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Presidential Address

It is my honour to welcome you all here, to my own county of Fermanagh, for our 2017 Annual General Meeting.

The role of Allianz, Cumann na mBunscol is to promote, in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment, the National games of Ireland within primary education. It works across a full spectrum of Gaelic games, i.e. boys and girls football, hurling, camogie, rounders and handball, as well as also promoting athletics in some counties.

Almost 3000 primary schools all across Ireland take part in our activities. These schools range in size from just a few pupils to 1,000 or more pupils. They can vary greatly in terms of their settings and the scope and quality of their facilities, both sporting and educational. However they all work tirelessly to promote Gaelic games in their schools - that are getting busier each year.

I pay tribute to those teachers who give up their time to organise Allianz Cumann na mBunscol competitions and events, as well as those who are officers and members of our various units. The work of these teachers can never be underestimated and should never be taken for granted. Without this wonderful dedication from so many teachers Gaelic games would not be in the strong position it is today.

To conclude I thank all my fellow officers on the National Committee for their work and dedication to their roles in the last year. I thank Ciaran Whelan and Allianz for their generous sponsorship, assistance and advice during the year. Thanks also to Cornmarket who once again sponsored our National Awards.

Mise le meas

Liam Mag Aoidh

Uachtarán

Cumann na mBunscol



***To have Gaelic Games
the games of choice
for Ireland's Primary
School Children***



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Standing Orders

1. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
2. Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than the last Friday in January.
3. All nominations for positions on the National Committee which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
4. The National Committee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration at the AGM.
5. Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 7 days before the AGM.
6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council at least one hour before the AGM.
7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
8. All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
9. (a) To be deemed in order a motion must be implementable and must be specific to Cumann na mBunscol.
(b) However motions may call on Cumann na mBunscol to negotiate with relevant bodies on a specific matter that is of interest to Cumann na mBunscol.
10. The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than three minutes.
11. The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than three minutes.
12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed.
13. The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
14. Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes are proposed, a two thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.
15. The usual method for the disposal of amendments and agenda shall be followed.
16. In the event of the proposition "That the question be put", and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall on a show of hands either continue the debate or 'Put the question'.
17. In the event of the proposition "That the AGM, move to next business " and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall put the proposition to a vote immediately. If defeated the debate shall be resumed.
18. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot. A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
19. The chairman may at his discretion ask if there is no obvious objection to a motion that the motion be put in order, to save time.
20. The chairman may at his discretion and in consultation with order officers change the order of business in the interest of efficiency.
21. The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.
22. Only properly constituted delegates may speak at the AGM. Other speakers may only address the AGM when prior arrangements are made through the National Committee.



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Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

Date: Saturday, 12th March 2016 @ 11a.m.

Venue: The Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, Co. Cork

Present: An Choiste Náisiúnta, County Delegates, Pat Culhane [Croke Park] and Niall Erskine [Coiste Bainistí Croke Park]

1. Welcome of Delegates

Deaglán Ó Deargáin Chairman of Sciath na Scol Corcaigh and Ger Lane Cork County Board Chairman addressed the meeting before Bernadette Ryan, Chairperson Cumann na mBunscol, welcomed all delegates.

2. Adoption of Standing Orders

Proposed Jim Dempsey [Wexford], Seconded Fidelma Sheridan [Cavan]

3. Minutes

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Proposed Cyril Mannion [Galway], Seconded David Dillon [Sligo]

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Proposed Michael Feeney [Limerick], Seconded Maria Doherty [Donegal]

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

5. Correspondence

No Correspondence before meeting

6. Address of Chairperson

Chairperson Bernadette Ryan thanked Sciath na Scol, Corcaigh for organising the AGM and their preparation for the previous night's awards.. She thanked all delegates for all their great work on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol. She said the challenge we face is to attract and encourage new teachers to become involved. It was great to see so many new faces and old colleagues. It was a great honour for her personally to be chair of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta and witness all the great work being done in schools.

The Awards Night was again very successful. Thanks to Cornmarket for their continued sponsorship and to Eimear Conroy for representing Cornmarket at the awards. A special thanks also to Ivan Ahern and to Breda O Driscoll for their support during the year. The chair congratulated all the winners. Reading through the projects shows the huge amount of extracurricular activities

that takes place within our schools. Thanks were extended to Joe Lyons for all his work with the website and Twitter and his articles in InTouch that advertised the awards and also all our activities. In Cumann na mBunscol we continue to provide and give children opportunities to take part and play our games. However a lot of our children do not transfer on to the club scene and this is a big challenge for clubs.

The INTO Mini-Sevens remains one of the high points of our year. This is a tribute to all teachers for work being done. Many thanks to Mairead O Callaghan for coordinating and to Brother Dormer and Liam Magee for assisting.

This year an issue has arisen re insurance and it will be dealt with under the Treasurers report. The Chairperson finished with thanks to those who supported Cumann na mBunscol, her colleagues on the National Committee, the hotel staff, all our Sponsors and she finished by thanking Pat Mc Givern and Brother James Dormer who had completed ten years on the National Committee and were stepping down as per rule. Pat Mc Givern had previously served as Vice Chairman, Central Council Representative, Mini-Sevens Co-ordinator and Development Officer. Brother Dormer had served as Treasurer, Handball Officer and President. A presentation was made to both officers on behalf of An Coiste Náisiúnta.

7. Secretary's Report

Mairead O Callaghan delivered her comprehensive secretary's report. She thanked Leitrim for their wonderful welcome and hospitality at last year's AGM. She noted the Coiste Náisiúnta had met 7 times since last meeting and that last year's General Meeting was held in City West Hotel, Dublin.

Sponsorship Allianz

Cumann na mBunscol expresses our gratitude to Allianz for their very generous continued financial support. Reminder that this support depends on counties using the Allianz Logo.

Awards / Cornmarket

Again our sincere thanks to Cornmarket who have sponsored Cumann na mBunscol since 2009. The awards night was again a hugely successful night. The top three entries in all categories were presented on the night. Thanks also to the INTO for helping with the assessment of all the Projects.

Handball

The annual National Exhibition was held in February in



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Kingscourt, County Cavan. A special thanks to Brother James Dormer who represented Allianz Cumann na mBunscol on the day.

Mini 7's

A review of the Mini 7's rules and structures took place. Mairead thanked the officers who had participated in the review. A detailed account of the new rules / age limits and county allocations for 2016 was printed in the AGM Booklet. A special thanks to the Dublin teachers, Bro James Dormer and Pat Mc Givern.

Website

Mairead thanked Joe Lyons for all his work on the website and asked counties to submit articles to him. <http://www.cnmbnaisiunta.com>

Governance

A number of issues re Governance had arisen. Sligo Senior County Board Committee had classified Cumann na mBunscol as a GAA Sub-Committee. Sligo Cumann na mBunscol arranged a meeting with their County Board and arising from this the By-Law was withdrawn. County Boards need to be reminded that under our constitution we are an independent autonomous body.

Insurance

Mairead outlined an issue that had arisen for Sciath na Scol Chorcaí at their Hurling /Camogie finals. Due to playing some games in Musgrave Park Sciath na Scol would not be covered by GAA Insurance. Sciath na Scol subsequently purchased their own insurance from Allianz.

The issue of insurance was raised at National Level with the Ard Stiurthoir. The response stated that the activities of Cumann na mBunscol were covered on GAA premises. GAA Insurance does not extend to the provision of an indemnity for the staging of GAA activities on properties owned by other sporting bodies.

Fellow Officers

Mairead thanked the chairperson and her fellow officers for their work during the year. She congratulated Br Dormer and Pat McGivern for 10 years' service on National Committee. John Byrne [Meath] spoke and referred to the secretary's report --- he stated that he wouldn't like counties who do not attend meeting, to have their funding cut or their ticket allocation changed. He suggested that the National Committee needs to liaise with weaker counties and provide help.

