeena - Campus Project.

I have now completed five years on the County Board; two years as Development Officer and three as Planning and Training Officer.

I have learnt about good communication skills, problem solving skills, thinking on my feet, thinking outside the box and collaborating with others.

I passionately believe that Club Officers, when they engage, can benefit from the officer training events and even more so by engaging in the Club Leadership Development Programme. Time is precious for everybody, and the option is there now to join in training events either online or face-to-face. There are benefits to both, but I think that the learning in the room at face-to-face events remains the jewel in the crown.

I strongly recommend that all clubs develop and implement a Club Strategic Plan. A Club Plan guides the development of the club over the lifetime of the plan. A Club Plan is also becoming a necessary requirement for all funding options/agencies, both inside and outside the GAA.

I had to learn very quickly how clubs need to finance their visions for the club. The learnings I have gained on funding options, finance and grants will stick with me for a long time. Ask any club that has been approved for Sports Capital Funding - it's a project that brings focus to the club, with members finding a new lease of life, determination and energy to develop the club further. The benefit of having a loyal, committed and hardworking team in a club is what makes everything we do worthwhile.

There were challenging times too in the role, especially around the Covid epidemic and how we learnt to engage remotely with each other for meetings. The official email account for County Board Delegates is a direct result of the Covid epidemic. It showed us that we are strongly reliant on technology. Getting back up and running, especially around club planning, was challenging and slow. Clubs that had started the process and had their workshops prior to Covid were left with no option but to start again and update their data. Technology can both benefit and hinder a club, it is important we learn the benefits, which can greatly enhance the efficient running of a club.

I enjoyed engaging with Clubs and being reminded that every club is different, that each club has their own autonomy, we all share the same values, and above all the club championship and avoiding relegation is what matters most at the end of the day.

Finally, a very sincere thanks to all the Club Officers. I hope that my involvement has been of benefit to all of you and it has eased the burden of administration in your day-to-day life as a club officer.

Wishing you and your club every success in the years ahead.

Mary Prenty

Connacht Council Report

Early Season Competitions

The 2024 Connacht season began in the University of Galway Connacht GAA Air Dome as the FBD Connacht League got underway in January. It proved to be a challenging opening game for Mayo as they went beaten by London GAA.

The hurling equivalent proved a useful campaign for Mayo as they qualified for the final where they came up short against a very strong New York side.

Fortunately, there was provincial silverware for Lahardane as they won the 2023 Junior club championship with a win over Owenmore Gaels of Sligo in a thrilling game in Hastings MacHale Park. Sadly, both Ballina Stephenites and Kilmeena 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. They did so by beating Galway's Ballinderreen on a score line of 0-21 to 0-19. Well done to all involved in their success over the last number of years.

Senior Football Championship

The Connacht senior football championship got underway once again in April in New York. Mayo had successful outings against New York and against Roscommon to reach a provincial final versus Galway in Pearse Stadium where they narrowly came out on the wrong side of a one-point defeat.

Jubilee Team

Mayo's 1996-97-99 provincial winning squads were honoured by the Connacht Council at the in Pearse Stadium on Connacht final day. It was great to see so many great players and coaches acknowledged on the day and for all that they have contributed to the GAA.

U20 Football Championship

The U20 championship also began in April with this season the competition been ran in a round robin format. Luck was not on Mayo's side as they came out on the wrong side of some tight games and failed to make the semi-finals.

Minor Football Championship

The Minor championship once again proved fruitful for Mayo as they won their third title in a row at this age grade. After impressive performances in the group stages Mayo beat Roscommon in the final in Dr Hyde Park. Well done to all those involved.

Also congratulations to Breaffy who won the U17 B Connacht football title with a win over Elphin/Ballinameen a few weeks ago.

Bursary Awards

Congratulations to 18 Mayo recipients who received their awards earlier this year out of a total of 62 handed out. It was great to see so many Mayo recipients able to attend on the night. The bursary awards have been in place for 15 years and awards members who are active members in their higher education clubs.

Planning and Development

Risk Register

Connacht GAA continues to work on its risk register. Aspects considered include volunteerism, demographics, safe-guarding, finances, HR, IT, games schedule, referees, and match attendances especially relevant considering the recent loss of the FBD league competitions for the province.

Club Development

Connacht GAA continues to support the clubs of Mayo. Eighteen different Mayo clubs received funding total €142,900 to support their 2024/25 development works under the Club Infrastructure grants scheme.

- o St. Patrick's Westport - €10,000, Moy Davitts - €1,200,
- o Parke/Keellogues/Crimlin - €20,000, Aghamore - €20,000
- o Kiltimagh - €19,000, Crossmolina Deel Rovers - €1,200
- o Islandeady - €3,000, Ballinubber - €1,200, Ballyhaunis - €3,000
- o The Neale - €3,000, Kiltane - €20,000, Balla - €10,000
- o Tuar Mhic Eadaigh - €1,350, Burrishoole - €2,350, Kilmaine - €20,000
- o Claremorris - €1,600, Ballinrobe - €3,000, Davitts- €3,000

Féile

Connacht had the honour of hosting the John West Féile Peile na nÓg tournament this summer. This was a club festival for Gaelic football and Ladies Gaelic football at Under 15 level.

