



# COMHDHÁIL BLIANTÚIL 2026

Óstán na Mainistreach, Ros Comáin  
Dé hAoine 28ú Samhain 2025 ag 7 i.n.

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## 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.
2. A delegate speaking to a resolution, or an amendment must not exceed three minutes.
3. The proposer of a resolution or 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. Chairman may at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on a 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 a matter not on the agenda except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

## Minutes of 2025 Comhdháil Bhliantúil Coisde Condae Ros Comáin

*Held in the Percy French Hotel, Strokestown on 11th December 2024.*

An Cathaoirleach, Brian Ó Cearbháill, opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates. The Standing Orders for Convention were then adopted on the proposal of John Carthy and seconded by Robert McConn.

The minutes of the 2024 Convention were adopted on the proposal of Eddie Campbell and seconded by John Carthy.

Apologies: Kieran Farrell, Marion Kelly, Fidelma Lennon, Christy McDermott, James Gleeson, Richard Thompson, Aine Martin & Mike Donnelly.

### **Moltaí**

Motion 1 We propose that the Divisional region of North Roscommon, will consist of the clubs, St. Ronan's, St. Michael's, Ballinameen, Shannon Gael's, Kilmore, Kilglass Gael's, St. Barry's and Boyle. The Divisional region of West Roscommon shall consist of the club's, St. Croan's, Éire Óg, Michael Glavey's, Western Gael's, Castlerea, Strokestown and Tulsk.

Only Player's from the club's participating in either junior or intermediate championship can play with the divisional teams in their respective region in any given year

*Submitted by the Northern Board – Passed to Special Fixtures County Board*

Motion 2 That the Division 5 league have 2 groups of 5A and 5B in which the strong teams go into 5A and weak teams go into 5B. Teams have to win 5B in order to get into 5A. The bottom team in Div 5A is regulated to 5B. This is to make Div 5 in general more of a level playing field.

*Submitted by Kilglass Gaels – Passed to Special Fixtures County Board*

Motion 3 In the group stages of the Junior B championship, that a team who only has 13 players on a given day for a match, that the opposition play 13 as well for that match. This is for group stages only. Then back to normal 15 a side when the competition gets to the knock out stage.

*Submitted by Kilglass Gaels – Passed to Special Fixtures County Board*

Motion 4 'A player who hasn't played championship football for their 1st team or who has been reseeded from previous year' That the player be given 1 change, that if they play less than a half hour in first match, that they can still play for their 2nd team. Once they play 1 minute in a second match then they wouldn't be eligible to play for their 2nd team.

*Submitted by Kilglass Gaels – Proposed by Cian Diffley & seconded by Seamus Nugent.  
Amendment put forward, motion then defeated.*

Motion 5 Motion to introduce a bye law to remove the win on the day regulation to be replaced with the following. (A) On day one following a draw after regulation time proceed to play 20 minutes of extra time with no penalty shootout. Should following the extra time period that the game ends level, a replay to be scheduled (B) On day two (replay) following a draw after regulation time proceed to play 20 minutes of extra time. Should the game finish level after the period of extra time proceed to penalty shootout.

*Submitted by Oran Football GAA – Passed to Special Fixtures County Board*

### **Chairman's Address**

An Cathaoirleach Brian Ó Cearbháill in his address welcomed all those present to the Convention. He commenced his report by complimenting Brian Mullin on a mighty report to Convention.

Brian commented on the Board's finances and said the Balance Sheet was challenging and that the cost of everything is increasing. The Officers are trying to tighten things up as much as possible, but it is still very difficult. Brian continued by asking all delegates to support the Win a house in Kildare campaign as much as possible as it is the only fundraiser the clubs are asked to work on this year. He thanked Pat Compton & the Club Rossie committee and the huge work going on behind the scenes with the draw. He updated the meeting on the recent media headlines relating to Revenue visits in counties and said that the PR was being handled centrally. Brian thanked David O Connor for all his work and dedication to Roscommon GAA and said the Board would be lost without him. He thanked the gate collectors under the guidance of Sean Flanagan and wished Tony Christie luck in his new position.

He commented on our county teams during the year. He said the senior footballers had a challenging year after being relegated to Division 2 in the National Football League. He thanked the players & management for their dedication and wished them luck for the season ahead. He said the senior hurlers were unlucky to miss out on a place in the Nickey Rackard Cup Final and wished the team & management luck in the coming season. He continued to congratulate the U20 football team on their Connacht Final success. He thanked Noel Dunning & his management team for their dedication during their term and wished Cian Smith luck for the 2025 season. He congratulated the U20 hurlers on their season and wished them luck in 2025. Brian complimented the underage football & hurling teams on their successes during the year. He thanked the officers, development squad players & parents and the Games Promotion Officers under the guidance of Head of Games, Padraic Mitchell for their dedication to Roscommon GAA and ensuring by their hard work, the county's success in years to come. He complimented David McDonnell, outgoing Coaching Officer, for his hard work over the past five years. Brian also paid tribute to Gerry Keane who had stood down as treasurer to the hurling committee after a huge service. Brian congratulated our club champions on their success also.

Brian thanked the CCC for ensuring our fixtures programme ran off successfully. He said it was difficult for the U20 championship due to weather and lack of pitches as a result but said this was flagged at the start but was what clubs wanted. He thanked Declan Hunt, Referees Administrator, and all referees for their hard

work and ensuring our games were officiated each week. He asked clubs to be on the look out for new referees and to pass their details to Declan. He thanked the Hearings Committee and said it is not an easy job. He paid tribute to Peter McHugh, Chairperson & Brian McDonnell, Secretary who were both stepping away. He wished Tina Gilleran & Claire Hoare luck when they took up the positions. Brian thanked members of all sub-committees in the county for their hard work & dedication for the betterment of Roscommon GAA. He thanked all club officers for their support during the year. He thanked our local media for their support. He congratulated John O Connor, PRO, on his second McNamee Award under "Best GAA Programme". Brian also congratulated Valerie Murray, Thomas Murray, Anthony Flaherty, Teresa Hession & Pat Compton on their appointment to National Committees. He thanked Eddie Conboy & Aengus Cunningham, Roscommon Handball, Peter Mullen, Roscommon Camogie & Declan Walshe, Roscommon LGFA and their Committees for their support during the year.

Brian commented on the County Strategic Plan, led by Teresa Hession. He said it would be a great benefit to the county and huge work was going into it behind the scenes. He commented on the Jimmy Memorial Monument in Knockcroghery and complimented Thomas Murray, Chairperson of that committee for the huge work undertaken and said it was a very proud legacy.

Brian commented on Dr. Hyde Park. He thanked King & Moffatt who have always been great supporters of the Board and now come on board as stadium sponsors for 5 years. He said the first phase of development works are complete. We now have an increased capacity of 23,000 and it is an ideal venue for neutral games. He said phase two works would include new & upgrading of toilet blocks, turnstiles & fencing and new dressing rooms. Roscommon GAA have received two grants totalling €543,429 but matching funding would be required before works could commence. He thanked Pdraig Naughton & the Infrastructure Committee for all their work on the completion of phase one. He complimented Pete, Brian & Enda for their work on ensuring our pitch & grounds are kept in great condition and as a result were in the running for the National Pitch of the Year. He thanked our stewards for their work in ensuring our games can take place and also appealed to clubs to try and recruit new personnel for the season ahead. He thanked our Event Management team, Roscommon Gaels club and in particular, Michael Flahive for giving endless hours of voluntary work to ensure the hosting of our games are a success.

Brian said plans on our Dermot Earley Centre of Excellence were progressing well with planning received for the project. He said it would be the headquarters for all codes. He said Roscommon GAA had received Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Funding of €5.5million and this was a huge boost for the county.

Brian especially thanked Sean Mullryan, Ballymore and Tom Hunt, Ranger Pipelines for their fantastic support to Roscommon GAA as main sponsors. He thanked King & Moffatt, John Keane Travel Partners, and all our Club Rossie Business Members for their financial support which in turn ensures our teams are looked after as well as required. He looked forward to welcoming new Business Members on board for 2025.

Brian extended the sympathy of the Board to all families who lost loved ones during the year and in particular, members of our sub committees. Special tribute was paid to Chris O' Dowd, Northern Board Chairperson, and Tommie Hoare from St. Barry's club who passed away during the year and would be sorely missed by all.

He concluded by thanking his fellow officers, David O Connor, Thomas Murray and Brian Mullin. These three give so much of their time daily for the betterment of Roscommon GAA. He thanked Diane & Sharon in the office for their support. He thanked his own club Kilmore for their support and also thanked his own

family and friends for their continued support. He apologised if he forgot to mention anyone, and he wished everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and a healthy 2025.

## Election of Officers

All officers were nominated unopposed. They were adopted on the proposal of Seamus Nugent and seconded by Cian Diffley. As there was no nomination for the position of Coaching Officer, this was to be opened to the clubs again.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>OUTGOING</b>	<b>NOMINATION</b>
Cathaoirleach Chairperson	Brian Ó Cearbháill Brian Carroll	Brian Ó Cearbháill Brian Carroll
Leas Cathaoirleach Vice Chairperson	Tomás Ó Muírí Thomas Murray	Tomás Ó Muírí Thomas Murray
Rúnaí Secretary	Brian Ó Maoláin Brian Mullin	Brian Ó Maoláin Brian Mullin
Rúnaí Cúnta Assistant Secretary	Fidelma Ní Leannáin Fidelma Lennon	Fidelma Ní Leannáin Fidelma Lennon
Cisteoir Treasurer	Daibhéid Ó Conchúir David O Connor	Daibhéid Ó Conchúir David O Connor
Cisteoir Cúnta Assistant Treasurer	Antoin McChríosta Tony Christie	Antoin McChríosta Tony Christie
Oifigeach Oiliúna Coaching Officer		To be opened back up to all clubs
Oifigeach Gaeilge & Cúlúir Irish Language/ Culture	Cláir Ní Chaisleáin Clare Connellan	Cláir Ní Chaisleáin Clare Connellan
Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí P.R.O.	Seán Ó Conchúbhair John O'Connor	Seán Ó Conchúbhair John O'Connor
Teachta Do Chomhairle Chonnacht Connacht Council Delegate (2)	Seán Ó Cárthaigh John Carty Seamas Ó Nuinseann Seamus Nugent	Seán Ó Cárthaigh John Carty Seamas Ó Nuinseann Seamus Nugent
Teachta Don Ard Chomhairle Central Council Delegate	Pat Compton Pat Compton	Pat Compton Pat Compton

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí, Brian Ó Maoláin was then presented to convention and was adopted on the proposal of John Carthy and seconded by Gerry Markham.

The Auditors Report and Balance Sheet were presented to Convention by David O' Connor and Freda McGuire, Mulhern Leonard Auditors. Freda highlighted a few points during her Audit including the new format for presenting the accounts. She thanked David O Connor & Diane Dennehy for their help and assistance during the Audit.

David brought delegates through a very detailed set of accounts, noting that everything is getting more expensive which in turn raises the figures. He said that Club Affiliations would have to be increased due to more associated costs. He said standards of our teams are very high and they want for nothing during their respective campaigns. He thanked our Audit & Risk Committee for their work on ensuring Governance is maintained. He thanked our Finance Committee for their work on the day-to-day monitoring of spends, assistance with budgets & also preparation of documentation for Grant Applications. He said our Win a Home in Kildare campaign is a key part of funding for the new CoE and he asked delegates to support wherever possible. He noted that Sean Mulryan was assisting with the design part of the project and he thanked him personally for this.

David continued to thank Sean Mulryan & Tom Hunt, our two main sponsors and all our other sponsors and Club Rossie Business members.

Finally, he thanked his fellow officers, in particular Brian, Brian & Tom, Diane & Sharon in the office, the Club Rossie committee under the control of Chairperson, Pat Compton, and anyone who had helped him in any way throughout the year. He paid a special tribute to Sean Flanagan, Assistant Treasurer whose five-year term had concluded and thanked him for all his work and dedication to Roscommon GAA. David welcomed Tony Christie as Assistant Treasurer and said he looked forward to working with him.

Pat Compton presented the Club Rossie Report. He commenced by thanking all committee members and highlighting the importance of their roles. He paid tribute to all volunteers who assisted in any way. Pat thanked all Club Rossie Business Members and asked delegates to please support them wherever possible. He continued by saying that Roscommon GAA & Club Rossie are in the middle of fundraising with the house draw and asked all clubs and members to put their shoulder to the wheel and support. He asked clubs to advertise the draw on club socials, notes and text messaging.

The accounts were adopted on the proposal of Anthony Flaherty and seconded by Michael McGuire.

### ***Reports from the following sub-committees were adopted on the night:***

#### Coaching Officer's Report (David McDonnell)

Proposed by Seamus Nugent and seconded by Pat Compton.

David noted the importance of the CoE for Development Squads as it was hard at times to secure training facilities due to weather conditions. He complimented the works in Dr. Hyde Park and said it was a ground to be proud of.

David thanked office staff, clubs for making pitches available, club coaches, full and part-time coaching staff lead by Padraic Mitchell, schools for allowing coaches in and the county board for all support during the year. He thanked the Connacht Coaching Committee and in particular, Cathal Cregg for his help over the last five years.

#### Minor Committee Report (Shay Galvin)

Proposed by Eddie Campbell and seconded by John Carty

Shay started by thanking Paula Clogher and Marion Kelly for their work during the year. He thanked Connacht Gold for their sponsorship for underage games, Padraic Mitchell for his work in C&G, and Jason Doherty, Performance Coach, for his work with the teams. They thanked all clubs for use of pitches and Declan Hunt for his assistance with referee appointments. Shay wished Shane Moran and his management team the best of luck for the coming year. He concluded by remembering Chris O' Dowd who passed away during the year. He said Chris was involved with the U17 team recording all their games.

#### Hurling Committee Report (Anne Connachton)

Proposed by Anthony Flaherty & Seconded by Robert McConn

Anne thanked clubs and the County Management Committee for their support during the year. She thanked office staff, Declan Hunt for his assistance with referees, Padraic Mulry for his work and the media for their support. Anne paid tribute to Christy after a difficult year, she said it was great to have him back and wished him continued health. She congratulated Anthony Flaherty on his three year term as Connacht Treasurer. Anne concluded by wishing Kevin Sammon and his management team the best of luck for the year ahead.

#### Coisde Iomána (Mike Donnelly)

Proposed by Tim Healy & Seconded by Gerry Markham.

Kieran & Mike expressed thanks to clubs and the county board for their help during the year.

#### Safety & Facilities Report (Frank Egan)

Proposed by John Donohoe and seconded by Seamus Nugent

Frank said that 11 clubs had applied for grants and all were successful. He extended thanks to Pat Compton for all his work during the year and also to all committee members for all they did. He said that the GAA Development Fund was open until 31<sup>st</sup> January on Foireann. St. Croan's received the award for most improved ground and Ballinameen received the award for "Club Ground of the Year".

#### Planning & Training Report (Teresa Hession)

Proposed by Una Killoran & Seconded by Eddie Campbell

Teresa gave an update on stewards training. She said that work was ongoing on the County Strategic Plan. She thanked clubs for their hospitality on visits and paid tribute to all the fantastic work being undertaken to improve grounds. Teresa concluded by thanking the facilitators and club and county officers and acknowledged all the work they do, mostly behind the scenes to keep the clubs and county going.

#### Communications Report (John O'Connor)

Proposed by Clare Connellan & Seconded by Tommie Kenoy.

John thanked clubs and the officers for their assistance during the year. He welcomed Tony Christie to the Board and paid tribute to David McDonnell for his assistance over the last five years.

#### Children's Officers Report (Oliver Donagher)

Proposed by Stuart Watters and seconded by Tommie Kenoy.

Oliver started by admiring all the hard work going on in clubs. He stressed the importance of Garda Vetting, Safeguarding Courses and Coaching qualifications for all personnel involved with minors.

#### Northern Board (John O Connor)

Proposed by Cormac Tighe & Seconded by Shane Devaney

John paid tribute to Chris O' Dowd who was Chairperson of the Board. He welcomed Shane and Tony on board and continued to thank the clubs, office staff and county board officers for their help during the year.

#### Southern Board (Larry Brennan)

Proposed by John Donohoe and seconded by Niall Kilcrann.

Larry thanked County Board officers for all their help during the year. He said unfortunately the team didn't happen in 2024. He said the officers met with the officers of the Northern Board and CCC for suggestions regarding assistance for 2025.

#### History Committee Report (Tommie Kenoy)

Proposed by Robert McConn & seconded by Cathal Durney.

#### Fixtures Analyst Report (Valerie Murray)

Proposed by Cormac Tighe & seconded by Anthony Flaherty.

#### Health & Well Being Report (Sean Mulry)

Proposed by Frank Egan & seconded by John Carthy.

#### Scór & Culture Report (Clare Connellan)

Proposed by Gerry Tiernan & seconded by Cormac Tighe.

Handball Report (Eddie Conboy)

Proposed by Cormac Tighe & seconded by Niall Kilcrann.

Infrastructure Report (Padraig Naughton)

Proposed by Gerry Markham & seconded by Larry Brennan.

Padraig extended a special thanks to Michael Flahive for everything he does for Roscommon GAA. He said that Dr. Hyde Park is somewhere for all Rossies to be proud of and that the new wheelchair section is now one of the best in the Country.

## **AOB**

- CCC – Query raised as to why U20 FC Finals took place in Began. It was stated that Hyde Park was closed due to goalmouths being resodded and numerous clubs contacted but no luck securing anywhere. Tom Murray said that if any club grounds were now available to please let the CCC know. Thanks was expressed to Fidelma and all members of the CCC for their work during the year.
- Declan Hunt thanked all Referees for their work during the year and said that Roscommon GAA were looking to recruit new referees for the year ahead.
- Seamus Nugent thanked the Safety & Facilities Committee for their work on the Connacht Club Grants and for ensuring all documentation was in order when received by Connacht GAA.
- John Carthy thanked all teams for their great work and for the manner in which teams represented Roscommon with dignity.
- The latest date for affiliation was fixed as February 4<sup>th</sup> on the proposal of Niall Kilcrann and seconded by Larry Brennan.
- Bye Laws – number 8, Regrading date changed to 30<sup>th</sup> June on proposal of Enda Walshe & seconded by Francis Dowd.
- The appointment of delegates to Connacht Convention & Annual Congress was decided as the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO and Central Council delegate on the proposal of Larry Brennan and seconded by Miko Kenny.

This completed the business of the meeting.

## Moltaí

1. In light of the findings of the recent UN report that Allianz Insurance is profiting from the illegal occupation of Palestine, the GAA should begin the process of ending all commercial involvement with Allianz Insurance.

*Context: From economy of occupation to economy of genocide- (A/HRC/59/23) Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese.*

<https://www.un.org/unispal/document/a-hrc-59-23-from-economy-of-occupation-to-economy-of-genocide-report-special-rapporteur-francesca-albanese-palestine-2025/>

*Human Rights Council - Legal analysis of the conduct of Israel in Gaza pursuant to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide*

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/hrcouncil/sessions-regular/session60/advance-version/a-hrc-60-crp-3.pdf>

St. Aidan's

2. Refers to the rules governing the club constitution and specifically to Appendix 4 Club Constitution and Rule. Article 7.2 1 in Official Guide

We propose that that an additional paragraph to rule 7.2 be made

*The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Registrar, Officer for the Irish language and Culture, Communications Officer, Children's Officer, Coaching Officer, one player's representative, and at least five but not more than ten Full Members.*

*The Club Executive will ensure all sporting codes and activities within the club are represented on the Executive and fully integrated into Club Committees and club decision making processes pertaining to their membership, playing of games and future development.*

Padraig Pearses

3. That while regrading rule remain unchanged at 6 players that in addition clubs can regrade a further 3 players for Junior B Championship only (9 in total), who have not played in current years football championships at Senior, Intermediate or Junior A, 10 calendar days in advance of the commencement of a clubs Junior B Football Championship.

St. Croans

4. For the GAA to look at the ceiling amount claimed regarding the injury fund.

Kilbride

5. For the GAA to look at the excess amount for claims within insurance policy.

Kilbride

6. Add a new bye law to section 4 of the county bye laws as follows:

*Ros Camán (Hurling Development Committee): It shall consist of a chairperson and secretary nominated by the Management Committee and appointed by the County Committee, the Chairperson and Secretary of Coiste Iomána and two named representatives of each affiliated hurling club that fields a team in underage hurling championship in the current year. It shall be entitled to make proposals on matters relating to the promotion and development of hurling within the county to the Coaching & Games Development Committee.*

Four Roads

7. Amend bye law 3.7 as follows:

*3.7 Coaching and Games Development Committee: (4) It shall consist of the County Coaching Officer, as Chairperson, Games Development Manager (who shall act as Secretary), Chairperson of Ros Camán, Chairperson of Bord nan Óg Football, Communications Officer, the County Chairperson and the County Secretary.*

Four Roads

8. Where possible, the Minor Football Committee and Coiste Iomána together with the CCC or delegated committee will develop a programme of fixtures to ensure minimal overlap of the playing season between codes (hurling and football) for the same age groups. The CCC or delegated committee will oversee the implementation of this underage fixtures programme providing oversight of amendments or changes to ensure the avoidance of fixture congestion.

Padraig Pearses

9. In the group stage of club championships, the home team shall receive the full admission gate income.

Strokestown

10. Player eligibility for club championship. A player outside of the clubs nominated first 15 has to start in two championship games at the higher grade or accumulate a certain number of minutes at the higher grade before they become ineligible for their clubs second team at a lower grade.

