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Tipperary



# CUMANN NA mBUNSCOL



## Presidential Address

A Cháirde,

Cúis áthais dom isea é fáilte chaoin a fhearadh romhaibh go léir go h-Ollchruinniú Chinnbliana an Chumainn anseo i nDúrlas Éile, mar a bunaíodh an CLG 136 bliana ó shoin. Is tráthúil dúinn bheith anseo i measc phréamhacha ársa ár staire agus Cumann na mBunscol féin ar tháirseach leath chéad bliain ar an saol a cheiliúradh.

A lot of Suir water has flown beneath the bridges of this town since that historic day in 1884, and it is only fitting that we congregate here to do our business today in the shadow of Tom Semple's famous playing field. It has been our proud choice and freely-given obligation, as Educational Professionals, to further the ideals set out by the founding fathers on that historic November afternoon.

There are seismic differences between modern Ireland and the country inhabited by Dr. Croke and his fellow visionaries. The role of the "múinteoir" within society has utterly changed since then, but the importance of the professional teacher within today's fast-paced, cosmopolitan and multi-ethnic Ireland is still key.

We have a unique working network, in that we are active in virtually every school from Mizen to Malin, whether they be big, small, co-ed or single sex, urban rural or suburban. Táimid i lár an aonaigh. I know our work is difficult to quantify, but I equally appreciate how easy it can also be to underestimate it. That is why the leadership of CLG should at all times act supportively of Cumann na mBunscol, which does not always occur. Once that mutual respect is in place, all else will follow in good time. Our members and the children in our care deserve no less.

Certainly, there will be disagreements and disputes on how best to progress a certain strategy, but as in all families, the greater good should be the defining factor, as distinct from pre-ordained inflexibility. Mar a deir an manna, "ní neart go cur le chéile"

Guím gach rath ar bhúr saothar inniu agus amach anseo, agus táim cinnte go leanfaidh an obair go dtí go mbeimid i bhfochair a chéile arís.

Beir bua,  
Máiread Ní Cheallacháin  
Uachtarán, Cumann na mBunscol



*To make 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.



# Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting



## Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

**Date:** Saturday 9th March 2019 @ 11.00am

**Venue:** Sligo Park Hotel.

**Present:** An Coiste Náisiúnta, County and Provincial Delegates

### Welcome of Delegates

Bernadette Ryan, Chairperson Cumann na mBunscol, welcomed all delegates and thanked them for their work all year.

Bernie also welcomed and congratulated, Jim O'Riordan, on being presented as this year's recipient of the Pat Trainor Award.

Aine McGrath, Cumann na mBunscol Sligo welcomed everyone to the beautiful county and thanked all members of the Sligo Coiste for their work in preparing and planning for this special weekend. Aine also thanked Bernie Ryan for her leadership of Cumann na mBunscol through choppy waters but as a result of her leadership Cumann na mBunscol was in a much stronger place.

### 1. Adoption of Standing Orders

Proposed by Brendan Rice (Down), Seconded by Edward O'Riordan (Leinster).

### 2. Minutes

#### Minutes of AGM 2018

Bernie invited everyone to read the minutes  
Proposed by Damian Ruddy (Down), Seconded by Fidelma Sheridan (Cavan)

#### Minutes of September Meeting 2018

Proposed by John Weir (Louth), Seconded by David Dillion (Sligo).

### 3. Correspondence

Bernie explained that Alan Black (Allianz) had sent his apologies but that he would attend the September Meeting. Bernie presented delegates with a selection of balls, sliothars and gloves that Allianz would be bringing out and selling to schools at cost price. It was hoped that these would be available in late 2019. Bernie also explained that she had received an apology from Tom Ryan, Director General GAA and John Horan, Uachtarán GAA, as both were in attendance at last night's President's Dinner in Croke Park.

### 4. Address of Chairperson

Bernadette Ryan Chairperson opened her address by highlighting that the Awards Ceremony of Friday evening highlights the excellent work that goes on in all our schools. She paid a tribute to all teachers for their continued efforts in promoting the work of Cumann na mBunscol.

Bernie also thanked our Awards sponsor Cornmarket.

Bernie also complimented Cumann na mBunscol Sligo on their work in preparing for the AGM. She also thanked the President of Sligo County Board for highlighting that the County Board was always very appreciative of the work of Cumann na mBunscol.

She also welcomed back previous members of the National Committee. She added that Cumann na mBunscol is a unique organization where we promote all games. She added that like many other schools, her school was a better place for promoting the work of Cumann na mBunscol – friendships, learning how to deal with winning and losing, healthy happy children, understanding of native county and participation in our national games. She added that she was in no doubt that this was reflected in every school across the country.

Bernie thanked Allianz for their continued sponsorship of our work. She thanked all members of the National Committee for their hard work and in particular Joe Lyons for his excellent work in promoting the work of Cumann na mBunscol via website, Twitter and In Touch.

Bernie reflected on her as committee member saying that she was always happy to carry out her roles. She thanked everyone for their support over the past ten years and in particular her fellow officers, both current and past, who always worked together as a team in a constructive and professional manner.