This involved hosting and managing 93 games over the weekend of June 29th. It was a tremendous success with several clubs in Mayo hosting games and supporting Connacht in the successful running of the event.

Club Development Officer

The Club Development Officer role which is now in its second year again proved very beneficial to those clubs who got involved. A review of the programme took place 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.

- The CDO review was quite positive with 100% of respondents saying they would recommend this placement to other students.
- 77% of clubs felt they got value for money while 100% of schools who responded would get involved again in 2025.

Hopefully an even greater number of Mayo clubs will get involved in this programme in 2025.

GAA for All

The Connacht GAA for ALL Committee, in collaboration with the Irish Special Schools Sports Council (ISSSC), hosted a Coaching and Games Event recently in the University of Galway Connacht GAA Air Dome. A total of 74 children attended from four special schools in the North West Region, namely; St Joseph's, Ballinivnan Sligo, St Angela's Castlebar, St Dympna's Ballina and St Bernadette's Letterkenny. It was a huge success and the feedback from all involved was extremely positive.

Wheelchair hurling training sessions took place in Barnacarroll sports hall for Connacht players with the All-Ireland Inter-Provincial Wheelchair Hurling/Camogie Finals taking place in September in SET Carlow. Well done to all who participated and best of luck to all Mayo players in future events.

Thanks

Lastly, we would like to thank John Prenty and all his staff for all the work they do throughout the year. We would also like to thank Kurt Reinhardt who has recently moved to a role with Enterprise Ireland for all this time, effort and support to Mayo clubs in the areas of sustainability and biodiversity. The COE continues to grow from strength to strength, and we are in no doubt that 2025 will bring even more evolution and adaptation to meet the needs of our members. **Paul Cunnane/Liam Moffatt (Mayo delegates to Connacht GAA)**

Cáirde Mhaigh Eo Club Development Draw 2024- Report

The 2024 Club Development Draw was concluded on Saturdays 14th September 2024. All of the prize money was paid out to Clubs before financial year end. During the 2024 season the draw was held in the following GAA Clubs: Swinford, Breaffy, Hollymount-Carramore, Beal and Mhuiread, Achill and Tooreen. Total ticket sales for 2024 were 6,263, representing a drop of 9% from 2023 sales.

Online sales are now in excess of 600 and is a resource used well by some clubs. Average tickets sales by Club Grading were: Senior 162; Intermediate 175; Junior 83; Hurling 20. For 2024 the breakdown of the monies between Clubs, County Board and prize fund was: Clubs €341,370 (55%); Mayo County Board €187,430 (30%); Prize Fund €97,000 (15. %); Administration €500 (0.07%). It's clear that the draw is hugely valuable to Clubs and the County Board.

The County Board is indebted to Michael Cummins, for distribution of tickets to Clubs; John Walker, Mayo PRO, for promoting the draw through on the various Mayo GAA social media channels and for broadcasting each draw live on Facebook; Mark McDonnell (Crossmolina Deel Rovers) for acting as independent scrutineer; Michael Kilkenny and Mags Downey (Ballina Stephenites) for been always available to travel around the County to draw numbers. Finally, thanks to the Clubs for organising the sale of tickets and to the thousands of patrons who bought the tickets and to the 6 Clubs who hosted this year's draws.

Michael Diskin



Safety and Facilities Officers Report 2024

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 (Assistant Treasurer)

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.

The following clubs received the following funding under the Club Infrastructure Grants 2024 scheme:

St. Patrick's Westport - €10,000, Moy Davitts - €1,200,

Parke/Keellogues/Crimlin - €20,000, Aghamore - €20,000

Kiltimagh - €19,000, Crossmolina Deel Rovers - €1,200

Islandeady - €3,000, Ballinubber - €1,200,

Ballyhaunis - €3,000 The Neale - €3,000, Kiltane - €20,000, Balla - €10,000, Tuar Mhic Eadaigh - €1,350, Burrishoole - €2,350,

Kilmaine - €20,000 Claremorris - €1,600, Ballinrobe - €3,000, Davitts- €3,000

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 updated 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. The Risk Register was presented to the County Executive and County Board delegates where it was ratified.

A risk policy was also developed this year and brought before the County Executive and County Board delegates where it was ratified. One of the main components of this document was that at least two risks present on the risk register would be discussed at every second county executive meeting.

I would like to thank Seamus Tuohy for appointing me to the role of Safety and Facilities Officer for 2024 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 to the committee's secretary Gerry Burke, Head Steward.