Strokestown

11. We ask the County Competitions Control Committee to carry out a review of the club football u20 championship with a view to finding a suitable slot in the fixtures calendar thus ensuring club players get at least three games. This is a vulnerable age for a large group of club players with some dropping out of football due to lack of games at their age group.

Shannon Gaels

12. For League and Championship Fixtures, that the "Home Team" will provide both teams with footballs. This will eliminate the issue with "missing Footballs".

Tulsk Lord Edward's

13. A motion for the development of a league which facilitates smaller numbers of players per team at boys underage level. This would mean that rural clubs which are struggling with numbers at underage level could still take part in a league with other clubs in a similar situation (teams of 9/11/etc) this would help maintain the clubs underage team identity and mean less young players are lost to their clubs and GAA.

Tulsk Lord Edward's

14. Proposed Restructuring of Roscommon Club Football Championships

#### *Senior Club Football Championship Structure*

The Senior club football championship will be organised into two groups, each comprising six teams.

The group stage will consist of five rounds, where each team faces the others in its respective group.

The teams finishing in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in both groups will automatically qualify for the quarter-finals, resulting in six teams progressing directly.

The teams finishing in 4th place in each group will be entered into a draw. The team drawn out will secure a place in the quarter-finals.

The team not drawn out from the 4th placed teams will play against the winners of the Divisional Championship in a preliminary quarter-final. The winner of this match will claim the final spot in the quarter-finals.

The teams finishing 6th (bottom) in each group will enter a relegation playoff. One team will be relegated as a result of this playoff.

#### *Intermediate and Junior Club Football Championship Structure*

Both the Intermediate and Junior club football championships will feature four groups, with each group containing three teams. The group stage will involve three rounds.

The teams finishing 1st and 2nd in each group will qualify for the quarter-finals, making a total of eight teams advancing from the group stage.

The teams finishing 3rd (bottom) in each group will enter a relegation playoff. One team will be relegated as a result. In the Junior championship, 1st teams cannot be relegated.

To facilitate the participation of clubs in the Divisional championship, the Intermediate and Junior championships will be completed in advance of the Knockout stages of the Senior Championship competition. This scheduling approach ensures that all eligible clubs have the opportunity to compete in the Divisional championship without conflict or overlap with their fixtures in the Intermediate and Junior championships.

Northern Board

## Election of Officers

POSITION	OUTGOING	NOMINATION
Cathaoirleach Chairperson	Breáin Ó Cearbháill Brian Carroll	Tomás Ó Muirí Thomas Murray
Leas Cathaoirleach Vice Chairperson	Tomás Ó Muirí Thomas Murray	Proinsias Mac Aogháin Frank Egan
Rúnaí Secretary	Brian Ó Maoláin Brian Mullin	Brian Ó Maoláin Brian Mullin
Rúnaí Cúnta Assistant Secretary	Fidelma Ní Leannáin Fidelma Lennon	Paula Ní Shíoradáin Paula Sheridan
Cisteoir Treasurer	Daibhéid Ó Conchúir David O Connor	Daibhéid Ó Conchúir David O Connor
Cisteoir Cúnta Assistant Treasurer	Antoin McChríosta Tony Christie	Antoin McChríosta Tony Christie
Oifigeach Oiliúna Coaching Officer	Niall Ó Muirí Niall Murray	Niall Ó Muirí Niall Murray
Oifigeach Gaeilge & Cúlúir Irish Language/ Culture	Cláir Ní Chaisleáin Clare Connellan	Síle Ní Chearnaigh
Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí P.R.O.	Seán Ó Conchúbhair John O'Connor	Fidelma Ní Leannáin Fidelma Lennon
Teachta Do Chomhairle Chonnacht Connacht Council Delegate (2)	Seán Ó Cárthaigh John Carty  Seamas Ó Nuinseann Seamus Nugent	Seamas Ó Nuinseann Seamus Nugent  Seán Ó Conchúbhair John O'Connor  Aodh Ó Linn Hugh Lynn  Éanna Breathnach Enda Walshe
Teachta Don Ard Chomhairle Central Council Delegate	Padraig Ó Comptán Pat Compton	Breáin Ó Cearbháill Brian Carroll

## Tuarascáil an Rúnaí - Comhdháil Bliantiúil

It is a great privilege and honour to write this report on the activities within the county in the last 12 months. This is my second report as Rúnaí Coiste Chontae Ros Comáin, it has been a very busy year on and off the field for Roscommon GAA as we had a full programme of games both at Inter County and Club level. The ongoing works that are part of our infrastructural plan which are being undertaken in King & Moffatt Dr., Hyde Park and the continued pursuit of the Dermot Earley Centre of Excellence have meant it has been a busy year.

I must begin by acknowledging and thanking all our great volunteers both at Club and County level for their continued work and dedication without which we simply couldn't operate as an Association.

Here is a summary of how things went on the field for our teams during 2025

### Hurling

I will start with a special mention and pride of place for our Senior Hurlers. Anne & Mike will cover in far more detail in their hurling reports, but a huge congratulations to our Senior Hurlers who were crowned the Nickey Rackard Champions for 2025. They overcame Mayo in Croke Park on a final scoreline of 3-16 to Mayo 1-21. It was some finish to their year after a mixed league campaign overall, Kevin Sammon and his backroom team had their team well drilled and primed for the final.

They got a fantastic reception in King & Moffatt Dr. Hyde Park that evening on their return. Kevin and his team has since stepped down but I would like to sincerely thank them for bringing Nickey Rackard glory to Roscommon in what was a fantastic boost to all GAA supporters in our county I would also like to welcome Brian Hanley (Athenry) who will be taking over from Kevin.

Our u17s had a good Celtic Challenge campaign reaching the semi final and u20s had good runs which bodes well for the future.

Congratulations to Mark Ward, Sean Canning, Enda Lawless, and Conor Cosgrove on foot of their Nickey Rackard success, pick up the GAA Champion 15 Awards 2025. Conor Cosgrove was also named the overall Player of the Year in the Nickey Rackard Championship 2025.

### Football

As we all know the FBD Insurance Connacht Senior Football League competition did not take place in 2025 and is now back for the 2026 season, something we can all look forward to and a chance to defend the Paddy Francis Dwyer Cup. It will no doubt be an opportunity for our new Senior Football Manager Mark Dowd to give his squad some much needed game time as we head into life in Division 1 of the National Football League. It will also be great to see the UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY CONNACHT GAA AIR DOME restored to its former glory.

In 2025 with the introduction of the new rules, it has been a breath of fresh air to football and we had a wonderful year overall in terms of quality and entertainment. The committee led by Jim Gavin did a wonderful job which has reinvigorated the game again. They have been widely commended for the bold rules they introduced and Roscommon GAA would like to echo those sentiments for what they have achieved for the game.

### *Allianz Division One National Football League*

As we look back now, it shows the quality of players we have at our disposal, that we managed to finish second in this campaign and returned to Division 1 Football for 2026. We need to support them now more

than ever with the wonderful crop of young players we have emerging from recent minor and u20 squads to ensure we keep competing at the top table.

We began our League campaign with a win at home to Down in King and Moffatt Dr. Hyde Park on a scoreline of Roscommon 3-21 (3-3-15) Down 1-20 (1-6-8). This was a very exciting game and was the first game of the new rules on show with our footballers which lived up to what was to come.

We travelled to the Integral Grounds in Drogheda for Round 2 where after a superb game in a tight ground, we emerged with a two point win versus Louth on a scoreline of 1-17 to 1-15.

In Round 3, we played Monaghan at home in a top of table clash in another thrilling clash. We were top of Division 2 after this game when we won on a scoreline of 0-25 to 2-14.

In Navan in round 3 , Meath deservedly beat us on a scoreline of 2-18 to 0-17. We tried hard but on the day simply were beaten by a better side on the day. A long trip to Cork resulted in a comprehensive win and put us back on track for promotion. We played Cavan at home in the next round and lost in what was a disappointing display where we played in fits and starts. In our final league game we played Westmeath away, where we looked to be coasting to victory with 20 minutes remaining and ended in a draw after Westmeath hit 5 two pointers to draw the game at the death.

A nervy wait ensued whilst we waited for results elsewhere which thankfully confirmed we had done enough to be promoted to Division 1 in 2026 and reach the Division 2 league final

## Allianz Football League Roinn 2

Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agst	Diff	Points
Muineachán	7	5	0	2	193	161	32	10
Ros Comáin	7	4	1	2	161	142	19	9
An Mhí	7	4	0	3	162	157	5	8
An Cabhán	7	4	0	3	153	159	-6	8
Corcaigh	7	4	0	3	151	158	-7	8
An Lú	7	3	0	4	143	157	-14	6
An Dún	7	3	0	4	162	172	-10	6
An Iarmhí	7	0	1	6	162	181	-19	1

In the Division Two League Final (March 29, 2025): Monaghan emerged victorious in the Allianz NFL Division Two decider at Croke Park. We led at half-time but Monaghan dominated the second half to lose on a scoreline of 1-26 to 0-19. It was disappointing to lose a national final , but the overall aim of promotion was achieved and we could now begin to look forward to the championship. With the tight schedule of the split season, the players and management couldn't dwell on the result too long.

Connacht SFC Quarter Final

April 5, 2025, McGovern Park , Ruislip

Final score: London 0-13 Roscommon 2-26.

A wonderful trip for both supporters and players to enjoy. The weather was great and a huge Roscommon following was present at the game.

We started very well, until London reeled us in only for the lads to power away in the final quarter. This was the team's third week in a row on the road so there was a lot of tired bodies after the game

Roscommon scorers: C Murtagh 1-5 (1 2p), B O'Carroll 0-7 (1 2pf), D Murtagh 1-1, C McKeon 0-3, E Smith C Heneghan (1 2p) 0-2 each, R Fallon, U Harney, E Nolan, K Doyle, D Ruane, S Killoran 0-1 each.

Connacht SFC semi-final

April 20, 2025 Pearse Stadium, Salthill

Final score: Galway 1-24 Roscommon 0-18.

Roscommon lost the Connacht semi-final in what was a hugely disappointing display. The lads competed well in the opening quarter, but Galway dominated from there on in. Our lads tried hard right to the final whistle and left ourselves open at the back as we chased the game in the second half. It was very much back to the drawing board to regroup ahead of the All Ireland series

Scorer for Roscommon: Diarmuid Murtagh 0-5 (3f, 1tp), Ciaráin Murtagh 0-4 (1tp), Ben O'Carroll 0-3, Donie Smith 0-2 (1tp), Colm Neary 0-1, Ruaidhrí Fallon 0-1 (1m), Shane Killoran 0-1, Senan Lambe 0-1.

All Ireland Championship Round Robin Group

Kerry 3-18 0-17 Roscommon

Killarney, Saturday, 17 May 2025

Our lads gave Kerry everything they had on the day, and we started very brightly in the opening quarter. Kerry always were in front but our lads kept at it until the end.

In what we know now, we like Armagh the year previous were beaten by the eventual All Ireland Champions  
Scorers: B. Stack (0-1), R. Daly (0-3, one 0-2), E. Nolan (0-1), K. Doyle (0-1); C. Murtagh (0-2, one free), D. Cregg (0-1), B. O'Carroll (0-2). D. Murtagh (0-3, one 0-2) C. Cox (0-3, one 0-2)

All-Ireland SFC Group Round 2

Meath 2-15 0-21 Roscommon

King & Moffatt Dr. Hyde Park, Saturday, 31 May 2025

This Round 2 match was a thrilling affair and saw Roscommon come back from a half-time deficit to secure a valuable point for their progression from the group. Enda Smith was superb on the day and instrumental in our comeback from a five point half time deficit. Both teams had chances at the end to win it, but a draw kept our chances alive of qualifying from the Group stage.

Scorers: D Murtagh 1-4 (2 2p), E Smith 0-6 (3 2p), B O'Carroll 1-0, D Cregg 0-2, D Ruane, S Lambe, C Murtagh (1f) 0-1 each.

All-Ireland SFC Group Round 3

Cork 0.19 Roscommon 0.17

Saturday, 14 June 2025 - O'Moore Park, Portlaoise

Despite a final rousing quarter by the lads, missed chances, just as they did against Meath, proved to be their undoing, as Cork held on for their biggest win of the season.

Roscommon tried their heart out but more was required as Cork deservedly won the game

We couldn't repeat our memorable draw with Meath from the previous round. We trailed Cork by six entering the final quarter but our bench had a major impact coming down that final stretch.

Roscommon did work hard throughout this game and unfortunately we didn't take some key chances which meant we didn't get the result we needed to make the final 12.

Scorers: D Cregg (0-5); D Murtagh, C McKeon (0-2 each); C Carroll (0-1 '45), S Lambe, E Nolan, D Ruane, E Smith, C Murtagh, B O'Carroll, D Smith (0-1 each).

Thanks to Davy Burke and his backroom team for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. Davy left no stone unturned and has stepped away after his three year term ended. Davy and his management team blooded a lot of players throughout his three years and has left us in a good place to kick on from, in that we start 2026 in Division one. We had some memorable victories during his tenure most notably the victory in Omagh versus Tyrone in the championship in 2024. I wish him well in his future endeavours and thank him for his commitment to the cause during the three years.

I would also like to congratulate Niall Daly, Donie Smith and Ciarain Murtagh as they have decided to retire from Inter County Football. The three of them have been both immense leaders and quality players for Roscommon GAA over their entire careers. They as players owe nothing to the jersey. I do hope they will return to help drive Roscommon GAA in some capacity in the not too distant future.

#### U20 Campaign

In Dalata Hotels Connacht U-20 Football Championship – we had good wins over Sligo and Leitrim, coupled with a draw against Galway which ensured we qualified for the Semi Final.

#### U20 Football Championship 2025- Round Robin

#	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Mayo	4	4	0	0	110	65	8
2	Roscommon	4	2	1	1	81	53	5
3	Sligo	4	2	2	0	79	98	4
4	Galway	4	1	2	1	74	66	3
5	Leitrim	4	0	4	0	60	122	0

In the Connacht Centre of Excellence we had a great win over Sligo in a hugely entertaining Semi Final contest on a final scoreline of 4.12 to 1.18 which meant we were to play Mayo in a Connacht Final.

After a pulsating final, on a beautiful evening for football, our lads did us very proud and were unlucky not to have won the game at the end when they lost on a scoreline of Mayo 2-17 Roscommon 4-8 at Tuam Stadium.

It was a disappointing end to the season but everyone present was so proud of the performance

Thanks to Cian Smith and his backroom team also for their work with our U20 team. They had a fantastic campaign and nearly got us over the line in Tuam. They did so much to develop and mould our future talent this year. A large number of the team are available again this year so let's hope they can develop even further.

A big thank you to all our players (both Senior & U20). They make huge sacrifices they make so that they can don the Roscommon jersey and give us many great days out.

As Marian has mentioned in her report, well done to Shane Moran and the u.17 management team on a fantastic year for that group of players in securing a Connacht Title. It was a great run and bodes well that we still have a conveyor belt of talent coming through.

#### To the future

After an extensive search, I want to welcome Mark Dowd as Senior Manager of Roscommon GAA after being ratified by the County Committee. We wish Mark and his backroom team the very best of luck for 2026 Mark has come through the ranks and proved himself at club and county level. He is so passionate about Roscommon GAA and I know we are in very safe hands.

Thanks to my fellow Selection Committee members Cathal Cregg, Donie Shine, Brian Carroll, David O'Connor, and Tom Murray for their manner in which they conducted the process

#### Club Football Scene

Fidelma Lennon has in her second year done a fantastic job along with all the CCC members on fixtures throughout 2025 in what is a very difficult role. She has given an excellent report on the year in terms of the club scene. We had some tremendous games and that was reflected in the attendance. Well done to all clubs who ensured their grounds were in top shape to make the experience an enjoyable one for everyone attending our games. I believe our club scene is running very strong. There are plenty of games for all but I do feel that we are now entering a phase in terms of demographics whereby teams will struggle to field and other clubs will struggle to cope with demands of giving games to all. We as a county, which we have done here to fore , need to continually examine our fixtures programme to ensure it works for our codes, players and clubs in line with changing needs to our county.

#### Off the Field

##### King & Moffatt Dr. Hyde Park

The completion of Phase 1 of the King & Moffatt Dr. Hyde Park project in 2024 was a huge step forward. Roscommon GAA also received €160,000 from the GAA County Capital Infrastructure Grants to go towards phase 2 of the Infrastructure Development of King & Moffatt Dr. Hyde Park. With this grant money, we completed the Erection of the Boundary Fence. Enormous credit must go to Pdraig Naughton and the Infrastructure Committee for their unbelievable work and dedication to the project.

Plans are already afoot to build a Age Friendly access toilet with grant funding received to further enhance our facilities in our Disability access area.

##### Dermot Earley Centre of Excellence

We are still striving to put the final pieces of the jigsaw in place for the Dermot Earley Centre of Excellence. We have the lands purchased, planning permission in place, detailed designs completed and a 5.5 million initial approval from LSSIF. We are working very hard to secure the remaining sources of funding and no stone is being left unturned by the committees to deliver this project.

##### Financing

We had significant outlays in 2024 and thankfully our finances led by David O'Connor look healthier this year. However, we are continually needing stronger sponsor support and fundraising as the cost of living keeps increasing to ensure our teams are well prepared.

While excellent plans for additional income and fundraising have been put in place by Club Rossie, it is now imperative that we get the full support of everyone, to deliver the best both on and off the field,

I am very hopeful that the current “ winahomeinathlone.com “ draw will be an absolute success and generate a tremendous return for the county to further drive our plans.

#### Acknowledgments

Our Chairperson Mr. Brian Carroll, sees the completion of his term as Chairperson of Roscommon GAA. Brian has been one of the County's outstanding volunteers and indeed chairpersons. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Brian for the contribution he has made and no doubt he will continue to represent Roscommon at National Level with distinction as he has done so well to date. Thank you Brian, you have been a credit to your Club Kilmore and to Roscommon GAA.

This year sees the election of a new Chairperson and I would like to take this opportunity to wish Tom Murray the very best of luck and assure him of our full support as he takes on the role.

I want to thank and acknowledge all the members of the Management Committee for all their support this year. They all put huge commitment into their roles for the betterment of Roscommon GAA. These sub committees all rolled up their sleeves, to ensure we worked together to get work done over the past year. Equally, all of our Sub-Committees also do so much unseen work throughout the year and it is very much appreciated.

Thanks to our Northern Board Officers Shane Devenney, John O'Connor & their committee for running off their various competitions. Thanks also to the Southern Board Committee and its officers Rob Ralph & Larry Brennan.

CCC – Fidelma Lennon as Assistant Secretary and Anne Connachton have once again delivered an excellent programme of games really has done a great job all year. They really have done a superb job in ensuring that all the competitions ran off smoothly and on time. Thanks to Tom, Fidelma and all the members of the CCC for their fantastic work all year. Equally, thanks to all on the hurling CCC and to the Minor Board CCC (both hurling & football) for their great work during 2025. Fidelma is moving on from her role and I wish her well after serving the committee so well.

Hurling Committee - I would like to thank our Hurling Committee for their great work during 2025. Thanks to Christy McDermott , Anne Connachton, Pdraig Mulry, Seamus Corcoran and Kieran Doyle for all their work in 2025. Thanks to our Coiste Iomana Officers Kieran Farrell and Mike Donnelly for all their work in 2025. I want to thank Anne Connachton as she departs his role on the hurling committee after many years and wish her well in the future.

Minor Board Committee – Thanks to the Chairperson Shay Galvin, Secretary Marion Kelly and Fixtures Secretary Paula Clogher for their great work and commitment to Roscommon GAA. Our Minors footballers had an excellent run in 2025 and the committee put a huge effort to ensure no stone was left unturned. Paula really has done a fantastic job and I wish her well as she moves into the Assistant Secretary role in 2026.

Match Officials – Thanks to all the referees who officiated at our games during the year. Our Referees Administrator Declan Hunt has done a great job over the last five years. He has brought so many new referees through the system, and this can be evidenced by the numbers who are being assessed to referee at both Provincial and National level. We need to ensure we keep the conveyor belt of referees coming every year. Ideally, every club would have their own referee, and I would urge clubs to have a referee in place for the 2026 season.

Hearings Committee - Thanks to our Hearings Committee who are under new stewardship this year of Chairperson Tina Dolan and the Secretary Claire Hoare. They took to both roles with little fuss. Thanks to each member of the Committee for their attending hearings at no doubt short notice throughout 2025.

Club Rossie & Finance – Club Rossie are once again working so hard fundraising for both the current and future needs of Roscommon GAA in 2025. With the current winahomeinathlone.com draw, there is a major emphasis on selling physical tickets this year due to listening to last years draws feedback and members of the committee are being ably assisted by volunteers to make it a success I would urge all clubs to really support this draw in whatever way they can , be it promoting it online or selling physical tickets. Everyone can see the progress that is being made off the field and we really want the best for all our codes , but without fundraising like these it wouldn't be possible

Thanks to all our sponsors and business members. It is important that we support our sponsors at every opportunity. Sean Mulryan & Tom Hunt continue to be fantastic sponsors of Roscommon GAA over the years.

Thanks also to King & Moffatt , our stadium sponsors, but also fantastic supporters of Roscommon GAA.

Thanks to all our gate collectors who continue to do a great job at all our games in all-weather types. Special mention to Tony Christie and Seamus Corcoran also who did a fantastic job this year.

Audit & Risk Committee – Thanks to Deirdre Ward & Mick Rock and all our Audit & Risk Committee members. This committee gives great feedback to us and ensures that we are in a robust and sound financial control system. As always we can look to improve our control of financial affairs and ensure good governance.

