



# ROSCOMMON GAELS

## Gaelforce News

WEEKENDING OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2020



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chur  
le Cheile*



# The Week that was in it.

It was a busy first few days of the week for Club Officials on our Covid Response Committee where it was brought to our attention that one of our Playing members had unfortunately tested Positive for Covid 19. Thankfully, with the HSE's guidance the matter has been dealt with and we have resumed all activities as of Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup>.

A thorough risk assessment was completed by the HSE on Tuesday, and they notified us that we are free to resume club activities with immediate effect.

That said, we are very aware of the rising number of cases in our local community and we may well have to suspend activities again over the coming days if further cases within our club are notified.

As a precautionary measure in relation to rising numbers in the County of Roscommon the Executive of the Club have agreed that all travel to games/venues be restricted only to age groups that **remain** in competition/championship. The Club feels that they should refrain from requesting Parents/guardians to travel to venues for non-competitive games as there have been requests by the Dept of Public Health to limit movement and contacts in the coming weeks.

3. Training / Internal games to continue, but again, all coaches and Covid Officers must re-emphasise the necessity to adhere to Government

2. The club will endeavour to field remaining teams involved in competition in the strictest adherence to all Regulations and guidelines provided to them ie sanitiser uses, social

distancing, and when travelling to games we strongly advise against car-pooling.

We commend our club player for being proactive and coming forward so quickly and we wish them a speedy recovery to full health. We also want to acknowledge their team management who had handled their team affairs in compliance with public health and return to play guidelines in the run up to the test result.

In correspondence received from GAA Headquarters this afternoon stated as follows:

***"As part of our policy of reviewing our Covid restrictions on an ongoing basis and following engagement with NPHE, we are requesting that all of our units actively discourage huddles before, during and after games in the days and weeks ahead.***

***We are also asking for all of our teams to avoid the following:***

- ***Team photographs (unless in seated area conforming to social distancing)***
- ***Shaking hands with other players and personnel***
- ***Celebrations and commiserations involving close physical contact***

***Players are also expected to:***

- ***follow Public Health Advice with respect to personal hygiene and etiquette***
- ***social distance from broadcasters if and when being interviewed***
- ***refrain from swapping their shirts***
- ***avoid congregating in indoor areas or passing through pitch-side tunnels at the same time as opponents.***

***These guidelines should be discussed with all teams who are still involved in competitions.***

*We appreciate the challenges some of these restrictions pose but as public health measures and as part of GAA efforts to tackle the spread of the virus, compliance is crucial.*

*Is Muidne,*

*Seán Ó hÓráin Tomás Ó Riain  
Uachtarán Ard Stiúrthóir*

It is important to follow the guidelines thoroughly to reduce the chances of transmission and to that end many thanks to all our coaches, players, officers and members who have done this so well to date. Thanks also to the HSE, our club Covid 19 response committee and all our team covid officers for their work in implementing the guidelines in Roscommon Gaels since we returned to playing Gaelic games.

**We are appealing to everyone to please, please make every effort to follow the public health and return to play guidelines. Covid 19 is still a threat to us all and we must remain ever vigilant to help protect everyone, including the vulnerable, in our community.**

The following are some questions that have been posed to some of our Covid Response Group this week.

## What do I do if I am identified as a Close Contact?

You will be identified as a Close Contact via the HSE Contact Tracing Team or HSE App.

1. You must get tested for Covid 19 - A contact tracer will arrange a COVID-19 test for you, even if you do not have symptoms.

2. You must **restrict your movement** for 14 days – even if your test is a negative result. If you were tested because you are a [close contact](#) and have no symptoms, you should continue to [restrict your movements for 14 days](#). Even though your test result is 'not detected' (negative), you could still have the virus. It can take up to 14 days for the virus to show up in your system after you have been exposed to it.

## What does Restricted Movement mean?

Do not go to work.

Do not use public transport.

Do not have visitors at your home.

Do not visit others, even if you usually care for them.

Do not go to the shops or pharmacy unless it's absolutely necessary - where possible, order your groceries online or have some family or friends drop them off.

Do not meet face-to-face with older people, anyone with a long-term medical condition or pregnant women.

# Good News

**Our Club has been successful in obtaining a grant under the Community Enhancement Programme 2020. This grant will allow the Club to make improvements to the Hyde Centre and enable it to become more of a Social/Meeting area for club events. It is planned to upgrade the Lounge/Bar, toilet facilities within this area, meeting facilities where club meetings can be held. The amount granted to the club is €22,000. €1,000 of this grant was allocated to our All Stars Group. All works in this area will be completed before Year End.**

## County Minor Hurling Final 4th of October

**Roscommon Gaels v Four Roads October 17<sup>th</sup>, Venue TBC**

Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled as the date when our Minor Hurlers will take on the reigning county champions Four Roads in the Minor Hurling Final. Indeed, it's a repeat of last

year's final where Four Roads prevailed on a score line of 6-11 to 3-13.