Frank Flynn

Safety & Facilities Officer

Central Council Report, compiled by Paddy McNicholas

Since last year's County GAA Convention, Central Council has met in person on 8 occasions and held 4 online meetings.

The following matters were agreed:

- A new structure for the 2025 Intercounty Senior Hurling League based on the 2024 results.
- Deviations were granted to Mayo to allow two Junior Clubs to join together and take part in the Exclusive Junior Championship. A deviation was also granted to another county to allow for unlimited substitutions in a reserved league and to two further counties to allow underage players to play with a club in an adjoining county.
- As a result of complaints of the DRA it was agreed that extra members would be assigned to this committee.
- A motion from Central Council to Congress 2024 was passed which allows cards to be carried over to extra time.
- Proposals from the Football Review Committee were submitted to a Special Congress on November 30th 2024.
- A motion will be sent to Congress 2025 to introduce a new football structure 'Option 1' in 2026.

If this motion is successful, a further motion will be debated to allow replays in the All Ireland Finals if they end level and the Provincial Finals if they end level after extra time will be debated.

- Pre-Season Intercounty Senior Competitions are suspended for one year.
- The Amateur Status group was set up to look at the costs of training Intercounty Senior Teams.
- A Hurling Developing Committee was set up to increase the number of clubs in certain counties.
- New York Hurlers are permitted to take part in the Lory Meagher Cup.
- All players must be registered on the GAA Foireann System prior to commencing training or playing games to be fully covered under the GAA's Player Injury Fund. This will come into effect on January 1st 2025.
- Clubs were to receive a rebate on the Player Injury Fund and an increase in the benefits paid out.
- The cup to be presented to the winners of the Allianz Football League Division 1 will be called 'The Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh Cup'.

As this is my last report to Mayo GAA Convention I would like to thank both past and present officers and Executive Members and club delegates for their assistance and co-operation over the years. I wish you all a successful 2025.

Children's Officer Report

Mayo GAA

Child Safeguarding & Protection is a constantly evolving area and we at Mayo GAA work very closely to ensure that we endeavor at all times to implement best practice.

Everyone involved in our activities should accept the roles and responsibilities that they undertake as we commit ourselves to maintaining an enjoyable and safe environment for all where the safeguarding of our young players will always be paramount.

Mayo GAA continues to prioritize the safety and well-being of all our young players.

Child Protection Training

All our Academy coaches and team managers are required to complete Garda Vetting, GAA Child Safeguarding training & relevant Coach Education as required by GAA policy. The record of all completed training courses has been kept up to date.

Code of Behaviour (Underage)

This Code is communicated to all academy coaches and players, ensuring everyone is aware of what we expect & accept from our players, coaches, parents etc.

Recruitment of Coaches and Volunteers

All individuals involved with our underage teams in Mayo have been appropriately trained and must agree to sign up to our Code of Behaviour.

Silent Sideline

We aim to create a more supportive and respectful environment for young players. The idea is that during games, spectators, including parents, coaches, and supporters, are asked to refrain from vocalizing instructions, criticisms etc. This helps create a less stressful environment for children, allowing them to focus on their own decisions and development rather than reacting to the constant input from the sidelines.

Silent Sidelines help foster a culture of respect between all participants, including players, coaches, referees, and spectators as well as developing self-resilience for the young player. The number of complaints regarding negative Sideline behaviour has significantly reduced so this initiative is helping.

Cul Camps:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to everyone involved in organizing and running this year's Cúl Camps. The camps were a fantastic success, providing young players with an unforgettable experience while developing their skills in a fun and supportive environment. A huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes, from organising Safeguarding & ICGG Workshops etc.

The energy, enthusiasm, and professionalism displayed by the coaches ensured that the children not only learned valuable skills but also enjoyed a memorable week of activity and camaraderie. It's clear that the Cúl Camps continue to play a key role in fostering the future of our games.

Inclusivity

Mayo GAA have facilitated inclusive camps this year. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our GPOs and all involved for their hard work and dedication in making these camps a success. These camps have provided an incredible opportunity for all participants, regardless of ability, to engage in our games in a supportive and welcoming environment.

The efforts made to ensure that every child, regardless of their background or physical ability, felt included and valued are truly commendable. It's inspiring to see such a strong commitment to promoting inclusion within our county, and I am confident that these camps will have a lasting impact on the participants, both on and off the field.

Wellbeing

As part of our coaching and development strategy, a huge emphasis is placed on well-being of our players within our underage academy teams. The well-being of our young players is just as important as their physical development. We aim to have a supportive environment to help them thrive both on and off the pitch. Mental health awareness, healthy eating, resilience, balancing sport and life as well as building a positive team culture are all promoted excellently by our Games Promotion Officers & Management.

Positive coaching

Coaching workshops were held for all coaches in our academies to encourage supportive, child-centered coaching techniques.