Coaching - Thanks to Padraic Mitchell who is doing a great job as our Head of Coaching. All our GPOs continue to do great work with our development panels, clubs and our schools. This year there were some great projects put in place by Padraic and the team.

Jason Doherty continues to drive the S&C of our players in a high performance culture. We are lucky to have him in Roscommon GAA.

I would like to welcome Niall Murray in the coaching officer role. Niall is brimming with new ideas of how to drive forward all codes. He is a pleasure to deal with and has done huge work so far. 2026 will be Niall's first full year in the role and we will no doubt start to see the real outputs of his vision.

IT and Communications – Thanks to John O Connor, Colm Beirne and Jarlath Nolan and all the committee for their hard work.

This year we had Clubber come on board which is a great resource if you are away from home. It really has been a real positive in 2025 for people in the amount of exposure our games are getting.

Thanks to our excellent commentators & co-commentators for our games

John O'Connor this year came to the end of his term as Communications officer. He did a great job throughout the five years and this was endorsed by his double McNamee award he received. Thank you for promoting our codes so well over the past 5 years.

Media – Thank you to all the local media for their continued support and coverage of our club, county teams. They cover so many facets of Roscommon GAA and it is greatly appreciated the time and effort given to it.

Schools – They are the key to the future of GAA within this county. Our Primary and Secondary teachers need more support than ever in promoting Gaelic Games within our schools. This year saw two significant milestones.

The number of national schools who were competing in the hurling Cumann Na mBunsol from non-traditional areas of the County.

It is something we need to expand upon and is the key to develop Roscommon Hurling into the future.

Also, well done to Roscommon CBS on winning the All Ireland Senior B Football title was a huge highlight of our year.

Thank you to all the teachers for being involved and promoting our games.

Handball - Our Handball Committee continues to work hard on promoting handball in our County. Thanks to Aengus and Eddie and all of the Committee for their work throughout 2025.

Comhairle Chonnacht

I would like to thank all the Officers of Comhairle Chonnacht for their help and advice in 2025. In particular thanks to John Prenty who has been very supportive to me throughout 2025 with any query I had. John and Connacht gave us great advice and support throughout this year in relation to grant applications in particular.

The University of Galway Connacht Air Dome as we all know had considerable damage caused by Storm Éowyn in January. Thankfully nobody was hurt but it is great to hear this facility will be rebuilt in 2026 and available to Roscommon GAA. We had many teams use the facility in 2024 both club and county and is a fantastic facility to have on our doorstep

Thanks to Vincent Neary, Adrian Hassett, Brían Mangan also for all their support.

Thanks to Cathal Cregg as Connacht Games Manager for all he does for Roscommon GAA.

Thanks to our two Connacht Council delegates, Seamus Nugent and John Carty who represented us so well. John ends his five year term and was a great asset to have and a gentleman on our management committee. Thanks to Hugh Lynn who continues to do a great job on the Connacht Council.

Páirc an Chrócaigh –

Our Central Council Delegate Pat Compton finishes his term as Central Council delegate and we want to thank him for the dedication he brought to the role representing Roscommon on the national forum.

Thanks to all the staff in Páirc an Chrócaigh who I have contacted in my first year. The role is so varied that you cross paths with so many.

I got great support with my queries from Teresa Rehill, Lorena Kelly, Ger Mulryan , Stephen Lohan, Bernard Smith, Fergal McGill & Adrian Duffy and I am very grateful for their help. Thanks also to the Ard Stiúrthóir, Tom Ryan for everything.

Thanks to Ken Butler, Pete Murray and all the ground staff at King & Moffatt Dr. Hyde Park. They really work so hard on ensuring our pitch and grounds are ready on game day. The pitch this year went under renovations and it looks fantastic but it needs high levels of maintenance week on week.

Thanks also to all who contributed to our Event management team, Anthony Flaherty our Chief Steward and all the stewards who are so committed to ensuring our match days are a success. So many people make themselves available so we can host games in King & Moffatt Dr. Hyde Park, and we are very grateful for their continued commitment. This year we showcased what we can do as a county by hosting the Donegal V Mayo game in the All Ireland Senior Football series. It was a tremendous success and the event management team deserve huge credit.

Thanks to all of An Garda Síochána who support us with our match days.

I would like to thank both Sharon Dunning and Diane Dennehy in the office for all their hard work throughout the year. They really do such a great job to ensure so much unseen work is done for all aspects of Roscommon GAA.

I would like to thank the clubs for your support throughout 2025. Thank you to all the Club Secretaries for all your help & co-operation. I hope I provided support to you when required throughout 2025.

To my fellow officers in Brian and David, I would sincerely like to thank you both for your guidance and support to me in 2025. It really has been a pleasure to be in the role alongside both of them. Both work so

hard on a daily basis for the betterment of Roscommon GAA and are always open to new ideas on how we can drive Roscommon GAA forward.

Congratulations to all the competitors who compete in our Scór competitions and represent our County so well at Provincial level. Thanks to Clare Connellan and her committee for ensuring that the cultural side of our Association is thriving in Roscommon. This is Clare's last year in the role and she has done great work throughout her term.

Best of luck to St. Brigids and Strokestown as they continue on their respective Connacht Club adventures . They are both fantastic champions and let's hope they go all of the way.

I would like to thank my own club St. Croan's for their help and constant support once again during 2025.

In the year gone by since our last Convention, we remember all associated with Roscommon GAA who passed away during the year.

In particular, we were shocked to lose two young men in Martin Fallon and Don Connellan . Also Tommy Healy who served for 17 years as Hurling chairperson passed away.

I want to extend to all who have suffered the loss of a loved one in Roscommon GAA in the last twelve months, our deepest condolences. It's a very hard time but the support of the GAA can only help. All will be sorely missed by all who knew & loved them. May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a anamacha dílis.

Finally, thanks to all my family also, for all their support it just wouldn't be possible to do the role.

I wish all present and your families a Happy Christmas and a successful 2026.

Brían O'Maolain

Runaí, Coiste Chontae Ros Com

## Coaching Officer's Report – Niall Murray

### Introduction

As your County Coaching Officer, this is our report for the season just past. I took this job up during the summer, I am taken aback with the range of effort, activities and commitment to support coaching across all codes.

### Structure

The following is a summary of the coaching structure

- The steering committee comprises coaching officer (chair), county chairman, county secretary, county treasurer, county PRO, games manager, chairperson of minor football committee and chairperson of Coiste Iomana.
- Staff: the coaching and games staff are managed by the games manager (Padraic Mitchell) and consists of full and part time staff
  - Pronsais Killion: GDC Hurling development in the county
  - Aidan Main: GDC (Mid Roscommon)
  - Peter Carney: GDC (North Roscommon)
  - Ollie Lennon: GDC (South Roscommon)
  - Jason Doherty: GDC athletic development
  - Stephen Bohan: Part time GDC (key focus on coach education)

Collectively as a group, this team supports Cul camps, club links, schools coaching, development squads and games scheduling, as well as athletic development for our underage squads. I am actively working to grow this team with the support of the coaching steering committee, in particular with respect to athletic development. By increasing capacity, we can address in a timely manner the growing needs within the

county. This is being tackled in terms of additional part time staff and furthermore, we are working on developing a strategic relationship with TUS Athlone department of health and sports science.

### Responsibilities

Coaching and games deliver a range of coaching support via games/blitzes, school linkages, camps, talent academies (development squads) as well as coach and referee education.

### Club Development Officer Program (CDO)

This innovative program (CDO program) continues to energise clubs. This initiative places third-year sports science (and related disciplines) students in clubs on paid work placements for six months. This year the coaches worked with clubs from February to July, focusing on underage players, GO Games, schools coaching, and athletic development. The feedback has been very positive. The success of this program has been evident, with several clubs already signed up for 2026.

### Go Games

Nursery: All of our clubs have a Nursery program in place. Our GDC's visited a number of clubs throughout the year. Kilglass Gaels and Castlerea had three sessions each to help them begin their year of activities in addition to a workshop. We recently piloted the new national nursery workshop with Boyle GAA Club and hope to provide this workshop to all clubs in 2026.

Under 8/10: The U8/U10 Go Games programme provides meaningful games opportunities to children to play games in a safe and fun environment. The Go Games programme is broken into two regions. In the South, there are 7 clubs where a blitz opportunity for each age group is available every third week (rotation of U8 football - U10 football – U8/10 Hurling). Over 6 blitz days, a minimum of 3 games for each child was provided. The programme in the South commenced April 19th and finished on the 31st of August. The mid/north region clubs were put into groups of 3/4 teams and were provided with five organised Blitz Days for each age group. Again, a minimum of 3 games for each child at each Blitz was provided.

All hurling clubs hosted a Hurling underage Blitz day. The blitzes began in early May to September. A huge amount of planning and preparation goes into organising these days and we are grateful for the efforts made by volunteers and coaches for running them. Approx 300 kids took part in the final Blitz in St Aidans Gaa ground on Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. a great day had by all, thanks to St. Aidans for hosting.

Under 12 Leagues: 2025 saw the increase of our u12 activity from 39 to 42 teams. We had 5 groups in both the spring and summer league. The u12 leagues were run in accordance with go games guidelines with an ethos of meaningful game time for all. There were no knockout games/rounds, ensuring all teams were provided with the same games programme regardless of ability levels or playing numbers.

Across the two leagues (Spring and Summer) there were over 225 games opportunities for clubs. This increase in game opportunities will hopefully continue the trend seen in 2025 of an increased number of u14 second and third teams (11nd teams in 2025 u14 competitions). The fact that u12 has returned to the go games ethos has also provided us with an opportunity to increase the number of young referees in our county through our parallel Go Games young whistler's course.

### Tain League

Via the Connacht hurling development plan, the Tain league has provided additional opportunities for hurling games outside of Roscommon. The coaching and games group are working with Damian Curley and Cathal

Cregg and a review is currently ongoing to optimise the offerings in future years. Many thanks to both Cathal and Damian for all their work in supporting this.

### Cul Camps

Roscommon is breaking the national trend in terms of attendances at Cul Camps. The growth trend is as follows; 1,913 in 2023 to 2,299 in 2024 and now 2,471 in 2025. Feedback is that the quality of coaches is excellent, so well done and thanks to all the young coaches working hard to make these camps so much fun. In addition to this, another highlight this year was that hurling was available at every camp in the county. At this juncture I would like to thank the clubs who hosted camps and to the coaches who performed duty at the camps excellent organisation of the camps by coaching and games.

### Schools Coaching

From primary to post-primary, our school's coaching program reached new heights.

Primary Schools: All Primary Schools in the County received 16 weeks of Coaching delivered by our Part time Coaches and GDC's. For the Clubs that had a CDO, the period of coaching is much longer (see CDO section). Primary Schools Blitzes were run for all clubs. 5th and 6th class children came to the club grounds and participated in a series of Games. Children from all schools were mixed up which brought a new novelty for the blitzes. Over 50 schools in the county received hurling coaching from our GDC, P/T and volunteer coaches. All hurling clubs also had a primary school blitz.

Furthermore, Lisaniskey NS and Abbeycarton NS participated in a National Pilot of Gaelic Time, where children from Senior Infants and 1st Class were tested on their Fundamental movements. A six-week programme working on the child's Fundamental Movements was then delivered to the schools after which testing was carried out again.

Post Primary Schools: Transition Year students were trained as Go Games referees and for the first time students underwent formal coaching education qualifying in ICGG coaching. Several blitz days were held throughout our secondary schools officiated over by the newly qualified referees. The County Colleges competition continues to be the cornerstone for sport in post primary schools throughout the county with competition at 1st year, Juvenile, Junior and senior that has gone from strength to strength. We also need to work to strengthen the relationship between coaching and games and our secondary schools.

### Coach Education

We delivered 2 ICGG's Courses in Lecarrow and Tarmon with 34 attendees. We delivered 2 Award 1 Courses in Strokestown and Coláiste Chiaráin with 21 attendees.

We also delivered 4 Regional FRC Rules Workshops in The Hodson Bay Hotel, The Abbey Hotel, The Percy French Hotel and The O'Rourke Centre in Castlerea. These workshops were available to all club members, players, officials with the sole purpose of educating all in the new FRC Rules. These workshops were delivered by our full time staff and in total over 150 people attended.

### Club Coach Mentor

We completed 13 Club Coach Mentor Programmes in 2025. This is a five-step program which our full time staff deliver to support a Club's nominated team with any support and assistance they require. Teams that participated in this programme ranged from U8 - U18 inclusive and over 45 coaches participated in total.

### TY Coach Education

All Colleges participated in the TY coach Education Program which included the ICGG Course & Young Referee Course. The Schools included:

- Roscommon CBS (15)
- Roscommon Community College (23)
- Elphin Community College (12)
- Abbey College Boyle (30)
- Castlerea Community College (12)
- Scoil Mhuire Strokestown (28)
- Coláiste Chiaráin Athlone (12)

All TYs who participated were then Qualified to Coach within their clubs and were also available to Referee at Go-Games Level which provided with additional Volunteers to assist club with their Go-Games activities.

## Development Squads

### U13 Development:

This year we began u13 development in May. More than 130 players took part over the past few months with all clubs represented. Players have participated in small-sided games and skill development sessions over the past 6 months. Many thanks to the volunteer coaches: Gerry Kelly (Padraig Pearses), Aidan Thompson (St. Aidans), Paul Simon (St. Michael's) and Gerry Nerney (Boyle). Currently, the group continues sessions in Kilbride Astro/Hall for the winter period.

### U14 Development:

Our u14 panel consisted of 68 players who participated in Athletic Development sessions at the start of the year in Kilbride Community Centre with GDC Jason Doherty, The group played in 3 X 7aside blitz days at the Connacht COE, Bekan in addition to a 15 aside academy day. This group has already started an athletic development block for the winter months. Many thanks go to our development coaches: Paddy Scally (Michael Glaveys), Gerry Nerney (Boyle) and Mick Byrne (Roscommon Gaels).

### U15 Development:

The u15 group participated in the Dermot Earley Michael Glaveys Cup facing Antrim, Laois and Westmeath. They progressed to a shield final where they defeated Limerick in August. The final took place in Michael Glaveys GAA Grounds, Ballinlough. 41 players currently involved in the panel with S+C sessions led by Performance GDC Jason Doherty in January which continued until pitch sessions began in April. 8 matches and 2 Connacht GAA u15 academy days at the COE were played. They are currently in the county gym for the remainder of the year. A huge thank you to the groups coaches who are going into year 3 with the group in 2026: Brian McManus (Castlerea), Donal Kelly (St Michael's), John McCartin (Michael Glaveys), Declan Woods (Michael Glaveys), David Wynne (Ballinameen).

### U16 Development:

The U16 group played against Cork, Galway, South Kerry, Offaly and Leitrim as part of the National Academy Days. Challenge games were played against Longford, Clare and London. S+C sessions over the winter months were followed by pitch sessions from April. We wish the group the very best of luck as they move on from the development squad pathway into u17 and u20 football in the coming years. Many thanks to Jimmy Gacquin, David McDonnell, Finbar McGowan and Shane Killeen who assisted with this group in 2025.

### U15 Hurling academy

Thanks to Sean O'Brien and Shane Nerney for managing this group. Games were played against Sligo, Mayo and Donegal and we are looking forward to the 2026 campaign. Thanks to all the Clubs for their support.

#### U17 Celtic Challenge Hurling Team

Training started in January indoors before moving outdoors when the weather picked up in spring. Two challenge games were played against Kildare and Meath. In the Celtic competitions, in the first round games we played Mayo and Donegal. We then reached the semifinal stage when Roscommon overcame Offaly in the quarterfinal. Unfortunately, we came up against a strong Laois team in the semifinal. Thanks to John Belton, Michael Donnelly, Kieran Farrell, Ollie Hanley, Mark Delaney.

#### Connacht Hurling Development Plan

Through the Connacht hurling development plan, we have been able to support increased dual coach education opportunities and increased ICGG/Award 1 and Award 2 certified hurling coaches. More than 2,471 kids were offered the opportunity to play at the Cul Camp hurling activities. The Tain Og provincial leagues provided extra game opportunities against a variety of opposition. The Northern Hub of hurling has begun in Strokestown with over 50 players attending. The next focus will be on further developing the hub in Boyle early in the new year.

#### Croke Park Visits

A number of clubs had the privilege of playing in Croke Park during the year. Special thanks to Connacht GAA for supporting this effort. In total, 7 clubs, Castlerea, Shannon Gaels, Oran, St Ciaran's, Boyle, St Dominic's, Roscommon Gaels. Nearly 150 players experienced playing in Croke, something I am sure they will never forget.

#### Next steps

Key next steps with coaching and games are to formalise the strategic relationship between TUS Athlone and Roscommon GAA. This will be realised through extending our Athletic development team with co-funded PhD candidates and researchers from TUS. Another communication you will receive from coaching and games is a county wide survey to understand from various stakeholder perspectives. Your engagement with this, and I mean parents, coaches, club officers and players, will inform our strategic direction for the coming years, so I would request that you encourage your club members to constructively critique the offerings of coaching games so that we can improve if and where necessary.

#### Thanks

To the schools, clubs, and volunteers: thank you for your hard work, patience, and unwavering commitment. To the players, thank you for your dedication and commitment to Roscommon GAA, everything we do in coaching and games is about supporting players' development. To fellow officers of Roscommon County Board and Roscommon Coaching Steering Committee, there is a real ambition to strengthen coaching and games in a strategic and impactful manner.

Lastly, I would again like to express my huge thanks to the county board officers and the coaching and games staff. I am still in my first year as a coaching officer and I look forward to working with them to ensure an elite level of coaching support for all our coaches and players going forward.

Niall Murray

Roscommon GAA Coaching Officer

## **Minor Committee Report – Marion Kelly**

It is with great pride that I present the Minor Secretary's report for Roscommon GAA for 2025. The past season has been one of great activity, commitment, and progress across all our underage structures.

Despite challenges both on and off the field, our young players, mentors, and clubs have once again demonstrated the true spirit of the Association.

County U17 Team:

### Minor Football Report

A special word of thanks to Shane Moran & his management & backroom team for all their hard work & dedication to the Roscommon U17 Panel in 2025.

The minor footballers began their trial period on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, holding several trials throughout the month of October, seeing 118 players during that period. A pre Christmas training squad of 42 was then picked for the players to work in small pods to begin a strength and conditioning programme from 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

The squad was further reduced to 33 by the end of December, with collective training beginning the first week of January. They went on to play 5 really competitive challenge games in February and early March against Donegal, Kildare, Armagh, Cork and Monaghan, and this set them in good stead for the opening round of the championship against Sligo on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

The team won its four round robin games in Connacht, qualifying directly for the Connacht final as a result. They then played Mayo on 9<sup>th</sup> May in Castlebar, winning 2-14 to 1-15, bringing the Tom Kilcoyne cup back to Roscommon for the first time since 2020.

They qualified for an All Ireland semi after a thrilling quarter final win over Louth, but just came up short against eventual All Ireland champions Tyrone in the semi final.

The minor played 7 competitive games in 2025, winning 6 of these games. Throughout the campaign, 30 players played minor championship football for Roscommon which was a massive victory in itself.

The management would like to thank the county board and clubs that provided us with outstanding support throughout the year. Hopefully we see many of these young footballers wearing the senior jersey in years to come.

Club Fixtures – Minor, U16, U14 League and Championship:

### Competitions and Fixtures

In 2025 age grades U12, U14, U16 & U18 would be played in Roscommon which also allowed players in their final year of U18 to play adult football.

The following is a list of winners from the 2025 League & Championship competitions:

The standard of competition across all divisions continues to improve, reflecting the dedication of clubs to coaching and player development.

A Special mention must go to our Fixtures Secretary, referees & officials for ensuring that all competitions were run smoothly and fairly, despite a congested fixtures calendar at times.

	<b>League</b>	<b>Championship Cup Winner</b>	<b>Championship Shield Winner</b>
U14 Division 1	St.Ciaran's A	Boyle A	St.Brigid's A
U14 Division 2	Kilmore/Shannon Gaels A	Roscommon Gaels A	St.Michael's/St.Ronan's A
U14 Division 3	Tulsk	Clann na nGaels B	St.Brigid's B
U14 Division 4	There was no U14 D4 league competition this year.	Kilmore/Shannon Gaels B	St.Michael's/St.Ronan's B
U16 Division 1	Roscommon Gaels A	Clann na nGael A	Kilmore/Shannon Gaels A
U16 Division 2	Western Gaels A	Pádraig Pearses	St.Ciaran's A

U16 Division 3	Roscommon Gaels B	Clann na nGaels B	Castlerea
U16 Division 4	There was no U16 D4 league competition this year.	St.Brigid's B	Tulsk
Minor Division 1	Castlerea	Castlerea	N/A
Minor Division 2	St.Dominic's	St.Dominic's	N/A
Minor Division 3	St.Brigid's	St.Brigid's	N/A

U15 Féile Division 1	Boyle
U15 Féile Division 2	Pádraig Pearses
U15 Féile Division 3	Michael Glavey's/Éire Óg
U17 Féile Division 1	Clann na nGael
U17 Féile Division 2	Elphin-Ballinameen

The Minor Board Committee would like to express its congratulations to all the teams that won their respective finals this year. A huge word of thanks to all players and management for preparing their teams for these competitions. Thanks to all clubs that entered a second team in competitions, by entering a second team you are ensuring more game time for the players and allowing more players to play football.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Paula for all her hard work and dedication throughout the year. Fixtures is one of the most time consuming & difficult roles within the Minor Board and Paula has embraced this role with exceptional professionalism and enthusiasm.

As every year inclement weather was a deciding factor in some games at the beginning of the league season and yet again towards the end of the championship season, however Paula was exceptional in pulling all the fixtures together and getting them played. Pitch availability, availability of referees and a full calendar were other stumbling blocks.