### 5. Secretary's Report

Mairead informed delegates of her report on Pages 11/12/13 of AGM Booklet.

Mairead thanked everyone for their work throughout the year and paid tribute to members of the National Committee for their hard work.

She briefed delegates on the meeting with Tom





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Ryan, explaining that it was agreed that two smaller committees from CNB and GAA would continue to meet to move things forward.

She thanked everyone for their support of the past five years but in particular to Bernie for her leadership as chair and for her friendship.

Proposed by Tony O'Farrell (Cork), Seconded by John Byrne (Meath)

## 6. Treasurers Report

The treasurer, Micheál Mac Thiarnáin presented the treasurer's report which was printed on Pages 14/18 of AGM Booklet.

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Barry McParland (Armagh), seconded by Aine McGrath (Sligo)

Micheál explained that it had been a difficult and challenging year but that we were now moving in the right direction.

Frank Reidy, (Meath), asked if the €68,000 from Croke Park would be paid into our own account – Micheál explained that this is what he hoped would happen.

Cyril Mannion (Galway) outlined that the €68,000 was a pittance from Croke Park and that if they valued what we were doing that they would be giving us multiples of this amount. We are doing their job for them.

Bernie commended Micheál for his excellent presentation.

## 7. Development Report

Tim O'Byrne presented the development report which was printed on pages 20/21 of AGM Booklet.

Tim added point that development of handball was progressing well.

Development Report was proposed by Breda Cleary (Waterford) and seconded by Paddy Kelly (Tipperary).

## 8. PR Report

Joe Lyons gave a very comprehensive report as presented on pages 22/24 of AGM Booklet. He outlined that the work of Cumann na mBunscol is breath taking and that there is no closed season – the work is continuous.

The PR Report was proposed by Jerry Walsh (Cork) and Seconded by Manus O'Donnell (Donegal).





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## 9. GAA/INTO Mini Sevens Report

Gerry O’Meara presented his GAA/INTO Mini Sevens Report as presented on Page 24 of AGM Booklet. He thanked committee members and Croke Park Officials for their help and assistance. He thanked Uachtarán of the GAA, Camogie President and Ladies’ Football President for being present at the games and spending time talking to the children and getting photographs taken. He also thanked INTO, Young Referees, the Barbara Ward Centre and the four Dublin Managers for their support at each of the days.

Dave Collins (Munster) complimented Gerry for all his hard work in ensuring the days were memorable for all the children.

Gerry read a letter he received from a child who had played at one of the games – his story was heartbreaking but summed up the joy this occasion brings to many families.

The GAA INTO Mini 7s Report was proposed by Michael Delaney (Tipperary) and seconded by Cyril Mannion (Galway).

## 10. Election of Officers

After election, Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta Membership was as follows:

### Uachtarán

Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin, Corcaigh

### Cathaoirleach

Liam Magee, Fear Manach

### Leas –Cathaoirleach

Fedelma Sheridan, Co Cabhán

### Rúnaí

Gary Farrell, Ard Mhacha

### Leas-Rúnaí

Séamus Ó Fionnlaigh, Cill Chainnigh

### Cisteoir

Mícheál Mac Thiarnáin Co Liatroma

### P.R.O.

Joe Lyons, Luimneach

### Central Council Delegate

Tomás Ó hÁinfeín, Ciarraí

### Development Officer

Tadhg Ó Broin, Port Láirge

### Mini-7's Officer

Gerry O Meara, Baile Átha Cliath

## 11. Motions

### Motion 1

That the financial year for Cumann na mBunscol units run in line with our school year i.e. Beginning of September to the end of August. [Coiste Náisiúnta agus Corcaigh]

Passed

### Motion 2

Where tickets are allocated from Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta as a result from a student from a particular school taking part in a half time game, the tickets are to be strictly designated for the teachers/trainers involved in training the school teams. (Uibh Fhaili)

Defeated

### Motion 3

That the officership of CC delegate and Mini Sevens be amalgamated into one position. (Corcaigh).

Withdrawn

### Motion 4

That a sub committee be established by the incoming Coiste to review our Constitution. [Coiste Náisiúnta]

Passed







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## Motion 5

That our introduction/mission statement to our Constitution which states;  
'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 School's 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 game of choice in our Primary Schools'

be changed to read

'Cumann na mBunscol is an autonomous National Federation of Primary School Teachers promoting Gaelic Games in an Educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary School's 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 game of choice in our Primary Schools' [Coiste Náisiúnta]

Passed

## Motion 6

That Section A of our Constitution which states;  
'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



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be amended to read

'This Federation 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. [Coiste Náisiúnta].

Passed

## 12. The following recommendation was passed

That National Cumann na mBunscol meet with representatives from Croke Park to ensure that a Cumann na mBunscol half time Game is played during the Joe McDonagh Cup final (Uibh Fhaili)

Passed

AOB:

President Liam Magee and secretary Mairead O'Callaghan made a presentation to outgoing chair Bernie Ryan on behalf of all. Warm tributes and praise were expressed to Bernie from both the National committee and delegates for her dedicated service and leadership of Cumann na mBunscol over the last ten years.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Gary Farrell  
Leas Runai, recording secretary.