Give Respect – Get Respect

As part of Mayo GAAs ongoing commitment to fostering a positive respectful environment we continue to promote the “Give Respect Get Respect” initiative. This is central to ensuring that everyone involved in our games, whether players, coaches, referees or supporters, treat each other with dignity and respect.

Through this initiative we aim to continue encouraging respectful behaviour, support referees and officials & create a welcoming environment for all regardless of their background or ability.

Mayo GAA DLP

Padraic Carolan is the appointed Designated Liaison Person for Mayo GAA. The role of the DLP is critical in ensuring the welfare & safety of children involved in our clubs and county. Padraic is responsible for ensuring that proper procedures are followed if allegations of abuse or neglect arise. The role requires a combination of skills and personal qualities including knowledge of Safeguarding policies, confidentiality, discretion & trustworthiness, all skills that Padraic possesses & in this regard I thank Padraic for all he does.

Mayo GAA continues to grow, evolve, and adapt to best meet the needs of our young players. We will remain committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and enjoyable environment for children, where they can grow both as athletes and as individuals. Our goal is to ensure that every child has the opportunity to participate in GAA activities regardless of background or ability.

Safeguarding

On behalf of Mayo GAA, I would like to offer our sincere thanks to all clubs who hosted a Safeguarding Workshop this year. By prioritizing child protection and safeguarding, you are helping to create a positive and secure space for young players to thrive. Thank you for your continued commitment to the well-being of our members and for supporting Mayo GAA's ongoing efforts in safeguarding.

At this point I would like to thank our Safeguarding tutors Eanna Casey and Denis O Boyle. Your time, effort, and expertise in delivering these important workshops have been invaluable in ensuring our coaches, volunteers, and members are equipped with the knowledge and tools to provide a safe and supportive environment for all involved in our clubs and County.

Safeguarding Compliance

Clubs are reminded of the Safeguarding requirements (under legislation and rule) for all those that have a coaching role with under 18s.

These requirements are:

- A valid vetting acceptance letter dated within the last three years.
- Completion & proof of a safeguarding Level 1
- A Coaching qualification (if coaching underage)

These requirements apply to everyone who has a role with underage teams in your club.

Clubs should formally ratify the appointment of those that are chosen to fill coaching roles within your club.

Safeguarding Risk Assessment & Child Safeguarding Statement 2025.

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding children all clubs will undergo a comprehensive Risk Assessment i& Child Safeguarding Statement in April 2025. This is to identify potential risks to the safety and well-being of children involved in our activities. This will include checking that all coaches have attended relevant Safeguarding and Coach Ed as well as completing the Garda Vetting process.

It's crucial that clubs get ahead of the curve by proactively engaging with their Club Children's Officers in meeting their Safeguarding requirements. Please ensure that all coaches, volunteers, are up to date with the latest child protection guidelines and best practices. Ensuring relevant training not only protects children but also fosters trust within the community, strengthens the club's reputation, and ensures compliance with GAA and national safeguarding standards. Taking these steps now will help clubs remain prepared and proactive in safeguarding.

We must never lose focus on our codes and practices which are in place to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all our young people.

Game time

Lack of game time in our underage games still remains an issue. This is an ongoing concern. Consistent game time is crucial for development and fostering a strong sense of teamwork and enjoyment. Improving game time for all players will help with retention, skills and the overall enjoyment of our games. There is no enjoyment for the young player sitting on the bench or getting a few minutes at the end of a game.

Club Children's Officers

As we reflect on our efforts to uphold the highest standards of safeguarding in Mayo, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every one of our CCOs for your dedication and hard work in promoting a safe and supportive environment for all involved in our games and activities.

The role of our club Children's Officers is central to maintaining the Safeguarding of our young players. In addition to this the Children's Officer must also ensure as far as practicably possible that all legislative requirements are maintained at all times.

However, achieving this task requires the support of all other officers/coaches/personnel within the club. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Thank you

To our outgoing Coaching Officer Declan O Reilly, Games Development Officer, Billy Mc Nicholas. Kieran Kilkenny and all the Mayo GAA Games Promotion Officers. Thank you for your continued commitment to the well-being of our young players and for supporting Mayo GAA's ongoing efforts in safeguarding. Safeguarding is at the core of everything we do, and it is through your commitment to these principles that we ensure our young players & coaches can engage in a secure and positive environment. Your vigilance & professionalism makes an huge difference.

I would like to express sincere thanks to our Bord na nOg Chairperson Charlie Lambert, Bord na nOg Secretary Brian O Malley and all the Bord na nOg Committee. From adhering to best practices to supporting our safeguarding policies, your collective efforts contribute significantly. We all share the responsibility of protecting those involved in our games, and it is inspiring to see so many of you leading the charge in this vital area.