The Minor Board would also like to express its heartfelt thanks to all club secretaries for their full co-operation, understanding and patience throughout the year. The voluntary work carried out by each of you is immense and your dedication makes my role a lot easier.

The Minor Board would like to thank all the referees, and match officials that officiated at our games during 2025 without your help we would not be able to run the various competitions. A special word of thanks to Declan Hunt, co-ordinator of the referees, Declan is always so helpful and approachable.

We would like to thank all the Clubs that willingly co-operated with us to make their facilities available as neutral venues for semi-finals and finals in 2025. To clubs that allowed us to use their facilities when the weather was very unfavourable, we thank you.

#### Connacht Club U17 Competition

Congratulations to Clann na nGael who were Roscommon's U17 A representatives and Elphin/Ballinameen were the U17 B representatives in the COE Bekan.

Player Development - U13, U14, U15 & U16 Development Panels:

Our Development Squads at U13, U14, U15, and U16 levels continued to thrive, with a large number of players participating in inter-county programmes.

On behalf of the Minor Board we would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the trojan work carried out by our to the Games Development Officers, coaching committees, Coaching Officer Niall Murray, County Head of Games in Roscommon Padraic Mitchell and club coaches who have given so much of their time to ensure that every player is given the best opportunity to improve and enjoy the game.

It takes huge commitment from players, parents and the management teams. These academy panels are so important to the development of our future inter county players; these players are the future of Roscommon football.

We also acknowledge the support of parents and guardians who ensured attendance at training and games throughout the year.

#### Coaching and Games Development

2025 saw significant progress in coaching initiatives across the county. The Minor Committee worked closely with the Games Development Committee to promote coach education, skill development, and the rollout of Go Games and Féile competitions.

The emphasis on player welfare, skill development, and enjoyment remains at the heart of everything we do.

#### Discipline and Administration

I would like to thank club officers, referees, and fixtures administrators for their cooperation and professionalism throughout the year. While a small number of disciplinary matters arose, these were handled promptly and fairly. The general level of respect shown by players and mentors towards officials has been exemplary.

#### Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Minor Committee, I wish to extend sincere thanks to:

#### Sponsors

We would like to acknowledge and thank Connacht Gold our Main underage Sponsor for all their support for our teams and competitions for 2025 and we look forward to the next few years working in collaboration with them.

#### IT

I would like to express my thanks to our IT Officer Jarlath Nolan for his work during the year. Jarlath was always on hand to help with our IT issues.

#### Social Media

I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to John O' Connor for the excellent media coverage afforded to both our clubs and county teams.

A special mention to Ruth Galvin who also took on the role of photography for our U17 team, Ruth did an exceptional job, Thank you Ruth.

#### Messages of Sympathy

On behalf of the Roscommon Minor Committee, I would like to extend our sympathy to all the families that suffered bereavements during this year.

#### Words of Thanks

As I conclude my report and on behalf of the Minor Committee, I would like to sincerely thank the following: The County Executive for their continued guidance and support, Co. Chairman Brian Carroll, Vice-Chairman Thomas Murray, Co. Secretary Brian Mullin and Fixtures Secretary Fidelma Lennon for all their leadership, understanding, help and support throughout 2025.

Diane Dennehy and Sharon Dunning Thorose in the County Board Office for their continued support and help throughout the year, they are extremely helpful and very approachable.

John O Connor our PRO for all his help in promoting our games on the different social media platforms.

David O'Connor, Treasurer, for his dedication to our Minor Board and underage teams and development panels. David is always available to guide us with any financial matters, and he is a huge support to us both financially and with his extensive expertise.

Oliver Donagher Children's Officer for all his help and expertise throughout 2025.

Our Minor CCC & Hearings Committee for their dedication throughout the year with disciplinary issues. All the Minor Club Secretaries, Chairpersons and Delegates for all their help and co-operation in 2025. The endless voluntary work that you all do within the clubs makes the competitions possible and enables our children to play sport.

I would like to personally express my gratitude and thanks to Brian Mullin for all his help and support and knowledge shown to me over the past year. Brian is a minefield of knowledge and expertise and was always so willing to give guidance, answer any questions or queries that I had over the last year. Brian was a tremendous support to our Minor Board.

A massive thanks to Shay Galvin Minor Board Chairperson for his continuous support and dedication in 2025. Shay is so dedicated in his role, and he is so committed to ensuring all clubs and county teams throughout Roscommon are running smoothly and Shay is always available to assist when required.

Again, a huge thank you to Paula who has put in tremendous work, hours and hours of dedication to ensuring all games are played in a professional and timely manner. Because of all these exceptional and dedicated people involved in all the committees in Roscommon GAA my role has been very enjoyable and has made my role easier.

I want to reiterate the fact that all the work undertaken by club secretaries, officials and county board officials are all on a voluntary basis and I want to acknowledge and thank all these dedicated people who give their time to ensure our children get to play football and because of all these volunteers Roscommon football is in a better place..

In conclusion, 2025 has been a year of solid progress and renewed enthusiasm for underage Gaelic games in County Roscommon. The structures now in place at club and county level provide a strong foundation for future success. With continued commitment, collaboration, and support, we can look forward to even brighter days for Roscommon GAA.

Finally, and on a personal note I want to thank my family and my own club St. Croan's for their support and patience that allowed me to fulfill this position in 2025.

Finally, I want to wish you and your Families a very Happy Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year  
Is mise le meas,

Muireann Ní Cheallaigh

Minor Secretary, Roscommon GAA

## Hurling Committee Report – Anne Connachton

As we come to an end of another successful GAA year it is with great that I submit this End-of-Year Report on Roscommon Hurling activities for 2025

The successful operation and promotion of hurling across the county is dependent on the dedication and voluntary efforts of so many people. I wish to formally acknowledge and thank the following groups for their commitment during the 2025 season:

Club Players, Officials and Volunteers: : First of all thanks to everybody involved in our hurling clubs in Roscommon from the parents and coaches of our clubs under 6 players right through to our players on senior club teams. To the Secretaries, Chairpersons, committee members, county board reps, coaches, teachers, parks committees and the wider army of volunteers within our clubs—their tireless administrative work, promotion of the game at the grassroots, and commitment to maintaining vibrant club structures are the bedrock of hurling in Roscommon.

Roscommon County Board Officials & Committees: Thanks to my fellow officers on the hurling committee: Christy McDermott, Chairperson, Kieran Doyle Vice Chairperson, Seamus Corcoran, Treasurer and Padraic Mulry, PRO.

A special thanks to Seamus Corcoran and his team of Gate Officials for their endless work to ensure that our patrons entered our facilities safely. Seamus also worked tirelessly to ensure sales of tickets for our games this year. This is very valuable and much needed income to support our county board in their endeavours.

Thanks also to the officers of Coiste Iomana for their promotion of underage hurling in Roscommon: Kieran Farrell, Mike Donnelly, Eileen Healy. Special mention to Dave Waldron, Underage Hurling Development Officer, together with his subcommittee for their ongoing work in the Ros Caman hurling development plan.

Thanks to the coaching and games committee Padraic Mitchell, Niall Murray and Prionsias Killion for all the work they do, especially Prionsias and his coaches who undertake hurling coaching in our primary schools.

Thanks to the dedicated county board officers, Brian Carroll, Brian Mullin, David O Connor, the management committee members, the fixtures committee members especially Thomas Murray (Chairperson) and Fidelma Lennon (Secretary) and all sub-committees for providing diligent leadership and governance throughout the year. A special word of thanks to Brian Carrol our outgoing Chairperson. Wishing him continued success in his role as National Chairperson of CCCC in Croke Park

Special thanks to Club Rossie and all their sponsors for the very dedicated commitment to fundraising for all GAA activities.

Administrative & Office Staff: A special thanks to Diane Dennehy and Sharon Dunning in the county board office for their efficient handling of all logistical and administrative operations, ensuring the seamless running of Roscommon GAA affairs.

Our Referees and Match Officials: I extend my deepest gratitude to my panel of local referees: Francis Kelly, Matthew Farrell, Arron Clogher, Larry Tiernan, John Rogerson, Noel White and Fergus Halligan and to James Judge and Kevin Jordan. I also called on the services of Johnny Cahill, Vincent Burke, Brendan Healy, Peter Mullen, Charlie Candon, Val Beirne, Jerry Fallon and Declan Hunt to act as sideline officials this year. Thanks also to everyone who volunteered as umpires during the year. Special thanks to Declan Hunt, Roscommon County Board referees co-ordinator for being just a phone call away all year. Their commitment to ensuring fair play, their professionalism on the pitch, and their constant availability—often under pressure—is absolutely essential to the integrity and enjoyment of all our club games.

Parks, Grounds & Facilities Committees: Thanks to the parks and grounds committees, at club level, for their outstanding maintenance of pitches and facilities, ensuring high standards for play and training. I will give special mention to the Parks Committees at St Aidans GAA Club, Ballyforan, Padraic Pearses

Club, Woodmount, Roscommon Gaels Club Lisnamult who hosted multiple games and Creggs GAA and St. Brigid's GAA Kiltoom who also hosted games this year. Thanks also to the Hyde Park Committee for ensuring our Senior County Hurling Final could be played there in 2025. Thanks to Conor and Michael Flahiv for ensuring the scoreboard was working effectively for all our games during the year. Congratulations to all involved in Oran GAA for the wonderful development of their facilities in Rockfield.

#### Our Sponsors

Special thanks to our Senior Championship Sponsors Kepak for their continued support.. We are grateful to Western Insulation for their sponsorship of our Senior League this year. Thanks also to Sean and Bernie Mulry of Peppermill (food), Damien Lohan(players of match) and to all at Hannon's hotel for making their premises available to us for our meetings. Thanks also to Raymond Mc Conn Budget/Avis Rent a Car for his generous sponsorship of our Kit Van in 2025.

Thanks to the Ambulance and Civil Defence services who were on hand at our games.

Media Partners: I would like to commend Padraic Mulry our hurling communications officer Padraic has done great work promoting hurling at county and club levels. His maintenance and updating of the Social Media platforms : Facebook, Twitter and Instagram has been remarkable again this year. He has successfully used these media to circulate news about hurling in Roscommon. I commend Padraic's trojan work in organising the celebration of success of our 1994 and 1999 successful county teams .This takes a lot of personal time and energy and for this the hurling community of Roscommon are very grateful.

A special mention to our county communications officer John O'Connor for his advice and support during the year in the promotion of Roscommon Hurling. Congratulations John on second national award. Thanks to the Roscommon Herald, Roscommon People, Shannonside Radio and ROS FM for their excellent coverage and promotion of hurling at all grades throughout the year. Thanks also to national print and digital media for their coverage of our activities. This year we had the added coverage of our games through Clubber. Clubber is an Irish streaming service and sports platform that provides live and on-demand coverage of Gaelic games and they streamed a number of our hurling games this year.

#### Club Results

Congratulations to all of our 7 hurling club teams and management on their participation in a very exciting hurling year. The following are the winners in our senior hurling competitions for 2025

Competition	Winner	Runner up	Venue	Referee
Kepak Senior Hurling	Four Roads	Oran	King and Moffat Hyde Park	Francis Kelly
Western Insulation Sen League	Padraic Pearses	St Dominics	King and Moffat Hyde Park	John Rogerson
Junior Hurling	Four Roads	St Dominics	Creggs GAA	Francis Kelly
Under 21 Hurling	Athleague/Tremane/Oran	Four Roads	St Aidans, Ballyforan	Aaron Clogher

#### Our County Teams

Roscommon hurling enjoyed a famous triumph in 2025, when Kevin Sammons' men capped off their season by winning the Nickey Rackard Cup. After a campaign filled with determination, resilience and moments of brilliance, Roscommon ended on a high, ensuring that Roscommon hurlers took their place among the 2025 GAA success stories when they defeated Mayo in the All Ireland Final on Sat 31 May 2025 on a scoreline of Roscommon 3-16 to Mayo 1-21. The achievement is a testament not only to the panel's commitment but also to the development of hurling in the county. From tough away days to heroic performances, the journey built momentum and belief and resulted in All Ireland Success and promotion to the Christy Ring Competition for 2026. The Roscommon management team for 2025 comprised Kevin Sammon Manager

aided by Steve Cusack, Patsy Fahy, Matty Shannon, Damien Lohan, Kieran Farrell and Physio Sarah Lawless and Kitpeople Basil and Fiona Jones.

At the end of the campaign Kevin Sammon informed us that he wasn't moving forward with the team in 2026. On behalf of everyone associated with Roscommon hurling I wish to express sincere thanks to Kevin Sammon and his management team for his commitment to the development of senior hurling in Roscommon. Kevin's tactical management and leadership were evident throughout the Allianz League and Nickey Rackard campaigns. He never allowed setbacks to define the Rossies campaign. They also retained their status in the Allianz League for 2026.

We went through the advertising and interview process to find a replacement for Kevin Sammon. The interview board members appointed to this process were John Mee (Kiltoom) Peter Tiernan (Limerick) Christy McDermott, Kieran Doyle and myself. After a lengthy process Brian Hanley (Athenry) was selected to manage the Roscommon Senior Hurlers from 2026. His backroom team will be Ciaran Callinan, Keith Daniels and Kieran Farrell and Damien Lohan. I want to wish Brian and his management team every success.

I also want to wish every success to John Benton as he manages our Under 20 team for the 2026 Season. Congratulations to Enda Lawless, Conor Cosgrove, Mark Ward and Sean Canning on receiving GAA Champion 15 Awards for their performances in the Nickey Rackard Championship 2025. Special mention also to Conor Cosgrove who was awarded the overall Player of the Year in the Nickey Rackard Championship 2025.

Congratulations to Noel Fallon on winning the Roscommon Senior Poc Fada 2025 and the Connacht Poc Fada 2025. Congratulations also to Colm Fitzgerald who won the County Under 16 Poc Fada this year.

Congratulation to the St Dominic's Club on winning the All Ireland Scór Nuachleas Competition 2025

I would like to express our thanks to Davy Burke and his management team for their work with our county football squad over the last few years. I want to wish every success to Mark Dowd and his management team as they take over the role.

We undertook the process of appointing a new hurling manager for Roscommon this year. An interview committee comprising of Christy Mc Dermott, Anne Connachton, Kieran Farrell, Peter Tiernan( Lecturer in University of Limerick) and John Mee (SIDERO)Kiltoom

Congratulations to all involved in the promotion of Scór, Camogie and Ladies Football in the county.

Finally, I just want to wish everyone associated with the Rossies: hurling, football, camogie, ladies football and scór a very successful 2026

I offer condolence to anybody who suffered bereavement during the year. We remember all who are ill at this time too.

Here's to a healthy, sporting 2026 for everyone.

Mise le Meas

Áine (Bn) Uí Choineachtáin  
Rúnaí, Iomáint Ros Comáin.

## Coisde Iomána Report – Mike Donnelly

On behalf of Coiste Iomána I present my secretary's report for 2025.

U6, U8, U10 There is a lot of great work being done at these age grades within clubs and several mini blitzes were organised during the year with all clubs hosting mini blitzes from May to September. An end of year County Go Games Hurling blitz was held in St. Aidan's GAA Club, Ballyforan on Saturday 6th September for these age groups whereby all age groups played a number of games. All clubs were represented with over 300 players taking part. All teams got their photograph taken with the Nicky Rackard Cup and players from the victorious Roscommon All Ireland Senior Hurling team afterwards as well as being treated to an ice cream cone after the blitz. Thanks to Liam Dolan and Proinsias Killion for organising this. Special thanks to David Waldron of Tier 3 Tech for sponsoring this event.

Unfortunately, the exhibition game was not allowed for U8 & U10 before the Senior Hurling Club Final which resulted in great disappointment and frustration being expressed by clubs to Coiste Iomána about this.

Coiste Iomána organised competitions at U12, U14, U16 and U18 in underage hurling. Due to the Connacht GAA Hurling Plan for Developing Counties, only a championship was allowed at U14, U16, and U18. We were also not allowed to hold county leagues or play hurling in Galway which I feel is a retrograde step and is detrimental to the development of underage hurling development in Roscommon.

### U12

This was organised in a league format with all clubs playing in a final. We welcomed external clubs from Castlebar Mitchels, Tooreen and Longford Slashers to take part in this competition.

U14, U16, U18 There were some great games of hurling witnessed at various age grades during the year. The U14 semi-finals fell foul of the weather on a number of occasions. However, this did go ahead eventually with Athleague Tremane Oran winning the cup, Roscommon Gaels winning the shield and Padraig Pearse winning the plate.

The U16 championship final was a great game of hurling for the second year in a row where Roscommon Gaels reversed the result of 2024 winning by a goal on a scoreline of 4.20 to 4.17.

The U18 championship is waiting to be completed.

The winners of each competition are attached at the end of this report.

### U13 skills

Athleague/Tremane, Four Roads, Padraig Pearse's, St Dominic's and Roscommon Gaels participated in this. Four Roads and Padraig Pearse's were successful and represented Roscommon in the Connacht Finals in the Dome.

### U15 Féile

A one-day Féile event was held in Ballyforan on Saturday 21 April where unfortunately, only 3 clubs participated. Athleague Tremane were victorious in the final winning by one point against Roscommon Gaels after extra time in what was an excellent game of hurling. Athleague Tremane represented Roscommon at the John West National Féile in Rathnure GAA, Co. Wexford; Runners up Roscommon Gaels represented Roscommon in the Regional Finals in the Connacht Centre of excellence in Began and Padraig Pearses represented Roscommon in Raharney GAA, Co. Westmeath. I would like to thank St. Aidan's GAA Cub for hosting the competition and their club officers for all their help on the day to make it run so smoothly.

## U16 Poc Fada

The winner in this competition was Colm Fitzgerald, St. Dominics for the second year in a row. Aaron Delaney Four Roads and Conor Muldoon, Oran were tied in second place with Aaron winning the play off. Both Colm and Aaron represented Roscommon in Bekan in the Connacht Finals.

In the Connacht U16 club competition the winners of the U16 championship Roscommon Gaels represented Roscommon and were narrowly beaten by Westport on a scoreline of 5.12 to 4.13.

In line with the Connacht GAA Hurling Plan for Developing Counties, all clubs took part in the Tain league. The feedback from clubs was mixed and hopefully this competition will be fully reviewed for 2026.

At County level, Roscommon U15 hurlers competed in the Hibernia Cup where they played Sligo, Mayo and Donegal. Thanks to Sean O' Brien, Shane Nerney and Proinsias Killion for looking after this group of players.

At U17 level Roscommon played in the Celtic Challenge against Mayo, Donegal and Sligo in the group stages in which they recorded comfortable victories in all games. They progressed to the Division 3 Corn William Robinson quarter final where they beat Offaly by 10 points to set up a semi-final clash with Laois. Unfortunately, two players received red cards against Offaly. It was disappointing that no linesmen were appointed for this game and that the referee did not bring umpires. One red card resulted from a disputed line ball which would probably have been avoided if linesmen had been appointed. I feel the subsequent disciplinary process was flawed including the referee's report, the deliberations of the CCC and the notice of disciplinary action. While we accounted for ourselves well against Laois, unfortunately being without our two powerhouse midfielders, it proved to be too much of a hurdle against a team such as Laois. Personally, I feel the disciplinary outcome should have been appealed but this didn't receive enough support. I would like to thank John Benton and his management team of Darren Owens, Ollie Hanley and Proinsias Killion for the great work they did with this group of players.

I would like to thank Roscommon County Board for the gear and food which was provided for county underage players during the year which was very much appreciated by players and their parents. As Brian Carroll is due to move on, I would like to thank him for all his help over the years with hurling matters and I would like to wish him good luck.

I would like to thank the following people for their great help during the year and indeed over many years:

- Diane and Sharon in the county board office who have always been a great help.
- Roscommon Co. Board for all their help.
- Proinsias Killion for the great work he continues to do as a lone Hurling GPO and hopefully more can be secured for his help which is greatly needed.
- Sean & Bernie Mulry of the Peppermill for the food they provided during the year.
- Damien Lohan for his continued sponsorship of player of the match for underage finals in U14, U16 and U18.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the executive of Coiste Iomána for all their hard work during the year, these being Liam Dolan, Vice Chairperson, Eileen Healy, PRO and David Waldron who is doing great work as Underage Hurling Development Officer.

Thanks to Roscommon Hurling Board for all their help over the years especially Christy McDermott and I would like to wish him good health going forward. I would like to wish Anne Connachton good luck as she

retires from her position as secretary of the hurling committee. I would like to thank her for all the great work she has done over many years for hurling in Cumann na mBunscol, Coiste Iomána and as secretary of the hurling committee. Thanks to Pdraig Mulry, PRO for all his great work promoting hurling.

I want to thank the referees and linesmen who officiated at all our games during the year. I also want to acknowledge the people who volunteered to umpire when asked during the year.

Thanks to the various clubs for allowing us to use their grounds during the year especially St. Aidan's GAA Club who have been so accommodating both with use of their pitch and with regards to dual players. I want to especially thank Aidan Thompson for all his help with pitch bookings and his cooperation and support with respect to hurling and camogie both on and off the field. I also want to thank Marie Kelly for all her help over the years.

I would like to thank Kieran Farrell for the great work he has done and continues to do for underage hurling. He appoints all referees which significantly reduces my workload. Kieran was also a selector with the Roscommon Senior Hurling team and he can also be seen stewarding regularly in Hyde Park. He does a phenomenal amount of work for Roscommon GAA which hopefully is appreciated by everyone.