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**Date:** Saturday 31st, August 2019  
**Venue:** Croke Park Hotel

**Clár:**

1. Fáilte
2. Alan Black: Allianz
3. 50th Anniversary
4. AGM 2020
5. Awards 2020
6. Mini Sevens Review
7. GDPR and Social Media
8. Aon ghnó práinneach eile

**Fáilte:**

Cathaoirleach Liam Magee welcomed all county delegates and noted that it was probably the first August General Meeting in the history of Cumann na mBunscol. He thanked Sligo Cumann for the wonderful hosting of the AGM in March 2019.

He wished David Gough every success as referee in the senior football All Ireland Final the following day. On a more sombre note he remembered Shay Lawless who lost his life tragically scaling Mount Everest. It was remembered that Shay addressed Cumann na mBunscol

the previous September on matters relating to Twitter usage. Liam extended the sympathies of Cumann na mBunscol to his wife Pamela and his family.

**Alan Black - Allianz:**

Alan Black addressed the meeting as Education Manager with Allianz. He introduced a new initiative from Allianz which sought to sell slotars and footballs at wholesale price to schools. The equipment would carry the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol logos. Alan felt that the project would serve both Cumann na mBunscol and Allianz equally. Allianz was proud of the partnership with Cumann na mBunscol and Alan praised the work done by teachers in the development of gaelic games.

In terms of insuring the games played by schools Alan outlined that in Northern Ireland and in the 26 counties Allianz was providing protection for public liability and personal injury. Insurance protection in place to deal with legal action taken against Cumann na mBunscol for negligence and legal costs were two examples of the peace of mind enjoyed by the extensive cover provided by Allianz.

Questions from the floor included:

Sean O Hainiféin (Carlow) asked if there was a need to





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name the premises used for indoor games. Alan told the meeting that there was no extra cost in naming the venue.

Tony O'Farrell (Cork) enquired if naming a venue was necessary to which Alan Black replied "No" as a blanket letter served to cover all named property.

Uachtarán Mairead O Callaghan suggested that any venues could be emailed to national secretary and thus forwarded to Allianz.

Eaman MacGearailt (Waterford) asked about the status of retired teachers still working in Cumann na mBunscol. This situation was covered by a bespoke policy which covered any action against all volunteers working in Cumann na mBunscol.

Tony O'Farrell (Cork) stated that the 24 hour comprehensive cover for pupils was very good value at €7. There was built in support for dental care as the child grew and needed future adjustments.

Additional support for Allianz equipment initiative stated that "in giving a child a ball you gave the child the world" No child labour was used in the production of the equipment. Next day delivery was achievable. Prices for match football €18 and training ball €8 were good value. Equally so for slotars: match ball €5 and €2.50 for training ball.

Supply of equipment would begin in October 2019 and Allianz would communicate with schools. Cumann na mBunscol would promote the scheme nationally. A video was available on YouTube. Price was the same for all schools and there was no minimum order.

Tyrone Cumann asked about new Allianz boards. The new shaped boards would be distributed through the provincial bodies.

Brian Treacy (Fermanagh) asked that all county units would use these promotional balls for their finals.

## 50th Anniversary:

Fidelma Sheridan Leas Cathaoirleach updated the meeting on progress made so far on the planned celebrations in 2021. Joe Lyons PRO covered all details on publication of commemorative book which included size, cost, sponsorship, launch date, content and links with the past and present.

Joe Lyons PRO reminded delegates of the importance of inserting @AllianzIreland while using Twitter.

## AGM 2020:

The venue for 2020 AGM was decided: The Anner Hotel in Thurles March 6th and 7th 2020.

## Awards 2020:

Gary Farrell Rúnaí presented the programme for 2020 awards and noted any changes in organisation. A short booklet was circulated to all delegates. It was highlighted that current data was necessary to validate all entries. Closing date for all entries was 08.01.2020 and the officers designated to receive all awards were printed in the booklet. Entries from schools would be showcased by agreement with schools. National Committee reserved the right to alter the number of entries shortlisted for final judging and to change prize funds. This is necessary to maintain standards. Two videos of award winning schools were shown to delegates to demonstrate the standard that merited the award.

Declan Ward, Offaly suggested that all entries be uploaded to YouTube and that a small category be introduced for Twitter accounts.

## Mini Sevens Review:

Gerry O'Meara informed delegates that a review was carried out every 3 years. The next review was March 2020. A sub-committee would be set up, representing the four provinces and chaired by Gerry O'Meara. The first meeting would be scheduled for after Halloween. Each county would be invited to report on how mini sevens were organised locally. Mini sevens was now in its 33rd year.