I would like to thank our Chairperson Seamus Tuohy, Secretary Ronan Kirrane & our Treasurer Valerie Murphy and all my fellow officers at Mayo GAA. Through your leadership and the continued prioritization of safeguarding, you are not only protecting the well-being of individuals but also helping to foster a culture of inclusivity and respect throughout Mayo. Your efforts play a crucial role in maintaining the integrity of Mayo GAA and ensuring it remains a positive place for everyone involved.

To our outgoing Vice Chairperson Con Moynihan. Thank you and all the members of the CCC for your efforts in ensuring the smooth running of fixtures and maintaining fair play in our games. The work of the CCC plays a crucial role in creating a safe and enjoyable environment where all teams can compete fairly and enjoy the game.

To our PRO John Walker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for working with me in promoting safeguarding on our website. All our Safeguarding policies and procedures are available to view and download on our website. Your efforts have been invaluable in helping us raise awareness and share important information with our members and the wider community.

Huge thanks to our outgoing Assistant treasurer Michael Diskin, Michael Cummins and Philip Heneghan for always making a room available to us for training workshops etc.

Given the importance of Safeguarding, we can never be complacent & I continue to ask all clubs to keep up the good work in ensuring we meet our Safeguarding requirements.

Finally, as Christmas approaches, I would just like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May this time be filled with happiness, rest and quality time with your family. Thank you for all your hard work, dedication and support throughout the year.

Celia Rattigan
Children's Officer Mayo GAA



2024 Insurance Officer Report compiled by Regina O'Donnell

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 organising of activities whilst embracing the Healthy Clubs Initiative and integrating the wider community into their activities.

The main message I would give to clubs is that **if they are planning to do development/building works that they contact the insurance in time as there are numerous documents to be completed and returned before any works can start and this will help to avoid delays.** The same is applicable for events such as fundraisers so that all paperwork can be complete to proceed.

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 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 or ciara.clarke@gaa.ie.

GAA Injury Benefit Fund Claims

All GAA Injury claims must be registered on-line at <https://gaabenefitsportal.dwfclaims.com> **within 60 days of the Injury date, failure to do so will result in the claim being refused.** Any queries in relation to the claims portal should be directed to InjuryFundGAA@DWFCclaims.com

Regina O' Donnell, Insurance Officer Mayo GAA, 087 2951007 insurance.officer@mayogaa.ie

Stewards 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

Our season began on February 3rd when Dublin visited Castlebar, and as I write this report, Crossmolina have just beaten St. Michaels of Galway in the Connacht Intermediate Championship on November 16th. In the meantime, stewards have attended over 40 events at Hastings Insurance MacHale Park.

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.

Total Stewards available 85

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, U21 and Minor games, where attendance was at its peak.

Pre-Match Briefings:

In addition to regular training, we deliver pre-event 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.

The use of flares at GAA matches has become an increasing concern in recent years. While they may be intended as a form of celebration, they pose serious safety risks to both spectators and players. Flares can cause burns, obstruct visibility, and create panic in crowded environments. Additionally, the smoke can be harmful to individuals with respiratory conditions, and the fire hazard they present is significant. In response to this growing issue, we at Mayo GAA plan to take a stronger stance by increasing awareness, enforcing stricter regulations, and providing stewards with specific training to handle flare-related incidents. Ensuring a safe, enjoyable atmosphere for all involved requires a collective effort to discourage the use of flares and uphold the integrity and safety standards of Mayo GAA.

Post match pitch invasions:

Pitch invasions following a game pose significant risks to player safety & crowd control. While they are often seen as spontaneous displays of excitement, they can quickly spiral out of control & may lead to injuries for both players and spectators. Additionally, such invasions can creating chaos and heighten the risk of confrontations.

After a match, players are often exhausted, feeling the physical and emotional toll of the game, and simply want to head to the dressing room to recover.

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 thank Mary Prenty for all she does in making sure that all stewards are fully up to date with their training and have the most recent information available to them.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the officers of the Board, Seamus Tuohy Chairman, Ronan Kirrane Secretary, Valerie Murphy Treasurer, Con Moynihan, Vice Chairperson, Michael Diskin, Ass Treasurer & 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.

I would sincerely like to thank our Event Controller James Rocke for his excellent work throughout the year.

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 - there's simply too much to list, but your contributions are truly appreciated and invaluable to the running of our games 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. Here's to 2025!!

Gerry Bourke

Chief Steward



Mayo Handball Annual Report 2024

Although handball was the first of the traditional Gaelic sports mentioned in Dr. Croke's letter of 1884, it was not until 1924 that it became properly integrated within the GAA. And so, in 2024, the GAA Handball Association celebrated its centenary by hosting both the Wallball World Championships and the 4-Wall (40x20) World Championships, the former at the UL Sports Arena in August and the latter at various Leinster venues in October. Both events broke all previous records for the largest number of competitors. It was fitting that the sport that Irish people spread across the world came back home in 2024, with players from Ireland, USA, Canada, Mexico, England, Wales, Spain, Basque Country, UAE, Palestine, Japan and the Czech Republic participating. Mayo handballers competed strongly in both events and brought home several honours.

