

CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL  
COISTE THÍR EOGHAIN

An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2017 Part 1



# Orduithe Seasaimh Don Chomhdháil

## (Standing Orders For Convention)

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

1. The Proposer of a Resolution or of an Amendment thereto may speak for five minutes, but not more than five minutes.
2. A Delegate speaking to a Resolution or an Amendment must not exceed three minutes.
3. The Proposer of a Resolution or of an Amendment may speak a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no other Delegate may speak a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
4. The Chairman may, at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the Proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
5. A Delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman, move 'that the question be now put', after which, when the Proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Clár, except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present and voting.

### **Acknowledgement**

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A Chara

Tionólfár an Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Contae Thír Eoghain ar an Garbhachadh ar an 12ú Nollaig 2017 ag tosnu ar 7.30 i.n.

Mise, le fíor-mheas

*Damhnaic Mac Eochaidh*

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## Miontuairiscí na Chomhdhála 2016

**1.0** An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Contae Thír Eoghain was held in the County's Administration and Training Centre at Garvaghey on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Attendance: Breandán Ó hEarcáin (Uachtarán), Roisin Ní Shuirtáin (Cathaoirleach), Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara, Micheál Ó hÁirmhí, Dónal Mag Aoidh, Eibhlín Ní Chongaile, Réamann Mac Eoghain, Breandán Ó hEarghail, Sorchasinéad Ní Cheallaigh, Cuthbert Ó Donnaile, Peadar Mac Giolla Cheara, Adrian Ó Catháin, Adhamhán Ó Loingsigh, Cliodhna Ní Giolla Cheara and Damhnaic Mac Eochaidh.

Club	Co. Committee Member	Delegate(s)
Achadh Lú	Joseph McCaughey	Shane McGee Patrick Colton
Achadh Uí Arain	Patsy Connolly	Sean Byrne
Ard Bó	Paul Teague	Karla McKinless P O'Neill
Eochar	Patrick Donnelly	Christina McCarney Brian McCaughey
Bearach	Damian Corrigan	Hugh McNamee Alan Rodgers
Bruach Áille		Colm Hughes Brian McGeary
Brocach	Martin O'Neill	
An Charraig Mhór	Christina McElfuff	Ciaran McElhatton P McCallan
Caisleán na Deirge	Joe Leonard	Brian Meehan
Clann na nGael	James O'Neill	Adrian Conway Dominic Devine
Clochar	Sean McElroy	Eugene McConnell
Cluain Eo	Mel Taggart	
Oileán a'Ghuail		Réamonn Ó Néill Vincent McCann
An Corra Chríochach	Adrian Gilmore	Damian Harvey Stephen Conway
Doire Lochain	Peter Kennedy	
Doire Treasc	Packie O'Neill	Eamon Campbell Aodhán Mac Gearailt
Domhnach Mór	Patsy Hetherington	R McCluskey
Deargais		
An Droim Mór	Joe Rafferty	Barry Campbell
Droim Caoin	Apology	Apology
Droim Ratha	Paddy Gallagher	Michelle Cox Seamus Woods
Dún Geanainn		Paul Doris Peter Toal
Eadán na dTorc	Aidan Currie	Joe McGuckian Stiofán Mac Cionnaith
Eaglais	Sean Donaghy	Cathal Daly Paul Donaghy
E. R. Uí Néill	Joe Hegarty	
Aireagal Chiaráin	Sean McKenna	E Lynch C McAnenly
Eiscreach	Apology	Dan McKenna Cathal McNamee



Fionntamhnach		
An Gallbhaile	Pauric Rafferty	Sean Carberry
Gleann Eallaigh		Pearse O'Kane Declan McCullagh
Goirtín	Barbara Ward	Gearóid Ó Brolcháin Roger Keenan
An Caisleán Glas	Francis Bradley	Fiona Teague Fergal Mac Ruairí
Cill Dhreasa	Dominic McGurk	Mark Conway Sean McCoary
Cill Íseal	Charlie Duggan	Dominic Donaghy
Coill an Chlochair	Niall McKenna	James McCrory
Cill na mBán	Frank Fee	
Loch Mhic Ruairí	Sean McDermott	Stephen McCullagh
Baile na Móna	Pat O'Neill	Patrick Kelly
An Mhaigh	Patrick McKeown	Mary Daly
An Baile Nua	Aidan Maguire	Mairead Gallagher
An Omaigh	Seamus Hannigan	Paul Breen Seán Mac Giolla Cholaim
Cabhán a'Chaortainn		
An Charraig	Barry Ruddy	Anthony Mullan Eamonn Mac Coise
An Chraobh	Sean Gallagher	Martin Campbell
An Srath Ban		Sean Dudgeon Liam Mac Suibhne
An Taite Riabhach	Gerry McGinn	Dominic Early (RIP)
Trí Leac	Dermot McCaughey	Francis Gallagher Claire Donnelly
Urnaí	Pat Holland	
Éire Óg (H)	Rory McCallan	
Eoghan Ruadh (H)		Tomás Colton Sean Casey
Naomh Colum Cille (H)	Seoirse Ó Bróin	Ryan O'Neill
Na Seamroga (H)		
Cumann na mBúnscoileanna		
Childrens' Officer	Adrian Nugent	
Referees' Administrator		

## 2.0 Minute's Silence

A minute's silence was observed by Convention for Club members who died in tragic circumstances at the weekend together with all other members who had died in the previous twelve months.

## 3.0 Amhrán na bhFiann

The National Anthem was sung by Miss Bronagh Scallon (Both Domhnaigh) the current Scór na nÓg County champion.

## 4.0 Miontuairiscí – 2015

The Minutes of the 2015 Convention were adopted on the proposal of C Daly and seconded by J McCaughey. In response to a query from G Bradley, it was confirmed by M Kerr that the CCC had complied with Motion 2, as requested by last year's Convention.

## 5.0 Standing Orders

On the proposal of P Kennedy, Standing Orders were adopted, and were seconded by G Byrne.



## 6.0 Secretary's Report

- 6.1 D Harvey expressed gratitude and appreciation to the managers of the County's U17 team and Academies for their dedicated work throughout the year.
- 6.2 In response to a query from G Byrne on the Players' Benefit Fund, the Rúnaí stated that units which regularly received significantly more from the Fund than was subscribed to it, would be liable for a monetary excess; in addition, units which regularly make no claims from the Fund would receive a rebate.
- 6.3 A. O'Kane complimented the Health & Wellbeing Committee and especially its Chairperson, Fiona Teague on the work done and the support provided to Clubs in the aftermath of tragic deaths during the past year.
- 6.4 The Secretary's Report was adopted on the proposal of D Harvey and seconded by E McConnell.

## 7.0 Sub-Committee Reports

7.1 The following Reports included in the Convention booklet were given consideration:

- (a) Strategic Planning workgroup
- (b) GAA Centre Management subcommittee
- (c) Planning & Physical Development subcommittee
- (d) Referees' Administration subcommittee
- (e) Cumann na mBúnscoileanna
- (f) Communications subcommittee
- (g) Fixtures' Planners subcommittee
- (h) PR & Marketing subcommittee
- (i) Health & Wellbeing subcommittee
- (j) Hurling Development subcommittee
- (k) Childrens' Officer
- (l) Hearings subcommittee
- (m) Competitions Control Committee
- (n) Coaching & Games Development Manager

7.2 Two further Reports were circulated from,

- (o) Irish Language & Culture subcommittee
- (p) HR subcommittee

7.3 All Subcommittee Reports presented to Convention were adopted on the proposal of S Donaghy and seconded by J O'Neill.

## 8.0 County Grounds' Accounts and Balance Sheets

8.1 The Accounts for Healy Park Omagh and O'Neill Park Dungannon were included with the Treasurer's Report and presented by Raymond McKeown (Cisteoir). Total income for Healy Park was £16,688 (a 38% decrease on 2015) and the total expenditure amounted to £96,627 providing an operating loss of £79,940 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October. Included in this expenditure was a payment for remedial work undertaken on the surrounds of the Control Tower & Media Centre.

8.2 The Accounts for O'Neill Park Dungannon indicated a total income of £4,525 compared to £12,380 in 2015, and an expenditure of £26,000 giving a deficit of £21,475 for the year.

8.3 The County Grounds' Accounts as presented were adopted on the proposal of M Conway, seconded by J Leonard.

## 9.0 Treasurer's Report

9.1 County Treasurer, Raymond McKeown, prepared and presented the Report of the Finance Committee and the County's Accounts for 2015; the Accounts were audited by and reported on by Cavanagh, Kelly. The Treasurer reported that income, showed a 4% decrease from the previous year, to £1,093,976 while expenditure rose by £29,240 to £1,210,986 resulting in an operating deficit of £117,010 for the year.



9.2 The Balance sheet indicated Current Assets of £671,014 with Current Liabilities of £447,209 providing a Net Assets figure of £4,996,962 compared to the previous year's figure of £5,118,182.

9.3 M Conway offered congratulations to the Treasurer and Vice-Treasurer on their management of the County's finances and also to all the County's team managers who did so well compared to other counties that had spent 2 to 3 times as much, while achieving much less success.

9.5 D Harvey suggested to Convention that the County should now employ a Commercial Manager to bring in much-needed funding.

9.4 The Finance Report and the Accounts for 2015 were adopted on the proposal of M Conway which was seconded by A Gilmore.

## **10.0 Oraid an Chathaoirligh (2016)** **Roisin Ní Shuirtáin**

Welcome to Convention 2016. In my last 2 years the majority of my time has been enjoyable but my last 2 weeks have probably been the hardest. I have attended 3 clubs who have been struck with tragedy Drumragh, Fintona and Drumquin. If there is one positive to be taken from it, it was to witness the strong support the families got from the GAA fraternity. Visiting the homes and funeral, It was so hard not to be affected. I ask you to remember the families in your prayers.

While we near the end of 2016 some people would say we made progress and some would say not enough progress was made. Winning 4 out of the 5 competitions regaining the Ulster title was fantastic. Our U21's did not achieve the success of 2015 they were very unfortunate not to win the Ulster Final. Our Minors over the past few years have not advanced beyond the first round of the Ulster Championship. One should hope with the U17's from last year who won the Jim Mc Guigan Cup, they will bring their winning ways through this year to minor level. In 2017 the U17's have a special All-Ireland competition so the prospects of winning 4 All-Ireland titles in 2017 wouldn't it be something else.

Our Hurlers retained their Div 3A Status for 2017 and I would like to thank Kevin Ryan who was appointed interim manager and also thank you to John Devlin for all their hard work. The reappointment of Mattie Lennon who has to be ratified by the County Committee hopefully we will see our senior hurlers back to full strength and win back the Nicky Rackard Cup.

I wish all our managers and players the very best of luck in 2017

**FIXTURES:** A review group was set up after the Report Ger O'Connor presented to the County Committee this year. The concern at youth level was high on the agenda. This group was chaired by Gerard Bradley and consisted of CCC, Fixtures Planners, Coaching officer and Games Development Officer. Another bigger cause for concern is the amount of clubs not fielding Reserve teams. The introduction of U17's not being able to field with the seniors/Reserves has taken its toll on the clubs. While This Report has not been issued, we will expect it at the start of the New Year for the CCC fixtures plan in 2017. Thank you to the CCC for their hard work on the late championship.

**CROKE PARK LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME:** Again I will urge all clubs to avail of this programme. Many clubs are having difficulty filling the most important committee positions at their AGM's and I feel these Workshops cover in particular Chairpersons, Secretaries, Treasurers and PRO's in leadership, Management and Communication skills. It will give you the relevant knowledge and the guidance where to find out additional information. We want to help strengthen our volunteers within our clubs. If your committee is strong your club is strong and this leads us to be strong at County Level. So put in your diaries Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>. Sarahjane our Dev Officer will be in contact or better still you contact her and together we will help each other.

**HEALTH & WELLBEING:** I want to take this opportunity to thank Fiona Teague and her committee for the ongoing work and support that they continue to give the clubs within Tyrone. But in particular I want to thank



Fiona for her quiet, dignified way and the support that she has given to many clubs this year who have been struck with tragedy. People like Fiona are invaluable to Tyrone GAA and along with her Committee much needed information is being shared. I would encourage all clubs to have in position their Health & Wellbeing Officer at the start of the year and for you to avail of all programmes that is being offered by this committee.