I would like to congratulate Roscommon Senior Hurlers on their great victory in the Nicky Rackard All-Ireland Final and Four Roads on winning the Senior Club Final.

Looking forward to 2026 and beyond I feel a dual player policy needs to be urgently developed by the Children's Officer which needs to be agreed by Roscommon County Board, County underage managers and within dual/sister clubs. Dual players should be encouraged, supported and facilitated in every way possible to play both sports. They should never be boxed in or be pressured to play only one sport or not to play two sports.

I would like to wish all codes, especially hurling good luck and success in 2026 and beyond.

Finally, I would like to extend sympathy to anyone who suffered a bereavement in 2024.

Micheál Ó Donnghaile,  
Rúnaí, Coiste Iomána Ros Comáin



Coiste Iomána Ros Comáin



#### Underage Hurling Winners 2025

Grade / Competition	Trophy	Winners
U12 League	Noel Haughey Memorial Cup	Tooreen
	Noel Haughey Memorial Shield	Roscommon Gaels
	Noel Haughey Memorial Plate	St. Dominic's
	Coiste Iomána Trophy	Castlebar
U13 Skills	Four Roads & Pdraig Pearse's	
U14 Championship	Michael Hanley Memorial Cup	Athleague Tremane Oran
	Michael Hanley Memorial Shield	Roscommon Gaels
	Michael Hanley Memorial Plate	Pdraig Pearse's

U15 Féile Kevin Carty Memorial Cup	Athleague Tremane	
U15 Féile Coiste Iomána Shield	Roscommon Gaels	
U15 Féile Coiste Iomána Plate	Padraig Pearse's	
U16 Championship	Roscommon Gaels	
U16 Poc Fada	Winner – Colm Fitzgerald, St. Dominics Runner Up – Aaron Delaney, Four, Roads	
U18 Championship	Brian Donnelly Memorial Cup	To be completed

## Safety and Facilities Committee Report – Frank Egan

Is mór an ónoir dom, tuarascáil an Oifigeach Oifigeach Sábháilteachta agus Saoráidfa chur ós bhur gcomhair don bhliain 2025.

### Safety and Facilities Committee

Safety and Facilities Officer, with a committee of at least six members, with responsibility for Ground Health & Safety Legislation, Chapter 5 Official Guide (Control of Association Property), Terms of the Association Public liability and Property Insurance policies. The committee will also make recommendations to the County Management and Finance Committees on developments of Grounds and Facilities and advise on available grants. It may also be assigned duties by the Central Council.

The Safety & Facilities carried out its duties pursuant to T.O. 3.20(v) as the need arose. I wish to express my thanks to Pat Compton who acted as Secretary, the committee members, and my colleagues on the Management Committee for facilitating the executing of our duties on the SFO Committee in 2025.

### Club Development Grants:

Connacht GAA awards grants to clubs that undertake development of their physical infrastructure. These grants are only available to clubs that have their facilities vested in the GAA. Grants are awarded under the following headings: purchase of grounds; pitch development (levelling/drainage) and enclosure; construction of dressing rooms; covered stand and additional development. Fifteen Clubs submitted completed applications ahead of the closing date in 2025.

The following were the awards made by Connacht Council.

Creggs	Roscommon	€3,000
Eire Og	Roscommon	€20,000
Fuerty	Roscommon	€2,000
Kilbride	Roscommon	€18,000
Kilglass Gaels	Roscommon	€2,000
Oran	Roscommon	€3,000
Padraig Pearses	Roscommon	€3,000
St. Barry's	Roscommon	€2,000
St. Croans	Roscommon	Defer
St. Joseph's	Roscommon	€3,000
St. Ronans	Roscommon	Defer
Strokestown	Roscommon	€25,000
Tremane	Roscommon	€3,000
Tulsk Lord Edwards	Roscommon	€2,000

### Physical Development and Club Grounds:

Club Ground and Facilities inspections were conducted for 2025. The winner of the Club Ground of the Year will be announced at the County Convention.

### Infrastructure Developments:

Any club undertaking any development works are required to notify the SFO and complete relevant documentation for completion and submission to the Insurance Department in Croke Park. This is a requirement before commencement of all works where a contractor is engaged to provide services. Any club who fails to do this is carrying all the risk for their club and officers, as unregistered development works may not have the top cover of the Organisations Insurance without properly completed forms/permits with supporting documents submitted in accordance with official policy.

Any club wishing to do so please contact the SFO via email and I will return you the necessary forms for completion. It can be as simple as this to ensure protection to your club and officers.

#### Property Transactions, Borrowing & Vesting

It is very important that clubs continue to seek proper approval before any transactions involving GAA property are entered into, be it acquisitions, disposals or attaching borrowings to the property. The level of prior approval to be sought on borrowing depends on the amount of total indebtedness that the club carries. In relation to vesting, it is important that we properly vest any new additions we make to our holding. It ensures that the property will remain under the control of the club and the certainty of legal ownership is maintained. Following numerous presentations, the Corporate Trustee Model is now well known and the wheels are in motion in many clubs to transfer to this model, with many having successfully completed the process. If you need assistance or guidance, please contact us as we would be pleased to assist you.

As the year comes to a close, I hope that the Safety & Facilities Committee has provided assistance as required to Clubs and we look forward to working with you in 2026.

Is mise, le meas.

Proinsias Mac Aodhagáin

Oifigeach Sábháilteachta agus Saoráidí

## Roscommon Co Planning & Training Report – Teresa Hession

Is mór an ónoir dom, tuarascáil an Oifigeach pleanála agus traenálaí chur ós bhur gcomhair don bhliain 2025.

#### Club Leadership Development Programme:

There was a series of online GAA's Club Leadership Development Programme (CLDP) which gave training in the role of various principal officers in each Club - namely the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Coaching Officer and Healthy Club Officer. Information on all of these and how to access them online was circulated through the club secretaries.

Live webinars / training was provided on a range of topics between January – October 2025 and recording of these were made available to those who requested them

- Foireann system webinars (Post AGM, Registration Preparation, running registration, managing your members, vetting your volunteers and financial procedures)
- Running an effective AGM webinar
- Essential Data Protection
- Critical Incidence Response Training

- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
- Cyber security

It should be noted that users must be registered on and logged into the GAA learning portal to access the courses and resources. Whilst most courses over the past few years were online, more of the courses were in person or online live webinars in 2025. It is advisable that all GAA members login at <https://learning.gaa.ie/login> . There is the registration guide if you are not a member of the Learning Portal: [Revised GAA Elearning Registration Guidelines.pdf](#) to assist with the joining to the portal.

#### Club Executive Training

There was an in-person workshop on Club Executive Training organised by the three Associations (GAA, LGFA & Camogie) and was delivered in Hannons Hotel to 10 clubs on February 26<sup>th</sup> 2025. Creggs, Ballinameen, Boyle, Clan na Gael, Oran Football, Pdraig Pearses, Ros Gaels, Shannon Gaels, St Aidans, Castlerea & Strokestown LGFA were all represented. It was attended by about one third of the clubs in our county, which was a little disappointing. The workshop covered areas such as understanding club officers' roles, club governance, financial and legal compliance, planning and goal setting and networking and outlining resources and support available.

Thanks to Aaron Clogher and Frank Egan for doing an excellent job delivering the workshop and there was some valuable feedback from most of the clubs who attended the training which was forwarded to Croke Park.

#### Steward Training:

This year we had a group of new gate people who completed their stewards training on line or in the Connacht COE in Began. Thanks to Tony Christie, our assistant Co Treasurer, for his help with this. There are over 120 people fully trained as stewards which is a great pool of willing volunteers who steward our games and carry out this function in a diligent and dedicated manner both in the Hyde and at their own club grounds. I would like to thank them for this as without them the logistics and smooth running of games on our grounds could not have happened. Most of our stewards certification runs at the end of 2026 so we will have to revisit this training late next year. Many thanks to the Co Management Committee for financing this training.

#### Club Planning:

The Club Planning Programme (CPP) is designed to support Clubs to develop and implement strategic plans which are needed to guide clubs running and structures, to get finance and also for the application for grants. The duration of this process will largely be at the discretion of the Club; however, the design and development phase should take between three – four months, and the recommended Club Plan duration should be between three to five years.

Well done to the Kilbride who completed their excellent club plan this year and at the time of writing this report Pdraig Pearses and Castlerea St Kevins are in the process of completing their plans which they hope to finalise in the coming weeks.

It is very important that clubs engage in this process as it gives the club Executive a document with a road map to guide the running and development of the club with input from the whole membership and the community. I urge clubs to take this on and once it is done, it will last for 3-5 years and is a valuable tool for succession of officers and committees in clubs as well as accessing finances and grants.

The Club Planning programme could not run without facilitators, and we are very lucky in Roscommon to have some very experienced and knowledgeable people in this role , namely Pat Compton, Aaron Clogher and Frank Egan who assisted clubs in 2025. Thank you for your work in this area. There may be people in

your club that would like to get involved as new club planning facilitators for the coming year. I am happy to meet with or chat to prospective facilitators if they require further information.

All the clubs in Roscommon were surveyed in November 2025 and the following is the up to date info on clubs in Roscommon regarding club plans and requests for areas of training which will form the basis of the work to be done in planning & training next year.

<b>Response rate</b>	<b>21 out of 32 clubs</b>		
Clubs who have a current club plan	6 - Yes	13- No	2 - working on them currently
Interested in doing a plan / renewing club plan in 2025	13- Yes	6 – No	
Interested in Club Compás training	16 – Yes	5 - No	
Suggestions for training in 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Officer Training – preferably in person</li> <li>● Children’s Officer &amp; DLP training</li> <li>● Foireann</li> <li>● IT- Microsoft one Drive</li> <li>● Recruitment of Volunteers</li> <li>● Succession</li> <li>● Grants – energy upgrades and for facility / shower rooms upgrade</li> <li>● Award 1 coaching in own grounds for club coaches</li> </ul>		

#### County Strategic Plan “ The Rossie Road Forward – Roscommon GAA Strategic Plan 2026-2031”

The work on the county plan has continued this year, and all the consultation information has been worked on to formulate a draft set of planned objectives, actions and outcomes for us as a county going forward for the coming 5 years. It is hoped to have this working document ready to be formally launched and implemented in early 2026. Many thanks to the Strategic Planning committee who have worked on this task thus far– Marie Gillooly, Mick Rock, Colm Beirne, Pat Compton, Frank Egan, Mick Gillooly, Diane Dennehy, Adrian Hassett, Brian Carroll, Thomas Murray and John O’Connor as well as many of our Co sub committees and County Officers who have provided valuable inputs to the objectives and actions. This plan will provide us with a roadmap to guide us as we embark on an exciting phase of development, infrastructure and also integration of all our gaelic games over the next 5 years in Roscommon.

#### National Planning and Training Committee

I am currently a member of the National Planning and Training committee in Croke Park 2024- 2026 inclusive which is a great way to get relevant developments / changes made that is beneficial to clubs, counties, officers and all our Gaelic games Associations in planning and training. This has been a busy but very insightful experience in 2025.

One of the newest and most beneficial developments is the new GAA [Club Help Centre](http://www.gaa.ie/clubhelp) which was launched in November 2025. The Help Centre serves as a dedicated online support hub for Club Officers, providing clear and concise answers to the most frequently asked questions relating to Club AGMs, Membership and Registration, Transfers, Sanctions and Permits. This is an important first step in developing a centralised resource to assist Clubs with administrative queries. The Help Centre is in its early stages and will continue to expand over time to include additional areas of the Association’s work. You can access the Help Centre at: [www.gaa.ie/clubhelp](http://www.gaa.ie/clubhelp)

There will also be a club summit for all club and county officers in February 2026 which will be a one-stop shop for all officers to enhance their capacity to fulfill their roles.

Thank you

As I conclude my report I wish to thank

- All the officers of the Co Board and Club Rossie for their guidance and support in my role this year. I want to acknowledge their work both on and off the fields of play for the benefit and development of Roscommon GAA. It is easy to forget that all the officers of our Co Board and Club Rossie are volunteers with jobs, families and other commitments outside of the GAA. They give a lot of time to their roles as officers of our county and we should be indebted and thankful to them for their work and dedication.

A huge thank you to all the Officers who are finishing up in their roles this year, many due to the 5-year rule, with special mention going to Brian Carroll who has completed 12 years as a Principal Officer of our Co Board. His expertise, knowledge, approachable manner and work ethic has served this county well, and he has left a legacy of facility developments and positive steps forward for Roscommon. I wish him and all our new Officers well in their new positions.

- Ruairí Harvey and Jack McCarney (Croke Park) for their constant support, advice and assistance in 2025.
- the club planning facilitators – Frank Egan, Pat Compton and Aaron Clogher for their work this year
- all those clubs in Roscommon who engaged with me in 2025. There is a lot of exceptional work going on in clubs in the county. I have been privileged to work with many clubs this year and witness the great people and the work that they do on a daily basis to develop and improve their clubs and communities.
- My family for their support and patience to allow me to do the work this position requires both inside and outside the county

Looking forward to working with you all to assist our Roscommon GAA community with all your planning and training needs in the coming year.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise daoibh go leir

Treasa Uí h-Oisín

## **Communications, Public Relations and Marketing Report – John O'Connor**

As I present my final report as Communications Officer to the Roscommon GAA Annual Convention, I do so with a deep sense of pride, gratitude, and reflection. Over the past five years, it has been a privilege to help share all that's great about Roscommon GAA with our community at home and abroad.

Senior Football.

It was Davy Burke's third year in charge of our senior football team. The goal at the start of the Allianz League campaign was to gain promotion from Division 2. This objective was achieved, and we went on to reach the League Final, where, unfortunately, it didn't go our way against an in-form Monaghan side. Next year, we will compete in Division 1 of the Allianz League, facing strong opposition in Armagh, Donegal, Dublin, Galway, Kerry, Mayo, and Monaghan.

In the Connacht Championship, we travelled to London and came away from Ruislip with a win on April 5th. Unfortunately, this was followed two weeks later by a defeat to Galway in Pearse Stadium.

In the All-Ireland group stage, we were drawn against Kerry, Meath, and Cork. Having suffered defeat to Kerry in Killarney, we faced Meath at King & Moffatt Dr. Hyde Park and earned a share of the spoils. The

team then travelled to Portlaoise to take on Cork, knowing that a draw would be enough to progress to the next round. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be, as we lost out on a scoreline of 0-19 to 0-17.

Having completed his three-year term, Davy Burke stepped away from his role as manager. I would like to thank Davy, Anthony Cunningham, and everyone involved with the team for their commitment and support throughout my term.

Finally, I wish our new senior football manager, Mark Dowd, his backroom team, and all of the players the very best of luck in what I hope will be a successful and rewarding period for the team.

## Hurling

Having been relegated from Division 2B of the Allianz Hurling League last year, our senior hurlers competed in Division 3 of this year's Allianz League under the management of Kevin Sammon. The team recorded three wins against Armagh, Cavan, and Sligo, successfully retaining their Division 3 status for 2026.

Roscommon began their Nickey Rackard Cup campaign with a defeat to Mayo, followed by a draw against Sligo at Markievicz Park. The lads took great confidence from that performance and went on to finish the group stage strongly, recording wins over Armagh, Fermanagh, and Louth. These results secured a place in the Nickey Rackard Cup Final, where we once again faced Mayo.

In the final, played on May 31st at Croke Park, the lads showed tremendous determination and a never-say-die attitude, coming from behind to snatch victory in dramatic fashion — 3-16 to 1-21.

A special event was held at the Hodson Bay Hotel on Friday, November 7th, where the players received their medals from Limerick senior hurling manager John Kiely.

Congratulations to Conor Cosgrove, Enda Lawless, Mark Ward, and Seán Canning, who were named on the Nickey Rackard Cup Champion 15 team for 2025. A special word of congratulations also to Conor Cosgrove, who was named Nickey Rackard Player of the Year.

Kevin has stepped down as the manager and has been replaced by Brian Hanley. I would like to wish Brian and his team all the best in 2026.

I would like to convey my gratitude to Kevin Sammon, Seamus Qualter, Francis O'Halloran and Johnny Keane for their cooperation over the last five years.

Thanks to the Hurling Committee and Coiste Iomána, and to Christy, Kieran (Doyle), Anne, Kieran, and Mike for all their assistance throughout the last number of years.

Finally, a special mention to Pádraic Mulry for his invaluable contribution in his role as Hurling PRO over the past four years. Pádraic's dedication and commitment to promoting hurling within the county is greatly appreciated.

## U17 Football

It was a memorable year for our U17 football team. After losing to Mayo in the 2024 Connacht Final, and under the leadership of new manager Shane Moran, the players entered 2025 with a point to prove. They went through the group stages unbeaten, overcoming all opposition along the way.

On May 9th, at Hastings Insurance MacHale Park, Roscommon once again faced Mayo in the Connacht Final — the same fixture as the previous year. This time, however, the outcome was different. A late goal from Dara Curran proved crucial, securing Roscommon's first Connacht title since 2020.

On June 7th, the lads took on a highly rated Louth side at Kingspan Breffni in the All-Ireland Minor Football Championship Quarter-Final. In a thrilling contest that went to extra time, they emerged victorious on a memorable night for Roscommon football.

Two weeks later, on June 22nd, they returned to Cavan to face a formidable Tyrone outfit in the All-Ireland Semi-Final. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be, as Roscommon came out on the wrong side of a 2-12 to 1-08 scoreline.

I would like to wish Shane Moran and the team all the best of luck in 2026.

I would like to thank Shane, James Duignan and Enda Nugent for their help during my term.

Sincere thanks to Shay Galvin, Marion Kelly, and Paul Clogher for all their invaluable assistance.

## U20 Football

Our U20 team entered 2025 under the guidance of new manager Cian Smith. The Connacht Championship campaign began with a 1-15 to 0-13 defeat to Mayo in Castlebar. This was followed by a win over Sligo, a hard-fought draw with Galway in Tuam, and an impressive 24-point victory against Leitrim. These results secured a place in the Semi-Final against Sligo in Began. In a keenly contested encounter, Roscommon edged out their opponents, finding the net four times in the process.

On April 30th, the lads once again faced Mayo in the Connacht Final. Despite another strong attacking display, with goals keeping Roscommon in contention until the closing stages, it wasn't to be, as they were narrowly defeated on a scoreline of 4-08 to 2-17.

I would like to extend my thanks to Cian Smith, and to former managers Noel Dunning and Liam Tully, along with their respective backroom teams, for all of their hard work and commitment. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated.

## Communications Committee.

I want to once again thank the members of the Communications committee Colm Beirne, Eugene Pettit and Padraic Mulry for their assistance throughout the year

## Social Media.

Roscommon GAA holds a strong social media presence on three platforms – Facebook, X & Instagram.

These are the only official accounts

Facebook - @roscommongaa

X - @roscommongaa

Instagram - @roscommongaa

We do not have a TikTok account.

I would ask anyone posting Roscommon GAA related content on social media to continue to use #RosGAA

Our Instagram account is verified. This is indicated with a blue tick.

The number of followers continues to rise year on year.

	November 2020	November 2025.	Change	% Increase
Facebook	18,611	26,192	+7,581.	40.73%
X	30,927	40,040	+9,113.	29.47%
Instagram	8,882	17,442	+8,560.	96.37%

## Match Programmes

This year, I produced a 72-page souvenir programme for the Senior Football Final, along with one for the replay. I also produced a joint programme for the Intermediate and Junior 'A' Football Finals.

Well done to the Hurling Committee, who were responsible for producing an excellent programme for the Senior Hurling Final.

When I took on the role of PRO, my goal was to maintain the high standard of match programmes in the county. Looking back, I feel that I have achieved that aim, and I was fortunate enough to accept two MacNamee Awards on behalf of Roscommon GAA for the Senior Football Final programmes in 2021 and 2023.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who provided content for the programmes or assisted in any way over the past five years. There are too many to mention individually — it truly was a team effort.

A special word of thanks to Emmet Featherstone and Linda McGann of Keen Print, Roscommon, for their invaluable support and professionalism throughout.

#### Club Championship Draw

This year we broadcast the draws for the Senior, Intermediate and Junior 'A' Football Championships live from the Hodson Bay Hotel.

Thanks to everyone who helped out on the night especially Brendan Nugent who did an excellent job as always in producing the broadcast.

#### Live Streaming

Earlier this year, Roscommon GAA signed a three-year media rights agreement with Clubber.

This partnership has significantly expanded the number of Roscommon club matches available for live streaming, allowing more people than ever to experience our games and stay connected with their clubs and county.

I would like to extend sincere thanks to Brendan, Adrian, Eugene, and Michael for their valued assistance and dedication over the past seasons leading up to this agreement, as well as to all of our commentators for their ongoing commitment and professionalism.

Live streaming of matches is now an established and vital part of our communications and media strategy. It not only enhances accessibility for supporters who cannot attend in person but also plays an important role in promoting our games, showcasing our facilities, and strengthening the bond between clubs, players, and the wider Roscommon GAA community.

#### Media.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all members of the media with whom I have had the pleasure of working over the past five years. On the night of my appointment in 2020, I remarked that we in Roscommon are fortunate to have a local media who have a genuine affection for Gaelic Games. That sentiment has proven true throughout my term, and I remain deeply appreciative of the professionalism, cooperation, and enthusiasm shown by all involved.

I wish to acknowledge Ian Cooney, Sports Editor of the Roscommon Herald, along with Ivan, Noel, and Gerard, for their consistent support and commitment to Roscommon GAA coverage. Special thanks also to Alan in the advertising department for the weekly Coaching and Games page, and to Kevin Egan, whose willingness to assist whenever needed has always been greatly valued.