One of the standout moments of the year came in November when Ballaghaderreen's Joe McCann, alongside his partner Robbie McCarthy from Westmeath, triumphed in the World Men's Open Doubles 4-Wall Championship at Croke Park. The victory was especially emotional for Joe, who had faced a year of unimaginable loss following the death of his son, CJ, in whose memory he and his wife Niamh worked arduously to raise over €225,000 towards children's cancer charities. Joe also won an All-Ireland Masters A Softball Doubles Championship in 2024 alongside Swinford's Ollie Cassidy.

Mayo's success didn't end there. At the World Wallball Championships in Limerick, Cuileann Bourke from Belcarra Handball Club impressed with both a gold and a silver medal. Although she finished as R-Up in the Ladies 'A' Singles, Bourke bounced back to claim the Ladies 'A' Doubles title alongside Cailíosa Ní Dhúill from Armagh. Their final was a thrilling contest, clinched 11-10 in a tiebreaker against US opposition.

Shane Heraty from Aughagower also enjoyed a remarkable year. Alongside Bofield's Lorcan Conlon, he won the World Men's B 4-Wall Doubles Championship, adding to the All-Ireland Over-35 Singles Championship that he won earlier in the season. Shane played in six national or international finals in 2024, winning three of them.

At youth level, great work is going on in Aughagower, Belcarra, Bofield, Claremorris and Newport. The young handballers of Mayo achieved several notable successes in 2024. Isla Fox (Bonniconlon NS/Bofield) won the Cumann na mBunscol Girls U-11 competition and subsequently represented Connacht at the national finals in Croke Park. Isla also won the Connacht U-11A Girls Singles Championship. In the Cumann na mBunscol Connacht Doubles finals, Mayo achieved second place in U-11 Boys (Shane Rafter and Patrick Judge, Bonniconlon NS/Bofield), U-11 Girls (Orlaith Mongan and Kate Ralph, Belcarra), U-12 Boys (John Foody and Jack Monaghan, Claremorris), and U-13 Girls (Ruth Hallinan and Kayla Nally, Clogher NS/Belcarra).

In the Connacht 40x20 Juvenile Championships, William Cahill and Conor Melvin (Bofield) won the U-11 Boys Doubles Championship, while Eoin Tuohy and Conor Melvin narrowly lost the U-12 Boys final after playing some great handball. Seán Nevin and Feidhlim Guilfoyle (Newport) are the Connacht U-14 Boys Doubles Champions for 2024, while.

Belcarra Handball Club can proudly boast the notable distinction of producing both the Girls and Boys Connacht U-17A Champions of 2024, with Shauna Hallinan and Tiernan Brady bringing home the honours for Mayo. Newport performed very well in the National Féile (Division 3 R-Up) and Feidhlim Guilfoyle won the individual skills competition. In Softball, Claremorris produced the Connacht U-14 Boys Doubles Champions.

The full list of national and international honours for 2024 is as follows:

World 4-Wall Championships

- Joe McCann (Ballaghaderreen/Team Ireland) & Robbie McCarthy (Westmeath/Team Ireland), Mens Open Doubles Champions
- Lorcan Conlon (Bofield) & Shane Heraty (Aughagower), Mens B Doubles Champions
- Ian McLoughlin (Newport) & Séamus Conneely (Galway), Mens Open Doubles Plate Champions
- Cuileann Bourke (Newport), Ladies Open Plate Champion

World Wallball Championships

- Cuileann Bourke (Belcarra) & Cailíosa Ní Dhúill (Armagh), Ladies A Doubles Champions
- Cuileann Bourke (Belcarra), Ladies A Singles R-Up
- Dessie Keegan (Claremorris) & Ollie Cassidy (Swinford), Mens 40+ Doubles R-Up
- Ian McLoughlin (Newport) & Séamus Conneely (Galway), Mens A Doubles Plate Champions
- Shane Heraty (Aughagower) & Chris Gavaghan (Swinford), Mens B Doubles Plate Champions
- George Miller (Swinford), Mens 60+ Singles Plate Champion
- Michael Lang (Tuar Mhic Éadaigh) & Michael Corley (Belcarra), Mens 50+ Doubles Plate R-Up

All-Ireland Softball Championships

- Joe McCann (Ballaghaderreen) & Ollie Cassidy (Swinford), Masters A Doubles Champions
- Shane Heraty (Aughagower), O-35 Singles R-Up
- Niall Joyce (Claremorris) & Paddy Murphy (Claremorris), Intermediate Doubles R-Up
- Shane Heraty (Aughagower) & Ronan O'Malley (Aughagower), O-35 Doubles R-Up
- Michael Heraty (Aughagower) & George Miller (Swinford), Diamond Masters Doubles R-Up