**GARVAGHEY/FACILITIES:** Our spectator stand is now complete and it is a great addition to pitch 2. Our Wind Turbine is now fully operational. In June 2016, a 225kW Vestas Wind Turbine was commissioned on Tyrone's centre of excellence site at Garvaghey.

The turbine although grid connected is restricted from exporting electricity onto the local Electricity grid by agreement with NIE due to the limited capacity of the network. Instead a unique control and energy storage system has been designed and installed which stores any excess energy in the form of hot water to heat the building and showers. The installation links and fully automates all control systems within the centre, BEMS (Building Energy Management System), Generator synchronisation, load control, heating and cooling can be accessed remotely for maintenance.

On many occasions since June, when wind speeds exceed 6m/s the centre has been self-sufficient running entirely on renewable energy.

It is estimated that the installation will be worth £75,000.00 annually to TCB through ROC (Renewable Obligation Certificates) trading, and savings in electricity and heating oil costs.

With the exception of the actual turbine, this was sourced directly from the owner in Denmark, 95% of all other materials, equipment, services, specialist design and advice has been sourced from firms located in 8 different counties within Ireland. I thank Sean Byrne Front Tier Solutions who installed the Wind Turbine, Hackett Bros for the Civils work on the Turbine and also the covered stand and thank you to the overseeing committee. And sure who knows, A possible future addition to the system would be the installation of a charge point for electric vehicles where the source is entirely renewable.

This now brings me on to one of my key point of the night. With the debt in Garvaghey at a manageable level I believe Tyrone GAA should be looking to the future and their aspirations should be to building their own Stadium. It would take a number of years for this to be completed but I believe a debate should take place. It will not happen overnight and just to give you a time-frame... In September 2017 the New Cusack Stand will have been opened 22 years, with the 4<sup>th</sup> phase opened in 2005 by the Then President Sean Kelly. This will give you an idea how quick 20 years can pass. This will not happen straight away but I Believe that it will happen. A Tyrone Stadium could be self-funding and also provide us with a possible income after expenses are met. Tyrone is the most central placed County in Ulster and one of the most progressive and a Stadium built near a main arterial Route would be ideal. 10 years ago if we had not the people with drive an initiative, Garvaghey would not have happened. We have a can do attitude.

**CREDO PIN:** When I was elected as Chairperson I had said that I would recognise Volunteers by presenting a Silver and Gold pin. Tonight I am pleased to announce that we will be launching a Volunteers night at the end of January in Garvaghey. I will be contacting all clubs to nominate one person for Silver, a club member who has given voluntary service to your club up to 25 years and the Gold will be to a club member who has given voluntary service up to 40 years and beyond. These are the people who are the backbone of our Association who work selflessly and ask for nothing in return and I believe that they should be rewarded.

Credo Pin (set of principles I believe in that guide a person or group)

**SPONSORSHIP :** We are extremely grateful to our Sponsors and Brand Partners for their financial support. McAleer& Rushe our main sponsor have extended their sponsorship for another year to which we thank them for. Thank you to Kieran Kennedy, Managing Director of O'Neills Sports for his continued support, Donnelly Group who sponsor our Leagues and Championships, Bank Of Ireland and Deep River Rock. We cannot express enough thanks to all these people and I wish them every success in their businesses in 2017. Tyrone GAA are also deeply indebted to our Club Tyrone Members, Garvaghey Patrons and Tyrone Dragons without you we



would not have the excellent facilities and the financial resources for Acadamh Thír Eoghain, on behalf of Tyrone County Committee thank you to everyone.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** I take this opportunity to congratulate our Seniors winning the Ó Fiaich Cup, Dr Mc Kenna Cup, Div 2 NFL and Ulster Senior Championship. I congratulate Ciaran McLaughlin on his election as Ulster GAA Treasurer. I congratulate Sean Hurson who had the honour of refereeing the Preliminary Round of the Ulster Senior Championship.

I congratulate all the winners of our competitions including our All-Ireland Scór na nÓg winners Donaghmore Ballad Group and Scór Sinsear Derrytresk Instrumental group, also to the Schools, Colleges, and Handball competitors and to Peter Harte, Mattie Donnelly and Damian Casey on receiving an All Stars award. Congratulations to the 3 Clubs who celebrated their 100 year Centenary, Pomeroy, Clonoe and Rock. Congratulations to Pomeroy and Rock who won their Ulster club titles and I wish them both good luck in the All-Ireland Club Championship.

**COMBHRÓN:** Whilst the GAA have lost leading figures in 2016, the greatest lost to Ulster GAA was the death of Danny Murphy an outstanding leader who had given his life to the GAA. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family. There has been many tragedies within Tyrone and I extend my deepest sympathy to all fellow Gaels who have lost loved ones throughout the year.

**BUÍOCHAS:** I would like to thank Coiste Banistí, County Committee, the Club Officers and all Sub-Committees for your commitment and hard work throughout the year. Thank you to our Players and Managers for giving your time and commitment to Tyrone County. Thank you to our Match Officials, Gatemen and women who are out in all types of weather. Your commitment to Tyrone GAA is exceptional. Thank you to Dominic our Rúnaí for your support and assistance and to Raymond our Treasurer who once again has provided an accurate account of the Finance within the County. Due to the 5 year rule, we lose 2 great volunteers Clíodhna Kerr Cultural Officer and Dónal Magee Assistant Secretary. Both leaders in Scór. Their contribution down through the years has been outstanding and I thank you both. I want to say a huge thank you to our staff in Garvaghey who ensure our facilities are readily available for all events. I wish Mickey Mc Goldrick a speedy recovery. Thank you to Anne Daly GDO and all our Coaches for their continued high level of coaching within Tyrone GAA.

I'm sure you are all aware that the Minister for sport Patrick O Donovan announced that he is proposing that by 2019 all National Sporting bodies should have at least 30pc Female gender Quota. Smaller organisations will have to 2020 to implement these changes. Boards not fulfilling their quota will face funding cuts. Basically what I'm saying if it effects Croke Park it will have a knock on affect right down the line. For Tyrone to meet this quota we would need to elect another Female.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy, healthy and safe Christmas and I look forward to working with you all in 2017.

### 11.1 Na Rúin

E McConnell sought clarification on why his Club's motion was not included on the Clár and was informed by the Rúnaí that the submission received from the Club was not in compliance with Rule 3.14 (O.G. 2016).

**11.2 Motion 1** Proposed by S Woods and seconded by P Gallagher. S Woods quoted Rule 1.10 on amateur status which was self-explanatory and asked that Convention re-affirm all aspects of the Rule.

P Kennedy supported the motion and stated that what is going on in the Association at present is causing major difficulties for many Clubs; Clubs are full of outside people who are only there for themselves and taking members' money. Members are no longer willing to serve on Club committees, all of whose time is spent on raising money to pay managers that players are insisting the Club must have.

G Bradley, in supporting the motion, said it could only be aspirational as it doesn't bind a Club in any way.

**Decision:** Motion was passed unanimously.



**11.3 Motion 2** Proposed by S Woods and seconded by P Kennedy. S Woods suggested that the same rules and regulations should apply to all managers and coaches – in the same manner that they are applicable to players; a rule is needed with a deterrent to stop the practice of outside managers coming in to Clubs and being paid for their services – it would not be an additional burden for the CCC to investigate breaches of such a rule and to apply an appropriate penalty. He went on to ask how it was possible for every Club to provide, from within its membership, persons who were highly capable of managing and coaching all their youth teams, yet they were unable to find persons of similar expertise who were good enough to manage their senior teams. Nowadays, there are outstanding coaching courses and website information available to all interested members for improving their expertise and coaching skills, so there was no excuse for not becoming competent enough to coach senior teams. Finally, he advised that Clubs could not afford payments of the order of £20,000 per year to outside managers, which should be invested in capital projects or invested in player development.

D Harvey opposed the motion on the basis that we employ and pay coaches to work in Primary Schools and Clubs and some of these are from outside the county.

M Taggart spoke against the motion suggesting that those involved in preparation of teams included physiotherapists and bus drivers could not be paid if the motion was passed.

D McKenna stated that his was a small rural Club with a small pool of managers and there was therefore a need to go outside the Club to get a senior team manager.

M Conway supported the motion saying that it goes to the heart and soul of what we are about. The argument relating to a small pool of managers was equally applicable to players and to committee members but it didn't mean that a Club sought outside people to play on teams or to join committees – if he wanted to become Club Chairman he had to be a Club member and he had to live or work in his Club catchment area – the same rule should apply to a senior team manager.

P Kerr, speaking in favour of the motion, was of the opinion that some people in Clubs don't step up from youth management to become senior team managers because the post often isn't available and open to them; if it was, there would likely be a list of people offering their services.

In summarising S Woods rejected the suggestions put forward by all speakers opposed to the motion.

**Decision:** Motion was defeated (47 for and 56 against).

**11.4 Motion 3** Proposed by M Conway and seconded by D Harvey. M Conway stated that the purpose of this motion was to totally remove the 'black card' from the Rule Book.

There were no speakers opposed to the motion.

D McCaughey pointed out that if the motion was passed an additional amendment to Rule 7.2 would be required for the motion to be in order for submission to Congress.

**Decision:** Motion was passed (with 2 votes against).

**11.5 Motion 4** Proposed by R Keenan and seconded by D McGurk. R Keenan said the purpose of the motion was to allow players aged over-sixteen to play in adult competitions for their Clubs. With the current Rule players in this county were unable to play our games for the rest of the year after minor competition finished in April. There were two particular consequences, players were being lost to other sports and Reserve football fixtures were unfulfilled due to teams having a lack of players.

There were no speakers opposed to the motion.

**Decision:** Motion was passed (with 4 votes against).

**11.6 Motion 5** was withdrawn by M Conway.

**11.6. Motions 6 & 7** Proposed by M Conway and seconded by D Harvey. M Conway began by outlining the current timeline for submission of motions by Clubs to County Convention which was considered to be much too tight but perhaps this was desired by people in higher places who wanted to prevent Clubs' motions getting through. The suggestions included in these two motions – reducing the returns' time from 4 weeks to 2 weeks, or allowing the Club Executive to submit motions – were the only two options that would assist Clubs to overcome the difficulty.

A Rodgers suggested that only Motion 6 should be moved because the change propose in Motion 7 seemed to be disenfranchising the membership of the Club in the drafting of motions.



Speaking on the motions, D McCaughey explained their history pointing out that the relevant section of it came into effect in 2015 as a result of a motion to Congress from a Club in Roscommon. With proper and efficient organisation every Club could readily draft motions for County Convention within the timescales prescribed or at any time throughout the year.

**Decision:** Motion 6 was passed unanimously. Motion 7 was withdrawn.

**11.7 Motion 8** Proposed by M Kerr and seconded by M Taggart. M Kerr referred to the recently-circulated proposals from Croke Park on the senior football championships and said that if the championships could be condensed to such an extent that they were concluded by the end of August it would be preferable if their current format were retained, rather than doing away with the Qualifiers and introducing a 3-game play-off

**Decision:** Motion 8 was passed (1 vote against).

**11.8 Motion 9** Proposed by M Harvey and seconded by P Doris. M Harvey stated that the purpose of the motion was to add to the powers of the fourth official those similar to that of a linesman or umpire in reporting offences to the referee.

**Decision:** Motion 6 was passed (3 votes against).

## 12.1 Na Moltaí

**12.2 Recommendation 1** Proposed by D Magee and seconded by C Kerr. **Decision: Lost**

**12.3 Recommendation 2** Proposed by P Kennedy and seconded by J McCaughey. **Decision: Lost**

**12.4 Recommendation 3** Proposed by G McGinn and seconded by J Leonard. **Decision: Lost**

**12.5 Recommendation 4** Proposed by J Rafferty and seconded by J McElholm. **Decision: Lost**

**12.6 Recommendation 5** Proposed by G McGinn and seconded by M Conway. **Decision: Accepted**

**12.7 Recommendations 6-17** were referred to the incoming Competitions Control Committee.

## 13.0 Election of Officers

13.1 The Cathaoirleach declared all positions vacant.

13.2 D Mac Eochaidh and R Ní Súirtáin were appointed as Chairman and Secretary for the election of the new Committee, on the proposal of S Donaghy which was seconded by M O'Neill.