Proposed John Byrne [Meath],

Seconded Liam Breathnach [Corcaigh]

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8. Treasurer's Report

Cumann na mBunscol Profit and Loss account --- Year ending 31st October 2015

Income

Allianz Sponsorship	€100,000
GAA Games Development Funding	€68,000
Mycro	€3,000
National Awards Tickets Income	€2,992
Cornmarket Sponsorship	€15,000
Financial Income	€925
Total Income	€189,917

Expenses

Allianz PR Grant	€ 48,000
Grants to Counties	€105,000
Handball	€1,363
National Awards Ceremony Costs	€20,225
Committee Travel	€11,512
Committee Meals and Accommodation	€8,052
Complimentary All Ireland Tickets	€2,560
AGM	€3,697
Phone and Postage	€ 231
INTO Congress	€100
Sundry Expenses	€1,197
Total Expenses	€ 201,937

The Treasurer Liam Magee presented the treasurers report. Liam Magee stated it had been a difficult and challenging year. He thanked Ciara in Croke Park for her work during the year. He noted that a bill was still outstanding and yet to be received by Cumann na mBunscol Sligeach who paid the bill for the September meeting which took place in the City West Hotel. The Treasurer spoke to Pat Culhane and Pat stated that the cheque was issued that week.



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Costs and expenses were closely monitored and again administration costs have come down. Grants to counties show an increase of €17,450 which is mainly due to a once off payment of €5,000 being paid to each Province for a special initiative

. The question of providing two complimentary tickets to the National Committee members was questioned by Killian O Reilly [Munster] and Aodán Wrenn [Tipperary] who didn't agree with it. The treasurer outlined the rationale behind it.

The Chairperson put it to the floor and on a show of hands almost all delegates supported the decision of the National Committee on the issue.

Insurance --- Allianz

The Treasurer gave a very detailed account and cost of the proposed new insurance policy with Allianz. The new policy to cover all Cumann na mBunscol activities regardless of where they are held.

The Treasurers Report was proposed by Anne Marie O Gorman [Waterford], seconded by Jim Mc Cann [Antrim]

9. Development Report

Pat Mc Givern gave his Development report. He reported on the recent survey that was sent out to county committees.

The report was proposed by Brendan Rice [Down], seconded by Aodán Wrenn [Tipperary]

10. P.R.O.'s Report

Joe Lyons gave a very comprehensive report in it he stated that the nature of Public Relations has changed over the years. The presence of Social Media ensures that events are reported on as they are happening. Also Digital Media ensures that images are available instantly. Cumann na mBunscol has launched its own Twitter Account @cnambnaisiunta

Website

www.cnambnaisiunta.com - Material for the website and Twitter can be emailed to joegreenandwhite@gmail.com. Thanks to counties who continue to send in articles.

In Touch

40,000 teachers receive a copy of In Touch each month. This gives us another avenue to inform teachers, highlight and promote our endeavours.

Cornmarket National Awards

Awards are an ideal way of gaining valuable exposure for our work. Local achievements are the lifeblood of

provincial newspapers. The Best Schools Awards, with a prize of a trip to Croke Park for the winning schools, are ideally suited to local newspapers and local radio, recognising the achievements of the schools and its teachers while also showing the sponsors in a positive light.

Allianz

Allianz, as headline sponsors of Cumann na mBunscol contribute significantly to our finances. In return, teachers are exhorted to use the term 'Allianz' whenever they report Allianz Cumann na mBunscol activities. Many county units have their own websites. Many counties produce fixtures booklets, match programmes, county histories peppered with the use of the Allianz Logo and branding. It is obvious that local media are provided with abundant coverage of the affairs of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. However the print media is the only medium that is measured but, in reality, it is only the tip of an enormous iceberg.

INTO GAA Mimi Sevens

The INTO GAA Mini Sevens', organised and coordinated by Allianz Cumann na mBunscol and its army of volunteers is another area that garners vast amount of media coverage. It is regrettable that the terms Cumann na mBunscol and / or INTO [the sponsors] have been omitted from match programmes on occasions. Following representation from An Choiste Náisiunta, Cumann na mBunscol has succeeded in resolving issues surrounding publication of players numbers etc in match programmes.

The report was proposed by Killian O Reilly [Waterford], seconded Gary Farrell [Armagh]

11. GAA/INTO Mini Sevens Report

Coordinator Máiréad O Callaghan thank INTO for their continuous commitment and support of the Mini Sevens. Emma Dineen, President of the INTO was present every Sunday to congratulate the children and their parents on their achievement of being selected to represent their schools Also thanks to Aogán Ó Fearghaill [GAA], Catherine Neary [Camógaíocht] and Marie Hickey [LGFA] for also being there every week to meet the children.

The GAA and Croke Park also contribute substantially to the Mini Sevens. Thanks to Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichil who was our liaison person in Croke Park. He was ably assisted by Tony Watene. Thanks also to the ladies committee of the Barbara Ward Centre who provided the refreshment each week. Huge thanks, also is due to



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the Dublin teachers who are ever present during the six weeks.

Young Whistlers for 2015 All Ireland Semi Finals games were provided by Waterford and Antrim [Hurling], Meath and Sligo [Football]. Dublin provided Young Whistlers for the Football All Ireland, while Cork provided them for the Hurling.

Mini 7's Review 2015

Baill an Choiste

Gerry O Meara and Eadward O Riordan [Laighean], Mary Curley [Connacht], Aidan Mc Cabe [Uladh], Joe Lyons and Tim O' Byrne [Mumhan], Bro James Dormer and Pat Mc Givern [Cumann na mBunscol], and Mairean O Callaghan [Coordinator]

Recommendation were presented to the September meeting and agreed by the delegates. Organisational and Playing Rules were printed in the 2015 AGM Booklet as well as age groups for Skills and Team Competitions. Allocation of places for 2016 were also printed in the AGM Booklet.

The Report was proposed by Edward O Riordan [Dublin], seconded by David Dillon [Sligo]

12. Election of Officers

Uachtarán: Liam Magee [Fermanagh]

Proposed, Sean O h Ainiféin
Seconded, Gerry O Meara

Cathaoirleach: Bernadette Ryan [Sligeach]

Proposed, Liam Breathnach
Seconded, Aodán Wrenn

Leas Cathaoirleach: Tomás Ó hAiféin [Ciarraí]

Proposed, John Byrne
Seconded, Mary Jo Curran

Runaí: Máiréad Ní Cheallacháin [Corcaigh],

Proposed, Liam Breathnach
Seconded, Tony O Farrell

Leas Runaí: Gary Farrell [Ard Mhacha]

Proposed, Brendan Rice
Seconded, Tim O'Byrne

Cisteoir: Michaél Mac Thiarnáin [Liatroim]

Proposed, Cyril Mannion
Seconded, Maria Doherty

Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí: Joe Lyons [Luimneach],

Proposed, Aodán Wrenn
Seconded, Ciarán Crowe

Oifigeach Forbartha: Tim O' Byrne [Port Láirge]

Proposed, Killian O Reilly
Seconded, Breda Cleary

Toscaire Ard Comhairle: Séamus O Fionnalaigh
[Cill Chainnigh]

Proposed, Gerry O Meara
Seconded, Jim Dempsey

Mini-7's Officer: Gerry O Meara [Atha Cliath]

Proposed, Edward O Riordan
Seconded, Seán Hanifin

13. Motions 2016

Motion 1.

That Cumann na mBunscol remain under our current Governance structures as per our constitution. [Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan, Tipperary]

Proposed, Killian O Reilly [Waterford],
Seconded, Aodán Wrenn [Tipperary]

Passed

Motion 2.

That retired teachers be precluded from standing for election as officers in Cumann na mBunscol activities at National Level. [Corcaigh]

Withdrawn

Motion 3.

That Cumann na mBunscol open their own bank account. [Corcaigh]

Passed



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Motion 4.

That Cumann na mBunscol reject the original and revisited recommendations from the Primary Schools Reports that affect the autonomy of Cumann na mBunscol. [Corcaigh]

Passed

Motion 5.

That Cumann na mBunscol acquire their own public liability insurance to cover all affiliated units. [Corcaigh]

Passed

14. Address by invited Guests

Niall Erskine addressed the meeting. Niall acknowledged the great work being done and the GAA is in a strong position in schools due to the great efforts of all teachers. The best way forward is for the GAA and Cumann na mBunscol is to work together to continue to

develop and promote Gaelic Games. He congratulated Bro Dormer and Pat Mc Givern who were stepping down after serving 10 years on the national committee. They were always very courteous and pleasant to him and he had the utmost respect for both of them. He wished them well in their retirement from the committee.