All-Ireland 4-Wall Championships

- Shane Heraty (Aughagower), Over-35 Singles Champion
- Shane Heraty (Aughagower) & Mark Mac Nally (Aughagower), O-35 Doubles R-Up
- Dessie Keegan (Claremorris) & Vinnie Moran (Ballaghaderreen), Masters A Doubles R-Up
- John Coyne (Ballinrobe) & Tom Sweeney (Ballinrobe), Emerald Masters A Doubles R-Up
- Joe Cummins (Bofield) & Séamus Hughes (Ballinrobe), Diamond Masters B Doubles R-Up
- Maria Burke (Newport) & Clodagh McManamon (Newport), Ladies Intermediate Doubles R-Up

All-Ireland Wallball Championships

- Tom Sweeney, Golden Masters Singles R-Up

She's Ace National Tournament

- Clodagh McManamon (Newport), Ladies B Winner

National Féile

- Newport: Division 3 R-Up
- Feidhlim Guilfoyle (Newport), Division 3 Individual Skills Winner

There are presently 12 GAA handball clubs in Mayo: Aughagower, Ballaghaderreen, Castlebar, Charlestown, Claremorris, Ballinrobe, Belcarra, Bofield, Kiltimagh, Newport, Swinford, and Tuar Mhic Éadaigh. However, the majority of these clubs lack juvenile development programmes, which is a major cause of concern for the future of the sport in Mayo. In view of the need to address this and other weaknesses, while also considering its strengths and opportunities, Mayo GAA Handball launched an ambitious 5 year plan last May which aims to revitalise the game and put things on a solid footing. Already, several successful initiatives have been rolled out, such as in-service handball coaching training for 22 secondary school teachers, primary school coaching for over 400 children funded by a targeted project through Mayo Sports Partnership, social handball and Mothers & Others programmes, and the organisation of winter and spring leagues.

Handball is a minority sport – but it is a GAA sport – and therein lies tremendous potential for growth. In recent years, many GAA clubs have expanded their range of activities under the Healthy Clubs and We Are Community initiatives. It is the aim of Mayo GAA Handball to work with Mayo GAA to promote the game of handball within traditional football and hurling clubs, because handball is a tremendous complement to hurling and football (e.g. speed, fitness, mobility, anticipation, eye-hand co-ordination, concentration, two-sided development) and can be played in the off-season. Handball was once played in every village in Mayo. There is no reason that it cannot again be strongly revived. There is something inherently Irish about the simple pleasure of striking a ball with your hand against a wall. The oldest and most primitive form of the game, which is now called “wallball”, can very easily be played in any indoor venue or against any gable wall. In 2025, we hope that two or three GAA clubs within Mayo might take up wallball, and from there players can progress to the 4-wall codes of 40x20 and 60x30 at their nearest handball club.

Ciarán Burke (Chairperson) and Michael Corley (Secretary)

Report compiled by Michael Laing



Rúin -Motions 2025

1. That the GAA anti-doping policy be fully enforced as per rule 1.13 and random drug testing take place at adult club games. This would be done in conjunction with Sport Ireland as per inter-county games. (Na Daibheidí)

2. The Senior and Intermediate Football Championships where possible be played on alternative weekend to help alleviate the referee shortage and to ensure that as many supporters as possible can attend games. (Na Daibheidí)

3. The U21 football championship be played earlier in the season and that the competition is concluded in a timely manner, i.e. within 6-7 weeks. (Na Daibheidí)

4. That the Junior, Intermediate and Senior club football championships commence no later than 14 days after the Intercounty All Ireland Football Final and that these competitions be completed within 12 weeks. (Cathair na Mart)

5. That the winner of the Primary Junior A Football championship be promoted to the 'Exclusive Junior Football Championship' the following year on a 1 year only basis. This promoted club shall name 15 (or other number to be determined by CCC) graded players (12 of whom must have played in the last senior championship match of the previous year) who shall not be eligible to play in the Exclusive Junior Championship that season. (Cathair na Mart)

6. That the county board facilitate and accept cash at the gate of all club games. (Cathair na Mart)

7. That no underage competition shall commence until after the time has changed. (Cathair na Mart)

8. Following results from the 2025 League campaign the 2026 Leagues would be composed as follows:

-Div 1A the top six teams in 1A and the top six teams in 1B would form Div. 1A

-Div 1B the remaining four teams in Div. 1A and Div. 1B plus the top two teams in 2A and 2B would form Div. 1B.

-Div 2A the next six placed teams in Div. 2A and Div. 2B would form Div 2A.

-Div 2B the remaining two teams in Div.2A and 2B plus the top four teams in 3A and 3B would form 2B.

-Div 3 the remaining six teams in Div 3A and 3B would form Div 3 .

-The CCC would decide the make up of the remaining divisions depending on the number of teams.