13.3 Voting Strength was established as 119 and all elections were carried out using the PR system.

13.4 Elections then took place with the results as follows:

<b>Cathaoirleach:</b>	Roisín Ní Súirtáin	(Unopposed)
<b>Cisteoir:</b>	Réamann Mac Eoghain	(Unopposed)
<b>Leas-Cathaoirleach:</b>	Micheál Mac Giolla Cheara	(Unopposed)
<b>Rúnaí Cúnta:</b>	Michelle Ní Coigligh	(79 votes – Elected)
	Pól Mac Taidhg	(31 votes – Eliminated)
<b>Cisteoir Cúnta:</b>	Eibhlín Ní Chongaile	(Unopposed)
<b>Ball Árd Chomhairle:</b>	Cuthbert Ó Donnaile	(Unopposed)
<b>Baill Chomhairle Uladh:</b>	<i>(Valid Votes Cast: 115. Quota Required: 39 votes)</i>	
	Adrian Ó Catháin	(1 <sup>st</sup> Count: 41 votes - Elected)
	Diarmaid Mac Eochaidh	(1 <sup>st</sup> Count: 38 votes)
		(2 <sup>nd</sup> Count 39 votes - Elected)
	Micheál Ó hÁirmhí	(1 <sup>st</sup> Count: 36 votes)
		(2 <sup>nd</sup> Count 37 votes - Eliminated)



<b>Oifigeach Forbartha:</b>	Sorchasinéad Uí Cheallaigh	(Unopposed)
<b>Oifigeach Cultur &amp; Teanga:</b>	Dónal Mag Aoidh	(Unopposed)
<b>Oifigeach Oiliúna:</b>	Breandán Ó hEarghaill	(Unopposed)
<b>Oifigeach Iomána:</b>	Peadar Mac Giolla Cheara	(Unopposed)
<b>Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí:</b>	Adamhnán Ó Loingsigh	(Unopposed)

### 12.5 Club Representatives on County Committee

Joe McCaughey (Achadh Lú), \_\_\_\_\_ (Achadh Uí Aráin), Paul Teague (Ard Bó), Patrick Donnelly (Eochar), Damian Corrigan (An Bearach), \_\_\_\_\_ (Breac an Bhile), \_\_\_\_\_ (Brocach), Sean Kerr (An Charraig Mhór), Joe Leonard (Caisleán na Deirge), \_\_\_\_\_ (Clann na nGael), Sean McElroy (An Clochar), \_\_\_\_\_ (Cluain Eo), \_\_\_\_\_ (Oileán a'Ghuail), Damian Harvey (An Chorr Chriochach), Petesy Kennedy (Doire Lochain), \_\_\_\_\_ (Doire Treasc), \_\_\_\_\_ (Domhnach Mór), \_\_\_\_\_ (Deargais), Joe Rafferty (An Droim Mhór), \_\_\_\_\_ (An Droim Caoin), Paddy Gallagher (An Droim Ratha), Oliver McHugh (Dún Geanainn), Aidan Currie (Éadán na dTorc), \_\_\_\_\_ (Eaglais), Sean McKenna (Aireagal Chiaráin), Joe Hegarty (E. R. Uí Néill), Seamus Marlow (Eisceach), \_\_\_\_\_ (An Fionntamhnach), \_\_\_\_\_ (An Gallbhaile), Joseph Carolan (Glenn Eallaigh), Barbara Ward (An Goirtín), \_\_\_\_\_ (An Caisleán Glas), Dominic McGurk (Cill Dhreasa), \_\_\_\_\_ (Cill Íseal), Niall McKenna (Coill an Chlochair), Frank Fee (Cill na mBan), Sean McDermott (Loch Mhic Ruairí), Pat O'Neill (Baile na Móna), Patrick McKeown (An Mhaigh), Aidan Maguire (An Baile Nua), Seamus Hannigan (An Ómaigh), Gary Slane (Cabhán a'Chaortainn), \_\_\_\_\_ (An Charraig), (An Chraobh), Sean Dudgeon (An Srath Ban), Pat Darcy (RIP) (An Taite Riabhach), \_\_\_\_\_ (Trí Leac), \_\_\_\_\_ (Urnaí), Rory McCallan (Éire Óg), Tomás Colton (Eoghan Ruadh), Cathaoir Corr (Naomh Colum Cille), \_\_\_\_\_ (Na Seamrogaí).

### 13.0 Children's Officer

Convention ratified the re-appointment of Adrian Nugent (An Charraig) as recommended by the outgoing County Committee to the position of County Children's Officer. Proposed by G Bradley; seconded by A Maguire.

### 14.0 Convention concluded at 10.55 pm.



*U16 Tyrone team – BunCrana Cup winners 2017*



## Intreoir

2017 was a year of mixed success for the County's teams and for the Clubs' teams in the extensive range of competitions which took place. The senior football team participated in five competitions playing a total of nineteen fixtures with successful outcomes in the Dr McKenna Cup – retained for a sixth successive season – and the Ulster Championship, for a second year in a row. A defeat in the All-Ireland semifinal against Dublin brought a lengthy season to a disappointing conclusion, at the end of August.

The minor footballers became Ulster League winners once again but failed to overcome Derry in the first round of the championship for a second successive year in Celtic Park; and the U21 football team found Donegal to be too difficult in the first round championship replay in Ballybofey.

At under-age level, pride of place was taken by the U17 football team which won ten of the eleven matches in which they played - a successful campaign which brought them an Ulster and an All-Ireland championship, in the inaugural year of competition.

The senior hurling team played twelve games in three competitions in 2017; they contested the Division 3A NHL final against Donegal without success and fought valiantly against Derry in the Ulster Shield final against Derry in Carrickmore.

At U17 level the county hurlers won an All-Ireland title in the section of the Celtic Challenge in which they participated.

Club teams did their communities and county proud in 2017 with Pomeroy reaching the All-Ireland Intermediate football semifinal, only to be defeated by a single point; Rock, the Junior football champions, contested their second All-Ireland final losing narrowly to the Kerry and Munster champions Glenbeigh-Glencar.

In the domestic Club championships St Patrick's Tattyreagh won an historic first Junior football championship in its centenary year, Tír na nÓg Moy won the Intermediate title after a thirty-five year wait followed by a first-ever Ulster championship, while St Endas Omagh won the O'Neill Cup and its ninth Senior football championship. Éire Óg Carrickmore retained the Benburb Cup for a fourth successive year and Naomh Colm Cille became Junior hurling champions once again.

Sean Hurson is now widely recognised as the county's outstanding referee and this year was appointed to take charge of the Colleges Hogan Cup final and the Ulster U21 football final, in addition to NFL and senior provincial championship matches. We acknowledge his talents and achievements.

Congratulations is also extended to the Communications subcommittee under the leadership of the County PRO, Eunan Lindsay who was selected for a McNamee Award last February for the Association's Best County Final Programme (2016). A well-deserved award which reflects the high quality and standard of match programmes that are produced for all Club championship games and the home national league games.



History was made by St Enda's Omagh this year when its set-dancing team won a first All-Ireland Scór title in the Waterfront hall in Belfast while St Patrick's Donaghmore won a second successive Scór na nÓg All-Ireland with its all-female ballad group. Both are remarkable achievements.

Finally, Tyrone GAA was honoured to have its floodlit 3G facilities selected by the Michaela Foundation as the venue for establishing a Guinness World Record for the longest Gaelic football match; the record set on 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> January 2017 was 24 hours 18 minutes and 51 seconds, and more than £70,000 was raised for the Foundation and Cancer Focus NI.



*An Coiste Bainistí (2017)*

*Back (l. to r.): Michael Kerr, Eunan Lindsay, Raymond McKeown, Cuthbert Donnelly, Adrian O'Kane, Benny Hurl, Peter Kerr, Donal Magee.*

*Front (l. to r.): Sarahjane Kelly, Dominic McCaughey, Roisin Jordan, Michelle Cox, Eileen Connolly. Absent: Dermot McCaughey*

## COUNTY TEAMS

### Senior Football

Tír Eoghain began the defence of their Ó Fiaich Cup with an eleven point victory over An Lú in Crossmaglen on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016. With six regular players called on for duty with the Ulster team the manager was provided with an opportunity to test out four newcomers while welcoming back a few players who had missed out in 2016 due to recurring injuries. This semifinal victory set up a final meeting with Ard Mhacha back at the same venue a week later. While both teams scored thirteen times, the fact that three Armagh scores were goals resulted in the home side winning with a six-point margin.

In the opening game of the Dr McKenna Cup competition Tír Eoghain travelled to Breffni Park where they suffered a four-point defeat in a game which the home side led from start to finish. This was followed by two facile victories over the students of Ulster University in Carrickmore and a depleted U21 Donegal team. The semifinal against Fermanagh was a repeat of last year's and, with a similar outcome – a 3-point winning margin - set up another final against Derry in Newry. In a lop-sided contest, in a lop-sided location, Tyrone cruised to a nine-point victory and collected the Dr McKenna Cup for the sixth successive year having contested every final of this decade, and bringing the total up to fifteen.

Team: Niall Morgan, Peter Harte, Aidan McCrory, Johnny Monroe, Declan McClure, David Mulgrew, Michael Cassidy, Niall Sludden, Lee Brennan, Ronan McHugh, Cathal McCarron, Niall McKenna, Darren McCurry, Cahir McCullagh, Harry Loughran, Mickey O'Neill, Hugh Pat McGeary, Ronan O'Neill, Ronan McNabb, Tiernan McCann, Pádraig McNulty, Connor McAliskey, Rory Brennan, Sean Cavanagh, Colm Cavanagh, Matthew Donnelly, Justin McMahon, Pádraig Hampsey, Cathal McShane, Conor Meyler, Mark Bradley, Conall McCann, Ronan McNamee.



### National League

Life in Division 1 of the National League commenced with a good home victory by six points over Ros Comain followed by a draw in Croke Park against reigning League champions – Áth Cliath. There followed a four-point victory at home to Muineachán and a seven-point defeat of an Cabhán in the refixed third round game. Against Dún na nGall in Ballybofey, a flat performance resulted in the first NFL defeat since 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015; a second defeat followed a week later – at home to Maigh Eo – when, once again, the conversion of opportunities into scores was woeful. And in the final league game in Killarney, Ciarraí went from potential relegation candidates to Division 1 finalists with a seven-point defeat of Tír Eoghain. Ciarraí went on to surprise Áth Cliath in the NFL final.

Players who rejoined the panel for the NFL were: Richard Donnelly, Joe McMahon, Kieran McGeary and Frank Burns, while Niall McKenna & Conor Clarke departed after the McKenna Cup competition.



### Ulster Championship

The first round of the championship took place in Celtic Park Derry on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May. In a repeat of last year's game, Tír Eoghain led by five points at the interval and increased the margin of victory to eleven points against a somewhat disappointing home side.

Against Dún na nGall in the semifinal, Tír Eoghain produced one of its most accomplished performances in recent years. At the end of the opening quarter the sides were level on five points apiece, but Tír Eoghain opened up a seven-point gap in the remainder of the first half. When the first goal was scored early in the second half, the game was over as a competitive contest and the Red Hands progressed into another Ulster final. One of the more pleasing aspects of this game was that twelve players contributed one goal and nineteen points from play on one of the warmest days of the year in Clones.

In the final, Tír Eoghain were up against An Dún after their surprise victories over Ard Mhacha and Muineachán. The first half was fairly uneventful and the Red Hands' were ahead by two points at the break. Tír Eoghain turned on the style on the re-start scoring seven consecutive points, followed by two goals in the final quarter against the Mourne county. On a final scoreline of 2-17 to 0-15, Tír Eoghain retained its provincial title and collected the Anglo Celt Cup for a 15<sup>th</sup> time.



Ulster Final Team: Niall Morgan, Aidan McCrory, Ronan McNamee, Cathal McCarron, Tiernan McCann, Pdraig Hampsey, Peter Harte, Colm Cavanagh, Conall McCann, David Mulgrew, Niall Sludden, Kieran McGeary, Mark Bradley, Sean Cavanagh, Mattie Donnelly. Subs: Declan McClure, Darren McCurry, Ronan O'Neill, Conor Meyler, Cathal McShane, Lee Brennan.