15. AOB

In concluding the meeting the Chairperson Bernadette Ryan again thanked Sciath na Scol Corcaigh for all the preparation and hard work that went into making the Awards Night and the AGM the great success it was. She congratulated the new officers. She reminded delegates that this year's Féile would take place in the following counties, Cork / Kerry – Football and Waterford / Tipperary – Hurling. Best wishes were sent to Gerry Walsh [Cork – 2015 Pat Trainor award winner] who was in hospital, for a speedy recovery.

This ended the business of the meeting [Tim O'Byrne --Leas Runaí, recording secretary 18/3/2016]





Minutes of General Meeting September 2016

Time/Date: Saturday, 17th September 2016

Venue: Croke Park Hotel

Opening Address:

The chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming all delegates to the Croke Park Hotel. She thanked the delegates who had also arrived from INTO Branch and District Officer briefing. Bernie outlined Child Protection issues and highlighted that all mentors of teams needed to be Garda vetted. She thanked Cumann na mBunscol Officers for their work throughout the year, especially secretary, Mairead.

Secretary's Address:

The National Secretary, Mairead, addressed delegates. She reminded them of Concussion Workshops, September Newsletter and Insurance Correspondence from Pauric Duffy.

Handball:

Enda Timoney then delivered a Handball Presentation to the delegates. He spoke about promotion of one wall handball and membership offer online 2016/17. Each school to register individually to avail of the excellent resources.

Mini 7's:

Gerry O Meara presented overview of this year's exhibition games. He paid tribute to Young Whistlers who were of an excellent standard. The games have taken place over 6 Sundays with 240 children taking part. Gerry thanked the GAA President, Aogan O'Fearghail, for his support and attendance in meeting all the children. He also thanked Mairead, Liam Magee, Joe Lyons, Brother Dormer and Croke Park Staff especially Michael Hart for all their support of the summer.

The Chair thanked Gerry for all the work he had undertaken to date and was certain he was looking forward to a free Sunday!

Provincial Unit Feedback:

This year each Provincial Unit was given extra funding towards a special initiative. The Provincial Officers gave a presentation on their individual initiative.

Leinster

Leinster are introducing two new projects: Laois Camogie Blitz involving six counties and also a Rounders Day.

Ulster

Ulster are introducing two initiatives: Outdoor Exhibition Games on a two year cycle with boys and girls football in first year and camogie and hurling in the second year. The aim is to increase participation at both Provincial and County Level.

Handball - each county being asked to host a Handball Exhibition Day with the hope of having a Provincial One Wall Exhibition Day.

Connacht

Rounders Initiative throughout the province. They hope to have 20 schools from each county involved. They also hope to have a Provincial Rounders Blitz.

Munster

Waterford looking to promote Handball in 6-8 schools and to expand Hurling/Camogie tournaments
Cork to introduce a Winter Indoor Football Competition in urban areas of Cork city and expand Comhantas Peil i Gaelscoileanna and Scoileanna Gaeltachta sa chontae.
Tipperary are introducing Indoor Hurling Leagues
Limerick are supporting the development of Hurling by establishing a competition for 1 and 2 teacher schools
Kerry are supporting the development of football in 4/5 teacher schools and introduce a plate competition to maximise participation for pupils across some leagues.





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PR's Report:

Joe Lyons presented the PR Report. He stated that the September Intouch will have article re Mini 7s. The October InTouch will have article on the awards. He noted a big increase in counties using twitter to promote the activities of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. Joe asked counties to consider using twitter to promote work, to link with other counties and to link with National Website.

The Chair thanked Joe for his work at promoting our activities.

Development Report:

Tim O Beirne presented his report and highlighted the questionnaire he had sent out to counties.

Central Council Report:

Jim Fennelly outlined to delegates that committee had met with a group from Croke Park – (GAA President, Aogan O'Fearthail, Director General, Paraic Duffy, Coiste Bainistí Representative, Niall Arscaín) on 10th June meeting and that further meetings would take place to explore future partnership. He explained that the 2014 review document was now shelved and that Paraic Duffy committed himself to looking at how a closer partnership could be formed.

Insurance:

Liam Magee outlined that new insurance policy now in place and explained what it covered. A copy of the certificate would be in the AGM booklet.

Awards:

Gary Farrell presented a leaflet to the delegates re Awards Categories for 2017. He encouraged all counties to get at least one school to go forward for the awards. He thanked Cornmarket for their continued sponsorship and support of this venture.

The Cathaoirleach thanked everyone for their attendance and gave date of AGM – Friday 10th / Saturday 11th March 2017.

A special cake was presented to Br. Dormer on the occasion of his retirement from teaching.

Meeting ended at 1.30pm

Gary Farrell
(Recording Secretary)





Secretary's Report

Is mór an onóir dom, mar Rúnaí Náisiúnta Chumann na mBunscol, an tuairisc seo a chur ós bhur gcomhair inniu. Gabhaim buíochas libh go léir as ucht an tacaíocht agus an comhoibriú a thug sibh dúinn i rith na bliana seo chaite

Bhi an t-Ollchruinniú Chinnbhliana in Ostán Oriel House, Baile an Choilligh, Contae Chorcaí, ar an Satharn 12ú Márta, 2016. Sincere thanks to Sciath na Scol, Chontae Chorcaí for their wonderful welcome and hospitality. Our General Meeting was held in The Croke Park Hotel, Dublin on Saturday 17th September, 2016. An Coiste Náisiúnta met on 7 occasions since our last A.G.M. This year Provincial Coistí received an additional grant to finance new initiatives in the on-going work of promoting our Gaelic Games at County and Provincial level. At our General Meeting in September our Provincial Officers were invited to attend and give a presentation on their work. They were also invited to appraise the Motions for today's AGM on January 21st 2017. Míle Buíochas do Manus O Domhnall, Brother Dormer, Edward O' Riordan and Joe Lyons. As I mentioned in last year's report the same Counties fail to attend our meetings. We are only asking Counties to attend 2 meetings a year

Allianz Sponsorship

Cumann na mBunscol wish to express our gratitude to Allianz for their continued financial support. Our funding from Allianz depends on Counties using the Allianz Logo. Please ensure the words Allianz Cumann na mBunscol are included in all match reports and photographs when using local and digital media.

Handball

Tim O Byrne is our new National Handball Facilitator. I would like to thank him for his work in this area. The National Handball Exhibition Games were held on February 25th in Kingscourt, Cavan. Míle Buíochas do ghach duine a ghlac páirt. Enda Timoney (Handball Association) gave a very interesting and informative presentation on "One Wall Handball" at our General Meeting in September.

Mini 7's

Gerry O Meara was elected as our new Mini 7's Officer at our last A.G.M. Gerry is no stranger to Croke Park and he ensured that everything was perfect at both Semi-Finals and Finals Míle buíochas do Gerry and to the hard working goalpost crew from Cumann na mBunscol, Baile

Átha Cliath. Buíochas do Gearóid agus a fhoireann fresin ó CLG. On behalf of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta I would like to express our thanks to the I.N.T.O. for their continued sponsorship of our Mini 7's. Rosena Jordan, Uachtaran, and John Boyle, Leas Uachtaran, (I.N.T.O.) Aogán Ó Fearghail (C.L .G) Marie Hickey (L.G.F.A) and Catherine Neary (Camógaíoch) represented their Associations in Croke Park on the days concerned.

Website

Our website is <http://www.cnmbnaisiunta.com>. Any information for inclusion on the website can be submitted directly to the site or to our P.R.O Joe Lyons at joe.greenandwhite@gmail.com. Our Twitter account is also very active I would encourage all Counties to get involved and submit their P.R. Material for inclusion. Joe has also secured a page in our Intouch Magazine every month. The profile of our organisation has increased substantially since Joe has been elected as P.R.O . and on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol I would like to him for all his work.

Annual Awards

Cumann na mBunscol would like to express our gratitude to Cornmarket for their continued sponsorship of our National Awards .Cornmarket has proudly supported and sponsored Cumann na mBunscol since 2009. This year the top entries in all categories will be presented with their awards in conjunction with our AGM in Killyhevin Hotel , Enniskillen , Co Fermanagh, on Friday March 10th, 2017. Míle Buíochas don INTO for helping us with the assessment of all the projects that were forwarded.

Child Protection and Garda Vetting

Coiste Náisiúnta would like to remind all units of the importance of these issues. All personal involved in coaching and assisting with school teams should be Garda Vetted. The Department of Education and Science have issued a circular on this topic. Please familiarise yourself with this document. The situation is the same in the 6 Northern Counties. ALL PERSONNEL MUST BE VETTED.