My gratitude also goes to Paul, Seamus, and Emma from the Roscommon People for their ongoing coverage and engagement, and to Kieran Galvin and Eamon Donoghue of the Westmeath Independent for their continued promotion of Roscommon GAA affairs. I would particularly like to thank Bernie O'Farrell for her excellent photography, her readiness to supply images when required, and her invaluable help with each of the Club Championship Launches held during my time as PRO.

I extend sincere thanks to Shannonside FM for their continued and comprehensive coverage of Roscommon GAA, and for the excellent service they provide to supporters throughout the county and beyond. Special mention goes to Willie Hegarty and his co-commentators for their professionalism and passion, and to Dave Hooper for his work behind the scenes. I also wish to acknowledge Darragh O'Connor and the Rossie Podcast, whose efforts have played an important role in promoting all aspects of Roscommon GAA.

#### Coaching and Games

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Padraic Mitchell, along with Peter Carney, Ollie Lennon, Proinsias Killion, and Aidan Main, for the outstanding work they continue to do in promoting Gaelic Games throughout the county. Their enthusiasm and dedication are evident in every initiative they undertake, and they have been exemplary in using social media to highlight their activities and achievements. They also provide weekly content for the Roscommon Herald Coaching & Games page, a contribution that greatly assists in maintaining a strong and consistent public profile for this important area of our Association's work. I also wish to acknowledge and thank all the teachers and volunteers who promote Gaelic Games within our primary and post-primary schools. Their commitment ensures that our young people continue to develop a lasting love for our games — laying the foundations for the future of Roscommon GAA.

#### Acknowledgements and Conclusion

I wish to extend my deepest thanks to all my fellow officers for their assistance, cooperation, and friendship throughout the past five years, and to the members of the various committees for their consistent help and support. It has been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated and capable people, each of whom has contributed greatly to the continued success of Roscommon GAA.

As my own term concludes, so too does that of our Chairperson, Brian Carroll. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Brian for his constant support, guidance, and advice, and to wish him every success in his new role. I also extend best wishes to Frank, Paula, and Síle as they take up their new positions, and to Pat, John, Clare, and Anne, who complete their terms this evening — thank you all for your commitment and contribution.

Tom Murray now succeeds Brian as Chairperson, and having worked closely with him, I have every confidence that Roscommon GAA will be in excellent hands under his leadership.

Fidelma Lennon is taking over from me as Communications Officer, and I am delighted to see the role go to someone so capable and committed. I want to wish her every success and enjoyment in the years ahead — I know she'll do a fantastic job.

My thanks also to Diane Dennehy and Sharon Dunning, and previously Stephen Ormsby, for their excellent work in producing match programmes for our club competitions, and for their help and cooperation whenever it was needed. I would also like to acknowledge Gerry Kehoe, who continues to do an outstanding job as stadium announcer at King & Moffatt Dr. Hyde Park, and Conor Flahive, who manages the scoreboard with great reliability and professionalism.

Finally, I extend my sincere thanks to all the clubs in County Roscommon for their continued support, engagement, and courtesy over the past five years.

It has been an absolute privilege to work alongside you all and to serve Roscommon GAA. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have played a small part in promoting and supporting our Association, and I look forward to continuing to support Roscommon GAA in the years ahead.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

Seán Ó Conchobhair

Oifigeach Cumarsáide CLG Ros Comáin

## **Children's Officer Report – Oliver Donagher**

The main work of the County Children's Officer is to support the work of the Club Children's Officers and help with any queries they may have and give advice where requested. Thankfully there weren't as many questions this year as in other years and this is a testament to the quality of the people in those positions and to the training which many of those officers have undertaken over the years. Most issues which arise in clubs can be dealt with internally through the work of the Children's Officer with the support of the Club Executive. Speaking to people and explaining how the club operates helps to give members an insight into what the club is trying to do. Club policy outlines how Child Welfare issues are dealt with and every one should be aware of the policy.

The big issue for all clubs this year, from a National perspective, was the completion of the Risk Assessment and Child Safeguarding Statement. This work was to be done by the Club Executive, with the help of the Children's Officer. The Risk assessment is a comprehensive account of the Club structures and how well they operate. It is an opportunity to do an audit of how the club is doing, with regard to policy and procedure, as well as looking at the physical position as regards facilities etc. As the Risk Assessment is to be done every two years it gives the Club a chance to trace the changes and improvements that have occurred over the two years and helps to plot a course for the next two years.

The Safeguarding Statement is a form of testimonial as to the Club's fitness to operate, as it outlines the steps the Club has taken to ensure that Best Practice in the care of the young people in the club, is paramount. The Statement is placed in a prominent position, in a public area in the Club's premises and reassures anyone, who wishes to bring their children to the Club, that they will be properly looked after. The document is signed by the Club Children's Officer and the Club Chairman. The completion of this work has a very strict time scale. The work is done online and had to be completed by early May and if not strict penalties would be imposed. All the Clubs in Roscommon met the date in question and no issues arose.

The education of all Club Children's Officers, with regard to their duties, and providing them with as much knowledge as possible to help them in their position, is an ongoing process. Courses for the Officers are available each year and especially for new entrants to the post. Through the Club Children's Officer courses –Safeguarding 1 – can be provided for all Club members who work with Underage. This is a huge benefit to all members and makes the Children's Officer's job easier as it outlines to all how Best Practice should operate in the club. The number of courses held in the County surpassed any other year and shows that everyone wants to provide the best care possible for the young children in the care of the Association.

All issues that arise at Underage level can be dealt with in one of two ways. First is to decide if the problem is to be dealt with as a Rule infraction or a breach of the Code of Best Practice. If the issue is a breach of the Rules it is dealt with in the normal way as outlined in the TO. However if it is seen as a Breach of the Code of Best Practice it is dealt with under different regulations. These guidelines are outlined in one of the booklets I referred to earlier—Dealing with Alleged Breaches of the Code of Behaviour. All Clubs should have a copy of this to hand.

The running of competitions at Underage is the responsibility of the County Minor Board. At the beginning of the year the Board draws up a timetable for all age groups from U12 to U18 and provides a comprehensive diary for all clubs to follow giving everyone an opportunity to partake in a huge number of games in the

course of the year. The officers of the Board deserve enormous credit for all the work they do and for the time they devote to the task. The County is extremely lucky to have people of the calibre of the current officers who are in charge this year as we also have had over many years. This year competitions were completed at all levels and whatever issues arose were dealt with as effectively as could be done.

The Minor Board also looks after all the Under age County teams and Roscommon has fielded teams in all relevant competitions. Many of the competitions are pre championship and are played to allow as many young people as possible to have the chance to play at County level. The Board ensures that the best people available are placed in charge of these teams and the best coaching and training possible is provided. The welfare of all these players is extremely important and all assistance is provided so that all benefit and prosper when in the care of the Minor Board. The County has had success at every level and continues to develop young people to be the best they can be not just as players but as individuals who will grow to be good citizens.

The work of the Games Development Committee under the stewardship of the Games Manager is essential to the future of the GAA in the County. With the guidance of the GPOs who go into every school and Club in the County not only are the children trained but also the coaches so that the highest standard of coaching is provided for all. This has allowed the standard to be raised all round and ensures that there are people in every Club who can provide the best assistance and training for all Underage. The GPOs work with the County Development squads and, with the Minor Board, provide an excellent background for future success. At all times Child Welfare and Best Practice are to the fore.

This year as an extra development the Games Management Committee undertook a scheme of work in all the Secondary schools in the County. Working with Transition Year students a Coaching programme was organised and a large number of students qualified as coaches and are now working in their clubs to provide for the needs of other younger players. As well as being a great help to Clubs to have these young people available to work in the Clubs it is a marvelous bonus for the young coaches themselves by giving them the confidence to take on leadership roles. All of this work adds to the Welfare and Safeguarding of our youth as it makes more people aware of Best Practice in Sport.

As is the case every year there are always issues that have to be dealt with. Many of these issues happen within Clubs and the structures are there to deal with all. Some booklets are available on the GAA website which provide Clubs with the tools to sort out almost every problem. Clubs should download a few copies of these booklets and make the officers, executive, coaches and as many parents as possible aware of the guidelines. This will help to avoid many of the issues before they arise. Issues that arise at games are dealt with normally by the Minor Board following the receipt of the Referee's report. These issues are dealt with as sensibly as possible within the rules but sometimes findings are not always to everyone's satisfaction. 'That's Life'.

As County Children's Officer I want to thank all the people who have taken on the position of Club Children's Officer. The Club can't exist without you and your work is very important. The latest addition to your workload is the changes that have occurred in the Vetting system. Please make sure that you are up to date with all the new regulations and ensure that the speedy completion of the procedure is adhered to.

Good luck to all involved in working with Underage and I hope you get enjoyment and satisfaction out of the progress that those in our care are showing.

Olibhear O ' Donachair.

Oifigeach Leanai, Ros Comáin.

## Northern Board Report – John O’Connor

We started the year off with a new year chairman, Shane Devaney from the Shannon Gaels club, Shane is a great asset to the board as he is a huge Gaa man, he has an unbelievable work ethic, he possesses a lot of knowledge across all aspects of the Gaa.

Our adult competitions took centre stage at the start of the year, we managed to get more games played than the previous year as the weather wasn’t quite as bad, Boyle won the senior, Eirog won the intermediate and Ballinameen won the Junior.

Like the previous number of years we held a draw to support our divisional team going forward, which again was very successful, this was spearheaded once again by Peter Bolger, so he deserves huge credit.

In May we held a run in the forestpark Boyle, in honour of our dear friend and former chairman, the late Chris O’Dowd, there was a large crowd on the day and the event proved to be a huge success, this was the brainchild of Shane’s, he left no stone unturned when it came to the organisation of this event, so a special thanks needs to go to him. And also to all that turned out to support on the day. We hope to have this as an annual event each year, from the funds collected on the day we presented the Mayo Roscommon Hospice 1000 euro.

Our underage competitions started on June the 9<sup>th</sup> with the Keenan cup kicking off proceedings, The Garda cup started a week later, we ended up getting three out four competitions played off by July the 12<sup>th</sup>, with 3 finals the one week, as I am writing this report The McGlynn cup is still outstanding and is due to be played on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Oran St.Croan’s v Michael Glavey’s Eirog are the contenders in this. Boyle were convincing winners of the Garda cup as were Shannon Gaels in the Keenan cup, Elphin Ballin ameen took the honours in the Beirne shield.

In September we had our divisional team take to the field in a preliminary quarter final against Elphin, this was a very entertaining game, and not like previous years we were a more even opposition to our contenders, this year our management team consisted of Peter Bolger, with an excellent coach at his side, Galway’s Sean O’Donaghill, alongside him was one of Roscommon’s greats for year’s David Keenan. From the Northern board we would like to thank the three lads for commitment during the year, once again we left no stone unturned when it came to this team, and this is our aim going forward.

Finally, I want to wish all clubs in our area all the best for the new season and the new year.

Thanking you

John O’Connor

## Southern Board Report - Rob Ralph

A chara,

An email was sent from the Mid South board on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 asking all football clubs at the three grades provide two members to be a part of the Mid South board.

In said email, all clubs were asked if they would be interested in a region based championship by the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2024.

Finally, eligible clubs were asked to notify their interest by the 19<sup>th</sup> of November of putting forward a divisional team in the 2025 senior football championship.

Only one club responded to the above email, and said the club already had two delegates on the board.

It's clear in the current guise, there is not sufficient interest from players to create a divisional team in the middle of hurling and football championships, as a high number of players in the region are dual players as it is. It is also clear from the lack of response to the above email from football clubs at all grades that there is not enough interest to keep the Mid South board sustainable. Since the Mid South board was reestablished, only three senior clubs have reached out, and that was only at the initial stages in late 2022 and early 2023. There has been no contact since.

We would implore the county board that if they wish to continue with this experiment that stakeholders from the Hurling, North and Mid South boards come together to align with a combined fixtures schedule for the year, as there are too many matches currently for dual players to even consider joining a divisional team. Yes players want to play more games, but they want more meaningful games.

Yours

Rob Ralphs

Secretary Mid-South Board

## **History Committee Report – Tommie Kenoy**

2025 Committee.

Chairperson, Tommie Kenoy, Communications Officer and History Committee Secretary, John O Connor, Martin Walshe, Padraig Duke, Jim Ganly, Cathal Durney, Michael Fahey.

2026 Committee.

We recommend that the following committee should be appointed for 2026. Tommie Kenoy, Martin Walshe, Padraig Duke, Jim Ganly, Cathal Durney, Michael Fahey and incoming Communications Officer.

Anniversaries 2025.

2025 is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kilbride winning the 2000 Senior Football Championship. On the recommendation of this committee the players from that team were honoured at this year's Co Senior Final. Happy memories Kilbride.

Museum.

It is the intention of the committee to start planning during 2026 for the establishment of the Roscommon GAA Museum in the Dermot Earley Centre of Excellence.

Appeal to the Clubs.

We are calling on all clubs to play an integral part in putting this Museum together because the clubs of this county, and in particular those who went before you, are central to the history of Roscommon GAA. Our clubs, at grass roots level, are the real GAA, the real story that we believe this Museum must tell.

That is why your participation in the establishment of the Roscommon GAA Museum is so important. We are therefore asking each club to appoint a liaison officer to join with us in setting up this Museum and to send that person's name and email address to [History.roscommon@gaa.ie](mailto:History.roscommon@gaa.ie) early in the new year.

Our thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Commemorative Plaque Tarmon Shed.

We offer our warmest congratulations to Castlerea St. Kevin's GAA Club for organising the official commemoration of "The Shed" on Saturday, 18th October last in honour of Dan O'Rourke for his outstanding contribution to the sporting and cultural life of Tarmon, Castlerea St. Kevin's and Roscommon GAA. The event included the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at The Shed to mark this historic site.

The Shed was built by Dan O'Rourke in the late 1930s. It provided accommodation and facilities for Roscommon footballers who came together to train on his land - a pioneering initiative that helped lay the foundations for the county's "Six Glorious Years" and All-Ireland victories in 1943 and 1944.

Dan O'Rourke was born in Trents, Lough Allen, Co Leitrim. He came to Tarmon NS, Castlerea as a teacher in 1911 He founded and sustained Tarmon GAA Club. Dan served as Roscommon GAA Chairman for 2 terms; 1935 to 1948 and 1954 to 1957. He was President of Connacht GAA 1955 to 1957. He was GAA President 1946 to 1948.

#### Minute Books.

We have in our possession the following old minute books.

#### County Committee.

Two books.

April 1946 to January 1960

January 1960 to February 1977.

#### Co-Executive.

Seven books containing minutes between 1976 and 2005.

#### Co Minor Committee.

Three books containing minutes between the formation of the Co Minor Committee in 1969 and February 1992.

#### Northern Board.

Three books containing minutes between September 1947 and April 1962.

#### Mid Board.

One book containing minutes between October 1939 to October 1945.

#### West Board.

Three books containing minutes between May 1947 and December 1971.

#### Other.

Minutes of the Committee that produced the "Pink Report" in 1968

Some fixtures and disciplinary committee minutes.

#### Request.

We appeal to any person or club who may be in possession of old records to please pass them on to the History Committee. All such records are a very important part of Roscommon GAA history and will be preserved in the archive in the Roscommon GAA Museum.

#### Suggested Reading.

There were many fine books of GAA interest published during the past year. This is our pick.

#### THE GAA COVERED.

The History of The GAA in Match Programmes  
by John Kelly.

While there is no single complete archive of GAA Match Programmes there are many such programmes stored by private collectors. It is from such collectors that John Kelly received tremendous cooperation in compiling this wonderful book.

John himself is, of course, one such collector- he's had a lifelong pastime of buying the programme of every game he attended and keeping it as a souvenir of the event.

This book paints a wonderful portrait of these historical documents which, of themselves, chart an invaluable local, social and cultural story, going all the way back to the first published match programme in 1886. The book is available in most book stores. Grab one for Christmas.

Thank You.

The committee wishes to sincerely thank everybody who supported us in our work during 2025.

Tommie Kenoy

On Behalf of

Roscommon GAA History Committee.

## **Fixtures Analysts Report – Valerie Murray**

When monitoring the fixture programme within the County, my main role as a Fixtures Analyst is to focus on the following:

- Fixtures played versus the master fixture plan
- Postponements and re-fixture arrangements
- Notification of fixtures to clubs (Rolling/Weekly)
- Identifying periods of no club activity
- Identifying busy periods of club activity

### **Fixture Programme 2025**

#### **Overview**

Rule 3.29 - A County shall submit its complete Fixtures Programme, both Adult and Underage, to its Provincial Council by the last day of January each year, and the Provincial Council, through its nominated appointee with responsibility for Club Fixtures, shall either submit it to the Central Fixtures Analysis and Oversight Committee for approval or instruct adjustment to the Programme as is considered necessary. Provincial Councils, through its nominated appointee, shall monitor the progress of each County's Championships on a monthly basis. As far as I know, the Connacht Council have never considered any adjustments necessary to our fixtures.

#### **County Fixture plans 2025**

The Master Fixtures for Roscommon were passed at a County Board meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. The exact venues, dates and times for all 5 league divisions (football) were sent to the clubs on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. Any request for changes to the listed time and/or date had to be sent from the club secretary's official email to the fixtures secretary's official email at least seven days in advance of the fixture. No Changes were granted thereafter, except in exceptional circumstances as outlined in the County Regulations.

The dates, times and venues for all three rounds of the Senior, Intermediate & Junior A Championship were sent out to the clubs on the 23rd May (a week earlier than last year). The first rounds were scheduled for the August Bank Holiday weekend, so once again our players had plenty of time to plan ahead and organise work, etc.

There was one game conceded in the Division 1 League. One team conceded their games in Round 2 & Round 4 of the Division 2 League and were therefore eliminated from the competition and were automatically relegated. The club had put three teams into the various leagues but struggled with their second team. Three games were conceded in the Division 3 League and 4 were conceded in the Division 4 League. There were 6 games conceded in Division 5A of the league but 4 of these were one club's C team. There were only 2 games conceded in Division 5B which was a big improvement on last year.

The football leagues were played during the period 7<sup>th</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> July. Division 1, 2 & 3 games were played over the same weekend with Division 4 & 5 being played on the alternate weekend. No games were cancelled due to the County team.

The football championship started over the Bank Holiday weekend in August, and all went ahead as scheduled in the Master Fixtures. Players had certainty of fixtures at all times which I think is very important,

The Junior hurling championship started on the 6<sup>th</sup> April and concluded on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. The Senior Hurling League started on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and concluded on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. The Senior hurling championship started on the 4<sup>th</sup> July and concluded on the 28<sup>th</sup> September.

#### County Championships- Football (Adult)

	Division	No. of Groups	No. of Teams	No. of Rounds	Knockout	Start Date Round 1	Finish Date Final Round	Date of Final	Max.	Min.
Adult League	1	1	12	11	Final	07/03/2025	27/06/2025	11/07/2025	12	11
	2	1	12	11	Final	08/03/2025	28/06/2025	06/07/2025	12	11
	3	1	12	11	Final	07/03/2025	29/06/2025	06/07/2025	12	11
	4	1	8	7	Final	21/03/2025	13/06/2025	24/06/2025	8	7
	5	2	15	7 & 6	Final	22/03/2025	14/06/2025	12/07/2025	8 & 7	7 & 6

	Division	No. of Groups	No. of Teams	No. of Rounds	Knockout	Start Date Round 1	Finish Date Final Round	Date of Final	Max.	Min.
Championship	Senior	3	**13	3	¼, ½ & Final	01/08/2025	30/08/2025	*26/10/2025	6	3
	Intermediate	3	12	3	¼, ½ & Final	01/08/2025	30/08/2025	19/10/2025	6	3
	Junior A	3	12	3	¼, ½ & Final	02/08/2025	31/08/2025	18/10/2025	6	3
	Junior B	4	19	4 & 5	¼, ½ & Final	22/08/2025	21/10/2025	21/11/2025	7	3

\*Replay played on 1st November 2025

\*\* North Roscommon played Elphin in a Preliminary Quarter Final

#### County Championships- Hurling (Adult)

	Division	No Of Groups	No of Teams	Start Date	Finish Date - Final	Max	Min
League		2	7	2 June	29 June	5	2
Championship		1	7	4 July	28-Sept	7	4
Junior League		2	7	6 April	25 May	5	4
Connacht	League		1				

The U20 football championship was run on a knockout basis this year. There were 3 divisions – 6 teams in Division 1, 8 teams in Division 2 and 7 Teams in Division 3. The first games were played on the 11<sup>th</sup> October and the finals for all three divisions have yet to be played. The Division 2 & 3 finals are on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November and the Division 1 final is fixed for the 29<sup>th</sup> November. Some U20 game dates were affected by other adult championship fixtures and had to be moved out by a week or two. It is hard to figure out what the best time slot is for the U20 championship in our fixtures calendar. It is a very important competition but no matter when it is scheduled it doesn't suit some people!

Club activity, for a few clubs, starts in February with the Northern Board competitions but the majority of clubs don't start their competitions until March. The month of July is a quiet month for the football clubs. The majority of clubs have little or no games from October to March which is a good break for players and management teams.

The Northern Board are to be commended for their efforts in trying to keep the Divisional football teams going but they are just not getting the buy-in from Junior & Intermediate clubs. I think it's something that needs to be looked at early in the year. I am not sure what can be done to make it a success.

There are 4 games still to be played but these are scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November (three U20 finals and the Junior B Final). This has been another very successful year by our CCCs, planning and delivering a full schedule of games across all age grades. The amount of games played this year was the same as last year with the exception of U20. This was changed to knockout due to the time of the year it is being played and the fact that it is very difficult to get neutral pitches at this time of the year.