### All-Ireland Championship

In the All-Ireland quarterfinal, Tír Eoghain were drawn against near neighbours Ard Mhacha who had successfully managed their way through the qualifiers after a first round defeat in the Ulster championship against an Dún.

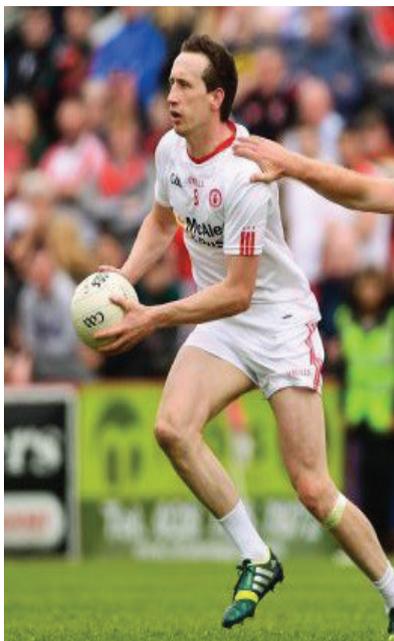
This was a game in which the opposition never really showed their true worth and when Tír Eoghain converted a 15<sup>th</sup> minute penalty to lead by 1-05 to no score there really was no future in the championship for Ard Mhacha. Despite missing quite a few scoring opportunities Tír Eoghain eased to an eighteen point victory, and qualified for another All-Ireland semifinal.

Áth Cliath – Leinster and All-Ireland champions – were firm favourites for this encounter and duly lived up to the tag; after scoring a goal in the 4<sup>th</sup> minute to take the lead, they went from strength to

strength while the challenge from Tír Eoghain deteriorated with the emphasis on defending, and much poor decision-making when it came to the finishing of the scoring opportunities. At the break the gap between the sides was seven points, and when the final whistle sounded at the end of a disappointing afternoon the margin of victory had stretched to twelve points.

Grateful appreciation is extended once again to Mickey Harte and his assistant manager Gavin Devlin in guiding the senior football team to the successful defence of its Ulster Championship title in 2017; thanks is also expressed to the members of the medical team and all the members of the management team for their time, commitment and success during another lengthy season. We are pleased to record that Mickey Harte has accepted the manager's role for up to a further three years, making him one of the longest-serving senior team managers.

We congratulate the Tyrone players who were selected to participate with Ulster in the successful interprovincial competition, at the end of 2016, with victories against Munster (3-17 to 0-15) at Parnell Park, and against Connacht (2-16 to 3-10) in Carrick-on-Shannon, i.e. Peter Harte, Tiarnan McCann, Niall Morgan, Connor McAliskey, Mark Bradley, Matthew Donnelly and Niall Sludden. Congratulations also goes to Niall Morgan and Niall Sludden on their selection for the Ireland team which participated in the International Rules series of games in Adelaide and Perth, last month. And finally, there has been widespread satisfaction with the All-Stars Award which was made to Colm Cavanagh for his outstanding displays for Tír Eoghain; richly deserved and long overdue.



### U21 Football

In the first round of the Ulster championship Dún na nGall were visitors to Healy Park. In an entertaining, absorbing encounter there was never more than two points separating the teams, with Dún na nGall leading by one at the interval. At the end of normal time, at the mid-way stage in extra time, and at the end of extra time the two counties remained locked together – final score was fourteen points apiece.

The first half of the replay in Ballybofey followed a similar pattern with the teams all square at half-time; Dún na nGall proved to be the better side in the second half outscoring Tír Eoghain by ten points to four.

**Team:** Benny Gallen (Aghyaran), Niall Kelly (Errigal Ciaran), Peter Teague (Dromore), Conor Shields (Clogher), Liam Rafferty (Galbally), Michael McKernan (C) (Coalisland), Feargal Meenagh (Killyclogher), Ben O'Donnell (Errigal Ciaran), Ryan Loughran (Pomeroy), Michael O'Neill (Ardboe), David Mulgrew (Ardboe), Nathan Donnelly (Killyclogher), Lee Brennan (Trillick), Brian Kennedy



(Derrylaughan), Paul Donaghy (Edendork), Conor Treanor (Newtownstewart), Eoghan Murray (Tattyreagh), Ciaran McGlinchey (Aghyaran), Jody McGlone (Aghaloo), Johnny Harkin (Tattyreagh), Ryan Coleman (Moy), Pauric McAnenly (Errigal Ciaran), Conan McLernon (Moortown), Emmett McNabb (Dromore).

This first round defeat concluded U21 football at inter-county level, not just for 2017 but permanently, as the competition has been replaced by a new U20 one for 2018. Again we pay tribute to Feargal Logan for the tremendous work undertaken in the preparation and development of Tyrone's U21 players during the last four years and for the successes that were achieved; additionally, we thank his management team for all of their commitment and the time that they devoted to the county's young players.



### **Minor Football**

In the Ulster league there was an opening home victory over Aontroim followed by a draw against Doire; in round three there was a second home victory, against Dún na nGall and the ordinary rounds concluded with a five-point loss to Fear Manach. An Cabhán who provided the opposition in the semifinal of the league was defeated by four points to set up a final against Doire again; played in Maghera, Tír Eoghain emerged victorious on a scoreline of 1-09 to 0-09 in what was probably the last ever U18 Ulster League.

Ulster Minor League Final Team: Lorcan Quinn, Rian McLernon, Antoin Fox, Peadar Mullan, Conall Grimes, Cahir Goodwin (0-1), Damien McGuigan, Oran Mallon (0-2), Peter Óg McCartan (1-0), Matthew McGuigan (0-1f), James Morgan (0-2), Daniel Millar, Jude Campbell, PT Cunningham (0-2), Darragh Canavan (0-1). Subs: Ruairi Gormley, Cathaoir Gallagher.

In the Ulster championship quarter final Tír Eoghain faced Doire in Celtic Park in a repeat of last year's opening encounter. Played in excellent conditions, the Red Hands enjoyed a successful first half and despite being wasteful with scoring opportunities led by three points at the interval. Doire improved their performance in the second period and opened up a huge five-point gap while Tír Eoghain struggled in the midfield sector and spurned further chances to take scores. As the game petered out an additional-time penalty closed the gap to a single point but Tír Eoghain remained a well-beaten side.

Ulster Championship Panel: Lorcan Quinn (Donaghmore), Ciaran Breen (Omagh), Antoin Fox (Loughmacrory), Peadar Mullan (Tattyreagh), Damien McGuigan (Omagh), Conall Grimes (Loughmacrory), Conall Devlin (Ardboe), Brian McNulty (Dungannon), Ruairi Gormley (Strabane), Matthew McGuigan (Kildress), Peter Óg McCartan (C) Errigal Ciaran, Daniel Millar (Killeeshil), Jude Campbell (Pomeroy), PT Cunningham (Cappagh), Darragh Canavan (Errigal Ciaran). Subs: Ronan Cassidy (Ardboe), Oran McKee (Carrickmore), Conor Quinn (Galbally), Oran Mallon (Dungannon), James Morgan (Dungannon), Cathair Gallagher (Loughmacrory), Adam Connolly (Kildress), Oran Sludden (Dromore), Arnoldac Macidulskas (Loughmacrory).



We pay tribute to managers Paul Devlin and Iggy Gallagher for their work and commitment to the under-18 players of Tyrone in 2017 and congratulate both men, their management team and the panel of players on their success in the Ulster League this year.

### **U17 Football**

In the Ulster League the U17 team enjoyed victories against Aontroim, Doire and Fear Manach and suffered a home defeat to Dun na nGall; in the semifinal Tír Eoghain defeated An Cabhán by one point and overcame Dún na nGall with an eight-point winning margin in the final, to collect the Jim McGuigan Cup for the second successive year.

In the U17 championship Tír Eoghain hosted Dún na nGall in Healy Park, where, in a disappointing first half they were in arrears by two points. An improved performance brought about a seven-point turnaround to earn a semifinal place against an Dún. In this match, played in Clones, the Red Hands led by four points at half-time, increased the lead to nine points in the third quarter and reached the first-ever final at this age level on a scoreline of 0-15 to 0-11. The final was played in Cavan as a curtain-raiser to the Cavan/Monaghan senior football championship quarter-final; the home advantage for an Cabhán counted for very little as the Red Hand county stormed through the first half to lead by 2-05 to 0-03. In the second period Tír Eoghain continued to exert total control throughout the field more than doubling their winning margin to win the inaugural U17 Ulster title. In the All-Ireland semifinal, Tír Eoghain produced another impressive display to defeat an Mhí by seven points in Breffni Park. The final was played as the first of a 3-game programme in Croke Park on the occasion of the All-Ireland football semifinal. A nine point blitz without reply in the opening third of the game pushed the Ulster champions well ahead of Ros Comáin to lead by 0-13 to 0-05 at the interval. While the gap was reduced to four points at one stage, Tír Eoghain finished very strongly to win on a scoreline of 2-18 to 0-15.

Congratulations is extended to team manager Colin Holmes on his highly successful season - winning all competitions possible - with these young players and to his assistants in the management team.



### All-Ireland Championship Team

Lorcan Quinn (Donaghmore), Antoin Fox (Loughmacrory), Matthew McCusker (Killeeshil), Conor Ward (Rock), Ruairi Slane (Carrickmore), Cormac Monroe (Carrickmore), Tarlach Quinn (Moortown), Matthew Murnaghan (Cappagh), Joe Oguz (Errigal Ciaran), Cormac Donaghy (Killeeshil), Darragh Canavan (Errigal Ciaran), Daniel Millar (Killeeshil), Ethan Jordan (Eglis), Cormac Donnelly (Galbally), Tomás Hoy (Killeeshil), Jack Gibney (Eglis), Kevin Barker (Dungannon), Michael Conroy (Moy), Michael Gallagher (Trillick), Liam Gray (Trillick), Mark Hayes (Cappagh), Ryan McCabe (Clonoe), Oisín McHugh (Clonoe), Cormac Quinn (Errigal Ciaran).

### SCÓR CLÁR – 2017

#### Peil

##### Corn Uí Fhiaich

Nollaig 11	Tír Eoghain	2-19	An Lú	0-14	at Crossmaglen
Nollaig 18	Tír Eoghain	0-13	Ard Mhacha	3-10	at Crossmaglen

##### Corn an Dr Mhic Cionnaith

Eanáir 08	Tír Eoghain	0-12	An Cabhán	1-13	at Cavan
Eanáir 14	Tír Eoghain	2-17	UU	1-07	at Carrickmore
Eanáir 18	Tír Eoghain	2-23	Dún na nGall	0-06	at Omagh
Eanáir 22	Tír Eoghain	0-14	Fear Manach	0-11	at Clones
Eanáir 28	Tír Eoghain	2-13	Doire	1-07	at Newry (Final)

##### An Sraith Náisiúnta (Roinn 1)

Feabhra 05	Tír Eoghain	0-18	Ros Comain	1-09	at Omagh
Feabhra 11	Tír Eoghain	1-07	Átha Cliath	0-10	at Croke Park
Márta 04	Tír Eoghain	0-14	Muineachán	0-10	at Omagh
Márta 12	Tír Eoghain	0-19	An Cabhán	1-09	at Omagh
Márta 18	Tír Eoghain	0-06	Dún na nGall	0-12	at Ballybofey
Márta 26	Tír Eoghain	0-12	Maigh Eo	1-10	at Omagh
Aibreán 03	Tír Eoghain	2-11	Ciarraí	1-21	at Killarney

##### Craobh Peile Uladh

Bealtaine 28	Tír Eoghain	0-22	Doire	0-11	at Derry
Meitheamh 18	Tír Eoghain	1-21	Dún na nGall	1-12	at Clones
Iúil 16	Tír Eoghain	2-17	An Dún	0-15	at Clones



### All-Ireland

Lúnasa 05	Tír Eoghain	3-17	Ard Mhacha	0--08	at Croke Park
Lúnasa 27	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Átha Cliath	2-17	at Croke Park

### U21

#### An Chraobh

Márta 15	Tír Eoghain	0-14	Dún na nGall	0-14 (AET)	at Omagh
Márta 22	Tír Eoghain	1-09	Dún na nGall	0-18	at Ballybofey