2019 saw 240 children take part in games at Croke Park. The meeting noted that both Kilkenny and Tipperary had stars playing in the hurling final in 2019 who also played in the Mini sevens as primary school children. The recording secretary from Kilkenny allowed the Mini Sevens coordinator from Tipperary some latitude when he declared that August 18th was the most enjoyable day of the Mini sevens 2019.

## GDPR:

Gary Farrell noted that GDPR regulations required that consent be given by parents for photographs to be used for promotional purposes. Individual children's names would not be used. In line with legislation also, all data would be stored on devices with password protection.

Ní raibh aon ghnó práinneach agus mar sin cuireadh deireadh leis an gcuinniú.





# Secretary's Report



I would like to begin my report by firstly thanking Cumann na mBunscol Sligeach, for their wonderful welcome and hospitality at our AGM and Awards last year, 2019. It was a fantastic weekend thoroughly enjoyed by us all.

AGM 2019:  
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The following motions were passed.

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(Coiste Náisiúnta agus Corcaigh)

## 2. Motion 4

That a sub committee be established by the incoming Coiste to review our Constitution. (Coiste Náisiúnta)

## 3. Motion 5

That our introduction/mission statement to our Constitution which states;

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### General Meeting Saturday 31st August 2019 - Croke Park Hotel

Our General Meeting was held on Saturday 31st August 2019 in the Croke Park Hotel. The minutes of this are included in our AGM Booklet.

### 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 and name. Please ensure the words Allianz Cumann na mBunscol are included in all match reports and photographs when using local and digital media. Alan Black is now our Liaison person and we are delighted to be working with him. We have met with Alan on numerous occasions during the past year and as a result of our discussions we are delighted to announce that Allianz will continue to sponsor us in the future. We are constantly looking for new ways to promote and develop that sponsorship. It gives us all a great feeling of satisfaction when we hear the name Cumann na mBunscol mentioned in the Allianz Advertisement on our televisions

### Handball

Tim O Byrne is our National Handball Facilitator. I would like to thank him for his work in this area. The National Handball Exhibition Games are being held on Saturday March 7th 2020 in the new National Handball Centre, located just behind the Cusack Stand of Croke Park, Dublin.

### Mini 7's:

Míle buiochas do Gerry O Meara (Mini 7's Officer) and to the hard working goalpost crew from Cumann na mBunscol ,Baile Átha Cliath . Buiochas 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 games. Feargal Brougham, Uachtaran ( I.N.T.O.) John Horan ( C.L.G ) Marie Hickey ( L.G.F.A) and Kathleen Woods (Camógaíoch) represented their Associations in Croke Park on all 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 [joegreenandwhite@gmail.com](mailto:joegreenandwhite@gmail.com) . Our Twitter account continues to grow. I would encourage all Counties to get involved and submit their P.R. Material for inclusion on our Website. Joe has a Cumann na mBunscol page in our Intouch Magazine every month and is always looking for new material. The profile of our organisation has increased substantially since Joe has become PRO and on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol I would like thank Joe for all his work.



# Secretary's Report



## Annual Awards 2020

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. The top entries in all categories were presented with their awards at our Awards Night in the Annar Hotel, Thurlus, Co Tipperary on Friday March 6th, 2020. Míle Buíochas to Mary Magner, Brian Treacy and Tom Ryan for assessing all the projects and selecting those for shortlisting.

## Cornmarket Insurance

Liam and I met with Lisa Kelly and Orla Casey from Cornmarket on the 17th January 2020 at Croke Park to



discuss our future relationship. Cornmarket are very keen in continuing with their sponsorship and in growing our partnership in the years ahead. Future initiatives will include promotion of our work via their social media accounts, attendance at the Croke Park Day for winning schools with additional and add additional equipment for schools and/or children, attendance and spot prizes at the Awards Night and assistance with any IT/Promotion Work.

## 50th Anniversary Celebration

Preparations for our 50th Year are well under way under the guidance of 50th Anniversary Committee Chairperson, Fidelma Sheridan. Events will include a Gala Night in the City West Hotel in February 2021 as well as the publication of the History of Cumann na mBunscol Commemorative Book, being coordinated by Joe Lyons. Other activities and events will also take place.

## Child Protection and Garda Vetting:

Coiste Náisiúnta would like to remind all units of the importance of these issues. As previously indicated all Cumann na mBunscol Officers should be Garda Vetted. Garda vetting is now a legal requirement and all Cumann na mBunscol units have to comply with the law. 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.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to thank our Chairperson, Liam and fellow officers, Tomás, Fidelma, Jim, Tim, Mairead, Michéal, Joe, and Gerry, for their support, dedication and work ethic. They work incredible hard to ensure that the work of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta is carried out in a professional and efficient manner.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't take this opportunity to single out Jim Fennelly. Jim has been a member of our National Committee for the last 10 years and unfortunately, has served his time on the Coiste. He has carried out his different roles with distinction and we are indebted to him for his many endeavours for Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. We wish him well in the years ahead.