Meeting with Coiste Bainistí 10-06-2016.

Following our A.G.M in Cork Coisti Bainistí requested a meeting with An Coiste Náisiúnta . This was held in The Croke Park Hotel on Friday June 10th 2016. Aogán Ó Fearghail Uachtarán , Páraic Ó Dufaigh Ard Stiúrthóir and Niall Arscain represented Coiste Bainistí. All members of



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An Coiste Náisiúnta were present.

The main items discussed were Governance, Insurance, Finance and the Review Document.

On the issue of Governance the Croke Park Delegation said they would see us as an affiliated unit of the G.A.A.. It was pointed out that according to our Constitution we are an autonomous body whose mission statement is to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our Primary School. Members from both delegations agreed that we all wanted a positive relationship between both organisations which could be built on and strengthened. It was suggested a smaller committee from both organisations should be convened to progress work on this issue and on future working partnerships.

Insurance

Ard Stiúrthóir Páraic was adamant that any issues arising could be overcome. However the issue of Cumann na mBunscol units using grounds/premises other than those belonging to the GAA was a problem. The GAA were also unaware that certain Cumann na mBunscol units were also promoting other activities ie, Athletics, Quiz etc. This is no longer an issue as Cumann na mBunscol have acquired additional insurance through Allianz. A copy of the Insurance Cert is available in this booklet. Since then Páraic sent a letter (24-08-2016) outlining the GAA insurance Cover extended to Cumann na mBunscol. The following is a copy of same.



Mairéad, a chara,

I understand that Cumann na mBunscol has recently purchased, or is in the process of purchasing, insurance for some of its activities. I recall also that there was some contention previously about the extent to which GAA's insurance cover extended to Cumann na mBunscol. Let me take this opportunity to clarify:

GAA Property Insurance

This covers all premises owned, leased and occupied by the Association.

I am not aware that Cumann na mBunscol owns any property in its own right. However if it does, and provided that property is vested in the Association in the normal manner, then that property is insured.

GAA liability Insurance

This covers all activities undertaken by GAA units in furtherance of the playing, development and promotion of Gaelic Games. Certain activities (typically in the realm of fundraising ventures) require prior notification to the GAA Insurance manager to effect cover, and certain activities are expressly excluded.

The activities of Cumann na mBunscol, to the extent that they relate to Gaelic Games, are insured. This cover does not extend to the promotion of athletics by Cumann na mBunscol.

Qualifications to the above

Any GAA unit utilising the property of a third party may be required by that third party to provide an insurance indemnity. Provision of this indemnity is at the discretion of Central Council and will be assessed on a case by case basis. In practice, provision of the indemnity will depend upon the activities being undertaken, and the circumstances of the third party involved.

If you have any queries on the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Is mise le meas,
Páraic*



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Finance

According to the Ard Stiúrthóir all invoices have to be signed off by Croke Park. This was new information to the Coiste Náisiúnta..If we have a problem in the future we are to contact him personally and he will intervene. We pointed out that as a result of motions passed at our AGM we were instructed to have our own Bank Account.

Review Document: It was confirmed by the Uachtarán, Aogán Ó Fearghail, that the Review Document was now "dead in the water".

This was a very positive, open and frank meeting. Coiste Banistí were concerned that that an air of negativity re Cumann na mBunscol's relationship with the GAA/ Croke Park existed following our AGM. The reasons for concerns expressed at our AGM were discussed and a mutual understanding of same was reached.

On behalf of An Coiste Náisiúnta I would like to thank all concerned and we look forward to the future where our aim still remains, "To make Gaelic Games the game of choice".

In conclusion after a very busy year I would like to thank our own Chairperson, Bernie and fellow officers, Tomás, Liam, Jim, Tim, Michéal, Gary, Joe, and Gerry, our Coiste Bainistí representative Niall Erskine and Pat Culhane (Liaison Officer) for their support, dedication and work ethic. I would like to thank the thousands of teachers in every County and Province for their tremendous work in promoting Gaelic games and Culture throughout the Country. Again, it has been a very challenging but rewarding year. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent you as National Rúnai and I look forward to 2017.

Míle buíochas daoibh go léir agus rath Dé oraibh sa bhliain atá romhainn amach.

Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin

Runaí





Treasurer's Report

Cumann na mBunscol Profit & Loss account
Year ending 31 October 2016

	12 months to 31-Oct-16 €	12 months to 31-Oct-15 €
Income		
Allianz Sponsorship	100,000	100,000
GAA Games Development Funding	68,000	68,000
Mycro	3,000	3,000
National Awards Ticket Income	3,410	2,992
Cornmarket Sponsorship	15,000	15,000
Financial Income	915	925
	190,325	189,917

Expenses

Allianz P R Grants	40,500	46,000
Grants to Counties	91,000	105,000
Handball	1,548	1,363
Publications & Website	199	0
National Awards Ceremony Costs	18,889	20,225
Insurance Cover	6,986	-
Committee Travel	9,448	11,512
Committee Meals & Accommodation	10,871	8,052
Complimentary All Ireland Tickets*	2,920	2,560
AGM	4,803	3,697
Phone & Postage	355	231
INTO Congress	100	100
Bank Charges	0	0
Sundry Expenses	1,540	1,197
Mini Sevens	-	-
	189,158	201,937

Surplus for period transferred to Reserves

1,167

-12,020



Treasurer's Report

Cumann na mBunscol Balance Sheet As at 31 Oct 2016

	2016 €	2015 €
Current Assets		
Debtors	-	-
Intercompany with Ard Comhairle	309,123	330,186
Cash at Bank and in hand	-	-
	309,123	330,186

Current Liabilities

Bank Loans and Overdrafts	-	-
Accruals	131,500	153,730
	131,500	153,730

Net Current Assets	177,623	176,456
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Capital Account

Brought Forward	176,456	188,476
Surplus/Deficit for the year	1,167	(12,020)
	177,623	176,456





Development Report



It is my great pleasure to report to the Annual General Meeting of Cumann na mBunscol. It is well documented that Cumann na mBunscol was founded in 1971 by teachers with the aim of providing pupils with opportunities to play and enjoy Gaelic Games. Down through the years vast amount of teachers, have tried successfully to impart our great love of Gaelic Games to all under our care. So much has changed within the last ten years we have overseen the vast expansion of our activities. We are proud to say that that nearly all schools in our counties take part in some activities associated with Cumann na mBunscol.

Our activities include Hurling, Camogie, Boys Football, Ladies Football, Indoor Games, Mini-Games, Go Games, Handball, Quizzes, Rounders, Mini-Sevens, Primary Provincial Games, Athletics, Project Work, National Awards Scheme, Coaching, the list seems to be endless. We are proud to state that we have a unique association with Clubs and the GAA and in most cases are seen as the nurseries where boys and girls first learn to play and enjoy Gaelic Games.

The GAA and Cumann na mBunscol

The GAA itself has expanded rapidly over the last ten to fifteen years, with considerable investment being put into the National Bodies of Camogie, Ladies Football, Rounders, Hanball and in particular the Gaelic Players Association. Yet it is ironic that Cumann na mBunscol has not seen the same urgency of investment from the GAA even though as stated above we are seen as the nursery of so many clubs. Our recent survey has shown that most of our counties receive no direct funding from Senior County Boards and while there is a lot of good will towards Cumann na mBunscol, it is a fact that County Boards that were giving direct funding to

Cumann na mBunscol have cut back or else, have discontinued with it citing lack of sufficient funds to run County Boards. However we must acknowledge the subsidies some counties receive for the purchase of equipment, money we receive from the Senior Provincial Councils for the Primary Games. For this we are truly grateful. No other organisation receives as much help from teachers as does the GAA. The voluntary effort that teachers give to the GAA is truly amazing and without this great voluntary effort Gaelic Games would cease to be the games of choice of so many of our children.

We must now focus our attention on further expanding and promoting our games and activities, with particular emphasis on areas within our counties that require help. After spending nearly four years discussing the position of the GAA in Primary Schools with particular reference to the relationship of the GAA with Cumann na mBunscol, it is time to move on and focus on what we do best and that is the promotion of all Cumann na mBunscol activities.