### Faoi-18

#### Lég

Márta 11	Tír Eoghain 1-09	Aontroim	1-04	at Loughmacrory
Márta 18	Tír Eoghain 1-12	Doire	1-12	at Ballinderry
Márta 25	Tír Eoghain 2-12	Dún na nGall	1-08	at Killyclogher
Aibreán 01	Tír Eoghain 0-07	Fear Manach	2-06	at Irvinestown
Aibreán 15	Tír Eoghain 1-12	An Cabhán	2-05	at Killygarry (Semifinal)
Aibreán 22	Tír Eoghain 1-09	Doire	0-09	at Maghera (Final)

#### An Chraobh

Bealtaine 28	Tír Eoghain 1-14	Doire	0-18	at Derry
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### Faoi-17

#### Lég

Márta 11	Tír Eoghain 1-16	Aontroim	0-08	at Garvaghey
Márta 18	Tír Eoghain 2-13	Doire	0-08	at Moortown
Márta 25	Tír Eoghain 0-08	Dún na nGall	1-07	at Garvaghey
Albreán 01	Tír Eoghain 6-14	Fear Manach	2-04	at Irvinestown
Aibreán 15	Tír Eoghain 0-16	An Cabhán	2-09	at Killygarry (Semifinal)
Aibreán 22	Tír Eoghain 0-15	Dún na nGall	0-07	at Maghera (Final)

#### An Chraobh

Bealtaine 06	Tír Eoghain 2-09	Dún na nGall	1-07	at Omagh
Bealtaine 13	Tír Eoghain 0-15	An Dún	0-11	at Clones
Meitheamh 11	Tír Eoghain 3-14	An Cabhán	0-06	at Cavan (Final)

Lúnasa 09	Tír Eoghain 1-14	An Mhí	0-10	at Cavan
Lúnasa 27	Tír Eoghain 2-18	Ros Comáin	0-15	at Croke Park (Final)

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
<b>U17</b>	11	10	0	1
<b>Minor</b>	7	4	1	2
<b>U21</b>	2	0	1	1
<b>Senior</b>	19	12	1	6
<b>Total</b>	39	26	3	10



### **Senior Hurling**

Division 3 of the NHL consisted of four counties, Muineachán, an Lú and Dún na nGall playing a double round system, home and away. In the opening fixture Tír Eoghain hosted Muineachán at Healy Park losing heavily by ten points and then inflicted a nineteen-point defeat on an Lú. In Letterkenny, Tír Eoghain lost to Dún na nGall by five points followed by ten-point victory in the home leg against an Lú.

In the refixed Round 3 game against Dún na nGall, played under lights at the county's headquarters, Tír Eoghain had a deserved two-point victory in another hard-fought encounter and when they comfortably accounted for Muineachán at Cloghan, a place was secured in the Division 3A final. On this occasion, Tír Eoghain were missing a number of key players due to injuries and suspension, and fell badly behind in the opening half (3-11 to 0-04); at the finish they had scored the same as in the previous encounter with Dún na nGall, but the opposition were victorious, winning the final by 23 points and gaining promotion to Division 2B for 2018.

The Ulster championship was given a new slot in the 2017 calendar- between the completion of the National Leagues and the commencement of the Cup competitions. Tír Eoghain enjoyed a comfortable victory in the Shield semifinal against Fear Manach in Clones, which earned a final place against Doire; Doire conceded to play the game in Páirc Éire Óg, Carrickmore and at the halfway stage were ahead by three points. Tír Eoghain fought valiantly against their higher division neighbours and levelled the game on two occasions in the closing quarter; however the Oak Leaf county finished more strongly to win the Shield and gain promotion into the Championship from where they had been relegated last year.



In the Nicky Rackard Cup competition Tír Eoghain commenced its campaign in Castleblayney with a single point victory over the home county to set up a Round 2A match against Dún na nGall. This was the fourth meeting of the two counties in 2017, having already met three times in the NHL. On this occasion, playing on home ground, Tír Eoghain gained revenge for the League final defeat with an amazing 38-point turnaround. Tír Eoghain were all but assured of victory by halftime having taken a 17-point lead with outstanding performances from many players and particularly the top scorers, Damian Casey and Conor Grogan. This result propelled the county directly into the competition semifinals where they were drawn against Ard Mhacha. The visitors to Carrickmore were the superior team on the day, holding Tír Eoghain scoreless for the opening quarter and leading by eleven points at the break; the Red Hands performed much better in the second half but were unable to reduce the deficit and so, exited the Nicky Rackard Cup for 2017.

We pay tribute to all of the senior players who made a major and serious effort preparing for, and representing Tír Eoghain in all three competitions this year; we acknowledge the contribution made to the team's progress by manager Mattie Lennon and all of his 'back-room' personnel.



Players who represented Tír Eoghain in 2017:

Paddy McKillion (Eoghan Ruadh), Ruairi Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Brendan Begley (Éire Óg), Mike O'Gorman (Naomh Colum Cille), Aidan Kelly (Éire Óg), Stephen Donnelly (Eoghan Ruadh), Tiarnan Morgan (Eoghan Ruadh), Justin Kelly (Éire Óg), Dermot Begley (Éire Óg), Chris Cross (Naomh Colum Cille), Damien Casey (Eoghan Ruadh), Conor Grogan (Éire Óg), Ryan McKernan (Éire Óg), Seán Óg Grogan (Éire Óg), Peadar Daly (Éire Óg), John Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Duibhir Marshall (Eoghan Ruadh), Piers O'Kelly (Eoghan Ruadh), Daragh Grogan (Éire Óg), Damhlaic Rush (Eoghan Ruadh), Patrick McStravog (Eoghan Ruadh), Dean Rafferty (Éire Óg), Kevin Muldoon (Eaglais), Sean Muldoon (Eaglais), Brian McGilloway (Eoghan Ruadh), Bryan McGurk (Éire Óg), Lorcan Devlin (Eoghan Ruadh), Cormac McHugh (Eoghan Ruadh), Conor McElhatton (Éire Óg).

### **U21 'C' Championship**

In the quarterfinal of the U21 'C' competition an Cabhán conceded the game with the result that the first fixture was a semifinal against Dún na nGall. With poor and inadequate preparation, Tír Eoghain were well beaten in a home game at Carrickmore.

### **Minor**

In the Shield semifinal Tír Eoghain were drawn against neighbours Fear Manach who were unable to field a team with the result that the team went straight through to the final against Dún na nGall. Played at Owenbeg, Tír Eoghain fielded an understrength side and suffered a very heavy defeat.

### **Celtic Challenge**

At U17 level, Tír Eoghain participated in the Celtic Challenge, playing eight games in a three-month period from March to June. They qualified for the knock-out stages of Division 6, in which they defeated Longfort in the quarterfinal and Cill Dara in the semifinal, to be drawn against Fear Manach in the final. While all Celtic Challenge finals were listed for decision in Dr Cullen Park Carlow, special permission was granted to the neighbouring counties to play the game at the Tyrone GAA Centre. Tír Eoghain emerged victoriously, with a one-point lead in an exciting and closely-fought game, to win the Corn Tom Hogan. Congratulations to the small panel of players that represented the county and team manager Aidan Maguire, along with his assistants, on their success.

## **SCÓR CLÁR – 2017**

### **Iomána**

#### **An Sraith Náisiúnta Roinn 3A**

Feabhra 12	Tír Eoghain	1-11	Muineachán	3-15	at Omagh
Feabhra 19	Tír Eoghain	5-16	An Lú	0-12	at Darver
Márta 05	Tír Eoghain	0-15	Dún na nGall	2-14	at Letterkenny
Márta 12	Tír Eoghain	1-23	An Lú	2-10	at Carrickmore
Márta 22	Tír Eoghain	1-12	Dún na nGall	1-10	at Garvaghey
Márta 26	Tír Eoghain	3-15	Muineachán	1-14	at Cloghan
Aibreán 01	Tír Eoghain	1-11	Dún na nGall	4-25	at Derry (Final)

#### **An Chraobh**

Aibreán 8	Tír Eoghain	4-19	Fear Manach	0-10	at Clones (Semifinal)
Aibreán 16	Tír Eoghain	1-12	Doire	1-17	at Carrickmore (Final)

#### **Corn Nicky Rackard**

Aibreán 22	Tír Eoghain	2-11	Muineachán	0-16	at Castleblayney
Aibreán 29	Tír Eoghain	4-19	Dún na nGall	0-16	at Carrickmore
Bealtaine 20	Tír Eoghain	1-14	Ard Mhacha	2-25	at Carrickmore (Semifinal)



### Faoi-21 Sciath

Lúil 01	Tír Eoghain W/O	An Cabhán (D/F)	at Cavan
Lúil 08	Tír Eoghain 1-05	Dún nan Gall 2-23	at Carrickmore (Semifinal)

### Faoi-18 An Chraobh

Aibreán 28	Tír Eoghain W/O	Fear Manach D/F	
Bealtaine 06	Tír Eoghain 0-05	Dún na nGall 3-19	at Owenbeg (Final)

### Celtic Challenge (U17)

Márta 19	Tír Eoghain 5-05	Fear Manach 5-12	at Garvaghey
Márta 19	Tír Eoghain 2-10	Ard Mhacha 6-09	at Garvaghey
Aibreán 02	Tír Eoghain 4-09	Fear Manach 4-07	at Irvinestown
Aibreán 11	Tír Eoghain 2-08	Ard Mhacha 8-18	at Armagh
Aibreán 23	Tír Eoghain 1-03	An Lú 4-14	at Cloghan
Meitheamh 10	Tír Eoghain 2-16	Longfort 4-06	at Cloghan
Meitheamh 17	Tír Eoghain 7-09	Cill Dara 2-09	at Abbottstown (Semifinal)
Meitheamh 24	Tír Eoghain 0-14	Fear Manach 1-10	at Garvaghey (Final)

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
<b>U17</b>	8	4	0	4
<b>Minor</b>	1	0	0	1
<b>U21</b>	1	0	0	1
<b>Senior</b>	12	7	0	5
<b>Total</b>	22	11	0	11



*Stephen Donnelly and Brendan Begley winners of well-deserved All-Star Awards for the Nicky Rackard Cup competition in 2017.*



## CLUB COMPETITIONS

The year began with Pomeroy and Rock carrying the flag for Tyrone and Ulster into the All-Ireland championships at Intermediate and Junior levels, respectively.

Following a disappointing start to their All-Ireland semifinal, Pomeroy Plunketts' made a brave bid for glory with a magnificent second-half performance in which they turned an eight point deficit into a three point lead. However they could not maintain their momentum in the final stages of the match and were overtaken by the St Colmcille's (Meath) men with a pointed free in the final minute, which brought their championship journey to a devastating end.

St Patrick's Rock eased into an All-Ireland final, for the second time in its history with a nine point victory over the Scottish and British champions – Dunedin Connolly's; here they faced Kerry champions Glenbeigh-Glencar. The opposition got off to the better start but the Rock fought its way back into the game and the teams were level 0-09 to 1-06 at the interval. The Tyrone and Ulster champions went two points clear with ten minutes of the game remaining but were unable to hold back their more clinical opponents, and eventually lost out by three points 1-11 to 1-14. In 2008 Rock lost to Cork's Canovee in the final, and followed with a defeat in the semifinal replay of 2015 against Kerry champions – Brosna.

We congratulate the Rock and Pomeroy on their remarkable and successful Ulster championship campaigns in 2016 and share the disappointment and heartbreak suffered in the All-Ireland knockout stages.