Finally, I would like to thank all the teachers in every County and Province for their tremendous work, time and dedication in promoting Gaelic games and Culture throughout the Country.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as rúnaí. It has been a privilege to get to know so many of you throughout the year and I look forward to continuing to represent you as I believe that Allianz Cumann na mBunscol is an organisation that truly works to ensure that all the children in our schools choose gaelic games as their first choice of games.

I also believe that our organisation has never been in as strong a position in ensuring that our vision and aims continue to influence the lives of many young people.

Gary Farrell Runaí  
Secretary's Report



# Treasurer's Report (AIB Account)

Cumann na mBunscol (AIB Account) Profit & Loss Account  
Year ending 31 October 2019

	12 months to 31-Oct-19 €	12 months to 31-Oct-18 €
<b>Income</b>		
INTO Sponsorship	23,000.00	23,000.00
Allianz Sponsorship	90,000.00	100,000.00
Cornmarket Sponsorship	10,000.00	10,000.00
All Ireland Tickets	152,640.00	104,160.00
National Awards Income	7,032.07	4,673.21
Mycro Sponsorship	3,000.00	3,000.00
GAA Games Development Funding	68,000.00	68,000.00
	353,672.07	312,833.21
<b>Expenses</b>		
Allianz P R Grants	34,100.00	37,550.00
Grants to Counties	87,000.00	92,750.00
Publications & Website	153.75	153.75
Handball		1,109.00
National Awards	19,233.88	19,835.04
Insurance Cover	8,197.26	8,142.71
Committee Travel	11,408.00	12,415.30
Committee Meals & Accommodation	11,500.70	8,951.04
All Ireland Tickets	152,640.00	104,160.00
Complimentary All Ireland Tickets	3,420.00	2,560.00
AGM	5,810.75	4,653.25
50 Year Celebration	861.00	
Phone & Postage	337.15	319.55
Accounting	596.55	350.55
Bank Charges	154.17	121.31
Mini Sevens	23,000.00	23,000.00
Affiliation fees	300.00	300.00
Sundry	3,214.05	29.52
	361,927.26	316,401.02
<b>Excess income over expenditure</b>	(8,255.19)	(3,567.81)





# Treasurer's Report (AIB Account)



## Cumann na mBunscol (AIB Account) Balance Sheet As at 31 October 2019

	2019 €	2018 €
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	68,000	-
Prepayments	29,000	26,000
Cash at Bank and in hand	211,340	235,295
	308,340	261,295
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	-	-
Accruals	144,600	89,300
	144,600	89,300
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	163,740	171,995
<b>Capital Account</b>		
Brought Forward	171,995	105,617
Surplus/Deficit for the year	(8,255)	66,378
	163,740	171,995





# Treasurer's Report (Croke Park Account)

Cumann na mBunscol (Croke Park Account) Profit & Loss Account  
Year ending 31 October 2019

	12 months to 31-Oct-19 €	12 months to 31-Oct-18 €
<b>Income</b>		
GAA Games Development Funding	68,000	68,000
National Awards Ticket Income	-	-
Cornmarket Sponsorship	-	-
Financial Income	-	-
Accruals written off	-	1,077
	68,000	69,077
<b>Expenses</b>		
Allianz P R Grants	-	43,750
Grants to Counties	68,000	104,750
Handball	-	1,109
National Awards	-	1,150
Committee Meals & Accommodation	-	1,967
Complimentary All Ireland Tickets	-	2,560
All Ireland Tickets	-	104,160
Cornmarket cheque not presented	-	15,000
	68,000	274,446
<b>Excess income over expenditure</b>	0	-205,369



# Treasurer's Report (Croke Park Account)



## Cumann na mBunscol (Croke Park Account) Balance Sheet As at 31 Oct 2019

	2019 €	2018 €
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	-	-
Intercompany with Ard Comhairle	788	66,429
Cash at Bank and in hand	-	-
	788	66,429

### Current Liabilities

Accruals	-	65,643
	788	65,643

<b>Net Current Assets</b>	788	787
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### Capital Account

Brought Forward	788	206,157
Surplus/Deficit for the year	0	(205,369)
	788	788







# Cumann na mBunscol Cornmarket Awards Presentations 2019





# Cumann na mBunscol Cornmarket Awards 2020



## Catagóir 1 Pat Trainor Awards

Liam Weir (Corcaigh)