Governance

Our Constitution has been discussed very frequently over the last few years. We have passed many motions re who we are. The Constitution of all bodies is the supreme document outlining position and objectives. So it is with Cumann na mBunscol and our constitution states we are an Autonomous National Federation of Primary Schools promoting Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment. We are teachers and because of our love of Gaelic Games, we have endeavoured to align ourselves to the GAA its Policies and its National Programmes. So let's finally move on, understanding and accepting this position. We want to





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grow our relationship with Croke Park, a relationship where both sides have great respect and understanding of each others' position. To be fair to the GAA, it has continually been at the fore front of publishing resources for coaching and for schools. We are grateful for the funding of the Primary Games, funding towards the Mini-Sevens. There is no doubt about the special relationship between the GAA and Cumann na mBunscol. One must also acknowledge the use of Club facilities, County Grounds, the generous allocation of All Ireland Tickets the help from Croke Park Officials in particular the Uachtarán Aogán O Fearghail. If I had one wish it would be that the Development Officer of the National Committee of Cumann na mBunscol would have a seat on the GAA's Coaching and Games Committee as policies emanating from this highly influential committee have and had a major influence on how we play our games and we have a lot to offer. There should be a direct link from this committee to the National Committee, and this is not the situation at the moment as we get no report what so ever.

Insurance

To understand Cumann na mBunscol is to understand all the various activities. We don't just play our games in premises and pitches belonging to the GAA. That is why it is so important to have insurance that covers all aspects of our activities regardless of where these activities take place, be it in a community pitch, hall, a hotel room etc. All teachers and Boards of Managements can be happy to know that when children are involved with any Cumann na mBunscol activity they are insured no matter where the event or events take place.

September Meeting

€5,000 Provincial Grant

Our September General Meeting was a great success as it allowed delegates to move away from discussion on The Primary Review Document and Our Constitution. Instead delegates were able to focus on and discuss aspects of our games and activities. Each Province outlined how they had or proposed to spend the extra €5,000 grant they received to develop our games. One could only listen with amazement at all the extra voluntary work being done by teachers in the promotion of Cumann na mBunscol.

Cúl Camps Ages 6-13

Our survey has shown that the Cúl Camps promoted through County Games and Development and the School/Club are a great success with attendances rising to 127,000 in 2016, up from 89,000 in 2014. The Cúl Camps owe their success to the following:

1. Games based, strong emphasis on skill acquisition
2. Optimise Learning
3. Enhance Friendship
4. Improve physical and psychological Well-being
5. Promotion of School and Club Links



Handball

It was my great pleasure as Development Officer to invite Enda Timoney to our meeting to speak re Handball. He gave a very interesting presentation on behalf of the Handball Association. He spoke about promotion, in particular the One Wall Handball Court and the membership offer online for 2016/17--- each school can register. It appears to be an excellent Resource. We will follow up during 2017 and report how well this initiative is progressing.

Tim O'Byrne
[Development Officer]



PRO's Report



Is mór an pribhléid domsa tuarais a chur os bhúir gcomhair ag ár gcomhdháil bhliantiúil ar mo chuid oibre i rith na mbliana. It is my great privilege to report to our Annual General Meeting as Oifigeach Chaidrimh Poiblí on our Coiste Náisiúnta. The role of PRO is to showcase the work of teachers throughout the country who invest so much of their time, talents and energy to ensure that the boys and girls in our schools are given the opportunity to play Gaelic Games. Allianz Cumann na mBunscol operates on several levels, National, Provincial, County and local. All are of vital importance and, in each county and province, teachers are promoting and publicising the activities of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. While I hold the office of National PRO, the reality is that there are teachers in every county in Ireland generating positive publicity for our work.

Website & Social Media

It is at National level that my task lies. The nature of Public Relations has changed dramatically in a short few years. The presence of Social Media ensures that events are reported as they happen. Digital media ensures that images are available instantly. Last year, Allianz Cumann na mBunscol launched its own Twitter account @cnambnaisiunta. Several county units have already been operating successfully on Twitter. Our account has approximately 300 followers and I am indebted to the counties and individual teachers who regularly send material to me. I also endeavour to make maximum use of our website www.cnmbnaisiunta.ie to publicise Allianz Cumann na mBunscol activities throughout the country. Even in the so-called close season of December and January, County Coistí are busy running quizzes, indoor blitzes and a range of activities. I am also delighted that so many counties provide me with material for the website. Material for website and Twitter can be emailed to me at joegreenandwhite@gmail.com

In Touch Magazine

40,000 teachers receive a copy on In Touch every month from September to June. In Touch gives Allianz Cumann na mBunscol another avenue to inform teachers, highlight achievement and promote our endeavours. The In Touch magazine has afforded me the opportunity to promote such items as the INTO GAA Mini Sevens and our National Awards. It also gives Allianz Cumann na mBunscol another means of showcasing and promoting our activities.

Corn Market National Awards

The National Awards, sponsored by Cornmarket Financial Services, recognise the work of teachers in a range of areas, on and off the playing fields. These Awards are an ideal way of gaining valuable exposure for our work. Local achievements are the lifeblood of provincial newspapers. The Best School Awards, with a prize of a trip to Croke Park for the winning schools, are ideally suited to local newspapers and local radio, recognizing the achievements of the schools and its teachers while also showing the sponsors in a positive light.

INTO GAA Mini Sevens

The INTO GAA Mini Sevens, organised and coordinated by Gerry O Meara and his army of volunteers, is another area that garners vast amounts of media coverage. When a boy or girl from a small school lines out in Croke Park on Big Match Day, this is ideal material for local newspapers and radio. As PRO, I have written short pieces for the match programmes for these occasions.

Allianz

Allianz, as headline sponsors of Cumann na mBunscol, contribute significantly to our coffers. In return, teachers are exhorted to use the term 'Allianz' whenever they report on Allianz Cumann na mBunscol activities. It is obvious that there is a huge amount of work going on all year round in the area of promotion of our national games. The print medium is the only medium that is measured but, in reality, it is but the tip of an enormous iceberg. Many county units have their own websites. Many counties produce fixtures booklets, match programmes, county histories peppered with use of the Allianz logo and branding. It is obvious that local media are provided with abundant coverage of the affairs of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. Local radio is another area that provides significant coverage of our affairs. It is of vital importance to this organisation that Allianz Cumann na mBunscol continues the high level of coverage that currently exists.

In conclusion, I wish to place on record my appreciation of the help and encouragement I have received from all my colleagues on the Coiste Náisiúnta over the past two years. I am indebted to the teachers who send me material for our website, Twitter accounts and In Touch columns.

Rath Dé oraibh go léir.

Seosamh Ó Laighin



GAA/INTO

Mini Sevens Report

In 2016, my first year as Mini Sevens Coordinator, thousands of primary school children throughout the 32 counties represented their schools at mini sevens blitzes, competitions and skill days. Many started in September 2105 and finished in late April 2016. A word of thanks to all teachers in the schools, the county secretaries and committees for their great work in organizing these days. Each county ran their own selection procedure based on their allocation of places. More and more county units are using skill based selection now rather than a competition. This was also evident in the high standard of players on the days in Croke Park. Without this work, what happens in Croke Park over the six Sundays in August and September, could not take place.

Following these county selection process 240 primary school pupils represented their school in Croke Park on All Ireland Semi Final and All Ireland Final Days in hurling, camogie, boys' football and girls' football. We started on August 7th and finished on October 1st. As you know we had a football replay on Saturday October 1st so our mini sevens ran over 7 days and also on a Saturday with 40 extra children playing and two young referees involved. Each county receives a minimum of 6 places with Cork receiving 12 and Dublin 24. Each Province got 5 places in a particular code with London getting 4 places. Every county was represented on both Final Days. I wish to thank the county secretaries for their cooperation in getting the names in before the closing date. The excel format makes life easier for me and the staff in Croke Park.

As well as 240 children playing each year we have our Young Whistlers. This year the 12 children (6 boys and 6 girls) came from Mayo, Limerick, Wicklow, Derry, Cork and Dublin. Again the standard of refereeing has improved tremendously. Many counties now run coaching seminars for young referees and these days in Croke Park give us an opportunity to see the good work going on in the area of refereeing throughout the primary schools.

As in previous years the Uachtarán CLG, Aodhán Ó Fearghail gave of his time to with us on each of the Sundays. He met with the boys and girls, their parents and was available for photographs each day. We thank him for his time in what is a very busy schedule on match days in Croke Park. We also had presidents of the camogie, Catherine Neary and ladies football, Marie Hickey with us on their big days.