### Ulster Championships - 2016

#### Junior Football

27/11/16 Final Rock 1-12 Blackhill (Monaghan) 0-14 (AET) at Newry

#### Intermediate Football

27/11/16 Final Pomeroy 2-16 Donaghmoyne (Monaghan) 0-10 at Newry

### All-Ireland Championships - 2016

#### Intermediate Football

29/01/17 Semifinal Pomeroy 2-13 St Colmcille's (Meath) 3-11 at Armagh

#### Junior Football

29/01/17 Semifinal Rock 1-18 Dunedin Connolly's (Scotland) 2-06 at Armagh  
12/02/17 Final Rock 1-11 Glenbeigh-Glencar (Kerry) 1-14 at Croke Park

### Ulster Championships - 2017

#### Junior Hurling

01-10-17 Naomh Colum Cille 0-14 Mullahoran (Cavan) 3-08 at Ballyconnell

#### Intermediate Hurling

08-10-17 Éire Óg, Carrickmore 2-13 Middletown (Armagh) 2-20 (AET) at Corrigan Park

#### Senior Football

28-10-17 Omagh 0-08 Slaughtneil 0-10 at Derry

#### Intermediate Football

29-10-17 Moy 0-09 Carrickmacross 1-05 at Omagh  
12-11-17 Moy 2-15 Newbridge (Derry) 1-09 at Armagh  
26-11-17 Moy 0-09 Rostrevor 0-08 at Armagh

#### Junior Football

29-10-17 Tattyreagh 3-14 Currin (Monaghan) 2-12 at Omagh  
18-11-17 Tattyreagh 1-09 Naomh Colmcille (Donegal) 2-07 at Derry



*Naomh Éanna, an Ómaigh – Senior Football Champions 2017*

In 2017 adult football commenced with league competitions on 9th April and the ordinary rounds concluded on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Relegation and promotion play-offs were deferred until the adult championships were finished. This remarkable achievement was attained as a result of two main factors, (i) the co-operation of all Clubs in adhering to the fixtures' plan presented at the beginning of the season which identified and included all starred games, and (ii) the serious thought given to, and the detailed work undertaken by the CCC in, the preparation of the County master fixture plan. It is fitting that we acknowledge this work of the CCC and applaud its officers for the delivery of such a successful league programme.

This year Clubs agreed to not commence the football championships until the county teams had completed theirs. With the senior county team participating in the All-Ireland semifinal on the last weekend in August it was not possible to begin the county championships until the second week in September (with the exception of the JFC preliminary game(s), and with county champions required for the provincial competitions on the last weekend in October, less than a six-week window was available for the completion of all three football championships. Such a time constraint, together with inclement weather, and only a single pitch with adequate floodlighting, created severe difficulties in the organistaion of 39 games; these included major issues for the host venues, the participating teams, the gate stewards, and of course the match officials.

Clogher arrived in the Junior county final following victories over Dregish, Brockagh and Clann na nGael, where they met Tattyreagh who were back in their second successive final, having lost to Rock in 2016; this year they had defeated Beragh in a first round replay, and then Derrytresk and Owen Roes. On this occasion, Tattyreagh produced a stylish performance to overcome their opponents and won their first ever Junior Championship - a fitting manner to celebrate the centenary of the Club's founding.

In reaching the Intermediate final, Moy were successful against Augher, Cookstown and Gortin while their opponents, Derrylaughan, had enjoyed victories over Castlederg, Eglishe and Aghyaran. Played in Carrickmore, the first half was a low-scoring affair but the game developed into a closely contested encounter in which the underdogs Moy held a one-point lead at the final whistle, to win the Intermediate crown for the first time in thirty-five years.

At senior level, Omagh had defeated Ardboe, Greencastle and Trillick to reach their first final since winning the championship in 2014; Errigal Ciaran had successfully negotiated the other half of the draw winning against Urney, Carrickmore and Pomeroy. The final took place in Healy Park on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October and turned out to be a very low-scoring encounter; at the halftime break Omagh had four scores on the board while Errigal Ciaran had registered a solitary point. The second half showed some improvement in scoretaking and the St Enda's men did enough to remain ahead by two when the final whistle sounded. Joe McMahan proudly accepted the O'Neills County Cup on behalf of the Omagh team as they won their ninth senior championship.

In the U21 football final played as curtain-raiser to the senior game Galbally secured a two-point victory against Loughmacrory in a highly entertaining and very competitive affair.

The 1992 senior championship winners – St Malachy's, Moortown – were guests of honour on County Finals' day where they were introduced to the attendance, and presented with a special medal to mark their jubilee by the County Chairperson, Roisin Jordan. Musical entertainment on the afternoon was provided by the current Scór county champions from the Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's club, the Loughmacrory accordion band and the National Anthem was delivered by Dearbhla Scallon (Gortin), the 2017 Tyrone Scór champion in solo singing. Appreciation and gratitude is offered to the all of these musicians and also to all the individuals and committees that work so hard to organise and provide an excellent set of championships. We include here first and foremost the Competitions Control Committee, the mini-games organisers and the young players, the sponsors Donnelly Vauxhall and Patsy Forbes, the Finance Committee, the Stewards Workgroup led by Oliver McHugh, the host Clubs, the match officials, and the Communications Committee that provides excellent, high-quality match programmes.



*Éire Óg, an Charraig Mhór – Senior Hurling Champions 2017*

In the adult hurling championship Éire Óg defeated Eoghan Ruadh in the senior final at Healy Park on 10/09/17 to retain the Benburb Cup for the fourth year in a row; the junior final was won by Naomh Colum Cille, once again, in a somewhat lop-sided game against Killyclogher.

It remains a matter of grave concern that so many hurling fixtures were not fulfilled this year once again at all adult and youth levels; when almost 50% of matches are conceded there are serious questions to be asked by those striving to promote hurling – the Hurling Development Committee, the CCC and the referees. Is it only the hurling Clubs that can answer as to why this situation continues, or is the solution to be formulated by all Clubs in collaboration with the relevant subcommittees. We certainly cannot expect the CCC to continue making fixtures and appointing referees to games that it is often known will never take place.



In this year's Ulster championships the Tyrone representatives performed well but, regrettably, only achieved limited success; Naomh Colum Cille lost its opening game against Cavan champions, Mullahoran, as did Éire Óg at Intermediate level (after extra time) against Middletown representing Armagh.

Omagh lost out by two points against current Ulster Senior football champions, Slaughtneil, in their first round encounter while Tattyreagh progressed against Monaghan champions Currin before losing out by the minimum margin to Naomh Colmcille from Donegal in the Junior grade. Moy enjoyed victories against Carrickmacross and Derry's Intermediate champions Newbridge to reach a first Ulster final where they faced Down representatives Rostrevor. In a low-scoring encounter Moy became Ulster champions for 2017, keeping the title in Tyrone for another year, and will now progress to the All-Ireland series.

We congratulate all teams that achieved success this year - in whatever manner it is measured - and offer commiserations to those which didn't reach the targets set at the outset of the season.

Date	Championship	Winner	Runner-up	Referee	Venue
10/09/17	Senior Hurling	Carrickmore Éire Óg	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	Alan Nash	Omagh
10/09/17	Junior Hurling	Naomh Colum Cille	Killyclogher St Mary's	Stephen Campbell	Omagh
17/10/17	U18 Hurling	Carrickmore Éire Óg Ruadh	Dungannon Eoghan	Gary Gormley	Garvaghey
27/07/17	U16 Hurling	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	Carrickmore Éire Óg	Kieran Eannetta	Stewartstown
07/10/17	U14 Hurling	Dungannon Eoghan Ruadh	Omagh St Enda's	Aidan Graham	Garvaghey
08/10/17	Junior Football	Tattyreagh St Patrick's	Clogher Éire Óg	Martin Conroy	Carrickmore
08/10/17	Intermediate Football	Moy Tír na nÓg	Derrylaughan Kevin Barry's	Brian McCallion	Carrickmore
15/10/17	Senior Football	Omagh St Enda's	Errigal Ciaran	Shane Dorrity	Omagh
26/07/17	U18 F (G1)	Errigal Ciaran	Killeeshil St Mary's	Cathal Forbes	Galbally
26/07/17	U18 F (G2)	Donaghmore St Patrick's	Moy Tír na nÓg	Paul Gallagher	Eglis
16/08/17	U18 F (G3)	Edendork St Malachy's	Beragh Red Knights	Aidan Graham	Killeeshil
03/07/17	U18 F (G4)	Derrytresk Fír a'Chnoic	Aghaloo O'Neills	Gary Darcy	Moy
15/10/17	U21 F (G1)	Galbally Pearses	Loughmacrory St Teresa's	Martin McErlain	Omagh
	U21 F (G2)				
06/11/17	U16 F (G1)	Carrickmore	Cappagh	Fergal Ward	Dromore
04/11/17	U16 F (G2)	Eglis St Patricks	Cookstown Fr Rock's	John Joe McNabb	Stewartstown
07/11/17	U16 F (G3)	Naomh Pádraig	Kildress	Patrick Grimes	Stewartstown
03/09/17	U14 F (G1)	Dungannon Clarke's	Donaghmore St Patrick's	Cathal Bell	Stewartstown
23/07/17	U14 F (G2)	Cappagh	Loughmacrory St Teresa's	John Kerlin	Greencastle
11/07/17	U14 F (G3)	Beragh	Naomh Pádraig	Sean McElroy	Eglis



*Tír na nÓg, an Mháigh – Tyrone & Ulster Intermediate Football Champions 2017*

## PLAYERS' INJURY BENEFIT FUND

In 2017 a number of changes were introduced to the Players' Injury Fund in an effort to reduce the deficit between subscriptions received and payments issued. These came as no surprise to Clubs in Tyrone as the issue had been flagged up on a regular basis throughout the past decade.

The main change introduced was the loading of subscriptions, for all units, by factors of 10%, 50% or 100% dependent on the previous three years' claims history; units that did not meet the set criteria were not subjected to any loading, while other units became eligible for a 10% discount on their subscriptions.

A further change reduced the subscription rate for an U21 team from €450 to €200 – the same as all other youth teams and which reflected the lesser number of games that such teams participated in.

The effect of these changes was significant for Clubs in Tyrone – total subscriptions to the Players' Injury Fund increased by 31%, compared to those of 2016, to €231,491. Unfortunately, the benefits paid out from the Fund this year has increased to €365,247; such a deficit, while slightly reduced from last year, will tend to ensure that the loading scheme will remain in place for the foreseeable future. The number of claims submitted to the Injury Fund has shown a 12.6% increase and the number of those processed for payment has increased by 17.6% compared with last year.

It remains a matter of some concern that not all second-levels are availing of the Players' Injury Fund, in which they can obtain benefits for all their teams for a highly-attractive total subscription of €300.

Full details of the operation of the Fund as it pertained to Tyrone are presented in the following table.

### PLAYERS' BENEFIT FUND - 2016 (Nov. '16 - Oct. '17)

CLUB / UNIT	Adult Teams	U-21 Teams	Youth Teams	Premium Paid (€)	No. of Claims	Claims Settled	Amount Paid (€)
County Teams	2	2	8	7200	33	19	18701.95
Achadh Lú	2	0	8	2880	1	1	204.85
Achadh Uí Arain	2	0	10	2880	3	2	6215.23
Árd Bó	2	1	8	6800	0	1	3567.67
Eochar	2	0	3	2600	8	2	4367.84



CLUB / UNIT	Adult Teams	U-21 Teams	Youth Teams	Premium Paid (€)	No. of Claims	Claims Settled	Amount Paid (€)
Bearach	2	1	8	6800	4	4	5143.79
Breac an Bhile	2	0	8	3520	1	2	9886.82
Brocach	2	1	5	3200	2	0	0.00
An Charraig Mhór	2	1	8	6800	11	12	26682.28
Caisleán na Deirge	2	0	2	2160	2	0	0.00
Clann na nGael	2	0	2	2160	5	1	201.87
Clochar	2	0	0	2000	3	1	4800.00
Cluain Eo	2	1	10	6800	7	6	22306.20
Oileán a'Ghuail	2	1	8	6800	6	2	7723.96
An Chorr Chríochach	2	1	7	5100	8	4	8646.08
Doire Lochain	2	1	8	3740	4	1	7273.85
Doire Treasc	2	0	7	3200	5	3	7252.55
Domhnach Mór	2	1	4	3000	0	0	0.00
Deargais	1	0	0	1000	0	0	0.00
An Droim Mór	2	1	8	3060	1	0	10400.00
Droim Caoin	2	0	6	3200	0	0	0.00
Droim Ratha	2	1	9	6800	4	3	9265.22
Dún Geanainn	2	1	7	6800	4	2	7586.62
Éadan na dTorc	2	0	5	3000	1	0	0.00
Eaglais	2	1	13	3060	3	1	520.01
Eoghain Rua Uí Néill	2	0	6	2880	5	3	12878.16
Aireagal Chiarán	4	1	8	10800	10	7	17490.72
Eisceach	2	0	4	2800	1	1	4500.00
Fiontamhnach	2	0	8	6400	0	1	202.41
Gallbhaile	2	1	8	6800	6	9	24843.16
Gleann Eallaigh	2	0	3	2600	4	0	0.00
An Goirtín	2	0	2	2400	2	1	957.95
An Caisleán Glas	2	1	10	3060	1	1	220.50
Cill Dreasa	2	1	8	6800	4	2	5424.25
Cill Íseal	2	0	9	4800	4	3	9125.00
Coill an Chlochair	2	1	13	6600	6	2	9000.00
Cill na mBán	2	0	6	3200	3	2	4596.31
Loch Mhic Ruairí	2	1	8	6800	1	1	19318.08
Baile na Móna	2	1	8	6800	7	9	18807.11
An Mháigh	2	0	10	6400	5	3	3453.76
An Baile Nua	2	0	8	2880	4	1	1030.92
An Ómaigh	3	1	14	8800	7	11	24674.82
Cabhán a'Chaorthainn	2	1	10	3060	7	3	13560.68
An Charraig	2	0	5	3000	4	3	9408.12
An Chraobh	2	1	8	6800	1	1	4500.00
An Srath Bán	2	0	10	3200	3	1	4500.00
Taite Riabhach	2	0	7	3520	3	1	3178.17
Trí Leac	2	0	9	2880	4	3	4590.86
Urnaí	2	0	5	2700	0	0	0.00
An Charraig Mhór (H)	1	0	5	2000	2	1	3527.35
Dún Geanainn (H)	1	0	7	2200	0	0	0.00