## Catagóir 2 Public Relations

1. Corcaigh
2. Ciarraí
3. An Mhí

Merit Awards: Port Lairge, Fear Manach,  
Tir Eoghain & Ard Mhacha

## Catagóir 3 County Publication

1. Luimneach
2. Corcaigh
3. Áth Cliath & Ciarraí

## Catagóir 4 Promotion of Gaelic Games and Culture

1. Herbertstown NS, Luimneach
2. Kilbehenny NS, Luimneach
3. Divine Mercy NS, Áth Cliath

## Catagóir 5 Cur chun cinn an Chultúir Ghaelaigh agus na gCluichí Gaelacha

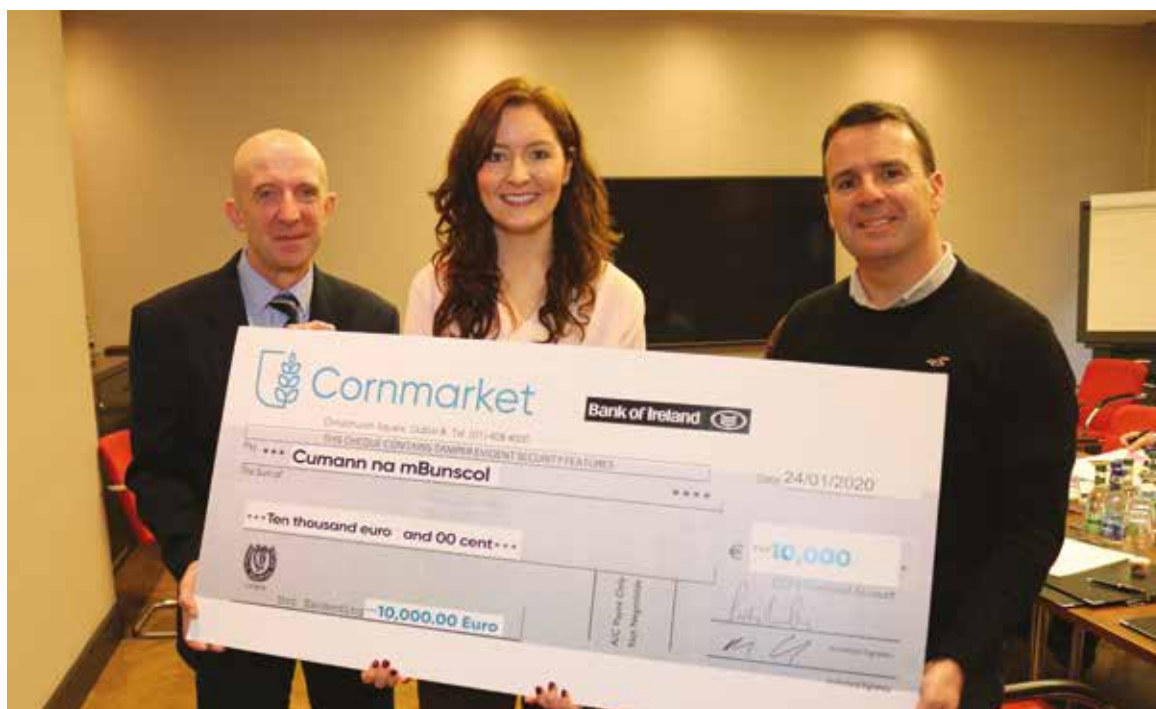
1. Gaelscoil Na Cruaiche, Maigh Eo
2. Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn, Ciarraí
3. St Mary's Parish NS, Lú

## Catagóir 6 Small School of the Year

1. Kilbehenny NS, Luimneach
2. Thomastown NS, Tiobraid Árann
3. Herbertstown NS, Luimneach

## Catagóir 7 Large School of the Year

1. Creevy NS, Dún nan Gall
2. Scoil Phroinsiais Naofa, Uibh Fhaili
3. Holy Trinity NS, Tiobraid Árann







# Development Report

On the 15th September last, I accepted the invitation from the Ladies Gaelic Football Association to attend the All Ireland Finals. It was a magnificent day; the attendance was 56,114, a new record for a Ladies All-Ireland Final. All who were present saw Mick Bohan's Dublin win their third title in a row defeating Galway on a score line Dublin 2-03 Galway 0-04. The other results were Tipperary 2-16 Meath 1-14 (Intermediate Final), Louth 3-13 Fermanagh 2-06 (Junior Final).

What a long way the Ladies game has come. I believe that Allianz Cumann na mBunscol has played a major part in the development of the game. The girls game over the last twenty years has seen rapid growth and can lay claim to be the fastest growing sport in Ireland. It was inevitable that girls would want to take to the playing fields. At first in our schools, the Ladies game developed in small pockets in various counties, but with enthusiastic teachers the game spread nationally, so also did the involvement of the female teacher. The result is the game is very well established in all 32 counties. Great credit must also go to the Ladies Gaelic Football Association; their structures and their various progressive initiatives have helped enormously in the spread of the game at club level. So Allianz Cumann na mBunscol wishes the L.G.F.A. continued success in future years. Of course, the challenge for them will be to stop the dropout rate of girls from the sport when they leave Primary School. Statistics tell us that girls are 2 or 3 times more likely to drop out of sport than boys. As teachers, we talk of mental wellbeing. Sport, we know, gives girls confidence and positivity compared to those who do not play and it also increases their aspirations. As teachers we take pride in promoting sport in particular Ladies Gaelic Football.

## Go Games

In preparing this report I decided I would take a look back at some of the issues that have come before us during the last ten years. At the beginning of the decade, "The Go Games" issue was being debated both locally and nationally. Allianz Cumann na mBunscol initially were not informed of this change in emphasis. I can remember a presentation where it was declared, "The Argument is Over", Go Games are now obligatory. Such was the level of anxiety around the Go Games that several meetings took place with Coaching Games and Development in Croke Park. We now understand that each county has discretion over how it runs its competitions. Generally, all competitions above the 12 age group are championship and are run on a traditional basis. The Go Games Model has given us a chance to ensure that more young players are involved.