The INTO are our main sponsor. Rosena Jordan, President of the INTO and John Boyle Vice President of INTO were present to congratulate the players and their parents on their achievement of being selected on the day. We in Cumann na mBunscol are greatly

appreciative of the commitment of the INTO to the Mini Sevens and would like to thank Sheila Nunan and Noel Ward for their continued support.

The Mini Sevens would not be the success they are without the large financial backing from the authorities in Páirc an Chrócaigh. There is a huge outlay in financial terms for the six Sundays (7 this year!) Cumann na mBunscol would like to thank Ard Stiurthóir, Pauric Duffy for his continued support. I would like to personally thank Gearóid Ó Maolmhichíl, Michelle Harte, Tony Watene and Michael Smith for their help and commitment in ensuring the success of our Mini Sevens and for their guidance and professional manner in which they handled everything. Gearóid and Michelle were always available to me and on hand to sort out problems for parents in relation to tickets, jerseys and many other queries. Nothing was a problem.

My colleagues in Cumann na mBunscol Ath Cliath deserve great thanks for their continued loyalty to the Mini Sevens over twenty year plus. The four managers and twelve goalpost team were always available to ensure the smooth running of these days Go raibh maith agaibh uilig.

We are grateful to all the ladies who work in 'The Barbara Ward Centre'. This is where we meet every Sunday morning at around 10.30a.m. These ladies are so welcoming to parents, teachers and players. They provide us with refreshments which are really appreciated by all, particularly those who have travelled long distances.

Thanks to our National Committee. Uachtarán, Liam Magee who met the parents each Sunday. Our P.R.O. Joe Lyons was always busy on website, twitter, Intouch and in the media promoting our games over the summer months. Cathaoirleach, Bernie Ryan was always on hand also with advice and support. A special mention to Brother James Dormer who attended on all Sundays and helped in numerous ways.

Finally, can I pay a special word of appreciation to National Secretary of Cumann an mBunscol and former Mini Sevens Coordinator for her constant presence during the months leading up to the seven Sundays and on the actual days. Mairead's knowledge and help made my job a very easy one. Her ICT skills and work with 'excel' had me in awe over the weeks leading up to the big days. Thank you so much, Mairéad!

We look forward now to Mini Sevens 2017. I would ask all County Secretaries to ensure all applications are in by Monday May 8th. Please ensure all details- names, addresses, mobile numbers are correct and sent in as an excel format file. The first Sunday in Croke Park will be the first hurling final on Sunday August 6th 2017.



Nominations for National Committee AGM 2017



Uachtaráin

Liam Magee (Fermanagh)

Cathaoirleach:

Bernadette Ryan (Sligeach)

Leas- Cathaoirleach

Tomás Ó hÁinfeín (Ciarraí)

Cisteoir

Michéal Mac Thiarnáin (Liatroim)

Runaí:

Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin (Corcaigh)

Leas Runaí:

Gary Farrell (Ard Mhacha)

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

Joe Lyons (Luimneach)

Oifigeach Forbartha

Tadhg Ó Broin (Port Lairge)

Toscaire Ard Comhairle

Jim Fennelly (Cill Chainnigh)

Oifigeach Mini 7's

Gerry O Meara (Baile Átha Cliath)





Motions 2017

Motion 1

That a member of the Coiste Náisiúnta shall serve as a representative of Cumann na mBunscol on the National Coaching and Games Committee.

[Cumann na mBunscol Luimneach agus Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan]

Motion 2

That all Officers of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta be serving teachers

[Sciath na Scol Contae Chorcaí]





Cumann na mBunscol Cornmarket Awards 2017



Category 1 Pat Trainer Awards

Dan O Flaherty (Wexford)

Category 2 Public Relations

1. Dublin
2. Cork
3. Fermanagh, Tyrone, Wicklow

Category 3 County Publication

1. Limerick
2. Dublin
3. Cork

Category 4 Promotion of Gaelic Games and Culture

1. Sciath na Scol
2. Dublin
3. Mayo

Category 5 Promotion of Gaelic Games and Culture

1. Fenor NS Waterford
2. Greystones, Gaelscoil na gCloch Liath
3. Scoil Ursula, Sligo

Category 6 School of the year

1. Loughfouder NS, Tralee Co Kerry
2. St Columbans PS Belcoo, Fermanagh
2. Scoil Mhuire Ogh, Loretto Senior PS, Crumlin Road, Dublin 12
3. Clouberne NS, Clonberne, Ballinasloe, Galway

Category 7 School of the Year

1. Drimnagh Castle, Long Mile Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12
2. Scoil Iosef NS, Ballybrown, Clarina, Limerick
3. Kilcoole NS, Wicklow





An Coiste Náisiúnta Constitution

Cumann na mBunscol is an autonomous National Federation of Primary Schools promoting Gaelic Games in an educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary Schools Committees. The philosophy of Cumann na mBunscol shall be to promote Gaelic games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our Primary Schools.

- A** The Federation of Primary Schools Gaelic Games shall be known as “Cumann na mBunscol”. The National logo of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be The “Cumann na mBunscol” logo”.

All business pertaining to “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be carried out under this name and/or under the “Cumann na mBunscol” “logo”.

- B** Schools with GAA affiliations in other countries may be accepted as associate members on application to the National Committee and subsequent approval.

- C** The aims and objectives of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be:

(1) To promote and foster our national games, Boys’ Football, Girls’ Football; Hurling; Camogie; Handball and Rounders, Athletics and cultural activities in all the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas, in line with National Policy of Cumann na mBunscol and Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

(2) To promote and foster a positive attitude towards our national games among teachers, pupils, parents and all involved in the promotion of Gaelic Games in the primary education system.

(3) To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our primary schools whilst emphasising participation for all.

- D** The function of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be:

(1) To provide a means for the expression of the collective opinion of its members on matters affecting the interests of Gaelic Games in the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas. To this end Cumann na mBunscol shall

- D** endeavour to align ourselves to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, its policies and national programmes.

(2) To provide a means whereby talks and negotiations can take place with the relevant Departments of Education and other bodies to promote the aims and interests of “Cumann na mBunscol”.

(3) To establish and administer funds for the general administration of the organisation under the aegis of the GAA and provide financial assistance to affiliated areas by:

- Preparing and submitting an annual budget.
- Raising sponsorship and other finances nationally to help with the overall promotion of the games.
- Using the Cumann na mBunscol logo in franchising arrangements with business and industry to help raise funds.

(4) To provide advice to members on the best ways of promoting Gaelic Games in Primary Schools.

(5) To endeavour to raise standards in all affiliated areas by

- Coaching
- Seminars
- Publications.

(6) To identify weaknesses with the co-operation of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies and endeavour to rectify them.

(7)

a. To organise and administer a National Skills Programme (Mini-Sevens) in Boys’ and Girls’ Football, Hurling and Camogie, culminating in Croke Park on All-Ireland Semi-Final and Final days.

b. To organise a National Skills programme in individual schools in Hurling and Camogie.

(8) To organise and administer National Handball skills programmes, culminating in a National Handball Skills Exhibition in a suitable venue.



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D (9) To operate and maintain an insurance policy so that cover can be provided for officers and members of committees of “Cumann na mBunscol” while organising and promoting the games/activities.

E The philosophy of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be:
To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our primary schools.

F Constitution: “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be constituted as follows:

- (1) Annual General Meeting
- (2) General Meeting
- (3) Special General Meeting, if required
- (4) National Committee
- (5) Provincial Councils
- (6) County Schools Committees
- (7) Associate Members
- (8) Members

* Annual General Meeting

- (a) The A.G.M. shall be the supreme governing body of the organisation but shall not be involved in the running of local units.
- (b) The AGM shall be held in the month of February or March at a suitable venue chosen by the National Officers.
- (c) The AGM shall consist of
 - (1) The National Officers
 - (2) Two delegates from each county
 - (3) Two delegates from each Provincial Council
 - (4) Two delegates from each affiliated area
- (d) The hosting of the AGM shall rotate between the four provinces.