CLUB / UNIT	Adult Teams	U-21 Teams	Youth Teams	Premium Paid (€)	No. of Claims	Claims Settled	Amount Paid (€)
Na Seamróga (H)	1	0	5	1200	0	0	0.00
Naomh Colmcille (H)	1	0	6	2200	2	0	0.00
Cú Chulainn an Ghleanna (H)	0	0	3	600	0	0	0.00
An Bhinn Bhorb (H)	0	0	2	400	0	0	0.00
Gaeil Naomh Pádraig (Y)	0	0	3	600	0	0	0.00
Both Domhnaigh (Y)	0	0	3	600	0	0	0.00
St Ciaran's HS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Dean Maguirc College	0	0	12	280	0	0	0.00
Holy Trinity College	0	0	6	300	0	2	4500.00
St Joseph's GS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
St Patrick's Academy	0	0	11	271	0	0	0.00
Sacred Heart College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
St Joseph's College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Omagh CBS	0	0	6	300	2	1	212.16
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>231491</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>365247.28</b>

## SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

In 2017 the second level colleges maintained their significantly high levels of success:

- The Dean Maguirc Carrickmore became Ulster champions for the third time in their history following a richly deserved 1-8 to 0-5 victory over Scoil Mhuire Buncrana in the Danske Bank Gerry Brown Cup Final at Sigerson Park Strabane in January.
- St Ciaran's High School Ballygawley won the McLarnon Cup for the first time with a final victory against Our Lady's High School Castleblayney on St Patrick's Day. Following a semifinal success against St Mary's Carlow they were unfortunate to narrowly lose the All-Ireland final against Ballinrobe Community School by three points in a game which went to extra time.
- St Ciaran's also enjoyed success in the Year 9 competition reaching the final of the Ulster Schools Irish News Cup.
- Sacred Heart College Omagh wrote its name into the history books winning a first ever Ulster title when they defeated De La Salle Belfast in the Danske Bank Faul Cup Fina on a scoreline of 7-15 to 1-03.
- Later in the year the Sacred Heart College also won the Ulster Schools Nagle Cup at U15.5 level in an all-Tyrone final defeating St Patrick's College Dungannon at Garvaghey.
- In the third-level sector, St Mary's College Belfast won its second Sigerson Cup, on 18<sup>th</sup> February, after a gap of 29 years; this was achieved with a quarterfinal victory over DCU followed by a semifinal win against UCC, and then a one-point defeat of UCD in the final played in Mayo. The successful St Mary's team was ably led by captain Conor Meyler (Omagh), and well supported by Colm Byrne (Eglis), Conall McCann (Killyclogher), Kieran McGeary (Pomeroy) and Cathal McShane (Owen Roe's), all under the management of Paddy Tally (Galbally)

Congratulations is extended to all the Colleges on their remarkable successes this year and particularly to the teachers and other staff who devote so much of their time and expertise to the coaching and promotion of Gaelic games.



St Ciaran's High School, Ballygawley

## SPONSORSHIP

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The work done by the PR & Marketing Committee realises outstanding sponsorship via the members of *Club Tyrone*, the *Garvaghey Patrons* and the *Dragain Thír Eoghain*; for this we thank the committee and of course the individuals, businesses and companies that continue to contribute year after year to this Association.

We welcome new county teams' sponsors *Tyrone Fabrication Ltd* for the two-year period 2018-19; based in Ballygawley, the company was founded by its current Director, Brendan McDermott and is now managed by his three sons Adam, Anthony and Aaron. It produces a wide range of advanced steel equipment enclosures for the transportation, communications and power supply industries, working on everything from single bespoke designs to multinational network systems. We are very grateful for the company's generous financial support and trust that its partnership with Tyrone GAA will enhance the further development and success of its business.

Finally, gratitude is due to a number of other 'supporters' that wish to remain anonymous for their regular and ongoing inputs and assistance to Tyrone GAA.

## FIXTURES - 2018 AND BEYOND

Clubs and Counties will face major changes in their football fixtures' programmes following the changes introduced at recent Congresses; we have warmly welcomed the notion that the inter-county fixtures should be completed within a shorter timeframe thereby making available more time for Clubs' fixtures' programmes. This will be facilitated by bringing forward the dates for the All-Ireland finals into August, the playing of semifinals on the same weekend and the extension of the use of extra-time in a wide range of games.

However, the introduction of a 'group stage' for the All-Ireland quarterfinal - where the eight teams play off in two groups of four – is contrary to the objective of shortening the inter-county season. Part of the reasoning for this so-called 'super-eight' stage is to ensure that more high-quality games

of football at the height of the season will take place; unfortunately this cannot be ensured – there may be some high-quality games, but there is a greater chance that there will be nothing at stake in the final games within each group, and there is a possibility that some teams may decide to play for a desired outcome, which would potentially lead to a preferred semifinal fixture.

Although all of these changes are being introduced for an experimentation period of three years it will be vitally important that the situation is monitored thoroughly at the end of each year, so that any necessary amendments can be introduced in advance of the following season.

With the introduction of a ‘back door’ at minor football championship level in Ulster and the shifting of the U20 football championship into the summer months there could well be difficulties in drafting a proper Club fixtures’ programme. The change in youth competition age levels to U17 and U20 will create some difficulties with fixture planning, initially, and possibly more longer-term. It may take a few years to establish the optimum time of year to play these competitions and whether they should be linked to other adult competitions.

The only way in which there can be an increase in the number of high-quality inter-county football championship games is by introducing grading, as is done for Clubs in every county, and as is done in inter-county adult hurling. The Association should introduce at least two grades of football championship in which county teams would be competing against those of similar standards; this system works perfectly in the four divisions of the national leagues where well-matched teams achieve appropriate results. In the hurling championship each county is accommodated at a level where it can aspire to success, whether it be attempting to win the Lory Meagher Cup or the Liam McCarthy Cup. If this system is successful in hurling why can it not be contemplated for football; it could readily be established and could co-exist with a Provincial championship.



## BUÍOCHAS

Once again I commence by offering sincere gratitude to the members of Coiste Bainistí who are charged with the management of CLG Thír Eoghain and who fulfilled their responsibilities with dedication through regular attendance at meetings and with their leadership of the County's subcommittees. Comprehensive written reports from the subcommittees and workgroups are provided, in the main, by these members on a monthly basis to the County Committee, where they make themselves available also to deal with all issues.

We acknowledge with thanks the work undertaken and delivered upon by Fiona Teague and Ciaran McLaughlin, Chairperson and Secretary of the Health & Wellbeing workgroup; Benny Hurl and Damian Harvey, Chairman and Secretary of the Coaching & Games Development Committee; Donal Magee and Clíodhna Kerr, Chairman and Secretary of the Language and Culture Committee; Eugene McConnell and Alan Richardson, Chairperson and Secretary of the Referees' Administration Committee; Gerard Bradley, Chairman of the IT workgroup; Seamus McDonald and Barbara Ward, Chairman and Secretary of the Strategic Implementation Committee; Peter Kerr, Chairman of the Hurling Development Committee.

Special thanks is due to Roisin Jordan, who has now completed a third year as Cathaoirleach, for the work that she undertakes in leading the County Committee, the Management Committee and the HR Committee, and more significantly, the time and effort that she devotes to the role of County Chairperson outside of and between meetings.

Grateful appreciation is due again to Raymond McKeown, the County Treasurer, who fulfils the role in the highly professional manner that we have now become accustomed to; I thank him for the work done for Tyrone GAA and for the time that he devotes to the financial affairs of the County and its Clubs; we are privileged to have access to his knowledge, skills and expertise in the management of finances.

I acknowledge the work done in this same field by the Vice-Treasurer Eileen Connolly in another very busy year; most of this work is undertaken 'behind the scene' and in a most meticulous manner. Additionally thanks is due to her for taking responsibility of leading the Garvaghey Management Group where she must find it difficult, at times, to see the demarcation from her elected position.

The secretary of this Garvaghey Management Group, Mark Conway also chairs the highly successful PR & Marketing Committee; again, his combination of these two roles is highly demanding of his time and expertise, but the work is undertaken in such a diligent manner that it is made to appear effortless. The contribution that he has made to the well-being of Tyrone GAA is immeasurable and the evidence of his dedication and the outcomes of his work are clearly visible in all strands of the County's affairs. We gratefully appreciate, in particular, the excellent fund-raising that is achieved by the PR & Marketing Committee and look forward to the successful development of the Club Tyrone brand in London and New York in the next couple of years.

The work of the CCC goes on in such an effective manner throughout the year that it attracts no headlines, and as we know in this day and age, it is only the big problems that are given the big headlines in the media. We extend gratitude to Michael Kerr and Mel Taggart and the other members of the CCC for their planning and delivery of an excellent programme of games at adult and youth levels in Tyrone once again. This programme is of course scrutinised in detail by our Fixtures' Analysts, Petesey Kennedy and Adrian Conway, and their excellent report is included at a later stage in this booklet. Thanks is also due to Anne McCaughey who processes and records all disciplinary matters arising from this games' programme, in a most efficient manner, on behalf of



the CCC. Similarly, the related work of the County Hearings Committee, under Seamus Hannigan and Margaret Keenan, is administered in a most timely fashion to ensure that every player and official charged with an infraction is justly and properly dealt with.

At last year's Convention two new members were elected to the Management Committee – Michelle Cox and Dermot McCaughey – and I thank them for the work which they carried out in their first year as Assistant Secretary and Ulster Council member, respectively. Thanks also to Adrian O'Kane who is also a member of the Ulster Council and its CCC, and to Cuthbert Donnelly a member of Central Council, each of whom attends all meetings and participates in the important decision making of these higher bodies.

At the conclusion of their five-year terms as Development Officer and PRO we pay tribute to the outgoing Sarahjane Kelly and Eunan Lindsay for their invaluable contributions to the Association in Tyrone from 2013 to 2017. Sarahjane chaired the Grounds and Physical Development Committee during a busy period in our history as well as taking on additional responsibilities on the Finance Committee, the Garvaghey Management Workgroup and acting as liaison officer with the minor football team managements.

Eunan was chairman of the Communications Committee, with responsibility for all publications, was a member of the IT Workgroup and continued to find time as well to act as liaison officer with the management of the senior hurling team. Again, we congratulate Eunan on his outstanding achievement in receiving a McNamee Award at the start of the year for the Best County Final Match Programme (2016).

I wish to express my thanks to our members of staff who work in the County offices in the administration and management of facilities for visitors, members, teams, meetings and functions: Orla McAleer, Anne Marie McNulty and Michael McGoldrick; also, Anne Daly who manages the coaching staff and who organises the highly successful football and hurling Summer Camps which this year attracted over 5,500 primary school children – an increased participation of almost 11% compared to last year. Congratulations to Anne and the coaching staff on this excellent programme of activity.

I offer a word of special thanks to Frank Campbell who this year, yet again, provided invaluable assistance with the allocation and printing of tickets for Tyrone's championship games throughout four fairly hectic months in the summer.