## The Respect Initiative

Around the same time, we were debating the Go Games, we introduced our children to The Respect Initiative. Give Respect Get Respect, as you are aware "The Respect Initiative" is a programme of mutual respect for both players and referees alike. This has been very successful not alone within GAA circles but other sports have adopted this from juvenile level right up to the adult game.

## Mini-Sevens

The big change that came about in the Mini-Sevens in 2011 was when a decision was taken to drop the regional festivals. Up to 2011, each Province held a day where the county winners of the Mini-Sevens played games and the best players on the day from







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each county were chosen to go forward to Croke Park. From then on each county was given an allocation and each county ran a competition to select and fill that allocation. It is heartening to note that more and more counties are using a selection procedure and that it is not based on competition. Each year, 240 children play in the Mini-Sevens Exhibition Games and this has led to another programme which is the Young Whistlers. This initiative has also been very successful since its inception in 2011, when Sligo, Waterford, Armagh and Kilkenny supplied referees for the All-Ireland Mini-Sevens semi-finals. The Mini-Sevens days have proven to be a great social occasion where children and their families get the opportunity to meet the GAA and I.N.T.O. Presidents and have photographs taken. The Mini-Sevens would not be the success they are without the GAA and I.N.T.O. support and of course the teachers of Dublin deserve a special mention and thanks for all their continued loyalty to the Sevens over the years. Allianz Cumann na mBunscol has always been fortunate to have an excellent Mini-Sevens Officer on the National Committee, and I must congratulate Gerry O'Meara, the present Mini-Sevens officer, for all his work and his outstanding attention to detail.

## Website/ In Touch

Great work was done to ensure we have a great website. (<http://www.cnmbnaisiunta.com>). The Website is open to all counties to submit match reports, photographs and general information on what is happening in each county. The Website contains vital information re county contacts, schemes and general information and it also has links to other bodies. Some counties are excellent in providing information and sending in action shots of players etc. As you are aware, the nature of Public Relations has changed dramatically in a short few years and Allianz Cumann na mBunscol must keep up to date and use the various tools to inform members, parents and the general public. Also Social Media ensures that events are reported as they happen and the use of Digital Media is widespread and this ensures that images are available instantly. The I.N.T.O., In Touch teacher magazine is another great source of advertisement and information and it also helps to keep the name of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol to the fore re Gaelic Games. Our PRO Joe Lyons has done tremendous work and submits articles for each month's addition of the magazine. Twitter is another tool that is used to get our message and information out before the public.

## Awards Night

The timing and format of the Cornmarket Awards Night has changed. The night is now held on the eve of the AGM. The night continues to be a great success with many schools submitting entries to the various categories in particular the Large and Small Schools of the Year. The trip to Croke Park for the winning schools is very popular and maybe the only chance that a child has of getting to the venue. Our secretary, Garry Farrell, has done Trojan work over the last couple of years with the Awards night and this has uplifted the event. A lot of work goes into ensuring that it is a successful night, especially all the time taken to judge the various categories. Long may the Awards continue as they showcase all the work being done throughout the 32 counties which we are particularly proud of.

## Insurance

Concern arose re our Insurance Cover arose when it came to the attention of the National Committee that some schools were using community pitches to play games and hold athletics competitions. Some schools were using community halls to host indoor hurling, quizzes etc. A decision was taken by the National Committee in consultation with Allianz to revert to the previous situation where we had our own insurance. This ensured that all schools were covered for all Allianz Cumann na mBunscol activities.

Yes, it has been a very interesting decade, where the National Committee certainly earned its keep. We have forged closer links with the Camogie, Ladies Football and Handball Associations. We have come out of it a much stronger organisation and we can look to the future with renewed vigour and a new relationship with Croke Park. A relationship that is based on mutual respect and co-operation, where we work together for the betterment of the games and continue to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in all our primary schools.

Tim O'Byrne,  
Development Officer,  
Cumann na mBunscol Náisiunta.



## PRO's Report

Is mór an pribhléid domsa an tuaraisc seo a chur os bhúrgomhair ag ár gcomhdháil bhliantiúil anseo i Dúrlas Éile. Táim buíoch an deis seo a fháil chun tuaraisc a thabhairt ar mo chuid oibre i rith na mbliana.

It is my great privilege to report once again 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. The nature of Public Relations has changed fundamentally over the course of the last decade. Social Media is ever present and immediate. Allianz Cumann na mBunscol recognises this. In three short years, our Twitter account has attracted almost 2,500 followers. Almost all of the 32 Allianz Cumann na mBunscol county units now operate their own Twitter accounts. Information on all events is readily available, ranging from minute-by-minute accounts of County finals to notice of last minute changes of venue or cancellations. Many schools are active on Twitter and complement the work of their local Allianz Cumann na mBunscol units. A post on our Twitter page about Fintan Walsh, an Allianz Cumann na mBunscol activist since its foundation, garnered over 6,000 impressions in less than a week. In January 2020, a feature on the AGM of Coiste na Mumhan of Cumann na mBunscol received over 9,000

impressions. In August 2019, a Tweet congratulating David Gough on his appointment as referee for the All-Ireland football final received over 7,000 impressions.