The Business of the AGM shall be:

- (1) Welcoming of Delegates
- (2) Minutes
- (3) Matters arising from Minutes
- (4) Correspondence
- (5) Address of Chairperson

- (6) Secretary’s Report
- (7) Treasurers’ Report
- (8) Other Reports as necessary
- (9) Elections

- President.
- Chairman.
- Vice-Chairman.
- Secretary.
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer.
- P.R.O.
- Development Officer.
- Delegate to Central Council.
- GAA/INTO Mini 7’s Co-ordinator
- (a) Provincial Delegate Leinster.
- (b) Provincial Delegate Ulster
- (c) Provincial Delegate Munster.
- (d) Provincial Delegate Connaught.

(10) Motions

(11) Addresses of invited Speakers

(12) Any Other Notified Business (In writing/email and to be with the National Secretary two weeks before the AGM)

N.B. In the event of a Province not being represented on An Coiste Náisiúnta a provincial delegate can be elected at the AGM.

N.B. Every third year the Annual General Meeting will consider a review presented to it by a sub-committee of Cumann na mBunscol on the organisation of the ‘Mini-Sevens’. Proposed changes will be voted in and if successful, will come into effect for the following years ‘Mini-Sevens’.

*Special General Meeting

1. A special General Meeting may be called by An Coiste Náisiúnta or by the special written request of 12 or more County/Provincial Coists stating the reason for such a meeting.
2. (a) On the receipt of 12 or more written requests for a Special General Meeting, the National Secretary must inform the Chairman who will call a meeting within 14 days.



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3. The Special General Meeting shall consist of
 - (a) The Officers of Cumann na mBunscol
 - (b) Two delegates from each affiliated County
 - (c) Two delegates from each Provincial Council.
 - (d) Two delegates from each affiliated area (non-voting).

4. Business of Special General Meeting.

The only business that will be discussed at the meeting is the business requested as the reason for calling the meeting.

* Officers and National Committee

1. All members of the National Committee shall be elected annually at the AGM. All officers may hold office for a maximum period of five years.
2. All members of the National Committee are limited to two consecutive maximum terms of office, but not in the same office.

A member may however seek office again after a minimum of one year's break.
3. The National Committee shall carry out the business of Cumann na mBunscol between Annual General Meetings. They shall meet regularly and attend to all current business.
4. The National Committee may appoint sub-committees as required to assist them with a current task or problem.
5. The National Committee may accept units from other countries on approval of application for associate membership of Cumann na mBunscol.
6. The Cathaoirleach shall see that the rules of the organisation are enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
7. In an event of the enforced absence of the Cathaoirleach, the Leas-Chathaoirleach shall preside over the meetings and act in all cases as Cathaoirleach.
8. All sub-committees set up by the National Committee will be chaired by another member other than the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach.
9. The Assistant Secretary shall minute all meetings and ensure that a copy of the minutes be available for the next meeting.
10. All routine correspondence with affiliated areas shall be done by the Secretary.
11. All correspondence with the GAA, State Departments and Public Bodies shall be carried out by the Secretary in consultation with the other bodies.
12.
 - (a) The National Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses
 - (b) The Treasurer, in conjunction with Accounts Department Croke Park shall be responsible for
 - (i) The maintenance of proper financial records.
 - (ii) An annual audit of the accounts.
 - (iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
13. The PRO shall in consultation with the other officers:
 - (a) Take every available opportunity to publicise the work of Cumann na mBunscol and to ensure that Gaelic games are promoted as the games of choice in our primary schools.
 - (b) Ensure that the 'Aims and Objectives' of Cumann na mBunscol be protected and advanced in dealing with outside agencies.
 - (c) Prepare all National Press Releases on behalf of An Coiste Naisiunta, Cumann na mBunscol.
14. The Development Officer shall in consultation with the other officers:
 - (a) Endeavour to raise standards in all counties by holding seminars, coaching courses, issue



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- publications and liaise with relevant bodies in pursuit of this objective.
- (b) Identify weaknesses and with the help of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies seek to rectify them.
15. The delegate to Central Council will in consultation with the other officers promote the interests of Cumann na mBunscol at Central Council and endeavour to promote Primary School games at all times.
 16. The remaining members of the National Committee shall be the President, Assistant Secretary and if necessary Provincial delegates.
 17. A Provincial Delegate will be a full member of the National Committee with full voting rights.
- ### Provincial Councils
1. Provincial Councils shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of "Cumann na mBunscol".
 2. An Annual General Meeting of each Provincial Council will be held annually. This AGM is to be attended by the President of Cumann na mBunscol or his/her nominee from An Coiste Náisiúnta.
 3. The Provincial Secretary must inform the National Secretary of the venue and date of the Provincial AGM.
 - (a) Provincial Councils shall meet at least three times annually.
 - (b) The Provincial AGM is to be held before the National AGM.
 4. Those entitled to vote at this meeting shall be the elected provincial officers and two delegates from each county.
 5. Those entitled to speak at this meeting shall be the elected officers and either of the two delegates from each county.
 6. Invited guests may speak at the invitation of the Provincial Council.
 7. Delegates must attend a minimum of two out of three meetings.
 8. At this meeting the delegates will elect officers and a committee to run the affairs of the Provincial Council between Provincial Annual General Meetings.
 9. The Minutes of the Provincial AGM must be sent to the National Secretary within a month of the Provincial AGM.
 10. The annual financial statement must be sent to the National Treasurer within a month of the Provincial AGM.
 11. Failure to send either the minutes or annual financial statement within a month of the Provincial AGM shall result in sanctions.
 12. This committee shall promote the aims of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games within the Province.
 13. Each Provincial Council will liaise with An Coiste Náisiúnta and the Provincial Councils of the GAA and other relevant bodies and endeavour to generate funds for the promotion and development of Cumann na mBunscol activities in that Province.
 14. Two delegates from each Provincial Council will attend the Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
 15. An annual written report shall be presented to An Coiste Náisiúnta.
 16.
 - (a) The Provincial Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses
 - (b) The Treasurer, shall be responsible for
 - (i) The maintenance of proper financial records.
 - (ii) An annual audit of the accounts.
 - (iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.



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17. Each Provincial Committee will notify and invite a delegate from An Coiste Náisiúnta to the Provincial AGM, in the absence of the National President.
18. Provincial status is to be granted to GB.

County Schools Committees

1. Each County Schools Committee shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
2. A General Meeting of each County Schools Committee will be held annually. Each County Schools Committee must meet at least three times annually, including the AGM.
3. All Primary Schools in the County will be sent written notification of that meeting.
4. Elections will be held at this meeting and Officers and a Committee will be appointed to run the affairs of Cumann na mBunscol in that affiliated area between meetings.
5. This committee shall promote the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games in their County in line with National Policy.
6. This Committee shall adjudicate on all activities of Cumann na mBunscol within the County.
7. Decisions of Cumann na mBunscol may be appealed to 'An Coiste Gearán' within the County. The decision of An Coiste Gearán will be final.

(a) An Coiste Gearán should be elected at the AGM. Members of 'An Coiste Gearán' should not be officers or members of the Committee within the County.
8. (a) The County Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses

- (b) The Treasurer, shall be responsible for
 - (i) The maintenance of proper financial records.
 - (ii) An annual audit of the accounts.
 - (iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.

9. A statement of Accounts must be forwarded to the National Treasurer annually.
10. Two delegates from each County will attend the Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
11. Each county shall formally adopt a constitution, a copy of which shall be forwarded to An Coiste Náisiúnta for ratification.
12. Each County Coiste shall adopt a code of practice in line with any of the following: GAA Code of Practice in Youth Sport or DES / DENI guidelines on Child Protection.
13. When affiliating to Cumann na mBunscol annually, teachers and B.O.M./B.O.G. agree to be bound by the rules of Cumann na mBunscol.
14. County committees shall accept correspondence only from the school through the Chairperson, the principal or the designated teacher.

Standing Orders

1. A Standing Orders sub-committee comprising of the Provincial Chairmen and Secretaries or their reps shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for presentation at the AGM.
2. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.