Last year's final was a cracking game of hurling which went down to the wire right until the very end. Four Roads have some serious firepower again this year, including the likes of Sean Trundle and Adam Donnelly. However, the Gaels lads are coming into form after a great win against Ath/Tre/Oran last week. While we expect a very strong challenge from a Four Roads team who have not been beaten this year, we are very hopeful the underdog tag will stand to us once again.

Roscommon Gaels last won the Minor Hurling Championship back in 2013 under the stewardship of Liam Casey, beating Padraig Pearses in the final. Indeed, Roscommon Gaels lost the 2012 Minor Hurling Final to Padraig Pearses also, so hopefully an omen for this weekend!

Best of luck to management and players this Sunday!



## Under 12 Hurling

Our U- 12 hurlers' competitive year came to an end last Saturday in Athleague when we were defeated in a very entertaining Co Final by Four Roads. While we did not bring home the cup, 2020 will be remembered as a very successful year for this wonderful group of young players. The U-12 grade is all about development and to



see the way this group have developed both on and off the pitch over the past 12 months has been a joy for management to watch.

The journey started last November with indoor sessions in the Convent Gym where the main focus was team work and enjoyment. This progressed to an Outdoor Programme on the Astro where skills development and positional awareness became the main focus. Unfortunately, COVID 19 hit our shores so there was no hurling from March to July.

However, on resumption, the commitment from our players and the notable improvement in skills made life very easy for management. This was rewarded when our boys won the Galway Shield, defeating Tuam in the Final. This win set us up for a good run in the County Championship which ultimately resulted in us reaching the Co. Final where Four Roads just hurled that bit better on the day.

While it's always disappointing to lose a final, it would be unfair to our players to dwell on it. We must never forget they are young boys who are learning every session, learning every game. This year some learned what "nerves" are and learning to deal with that only comes with experience. So the boy who struggles a little at U-12 can be the star at U-14 and it's just our job as management to facilitate them to be the best they can be.

We couldn't write the final U-12 newsletter report of 2020 without giving a special mention to our players' parents. Management would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents whose commitment in getting players to training and matches, often on a Sunday morning in Galway, was exceptional. Without your support this great year would not have been possible.



We would like to thank you for affording us the opportunity and privilege of coaching your sons. They are a credit to you all and you should be very proud of their achievements this year. We look forward to catching up in the New Year!

Finally, management would like to give a special Thank you to Margaret King who did an exceptional job in her role as COVID Officer for the team.

So 2020 is over on the playing field but the 2021 season is to be looked forward to. We as management are looking forward already to seeing all the players and parents at the pitch in the new Year. Stay Safe and enjoy the break .  
*Shane (Manager), Michael, Tommy, Liam, Steph and Adrian*

## Football

### Under 8's

On a glorious sunny morning with clear blue skies, while the younger boys worked away at their regular training session, the older boys of the group hosted St. Brigids GAA Club in a medley of games. Both clubs fielded three teams. Every team got the chance to play three games if not more. The boys have developed immensely since they returned to playing football back in June, showing abilities in all areas such as hand passing, soloing and goal kick outs. The future is looking bright for this group.





## U 16 Football

On a fine evening in Lisnamult our Div 1 lads had a sluggish start but gradually worked their way into the match against a strong Strokestown team. This was Good TEAM effort. With a county semi final now on the approach we have a couple of training sessions scheduled. This group of lads have been exceptional with training attendance and fingers crossed this will go towards a positive result when we hit the semi-final against Glaveys/Eireog in a week or so. Venue and Date to be confirmed.

Final score - Roscommon Gaels 3.13,  
Strokestown 1.8.



BR LTR - Ethan O'Reilly, Edimar Filho, Michael McAteer, Ciaran Purcell, Andriu Oates, James Connolly, Cormac Dolan, David Hough, Fionnan Wynne, Ryan Conlon, DJ Hession, Calum Grogan,

FR LTR - Eoghan Gilleran, Ciaran O'Reilly, Rory Carthy, Kilan O'Brien, Jack Fleming, Senan Lambe, Rodhan Dowd, Jack Donnelly, Zawy Khan.

Our **Div 4** lads are through to the county final where they will play either St Dominics or Clann na nGael.



Team Photo from group match vs Clann -  
BR LTR - Fionnan Wynne, Liam Og Corcoran, Michael McAteer, Thomas King, Andriu Oates, Kilan O'Brien, Jack Donnelly, Rory Carthy.

FR LTR - Ciaran O'Reilly, Nathan Halligan, Zawy Khan, Ben Donnellan, Cormac Feeley, Cian Regan.

## Under 14

This group of young players have been quietly working hard and tipping away at games. The Division 4 Team have marked their place in a County Final against Pearses. Date and Venue TBC. The Division 1 Team were due to play their final at the weekend but due to circumstances beyond control it has to be rescheduled.

## Camogie

Congratulations to the Girls Under 12 who were successful against Tulsk in the County Final last weekend.