-Twelve teams in each Division, eleven games for all teams, no final and the final round to be played two weeks before the first rd. of the Championship

-The league would be based on the results of the 2025 league. (Coillte Mach)

9. U12 Referee Motion on behalf of the Bord na nÓg.

Mayo Bord na nÓg propose that

- * Every club, that field teams at U12 age grade, must have at least one full member, who has completed the online Go Games referee course.
- * This course can be accessed by the Learning GAA, Tobar portal.
- * Once completed, they will be issued with an electronic certificate. This Certificate of completion must be given to Secretary of Bord na nÓg.
- * If the Referees Committee and Bord na nÓg are satisfied that the certificate is in order, they will be permitted to referee their home Go Games.
- * They will be permitted to assist the appointed referee to oversee home games in their U12 age grade.
- * They may also ably assist in all home Go Games Blitzes.
- * They cannot already be a current member on the Mayo GAA referee panel.
- * All Go Games referees to be over 18.
- * Clubs who fail to have a Go Games referee will not be permitted to hold home U12 games until the club has a member, who has a Go Games referee course completed.

Objectives for the referee,

- * Outlining the roles and responsibilities of referees.
- * Assisting referees with understanding the Go Games rules of our games of Gaelic Football.
- * Developing the fundamental skills of refereeing.
- * Illustrating the Go Games philosophy and ethos.
- * Helping the player in understanding the rules of the game.

Initiative Aim for the Bord na nÓg,

- * To ensure that our large numbers at U12 age grade leagues are getting a fair chance to play.
- * To create a pathway program for new referees to enter referee pool.
- * To help and assist the appointed referee who is sent to their club to referee their U12 games.
- * To ensure equal playing time for all players at Go Games.

This self-paced module, which can be completed from the comfort of your own home, provides fundamental refereeing skills and a comprehensive understanding of the Go Games rules governing Gaelic football ([Coiste Bord na Nóg Mhaigh Eo](#))

Nominations:

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Coiste Chontae Mhaigheo

COMHDHÁIL BLIANTÚIL 2025 AINMNIUCHÁIN 08.12.2024.

Position	AINMNIUCHÁIN 2024 Nominations
UACHTARÁN President	JP Lambe
CATHAOIRLEACH Chairperson	Seamus Tuohy (Breaffy)
LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH Vice Chairperson	Dermot Butler (Crossmolina Deel Rovers) 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 FORBARTHA Planning and Training Officer	TO BE APPOINTED Riall 3.11
OIFIGEACH OILIÚNA Coaching Officer	Seamus Smyth (Seamus MacGabhann) 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 Connacht Council	Liam Moffatt (Crossmolina Deel Rovers)
COMHAIRLE CHONNACHT Connacht Council	Paul Cunnane (Davitts GAA)

Voting allocations - 2025

North	Allocated	West	Allocated
Ardagh	3	Achill	3
Adrnaree	3	Balla	3
Ballina Stephenites	3	Ballintubber	3
Ballycastle	3	Ballyvary Hurling	3
Ballycroy	3	Shane Quinn	1
Belmullett	3	Breaffy	3
Bonniconlon	3	Seamus Tuohy	1
Michael McKenzie	1	Celia Rattigan	1
Cill Chomain	3	Burrishoole	3
John Walker	1	Castlebar Hurling	3
Crossmolina	3	Castlebar Mitchels	3
Liam Moffatt	1	Michael Diskin	1
Mick Herr	1	Declan O'Reilly	1
Gaeltacht Iorrais	3	Islandeedy	3
Kilfian	3	Kilmeena	3
Killala	3	Louisburgh	3
Kiltane	3	Parke	3
Knockmore	3	Tuair Mhic Eadaigh	3
Sean MacÉil	1	Westport	3
Lahardane	3	Chris McGowan	1
Lacken	3	Charlie Lambert	1
Moygownagh	3	Sean O Reilly	1
	56		50
South	Allocated	East	Allocated
Ballinrobe	3	Aghamore	3
Claremorris	3	Frank Flynn	1
Davitts	3	Grainne Kelly Freyne	1
Paul Cunnane	1	Ballaghderreen	3
Ronan Kirrane	1	Con Moynihan	1
Garrymore	3	Ballyhaunis	3
Mary Lydon	1	Mary Prenty	1
Shrule Glencorrib	3	Caiseal Gaels	3
Hollymount Carramore	3	Charlestown	3
Kilmaine	3	Valerie Murphy	1
Donal Walsh	1	Eastern Gaels	3
Mayo Gaels	3	Stephen Mooney	1
Moytura	3	Kilmovee	3
The Neale	3	Kiltimagh	3
Brian O'Malley	1	Paddy McNicholas	1
		Bohola Moy Davitts	3
		Swinford	3
		Michael Daly	1
		Tooreen	3
	35		41
Others		Total electoral votes	
Cumann na mBunscoil	1	North	56
Post Primary	1	South	35
Handball	1	East	41
	3	West	50
		Others	3
		Total electoral votes	185