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3. Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of County Coistí, Provincial Council or An Coiste Náisiúnta and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than four weeks before the AGM.
4. All nominations for positions on the National Committee which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
5. Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 7 days before the AGM.
6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council at least one hour before the AGM.
7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
8. All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
9. (a) To be deemed in order a motion must be implementable and must be specific to Cumann na mBunscol.
(b) However motions may call on Cumann na mBunscol to negotiate with relevant bodies on a specific matter that is of interest to Cumann na mBunscol.
10. The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than two minutes.
11. The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than two minutes.
12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed. No speaker shall speak for more than two minutes.
13. Each delegate shall register and each speaker shall identify themselves, name and unit.
14. The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
15. Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes are proposed, a two thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.
16. The usual method for the disposal of amendments and agenda shall be followed.
17. In the event of the proposition "That the question be put", and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall on a show of hands either continue the debate or 'Put the question'.
18. In the event of the proposition "That the AGM, move to next business " and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall put the proposition to a vote immediately. If defeated the debate shall be resumed.
19. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot. A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
20. The Cathaoirleach may at his/her discretion ask if there is no obvious objection to a motion that the motion be put in order, to save time.
21. The Cathaoirleach may at his/her discretion and in consultation with order officers change the order of business in the interest of efficiency.
22. The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.



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23. Only properly constituted delegates may speak at the AGM.
24. Other speakers may only address the AGM when prior arrangements are made through the National Committee.

* Grievances and Complaints in all matters

1. Grievances and complaints in regard of matters within an area will be settled within that area.
2. Each County will have a constitutionally elected Coiste Gearán to deal with appeals arising from decisions of the County Coiste.
3. Complaints, Objections and Counter Objections:
Any complaints or objections must be lodged with the Runaí Chontae in writing within 3 days of the game. The Runaí informs the other party who also has 3 days to respond in writing.

The matter can then be dealt with by the Coiste Chontae. The decision will then be conveyed to both parties. Any party dissatisfied with the decision of the Coiste may appeal in writing to the Runaí Chontae Cumann na mBunscol within 3 days. This appeal will be heard by the Coiste Gearán.

4. Coiste Gearán:
This is an appeals body.

A minimum of 5 are elected to this committee at the A.G.M. No member of the Officer Board of Coiste Chontae, Cumann na mBunscol or anybody who has heard the original objection may sit on An Coiste Gearán. No member of the Coiste Gearán may consider any appeal involving their own school. The Coiste Gearán may call all interested parties. A quorum of 3 is necessary to hear all appeals. The decision of the Coiste Gearán is final and binding.

(a) Grievances, complaints and objections dealing with issues outside County Jurisdiction will be dealt with by the National Committee and that decision will be final.

5. Sanctions will be taken against any Coiste, National, Provincial or County or any member for the following reasons:

- bringing the organisation into disrepute, or
- failure to implement National Policy.

* Sanctions

1. Misuse of organisational funds.
Automatic Disassociation.
2. Conduct unbecoming a member of 'Cumann na mBunscol'. Automatic Disassociation.
3. Failure of a County to furnish a statement of accounts. Withholding of grants and tickets.
4. Failure of a County to furnish a secretary's report. Withholding of grants and tickets.
5. Failure to hold an A.G.M. plus relevant meetings and two additional meetings.
Withholding of all monies and tickets due to that County / Provincial Coiste.
6. Failure of County / Provincial units to honour obligations to sponsorship agreements.
Withholding of sponsorship monies.
7. Failure to comply with/implement the Constitution.
Withholding of grants and other benefits.
8. Failure to comply with/implement National Policy.
Withholding of grants and other benefits.



Insurance Certificate



Broker Declaration

Dated 1st November 2014

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

Public Liability and Employers Liability Insurance Policy No. AA110020

To Whom It May Concern

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, which consists of a Central Council, Five Provincial Councils, (Connacht, Leinster, Munster and Ulster and UK), thirty-two County Committees and their subsidiary units and clubs, Clubs in the United Kingdom and associated bodies including the Handball, Camogie, Rounders, Cumann na mBunscol and Ladies Gaelic Football Associations, have a Public Liability and Employers Liability Insurance Policy which includes the whole Association's property and premises, including such other properties and premises as are leased, rented, hired or loaned to the Insured and persons employed in connection with the business of the Insured which is described in the policy as a Sports and Cultural Organisation responsible for the organisation and promotion of games, sports, fund-raising, social, recreational and all other activities incidental to or associated with a major sporting organisation, property owners and developers.

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The Policy does not apply to Liability in respect of bodily injury to any participant caused by or arising out of the engagement in any sporting event.

The policy operates for the period November 1st 2014 to October 31st 2015. It has been arranged by the Association's Insurance Brokers, Willis, and is underwritten by the Wren Syndicate at Lloyds and others to provide the following indemnity (which is subject to the terms and conditions of the Policy).

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Employers Liability	€ 13,000,000 any one occurrence or all occurrences of a series consequent on or attributable to one source or original cause.

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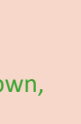
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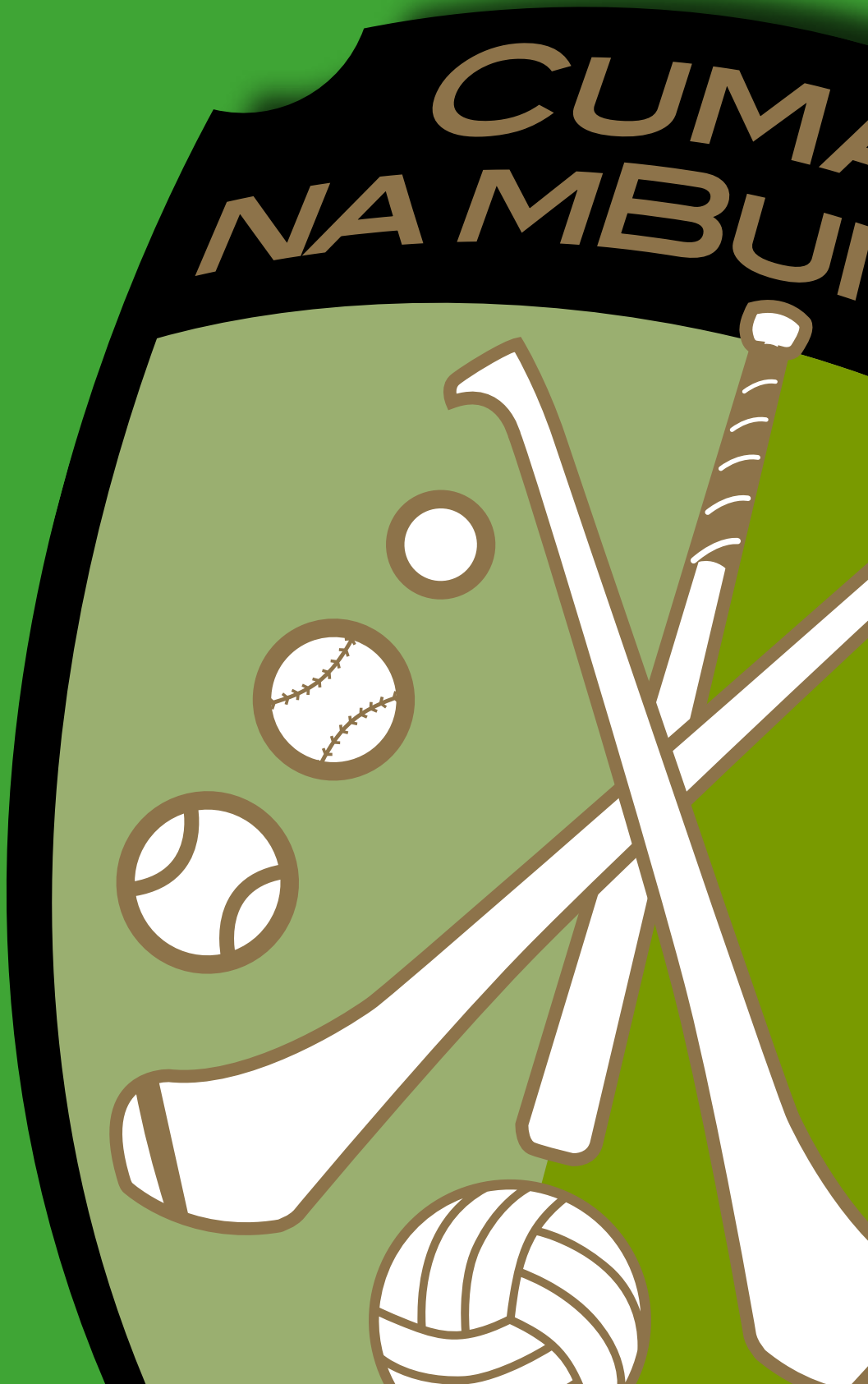
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