#### Overall Observations

- Our Master Fixture plans were adhered to and are being observed.
- The progress, or not, of the Inter-County team is not impacting on our fixture programmes.
- The CCC included a new regulation in 2025 which states: C.C.C. has authority to change club league fixtures that clash with County fixtures at u17, u20 and Senior Football grades. This was to encourage and allow supporters to support our County Teams. This worked okay in the majority of cases!
- Roscommon CCC are using the provincial Club championships as the deadline for completing club championships with most clubs having a two-week gap from County final to provincial club competitions.
- We completed our County Games programme within the window provided with no games extending into 2026.
- Our Club Championships were scheduled on a Round-Robin basis with most players receiving a minimum of 4 Championship games.
- The availability of County players for their clubs for Leagues games is now very limited and very much dependent on the progress of county teams in their competitions.

- Roscommon moved away from a 'winner on the day' format for the finals. The Senior Final was the only final that went to a replay.
- The CCC found it difficult to get neutral pitches for games once they got to the closing stages of the various competitions. Clubs often close their pitches once they are out of all competitions. This is understandable but it does make life difficult for the committee.
- Weather conditions towards the end of the season had a big impact on securing venues for our games as so many pitches were unplayable. I feel that this will only get worse in years to come due to climate change.
- The lack of lights, particularly in the North of the County is a real issue. More investment in this would aid the development of the game.
- This was the first year of the implementation of new playing rules. A lot of people were a bit apprehensive about them but everyone seemed to adapt really well. There were concerns about how one official would be able to manage on his own for league games but great credit to our officials as there were very few complaints.

Below is just an extract from our Master Fixtures Calendar for a week in June and a week in August. As can be seen there aren't too many free evenings for additional competitions or for deviating from the schedule. If matches are pulled due to bad weather or some other unforeseen event, it is quite difficult to re-schedule games.

13/06/2025	Friday	Senior Football - Round 7 Div 4 & 5
		U16 D4 Football League - Final
14/06/2025	Saturday	Senior Football - Round 7 Div 4 & 5
15/06/2025	Sunday	SHL R3
		U12 Hurling
16/06/2025	Monday	
17/06/2025	Tuesday	
18/06/2025	Wednesday	U14 Hurling R2 / U18 Tain Hurling
19/06/2025	Thursday	
20/06/2025	Friday	Round 10 Div 1,2,3 / Div 5 Round 8
21/06/2025	Saturday	Round 10 Div 1,2,3 / Div 5 Round 8
22/06/2025	Sunday	SHL S/Finals

25/07/2025	Friday	Divisional Senior Championship Group Round 2 option 2
		U16 Division 4 Football Championship - Round 2
26/07/2025	Saturday	Divisional Senior Championship Group Round 2 option 2
27/07/2025	Sunday	SHC R3
		U12 Hurling
28/07/2025	Monday	U16 Division 1-3 Football Championship - Round 3

29/07/2025	Tuesday	U18 Division 1-3 Football Championship - Round 3 U14 D4 Football Championship - Round 3
30/07/2025	Wednesday	U14 Hurling R5 / U18 Hurling R2
31/07/2025	Thursday	U14 Division 1-3 Football Championship - Round 3 U18 D4 Football Championship - Round 3
01/08/2025	Friday	Round 1 Senior/Inter/Junior Championship U16 Division 4 Football Championship - Round 3
02/08/2025	Saturday	Round 1 Senior/Inter/Junior Championship
03/08/2025	Sunday	Round 1 Senior/Inter/Junior Championship

## Irish Cultural and Scór Report – Clare Connellan

Dia daoibh go leir! Tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh féin agus bhur dteaghlaigh sláintiúil agus folláin. Tugann sé an-áthas dom an tuarascáil seo a chur i láthair inniu. Bhí an Coiste Cultúir agus Gaeilge i Ros Comáin ag obair go crua i rith 2025.

In this report I would like to emphasise the importance of Scór in preserving and celebrating Irish Culture and its role in fostering community spirit within Roscommon GAA.

On writing this report we at Coiste Scór Ros Comáin have just finished our Scór na nÓg County Final in Elphin. We have had over 250 under 17's that have participated in the competition over the past few weeks and we had a very competitive final and are confident of Connacht titles later this month. The talent of the children, the amount of volunteering hours that went into the children and the sheer commitment and drive to promote Scór by our small committee made it a night to remember. The following were victorious and we wish them all well in two weeks' time in the Connacht Final;

Roscommon GAA Scór na nÓg Champions 2025

- Tráth na gCeist – Kilglass Gaels
- Rince Foirne- Naomh Dominic
- Solo Singing – Gemma Casey, Naomh Dominic
- Aithriseoireacht/Scéalaíocht – Miriam D’Arcy, Pádraig Pearses
- Bailéad Ghrúpa – Naomh Michéal
- Nuachleas – Pádraig Pearses
- Ceol Uirlise – Elphin
- Rince Seit – Elphin

An outstanding evening of top class cultural fare.

Pride of place, club and county this past year must go to Naomh Dominic and their fantastic win in the Dramaíocht Shinsir in TF Theatre, Castlebar. They created a masterpiece “Fit for Purpose” and went all the way to achieving a massive accolade in April 2025. This was their first senior Scór Sinsir win in the novelty act category.

In January 2025 we began with work on our strategic plan to feed into the county development plan. Next up on March 1st our Scór Sinsir County Final was held in Kilmurry Hall. We had 12 quiz teams, 7 solo singers, 3 in the Recitation, 4 ballad groups, 3 novelty acts, 3 music groups and one set. We went on to represent Roscommon in 7 of the 8 disciplines and take Connacht Titles in the Novelty Act and Elphin also went on to represent the county in the Tráth na gCeist. This was followed by a famous night in Castlebar where St.

Dominics won the national title. A historic event for that club and this county. Next up were two very competitive nights for Scór na bPáistí. Over 260 children competed and got a medal for their participation. It was great to see the huge interest and talent and it certainly looks like the future of Roscommon Scór is bright. The Scór Year continued with Scór na nÓg as I have mentioned earlier. The eight winners all go on to represent the county in the Connacht Finals on November 29<sup>th</sup> in Ballinasloe. Roscommon as a county is punching very high in Scór participation levels, interest and talent are envied by other Connacht Counties which is great to see.

As I have reached the end of my five years, I would like to thank my committee and the county board executive for all the help and support over the past five years. I want to pay a special thanks to Cian Diffley for all his help and support, he was always there at the end of the phone no matter what the drama was. Cian is a quiet and unassuming secretary but works behind the scenes without any fuss. I want to wish him the best of luck in his role as Fear An Tí at the Connacht Finals on November 29<sup>th</sup> in Galway. I want to also thank Alastair, Micheal, Tom, all the Cultural Officers, School Principals and all the numerous children that have entertained us over the past five years.

Thanks to Diane Dennehy Secretary of Connacht Scór, Alastair Beegan and Tomás Murray also on the Connacht Scór Committee for all their hard work and dedication to organising events in 2025.

There is a very proud Scór tradition in Roscommon GAA but we need a renewed effort in the majority of our clubs at senior level. The aim of Coiste Scór agus Cultúr is to promote and challenge our clubs in Roscommon to have representation in at least one Scór event in 2026. Scór Sinsir will be back in Spring 2026. It is hoped that Scór na bPáistí will take place in February 2026 to keep the youth involved. Please encourage your club to take up this challenge. If any club would like help or information please contact [Roscommonscór@gmail.com](mailto:Roscommonscór@gmail.com) or [irishculturalofficer.roscommon@gaa.ie](mailto:irishculturalofficer.roscommon@gaa.ie)

Updates and information also available on social media available through Facebook sites Scór Roscomáin and Instagram Roscommon Scór

Future – Wishing the next chairperson and committee the very best of luck in the years ahead. It is a truly rewarding role.

I will finish by commenting on the massive work of all the Roscommon GAA Executive, your hard work, commitment and dedication must be commended. I have truly enjoyed my time working with you all and a special word of thanks to Brian for giving me this opportunity. It was a true honour and privilege to have undertaken this role over the past five years.

As Uachtarán Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Jarlath Burns, commented in his address earlier this year, “It is Scór that sets the GAA apart as more than just a sporting organisation”

Wishing you all a happy, peaceful and healthy Christmas and every good wish for 2026.

Nollaig Shona & Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Le Meas,  
Clare Connellan /Cláir Ní Chonnaláin

Committee: Clare Connellan, Diane Dennehy, Alastair Beegan, Cian Diffley, Micheal Gunn, and Tomás Murray

## Handball Report - Eddie Conboy

Following on from an action packed and success-laden 2024 was always going to be a difficult task, but I am happy to report that Roscommon continued to make its mark inside and outside the alley during 2025.

Numerous Connacht titles were once again secured across all codes with 2x All-Ireland Titles being won by Lisacul's Denis Creaton and Boyle man Anthony O'Donnell, representing St. Coman's.

Denis claimed the 40x20 All-Ireland Silver Master's A Title in April with a dominant performance against Cork's

Dale Cusack in Croke Park. Unfortunately, our 3x other Connacht Champions: John Coggeran (SMB), Mickey Walsh (070s) and Anthony O'Donnell (DMA) had luck desert them on the day as they narrowly missed out on their All-Ireland Titles.

In the Doubles, the ever-youthful duo of Mickey Walsh and Martin Bruen just missed out on the O70's All-Ireland Doubles 40x20 Title to a Tipperary pairing.

Anthony O'Donnell finally claimed an elusive All-Ireland Title in August when he produced a flawless performance against Kevin Mullins of Tipperary to claim a hugely deserved win in the Diamond Masters. Denis Creaton and Glenn Walsh were unable to add to the medal haul as they both lost in their All-Ireland Finals.

Our handballer's also made an impact in the USA during 2025. Fiona Tully was runner up in the prestigious Salt Lake City Pro Tour Final while Siobhan Treacy narrowly lost (via a tiebreaker) in the USHA Collegiates in Portland. Closer to home, Alanna Coggeran had a great run to the final of the Irish Wallball Collegiates.

Roscommon currently has a thriving underage Handball scene, with almost 200 juveniles playing the sport. I wish to thank Club's and coaches for their Trojan work that has delivered numerous titles during the year.

Early in the year, Grace Corrigan claimed an u16 Silver Medal in the Community Games and 4x Roscommon Juveniles won 40x20 A Connacht Titles: St. Coman's Adam Farrell (u11), Niamh Hall (u14) of Kilglass Gaels and the Lisacul trio of Senan Johnston (u14) and James Boyle & Cathal Cox (u14 Doubles).

During the summer, Roscommon players featured prominently in the many tournaments throughout the Country, culminating in Eoin Grehan's magnificent win in the Connacht u14 Wallball Championship on his home court in Kilglass.

My own personal highlight for 2025 has to be Kilglass Gaels' successes in the U14 WallBall Feile. Playing fantastic Handball, the Club brought home 2x Silver medals and a historic Girls Division 2 Title from Armagh. The celebrations afterwards, 20x young handballer's being welcomed home by a jubilant crowd as they crossed the River Shannon at Ruskey, is a memory that will always stay with me.

Handball gives children of all abilities massive confidence and provides a social outlet for adults of all ages. The Mothers & Others in Kilglass continues to thrive and there are plans to introduce a Dad's and Lads's course in early 2026 with the help of GAA Handball.

During the year Roscommon once again staged some GAA Handball's biggest events, with Kilglass Gaels hosting a hugely successful All-Ireland Wallball Finals and St. Coman's hosting All-Ireland fixtures. As has always, Handballer's and supporters were full of praise for our venues and volunteers.

From a promotional point of view, I believe it is important that Roscommon GAA Handball should have a strong social media presence to provide updates of fixtures, results, news and features.

I am delighted that we have a strong executive, which is always striving to improve Handball's standing within the County and around the Country. I thank everyone for their efforts during the year and best wishes to all our Clubs, coaches and Handballer's in 2026.

Le meas,

Eddie Conboy, Runaí Coiste Liathróid Láimhe Ros Comáin

## Infrastructure Report – Pdraig Naughton

5 year Report Infrastructure Roscommon GAA

2021

- Roscommon GAA decided to focus on Hyde Park as our capacity had decreased to 12000 spectators. This was as a result of a Safety Audit carried out by Roscommon County Council. Concerns were mainly around the Concrete seats under the main Stand. In 2021 we also made a decision to sell the Runnabracken site which was earmarked for the COE.

2022

- Carried out Tree Felling at Athlone Road
- Addressed Safety issues with Graveyard wall.
- Addressed leaks in the Main Stand.

2023

- Resurfaced area at Back of Main Stand
- Installation of 3,630 New Seats in Main Stand.
- New Electronic Scoreboard Installed.

2024

- New Seating Plan in front of the Main Stand with 5,420 Seats Installed
- 2 New State of the Art Wheelchair areas Built.
- Opened vomitory underneath the Main Stand to address future works.
- Tarmac in front of Stand.
- Address Disability slopes and identify Parking for same.

2025.

- Make King and Moffatt Hyde Park secure by erecting fencing at Athlone Road behind Terrace.

2026.

- Start COE.
- Pending Funding Start to develop Toilets and Dressing Rooms Underneath Main Stand.

Thanks

Pdraig Naughton

Chairperson Infrastructure

## Competitions Control Committee Report – Fidelma Lennon

Adult Football Leagues

Finals /Playoffs /Relegations	Team 1	Team 2	Score	Winner
O'Rourke Cup final	St Brigids	Roscommon Gaels	St Brigid's 2-17 Roscommon Gaels 0-10	St Brigids
O'Gara Cup Final	Tulsk	Éire Óg	Tulsk Lord Edwards 1-17 Éire Óg - 0-12	Tulsk
O'Rourke Cup / O'Gara Cup play off	Castlerea	Creggs	Castlerea 0-19 Creggs 2-08	Castlerea
O'Rourke Cup Relegated	Michael Glaveys	St Faithleachs	Relegated to O'Gara	
O'Gara Cup Relegated	Kilmore	St Dominics B	Relegated to Tansey	

O'GARA Cup 10th Place play off / 3rd place Tansey	St Croans- 10th OGC	St Aidan's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tansey	St Croans 3-20 St Aidan's 1-03	St Croans
Tansey Cup	Strokestown	Ballinameen	Strokestown 2-15 Ballinameen 1-10	Strokestown
Tansey Cup Relegated	Boyle B	Roscommon Gaels B	Relegated to Division 4	
Division 4	Clann na nGael B	Elphin B	Clann na nGael B 4-12 Elphin B 2-07	Clann na nGael
Div 4 Relegated	Oran B	Creggs B	Relegated to Division 5	
Division 5	Kilbride B	Tulsk B	Tulsk B 2-10 Kilbride B 0-9	Tulsk

#### Cora Systems Division One League/O'Rourke Cup

Both players and management consistently express their approval of the current league structure, which consists of 11 rounds. The format ensures a high standard of football and provides regular fixtures throughout the league, making it one of the most well-received competitions at this level. St. Brigids and Roscommon Gaels again contested the final on the 11th of July 2025. St. Brigids defended their title winning on a scoreline of 2-17 to 0-10. Michael Glaveys and St Faithleachs were relegated to Division 2 for 2026.

Donnellan & Co Division Two League / O'Gara Cup – adopts the same format as Division One. Again the competition is structured around 11 highly competitive rounds, ensuring that every team has ample opportunity to play meaningful football throughout the league. The final was contested on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 by Tulsk Lord Edwards & Éire Óg with Tulsk emerging as winners on a scoreline of 1-17 v 0-12. Both Clubs are promoted to Division 1 for 2026. Kilmore and St Dominics B were relegated to Division 3 for 2026.

#### Doormotion Division 3 League / Tansey Cup

Like the O'Rourke Cup and O'Gara Cup, the Tansey Cup consisted of 12 teams who played a full round of 11 games. The final was played on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 between Strokestown B v Ballinameen on a very windy day in Strokestown with Strokestown coming out on top on a scoreline of 2-15 v 1-10. Both clubs are promoted to O'Gara Cup football in 2026. Roscommon Gaels B & Boyle B are relegated to Division 4 for 2026.

The KDM Construction Division 4 League featured 8 teams, each playing 7 matches. In the final on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in Johnstown, Clann na nGael B defeated Elphin B 4-12 to 2-07. Oran B and Creggs B were relegated to Division 5 for 2026.

The Hannons Hotel Division 5 League had 6 teams in Group A and 5 teams in Group B. Group A played 5 rounds while Group B played 4 rounds with one bye with the top team in each group contesting the final. The final was played on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025 between Kilbride B v Tulsk Lord Edwards with Tulsk B winning on a scoreline of 2-10 to 0:09. Both teams are promoted to Division 4 for 2026. There is no relegation from Division 5.



### Adult Football Championship

The Hodson Bay Group Senior Championship Final replay on November 1st saw St Brigid's defeat Padraig Pearse's 1-16 to 1-12 after their initial draw (1-15 each), the first since 2008. St Dominics were relegated for 2026 after losing 1-10 to 0-09 to Western Gaels. Good luck to St Brigid's in the Connacht SFC Final against Moycullen on November 30th, 2025.

Home Team	Home Goals	Home Points	Away Goals	Away Points	Away Team	Date	Round	Venue
Pádraig Pearses	1	12	1	16	St Brigids	01/11/2025	SFC Final Replay	Dr Hyde Park
Pádraig Pearses	1	15	1	15	St Brigids	26/10/2025	SFC Final	Dr Hyde Park
St Brigids	0	16	0	11	Clann na nGael	05/10/2025	SFC Final 2	Woodmount
St. Faithleach's	1	14	5	20	Pádraig Pearses	04/10/2025	SFC Final 1	Kiltoom
Michael Glaveys	1	18	1	20	St. Faithleach's	21/09/2025	SFC QF 2	Rockfield
Clann na nGael	0	16	1	8	Elphin	21/09/2025	SFC QF 3	Strokestown
Boyle	1	18	1	23	Pádraig Pearses	21/09/2025	SFC QF 4	Enfield
Roscommon Gaels	1	7	1	18	St Brigids	19/09/2025	SFC QF 1	Ballyforan
Western-Gaels	1	10	0	9	St. Dominic's	19/09/2025	SFC Relegation Final	Kilbride

Pádraig Pearses	2	26	3	15	Oran (Football)	10/09/2025	SFC Preliminary QF 2	Kiltoom
Castlerea St Kevins	0	14	0	12	Western-Gaels	07/09/2025	SFC Relegation SF	Enfield
Elphin	2	20	1	14	North Ros	07/09/2025	SFC Preliminary QF 1	Abbey Park
Oran (Football)	2	16	2	23	Boyle	30/08/2025	Round 3	Ballinameen
Roscommon Gaels	2	12	1	10	Castlerea St Kevins	30/08/2025	Round 3	Enfield
St. Faithleach's	2	18	3	22	Clann na nGael	29/08/2025	Round 3	Strokestown
Western-Gaels	1	13	2	13	Elphin	29/08/2025	Round 3	Kilbride
Pádraig Pearses	4	14	1	12	St. Dominic's	29/08/2025	Round 3	Ballyforan
St Brigids	0	11	1	13	Michael Glaveys	29/08/2025	Round 3	Lisnamult
St. Dominic's	1	11	1	20	St. Faithleach's	17/08/2025	Round 2	Knockcroghery
Michael Glaveys	5	8	0	9	Elphin	17/08/2025	Round 2	Ballinlough
Castlerea St Kevins	1	9	3	19	Boyle	16/08/2025	Round 2	O'Rourke Park
St Brigids	3	23	0	15	Western-Gaels	15/08/2025	Round 2	Kiltoom
Pádraig Pearses	1	17	1	14	Clann na nGael	15/08/2025	Round 2	Woodmount
Roscommon Gaels	1	15	0	16	Oran (Football)	15/08/2025	Round 2	Lisnamult
Oran (Football)	3	23	3	10	Castlerea St Kevins	03/08/2025	Round 1	Rockfield
Clann na nGael	2	12	1	8	St. Dominic's	01/08/2025	Round 1	Johnstown
Western-Gaels	2	15	1	20	Michael Glaveys	01/08/2025	Round 1	Nash Park
Elphin	1	5	2	21	St Brigids	01/08/2025	Round 1	Orchard Park
St. Faithleach's	1	14	0	12	Pádraig Pearses	01/08/2025	Round 1	Ballyleague
Boyle	2	13	0	15	Roscommon Gaels	01/08/2025	Round 1	Abbey Park

Our Ward Bros Intermediate Championship was again a brilliant standard of football and not short on entertainment. The final was held this year outside The Hyde in the lovely sunny environs of Kiltoom on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Strokestown clinched the title with a four -point victory over Éire Óg. At the time of reading this, Strokestown will have played Kilmeena in the IFC Connacht Final on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in MacHale Park, lets hope they have a successful outing.