Appreciation and gratitude is due to the officers of the Clubs and their County Committee members for their assistance and co-operation with the administrative tasks that are undertaken on a continuous basis during the year to ensure that the Association functions effectively in Tír Eoghain.

Finally, in respect of the announcement of his forthcoming retirement, I take this opportunity on behalf of the Association in Tyrone to thank Páraic Duffy for his leadership of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael throughout the past decade. His work, in skilfully guiding the Association through a time of significant change, and in managing its modernisation in an exemplary manner, is greatly appreciated. As Ard Stiúrthóir, he was always readily available to provide advice, direction, support and assistance to us, on many issues - including complaints. We wish Páraic all that is best in his retirement particularly, good health and enjoyment in the years ahead.



## COMBHRÓN

As the 2017 season draws to a close we bring to mind the members of the Association, the colleagues and the friends who died since last Convention and we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families and to the Clubs which suffered the sad losses.

We remember especially,

Killian Doherty (Drumquin), Maurice McCloughan (Fintona) and Dominic Early (Tattreagh), all of whom died in road traffic accidents

Jack McConnell (Gortin) – played in the half-forward line on the 1947 Tyrone team that defeated Mayo in the All-Ireland minor final

Anthony Connolly (Killyclogher) – player on the 1957 Tyrone team that won the Ulster senior football Championship, former referee and Disciplinary Subcommittee member

Tom Donnelly (Trillick) – player at minor, U21 and senior levels for Tyrone; played with brothers Brendan and Sean against Derry in the 1977 Ulster senior championship

Oliver Kerr (Carrickmore) – member of the County Hurling Board in the 1980s and winner of minor and senior football championships; Margaret Kerr – wife of Oliver and mother of Peter, Hurling Development Officer.

Margaret Hannigan (Omagh) – mother of Seamus, Chairman of the County Hearings Committee

Gloria Harkin (Killyclogher) – sister of Brendan, President of the Tyrone GAA

John Conway (Clann na nGael) – father of Adrian, County Fixtures' Analyst

Anne Logan (Stewartstown) – mother of Feargal, U21 football team manager and Michael U21 team doctor

Jack Woods (Beragh) – former Secretary of the West Tyrone Board

Gerry McCabe (Clonoe) – former referee

Pat Campbell (Stewartstown) – father of Stephen, referee and brother of Martin, Club Chairman

Brian McConnell (Newtownstewart) - father of Finbarr, Brian and Pascal

P Joe Clarke (Greencastle) – father of Pat, Club Chairman

John Skelton (Drumquin) – former referee

Gerard Hurl (Ardboe) – father of Benny, County Coaching and Games Development Officer.

Raymond Maguire (Newtownstewart) – father of Aidan, Club Secretary and County Committee member

## Anna McCaughey



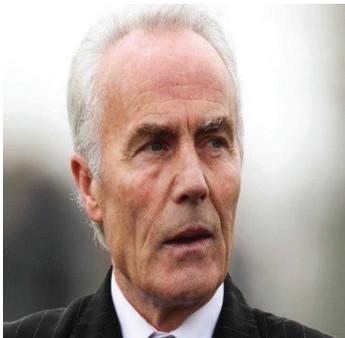
Anna McCaughey held many positions of responsibility within her Club – St Colmcille’s GFC Carrickmore - before being elected as its first female Secretary in 1985. She continued in this role until 1994 and then remained on the committee for another 5 years; later, she would be honoured with selection as the Club’s President in 2011.

She became the first female to be elected as a member of the County Management Committee in Tyrone – then known as the County Executive – on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1985 and was re-elected to the same position at successive County Conventions for the next 15 years, until 1998-9.

Anna was a highly capable administrator, and was widely recognised for her organisational skills, playing a major part in many annual functions and other events; but she will best be remembered for her outstanding contribution to the promotion and development of Scór at both adult and youth levels within Tír Eoghain, throughout the 80s and 90s. She joined the Tyrone Culture committee under the leadership of Brian McLernon and then chaired the committee herself, while also playing a prominent role on the Ulster Council’s Scór committee.

Sincere sympathy is extended to her sons Aidan and Declan, her daughters Diane and Sheena and the wider family circle.

## Pat Darcy



Pat Darcy gave a lifetime of service to the Gaelic Athletic Association, in the main, as a member and an officer of the St Patrick’s Tattyreagh Club; additionally, in more recent years he devoted much of his time and energy to the Association at County and Provincial levels, making major and outstanding contributions to both.

At County level, Pat fulfilled the demanding role of Disciplinary Secretary on the Games Administration Committee (GAC), before moving into the position of Chairman of the GAC/CCC on his election as Vice-Chairman of the County Board in 2002.

On 14<sup>th</sup> December 2004, Pat was elected unopposed as the Tyrone County Chairman and led the Association with distinction for the five-year period 2005-9. This was one of the most successful periods in the county’s history, when Tyrone won the senior All-Ireland football championship (2005), both the senior and minor All-Ireland football championships (2008) and the national hurling’s Lory Meagher Cup (2009).

The completion of the physical development at Healy Park, involving the construction of the iconic control tower and media centre together with the undercroft of the new stand, took place during Pat’s chairmanship. But probably the most significant initiative of this period was the decision of the County Committee to purchase some 40 acres of land to build a Tyrone Training & Administration Centre. Pat was totally committed to this project, leading by example as the Chairman of the highly successful PR & Marketing Committee with responsibility for fund-raising through Club Tyrone.



Pat had a unique and distinctive style of leadership as Chairman of Tyrone GAA; always professional and business-like in his handling of meetings and people, he was never less than fully prepared for the matters to be discussed, and he ensured that decisions were taken on issues – easy or difficult - when required. He was always happy to delegate duties to others, displaying trust in them, and allowing them to make progress without any hindrance or interruption thereafter. Being of a quiet disposition, Pat was never a man for the limelight, nor a man of many words, but when he spoke – briefly and pointedly – everyone paid full attention to what was being said and his words resulted in the desired, appropriate outcome.

He could mix and meet with the hierarchy as easily and comfortably as with the grass-roots members and was always keen to champion what the GAA should stand for; amateurism, volunteerism, discipline, respect for rules, respect for members and fair treatment for all, were always at the forefront of Pat's mind.

On completion of his chairmanship of Tyrone GAA in 2009, Pat was elected to the Ulster Council for the five-year period ending in 2014; in addition to representing and advocating the interests of Tyrone at Provincial level, he accepted the additional duties of Chairman of the Ulster Ethics committee, where the skills and expertise learned in his professional life were of significant benefit, right through until the time of his death.

In 2017 he re-joined the County Committee as representative of St. Patrick's GAC Tattyreagh and continued to contribute to the Association from his wealth of knowledge, experience and understanding of community.

Pat Darcy was one of the finest Chairmen to lead the Association in Tyrone.

We were honoured that his family and Club were agreeable in permitting the County Committee to use his name on the Junior football championship cup, won this year by his Club for the first time, in its centenary year.

On behalf of Tyrone GAA our deepest sympathy is extended to Pat's son Sean, his daughters Claire, Sean, Sarah and Louise, to his wide family circle and to his Club, St Patrick's.

## **Paddy Devlin**



Paddy Devlin began his involvement in the GAA as a player with Armagh Harps, in the county of his birth, before moving to Omagh where he joined the St Enda's Club in the early 1950s. Here he would become fully involved in every aspect of the life of the Club, as a player, administrator, team bus driver, team manager, and referee. He held many positions on the Club's Executive including those of Chairman and Treasurer. Not content with giving of his time to the affairs of the Club, Paddy moved on to administration at county level; he was elected as Treasurer of the West Tyrone Board in 1960 and fulfilled this role until 1974. Later he joined the County Youth Board serving as its Chairman until the Board was replaced by the Games Administration Committee in 1989.

While in this role Paddy became heavily involved with Tyrone's minor football teams and in subsequent years he would devote a decade of his life to the so-called Over-40s teams that enjoyed an active programme of games throughout the 90's.

However, all of this involvement in team management and participation in administration almost pales into insignificance when compared with his outstanding career as a referee.

Paddy Devlin's record in officiating at games at Club, Colleges', County, Provincial and National levels is unique and probably will never be matched. Here, space only permits the recording of a small sample of the most significant games where Paddy was the 'man in the middle'.

He refereed five senior football county finals in Tyrone: Clonoe v Donaghmore (1960), Clonoe v Derrylaughan and replay (1965), Ardboe v Coalisland (1968) and Trillick v Owen Roes (1975); three Ulster senior finals: Derry v Down (1971), Donegal v Down & replay (1974); the Cork v Laois All-Ireland minor football final (1967); two All-Ireland senior football finals: Offaly v Kerry replay (1972) and Dublin v Galway (1974); the NFL final & replay, Kerry v Roscommon (1973) and the Railway Cup final & replay, Leinster v Munster (1973). In addition he took charge of the complete Connacht football championship in 1974, three McKenna Cup finals, seven Ulster Colleges' finals (including three MacRory Cup finals), the 1974 Sigerson Cup final and four Donegal senior football finals. At the end of his extensive career Paddy had refereed, at some level, in every county in Ireland and he had always been readily available to take charge of even the lowest grade youth match, anywhere in Tyrone. Indeed he often asserted that this was where he witnessed some of the best and most sporting contests.

Sincere sympathy to Paddy's wife, Pauline his daughter Patricia and sons Paul and Sean and to his Club St Enda's.

## Brian McLernon



A lifelong member of the Kevin Barry's GAC, Derrylaughan, Brian McLernon served his club, his county, his province and the GAA nationally with distinction.

He began as a player for the Kevin Barry's, he captained the St Patrick's Academy team that won the McLarnon Cup in 1960, and he went on to play in five Tyrone senior county finals throughout the 1960s - eventually winning the O'Neill Cup in 1967, alongside brothers Enda and Joey, against Carrickmore.

Brian also served as a club administrator from his early days, initially as Assistant Secretary (1960-64) followed by Club Secretary for over a decade from 1964 to 1975.

He was elected on to the County Board in 1974 and became the Tyrone representative on Comhairle Uladh in 1977, serving as Vice-President (1989-92) and then taking over to lead the Ulster Council as its President between 1992 and 1994. During his time as Ulster President, he was also a member of Coiste Bainistí at national level, at a time when the redevelopment of Croke Park was commencing. Brian remained active within the Association after this and served for a number of years as Chairman of the Ulster Scór committee, Chairman of the Ulster hurling committee and a member and also was a member of the Ulster Grounds committee.

During all of this period Brian remained in his teaching profession and dedicated much of his time to the research for, and the writing of, his Club's history 'A Kick On The Shore' which, fittingly, was launched at the Kevin Barry's diamond jubilee in 2005.



On behalf of Tyrone GAA we extend our deepest sympathy to Brian's wife Elizabeth, his sons Damian, Oliver and Michael, his daughters Dympna, Roisin and Briega, his extended family circle and his Kevin Barry's club.

Ar lamh dheis Dé go raibh siad.

## **AFFILIATED CLUBS 2017**

### **Senior (Division 1) (16)**

Ardboe, An Charraig Mhor, Clonoe, Coalisland, Dromore, Edendork, Eglis, Errigal Ciaran, Galbally, Greencastle, Killyclogher, Omagh, Strabane, Pomeroy, Trillick, Urney.

### **Intermediate (Division 2) (16)**

Aghaloo, Aghyaran, Augher, Castleberg, Cookstown, Derrylaughan, Donaghmore, Dungannon, Eskra, Gortin, Kildress, Loughmacrory, Moortown, Moy, Rock, Stewartstown.

### **Junior (Division 3) (17)**

Beragh, Brackaville, Brockagh, Clann na nGael, Clogher, Derrytresk, Dregish, Drumquin, Drumragh, Errigal Ciaran III, Fintona, Glenelly, Killeeshil, Killyman, Newtownstewart, Owen Roes, Tattyreagh.

### **Hurling (7)**

Éire Óg Carrickmore, Eoghan Ruadh Dungannon, Naomh Colum Cille, Shamrocks Strabane, Cú Chulainn an Ghleanna (Y), Uí Néill Tulach Óg (Y), Dúiche Néill an Bhinn Borb(Y).



*Naomh Pádraig, Taite Riabhach – Junior Football Champions 2017*



*Naomh Coum Cille – Junior Hurling Champions 2017*