Home Team	Home Goals	Home Points	Away Goals	Away Points	Away Team	Date	Round	Venue
Éire Óg	0	15	2	13	Strokestown	19/10/20 25	IFC Final	Kiltoom
Strokestown	3	12	2	13	Fuerty	05/10/20 25	IFC Semi Final 2	Lisnamult
Éire Óg	1	12	1	7	St Michael's	04/10/20 25	IFC Semi Final 1	Enfield
Naomh Bearrai	1	15	0	17	Kilbride	01/10/20 25	IFC Relegation Final	Kiltoom
St Michael's	1	18	1	11	Kilmore	21/09/20 25	IFC Quarter Final 1 QF3	Croghan
Éire Óg	0	21	0	7	St Brigids	21/09/20 25	IFC Quarter Final 1 QF2	Mulhern Park, Fuerty
Kilbride	0	5	2	10	Pádraig Pearses (B)	20/09/20 25	IFC Relegation Semi Final	Kilbride GAA Park
Tulsk Lord Edwards	1	6	0	12	Fuerty	20/09/20 25	IFC Quarter Final 1 QF4	O'Rourke Park
Strokestown	1	24	0	12	Creggs	20/09/20 25	IFC Quarter Final QF1	Knockcroghery
Shannon Gaels	0	10	1	14	Creggs	13/09/20 25	IFC Playoff	O'Rourke Park
Éire Óg	1	16	2	7	Kilmore	30/08/20 25	Round 3	Nash Park
St Michael's	1	14	0	6	Naomh Bearrai	30/08/20 25	Round 3	Orchard Park
Pádraig Pearses (B)	1	8	1	11	Fuerty	30/08/20 25	Round 3	Ballyforan
Creggs	1	14	1	18	Tulsk Lord Edwards	30/08/20 25	Round 3	Knockcroghery
Shannon Gaels	0	16	1	11	Kilbride	30/08/20 25	Round 3	Kilglass Gaels
St Brigids B	2	5	2	9	Strokestown	30/08/20 25	Round 3	Ballyleague
Fuerty	4	13	0	12	Kilmore	17/08/20 25	Round 2	Mulhern Park, Fuerty
Pádraig Pearses (B)	0	5	0	12	Éire Óg	16/08/20 25	Round 2	Woodmount
Creggs	3	7	1	15	St Michael's	16/08/20 25	Round 2	Creggs GAA Pitch
St Brigids B	3	21	1	10	Kilbride	16/08/20 25	Round 2	Kiltoom
Tulsk Lord Edwards	3	21	0	7	Naomh Bearrai	16/08/20 25	Round 2	Tulsk
Strokestown	1	22	1	15	Shannon Gaels	15/08/20 25	Round 2	Strokestown
St Michael's	2	10	1	21	Tulsk Lord Edwards	03/08/20 25	Round 1	Ardcarne Park
Éire Óg	1	23	1	14	Fuerty	03/08/20 25	Round 1	James Timothy Park
Naomh Bearrai	0	6	1	21	Creggs	02/08/20 25	Round 1	Parc Naomh Bearraí
Kilmore	0	15	0	13	Pádraig Pearses (B)	02/08/20 25	Round 1	Ballinameen
Shannon Gaels	1	13	2	17	St Brigids B	02/08/20 25	Round 1	Croghan
Kilbride	1	5	5	20	Strokestown	01/08/20 25	Round 1	Kilbride GAA Park

### King & Moffatt Junior A Championship

On 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025, the King and Moffatt sponsored Junior A Championship final took place in Strokestown, where St Croans claimed victory over Ballinameen on a score of 1-13 to 0-07. Sincere thanks to Strokestown GAA for hosting the final while The Hyde was unavailable. St Croans progressed to the Connacht JFC semi final where they were beaten by Kiltimagh on penalties on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November, well done on a great season and a return to Intermediate football in 2026.

Home Team	Home Goals	Home Points	Away Goals	Away Points	Away Team	Date	Round	Venue
Ballinameen	0	7	1	13	St. Croans	18/10/2025	JFC Final	Strokestown
Western-Gaels B	0	7	5	16	St. Croans	05/10/2025	JFC Semi Final 2	O'Rourke Park
Ballinameen	0	12	1	7	St Aidan's	04/10/2025	JFC Semi Final 1	Davonna Park Ballinameen
St. Croans	1	21	1	15	Kilglass Gaels	21/09/2025	JFC Quarter Final QF4	Davonna Park Ballinameen
Ballinameen	2	14	2	12	Clann na nGael B	20/09/2025	JFC Quarter Final QF1	Lisnamult
Boyle B	0	8	1	14	Western-Gaels B	20/09/2025	JFC Quarter Final QF2	Ardcarne Park
St Aidan's	0	17	0	11	St Ronan's GAA Club	20/09/2025	JFC Quarter Final QF3	Orchard Park
St Ronan's GAA Club	1	13	1	10	St Brigids (C Team)	13/09/2025	JFC Playoff	Kilronan Park
Roscommon Gaels B	3	16	0	9	Strokestown B	10/09/2025	JFC Relegation Final	Kilbride
St Aidan's	2	14	0	11	Clann na nGael B	31/08/2025	Round 3	Woodmount
Western-Gaels B	4	18	0	10	Strokestown B	31/08/2025	Round 3	O'Rourke Park
St. Croans	1	16	0	13	Boyle B	31/08/2025	Round 3	Ballinlough
St Ronan's GAA Club	2	10	1	15	St Joseph's GAA Club (Kilteevan)	31/08/2025	Round 3	Tom Collins Park Croghan
St Brigids (C Team)	2	13	1	9	Roscommon Gaels B	31/08/2025	Round 3	Knockcroghery
Kilglass Gaels	1	6	1	11	Ballinameen	31/08/2025	Round 3	Davonna Park Ballinameen
St. Croans	3	20	1	5	St Ronan's GAA Club	17/08/2025	Round 2	Enfield
Boyle B	1	18	2	11	St Joseph's GAA Club (Kilteevan)	17/08/2025	Round 2	Abbey Park
Ballinameen	0	15	1	11	Roscommon Gaels B	17/08/2025	Round 2	Davonna Park Ballinameen

Kilglass Gaels	3	19	2	14	St Brigids (C Team)	17/08/2025	Round 2	Kilglass Gaels GAA Grounds
Strokestown B	2	10	3	17	Clann na nGael B	16/08/2025	Round 2	Strokestown
Western-Gaels B	1	12	1	13	St Aidan's	16/08/2025	Round 2	Nash Park
St Brigids (C Team)	1	9	0	21	Ballinameen	03/08/2025	Round 1	Kiltoom
St Ronan's GAA Club	0	12	0	10	Boyle B	03/08/2025	Round 1	Kilronan Park
St Joseph's GAA Club (Kilteevan)	0	2	1	24	St. Croans	03/08/2025	Round 1	Kilteevan
St Aidan's	3	17	2	4	Strokestown B	02/08/2025	Round 1	Ballyforan
Clann na nGael B	1	13	0	13	Western-Gaels B	02/08/2025	Round 1	Johnstown
Roscommon Gaels B	0	4	1	13	Kilglass Gaels	02/08/2025	Round 1	Lisnamult

### RosGal Loss Assessors Junior B Football Championship

At the time of writing, St Dominics B v Michael Galveys B will contest the Junior B Championship final on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 at 8pm in Ballyforan. Congratulations to both teams on reaching the final and many thanks to St Aidan's GAA for kindly hosting the game. The match is anticipated to be highly competitive as both clubs strive to secure some silverware.

To keep the competition enjoyable for committed clubs, clubs should only consider entering a team if they can participate fully, as several conceded games delayed the competition this year. This is unfair to players, management teams and the competition organisers and match officials who commit to matches that are later cancelled.



Home Team	Home Goals	Home Points	Away Goals	Away Points	Away Team	Date	Round	Status	Venue
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St. Dominic's B					Michael Glaveys B	21/11/2025	Junior B Final	TBC	Ballyforan
Michael Glaveys B	0	15	2	9	Oran (Football) B	08/11/2025	Junior B S/Final		Enfield
Tulsk Lord Edwards B	0	5	1	16	St. Dominic's B	08/11/2025	Junior B S/Final		Strokestown
Oran (Football) B	1	14	2	4	Fuerty B	26/10/2025	Junior B QF 4		Mulhern Park, Fuerty
St. Dominic's B	4	7	0	12	Pádraig Pearses (C Team)	24/10/2025	Junior B QF 2		Kiltoom
Clann na nGael (C Team)	1	5	0	10	Tulsk Lord Edwards B	24/10/2025	Junior B QF 1		Johnstown
Michael Glaveys B	3	14	3	11	Castlerea St Kevins B	24/10/2025	Junior B QF 3		Strokestown
Fuerty B	0	0	0	0	Kilbride B	21/10/2025	Round 4	Conceded	Kilbride
Kilmore B	0	11	2	15	St. Dominic's B	19/10/2025	Round 2		Knockcroghery
Kilbride B	0	6	1	8	St Aidan's B	18/10/2025	Round 5		Kilbride GAA Park
Kilglass Gaels B	0	7	4	11	St Brigids (D Team)	18/10/2025	Round 4		Kilglass Gaels GAA Grounds
St. Croans B	0	0	0	0	Kilbride B	14/10/2025	Round 3	Conceded	Kilbride
St. Croans B	0	0	0	0	Michael Glaveys B	11/10/2025	Round 5	Conceded	Enfield
Elphin B	0	0	0	0	St. Faithleach's B	11/10/2025	Round 5	Conceded	Orchard Park
Castlerea St Kevins B	0	0	0	0	Kilglass Gaels B	11/10/2025	Round 5	Conceded	O'Rourke Park
St Brigids (D Team)	0	15	2	10	Oran (Football) B	10/10/2025	Round 5		Kiltoom
Éire Óg B	0	0	0	0	Clann na nGael (C Team)	10/10/2025	Round 5	Conceded	James Timothy Park
Fuerty B	0	0	0	0	BYE	10/10/2025	Round 5		
Shannon Gaels B	0	0	0	0	BYE	10/10/2025	Round 5		
Pádraig Pearses (C Team)	0	0	0	0	BYE	10/10/2025	Round 5		Woodmount
Clann na nGael (C Team)	0	0	0	0	St. Faithleach's B	07/10/2025	Round 4	Conceded	Johnstown
Oran (Football) B	0	0	0	0	Shannon Gaels B	05/10/2025	Round 4	Conceded	Rockfield
Pádraig Pearses (C Team)	0	0	0	0	Éire Óg B	03/10/2025	Round 4	Conceded	Woodmount
St Aidan's B	0	0	0	0	St. Croans B	03/10/2025	Round 4	Conceded	Ballyforan
Elphin B	0	0	0	0	BYE	03/10/2025	Round 4		Orchard Park
Michael Glaveys B	0	0	0	0	BYE	03/10/2025	Round 4		

Castlerea St Kevins B	0	0	0	0	BYE	03/10/ 2025	Round 4		
Castlerea St Kevins B	1	14	1	10	St Brigids (D Team)	28/09/ 2025	Round 3		O'Rourke Park
Tulsk Lord Edwards B	2	14	3	12	Kilmore B	28/09/ 2025	Round 3		Tulsk
Elphin B	0	10	0	11	Clann na nGael (C Team)	28/09/ 2025	Round 3		Orchard Park
St Michael's B	2	8	2	9	St. Dominic's B	28/09/ 2025	Round 3		Ardcarne Park
Michael Glaveys B	0	11	1	11	Fuerty B	28/09/ 2025	Round 3		Peader Earley Memorial Park
Shannon Gaels B	9	11	0	5	Kilglass Gaels B	28/09/ 2025	Round 3		Tom Collins Park Croghan
St Aidan's B	0	0	0	0	BYE	28/09/ 2025	Round 3		
Oran (Football) B	0	0	0	0	BYE	28/09/ 2025	Round 3		
St. Faithleach's B	1	9	1	15	Pádraig Pearses (C Team)	27/09/ 2025	Round 3		Ballyleague
Pádraig Pearses (C Team)	2	12	1	10	Elphin B	19/09/ 2025	Round 2		Woodmount
Tulsk Lord Edwards B	1	12	1	6	St Michael's B	13/09/ 2025	Round 2		Tulsk
St. Faithleach's B	0	0	0	0	Éire Óg B	13/09/ 2025	Round 2	Conceded	Ballyleague
Oran (Football) B	2	14	1	11	Castlerea St Kevins B	13/09/ 2025	Round 2		Rockfield
Kilglass Gaels B	0	0	0	0	BYE	13/09/ 2025	Round 2		Kilglass Gaels GAA Grounds
St Brigids (D Team)	3	13	5	6	Shannon Gaels B	12/09/ 2025	Round 2		Kiltoom
Kilbride B	2	3	1	10	Michael Glaveys B	12/09/ 2025	Round 2		Kilbride GAA Park
Clann na nGael (C Team)	0	0	0	0	BYE	12/09/ 2025	Round 2		Johnstown
St. Croans B	0	0	0	0	BYE	12/09/ 2025	Round 2		
St Aidan's B	3	7	1	11	Fuerty B	10/09/ 2025	Round 2		Ballyforan
Éire Óg B	0	0	0	0	Elphin B	23/08/ 2025	Round 1	Conceded	O'Rourke Park
Clann na nGael (C Team)	1	10	1	9	Pádraig Pearses (C Team)	23/08/ 2025	Round 1		Johnstown
St Michael's B	1	15	0	9	Kilmore B	23/08/ 2025	Round 1		Ardcarne Park
Shannon Gaels B	0	6	5	12	Castlerea St Kevins B	23/08/ 2025	Round 1		Tom Collins Park Croghan
Fuerty B	2	8	1	8	St. Croans B	22/08/ 2025	Round 1		Mulhern Park, Fuerty
St. Dominic's B	1	10	0	13	Tulsk Lord Edwards B	22/08/ 2025	Round 1		Knockcrogher y

Kilglass Gaels B	0	2	6	20	Oran (Football) B	22/08/2025	Round 1		Kilglass Gaels GAA Grounds
St. Faithleach's B	0	0	0	0	BYE	22/08/2025	Round 1		Ballyleague
St Brigids (D Team)	0	0	0	0	BYE	22/08/2025	Round 1		Kiltoom
Kilbride B	0	0	0	0	BYE	22/08/2025	Round 1		Kilbride GAA Park
Michael Glaveys B	3	11	1	12	St Aidan's B	20/08/2025	Round 1		Peader Earley Memorial Park

### Hannon's Hotel u20 Championship

The U20 Championship, scheduled by the clubs for late 2025, has yet to hold its three finals.

In Division 1, this season will feature a rematch of last year's final as Roscommon Gaels, the defending champions, face Michel Galveys/Éire Óg on Saturday, 29 November 2025. This event should mark the final game of the season.

By the time convention takes place on Friday, 28th November, the Division 2 & 3 finals will have concluded. Oran/St Croan's will defend their division 2 title against Kilbride, while Kilglass/St Barry's beaten finalist last year meet Tulsk Lord Edwards in the Division 3 final. Good luck to all teams. Thanks to Roscommon Gaels GAA, Oran GAA, and Strokestown GAA for hosting the U20 finals.

Home Team	Home Goals	Home Points	Away Goals	Away Points	Away Team	Date	Round	Venue
Roscommon Gaels					Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg (U20 A)	29/11/2025	u20 Div 1 Final	Rockfield
Roscommon Gaels	2	7	0	10	St. Dominic's G.A.A. Club	02/11/2025	u20 Div 1 SF1	Knockcroghery
Kilmore/Shannon Gaels (U20 A)	0	18	5	10	Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg (U20 A)	02/11/2025	u20 Div 1 SF2	Croghan
Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg (U20 A)	5	10	0	18	Boyle	25/10/2025	Preliminary Semi Final	Ballinlough
St. Dominic's G.A.A. Club	0	20	2	8	Clann na nGael	11/10/2025	Preliminary Semi Final	Knockcroghery
Oran/St. Croan's (U20 A)					Kilbride (U20 A)	22/11/2025	u20 Division 2 Final	Lisnamult
St Aidan's (U20 A)	0	18	3	11	Kilbride (U20 A)	08/11/2025	u20 Division 2 SF2	Ballyforan
Oran/St. Croan's (U20 A)	3	20	1	23	Castlerea St Kevins (U20 A)	02/11/2025	u20 Division 2 SF1	Enfield
Oran/St. Croan's (U20 A)	3	14	1	10	Elphin-Ballinameen	25/10/2025	u20 Division 2 QF4	Rockfield
St Aidan's	1	18	1	13	Western-Gaels	12/10/2025	u20 Division 2 QF3	Ballyforan
Pádraig Pearses	0	10	3	9	Kilbride	12/10/2025	u20 Division 2 QF2	Woodmount
St Brigids	0	13	1	13	Castlerea St Kevins	12/10/2025	u20 Division 2 QF1	Kiltoom
Kilglass Gaels/St Barrys					Tulsk Lord Edwards	22/11/2025	u20 Division 3 Final	Strokestown
Kilglass Gaels/St Barrys	3	7	2	9	St Michaels - St Ronans	02/11/2025	u20 Division 3 SF1	Orchard Park
Tulsk Lord Edwards	3	13	2	15	St. Ciarans	02/11/2025	u20 Division 3 SF2	Mulhern Park, Fuerty

St Michaels - St Ronans	4	11	4	6	St. Dominic's B	12/10/2025	u20 Division 3 QF2	Ardcarne Park
Strokestown	2	13	4	11	Tulsk Lord Edwards	12/10/2025	u20 Division 3 QF3	Strokestown
Kilglass Gaels/St Barrys (U20 A)	4	14	2	5	St. Faithleach's	12/10/2025	u20 Division 3 QF1	Kilglass Gaels

Although many of these footballers are already getting plenty of football through their involvement with Minor and/or Adult teams at their respective clubs, as well as participating in school or college football during this part of the season, the u20 Championship is specifically designed just for them and where players in this age group can showcase their abilities and enjoy football in an environment tailored to their development.

However, it has become increasingly challenging in the winter months to facilitate a competitive championship because of bad weather, limited access to pitches (with lighting), players' part-time job commitments, and the time they spend travelling between home and college at the weekends. Consideration should be given by the clubs to scheduling the u20 Championship during the summer or early autumn months, as this period is generally more suitable for the competition. Hosting the championship at this time would provide an improved environment for players in this age group, allowing them to participate when the weather and playing conditions are more favourable and allowing them to showcase their skills against their peers.

#### Administration

The introduction of the new playing rules has brought a fresh sense of excitement to football, resulting in higher-scoring games throughout both league and championship fixtures. These changes have enhanced the overall spectacle for players and supporters alike, making matches more engaging and competitive.

It is important to recognise the considerable efforts of clubs and management teams who have prepared their teams so well in response to these new regulations. Additionally, the new rules have reduced disciplinary problems, benefiting everyone involved in Roscommon football.

Sincere thanks are extended to Declan Hunt and all his team of match officials for their unwavering commitment and diligence in carrying out their duties throughout the year across all competitions. Refereeing is a role that few envy, yet those who step up perform their responsibilities with the utmost professionalism and pride.

It is vital that match officials are always treated with courtesy and respect, regardless of whether one agrees with the outcome of a match. Unfortunately, it is all too common for match officials to be subjected to abuse, which is simply intolerable. We must unite as a community to put a stop to such behaviour and ensure a safe and encouraging environment for everyone involved in the game.

#### Competitions Control Committee (C.C.C)

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a special thanks to all the members of the C.C.C who commit their time and energy to ensuring the competitions are organised in a fair and transparent manner. Members are:

Name	Club	C.C.C
Tom Murray	St Dominic's	Vice Chairperson of the County Committee
Fidelma Lennon	Clann na nGael	Assistant County Secretary
Anthony O'Flaherty	Athleague	Hurling Representative
John O'Connor	Kilbride	County Communications Officer
Anne Connachton	St Dominic's	Secretary of the Hurling Committee
Paula Sheridan	Padraig Pearses	Vice Chair of Minor Football Committee

Seamus Nugent	Kilglass Gaels	Connacht Council Representative
Tony Christie	Ballinameen	Assistant County Treasurer
Valerie Murray	Michael Glaveys	Fixtures Analyst
John O'Connor	St Ronan's	Safety & Facilities Committee
Declan Hunt	St Joseph's	County Referees' Administrator
Mick Brehony	Roscommon Gaels	Football Representative

The C.C.C has met almost 30 times this year, both online and in person, to manage all Adult football fixtures. While the C.C.C can be demanding, it's rewarding to see competitions discussed in a positive manner. In saying that it's impossible to please everyone with every decision, so we would encourage Roscommon GAA club members to share constructive feedback and suggestions—new voices are always appreciated. By getting involved directly, members have the opportunity to influence and implement meaningful changes within Roscommon GAA. This approach is more effective than relying on discussions or debates that take place on social media platforms, which often do not lead to actionable outcomes. Engagement ensures that your voice is heard and contributes to the progress and success of the GAA in Roscommon.

#### Acknowledgements and Appreciation

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the Club Secretaries and Chairpersons with whom I have had the opportunity to work with during my two years in the Fixtures role. It has truly been a pleasure to interact with each of you, and I am particularly appreciative of your ongoing co-operation and adaptability whenever circumstances require it. Your willingness to collaborate and show flexibility has greatly contributed to the smooth running of our fixtures throughout the year.

I would also like to thank all the Club Executives and park committees for their unwavering support and co-operation with the CCC over the course of the year. Your continued investment in your club grounds does not go unnoticed; it is important to acknowledge and commend your efforts, as all pitches were consistently maintained in excellent condition this year. This dedication not only enhances the quality of our competitions but also reflects the pride and commitment that each club brings to the GAA community in Roscommon.

Special thanks are also due to Diane Dehenny and Sharon Dunning, whose tireless work behind the scenes ensures the seamless running of our fixtures. Their dedication and commitment, often unnoticed, play a crucial part in the success of our competitions and the ongoing progress of club football in Roscommon.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Tom Murray, Brian Mullin, Brian Carroll, David O'Connor, and my fellow officers on the Management Committee for their invaluable support throughout the year. Their willingness to provide time and advice whenever required has been greatly appreciated and has made a significant difference in carrying out my responsibilities.

In particular, I wish to thank Brian Mullin for his guidance and assistance as I settled into my Fixtures Role. His helpfulness and advice were instrumental in ensuring a smooth transition over the two years.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Happy Christmas and peaceful 2026.

Thank you once again for your support.

Fidelma Lennon



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