### Website & Social Media

Our website [www.cnmnbaisiunta.com](http://www.cnmnbaisiunta.com) provides another avenue through which news can be disseminated. I appreciate the help I receive from officers throughout the country who send me material for the website and Twitter. The website is especially useful for promoting items such as the Cornmarket Cumann na mBunscol Awards as well as games, blitzes and games from all corners of the country. The written word is not redundant however. The standard of entries in the Public Relations category of the Cornmarket Cumann na mBunscol Awards bears testimony to the unstinting work of teachers throughout the country promoting our activities and, by extension, the support and backing of our sponsors Allianz.

### In Touch Magazine

As Oifigeach Caidrimh Poiblí, I endeavour to use our page in In Touch each month to promote Allianz Cumann na mBunscol and to keep INTO members updated on our activities. During the past year, the Cumann na mBunscol page was used to highlight the Cornmarket Cumann na mBunscol Awards, the INTO Mini Sevens and several other







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landmark events in our calendar. Over the course of the past five years, I have received nothing but encouragement and courtesy in my dealings with David Geary, Communications Officer of INTO and, prior to that, from Peter Mullan. Each issue of In Touch is delivered to over 40,000 teachers throughout Ireland and the magazine is an ideal vehicle for promoting our activities.

## Allianz

Undoubtedly, the Allianz television advertisement which ran throughout 2019 featuring Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh and specifically mentioning Allianz's support for Cumann na mBunscol captured the public imagination like few others. The reputation and image of both Allianz and Cumann na mBunscol are enhanced by virtue of their association with each other and the work we do as an organisation. Alan Black of Allianz has been a great friend to Cumann na mBunscol and we are fortunate to enjoy such a good relationship with our flagship sponsors. Thanks are due to our Uachtarán Mairéad O Callaghan who arranged the sourcing of Allianz boards for each county and provincial unit. The Cornmarket Cumann na mBunscol Awards are a wonderful showcase for our work. The Awards in Sligo last year gleaned much media attention. Aside from thousands of hits on Twitter, a feature in In Touch, and coverage in countless provincial papers, the Awards also featured in the Primary Planet publication.

## INTO GAA Mini Sevens

The INTO GAA Mini Sevens, played on six of the most high profile occasions in the sporting calendar, are covered



in every provincial paper, thanks in no small way to the excellent photos generated by Sportsfile.

The presence of primary teachers such as Nickie Quaid and Richie English, (Limerick), Tadhg Morley (Kerry), Niamh Mulchahy and Orla Finn (Cork) on successful intercounty teams reflects well on our profession especially if the intercounty stars are active in Cumann na mBunscol. All Star hurler John Conlon of St Aidan's NS in Shannon, for instance, is Cathairleach of Cumann na mBunscol an Chláir.

## Allianz

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 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. Twitter accounts are generating positive publicity for our activities on a daily basis. Provincial papers in Clare, Laois, Meath, Tyrone and Tipperary produce special supplements covering Cumann na mBunscol finals while Allianz and The Evening Herald have long been cooperating to issue supplements on the Cumann na mBunscol finals in Croke Park. Other counties have followed suit.

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.

I urge all involved in promoting our games at school or county level on Twitter to tag @AllianzIreland and use the hashtag #AllianzCnmb.

Next year, Allianz Cumann na mBunscol celebrates a notable landmark as the organisation was founded in 1971. To mark 50 years of activity and growth beyond all expectations, An Coiste Náisiúnta has planned a number of events. Ciarán Crowe and I propose to write an account of the work of Cumann na mBunscol over the past half a century. We will rely on the co operation of teachers who have been active in Cumann na mBunscol in their own county and province to provide us with photos and information. Every Coiste in every county has a treasure trove of records and memories. We look forward to this challenge and hope to produce a publication that will do justice to the achievements of the past 50 years.

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 five 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  
Márta 2020.





# GAA/INTO

## Mini Sevens Report

This was another successful year for the 'Mini Sevens.' Thousands of pupils participated in school and county based skill competitions and games with the lucky 240 boys and girls being selected to play in Croke Park during the All Ireland Semi Finals and Finals in July and August and on September 1st. Pupils participated in all four codes- girls' football, camogie, boys' football and hurling. The standard of play on the six days was very high and this, I feel, is testament to the many counties that now select the pupils based on skill competitions.

Each county was allocated a minimum of six places with Cork receiving 12 and Dublin 24. Each province received five places in a particular code and every county was represented on Hurling Final and Football Final days. This year it was disappointing that Britain could not take up its allocation of four places, however we look forward to them taking part in 2020.

I would like to thank the county secretaries for their cooperation in getting names etc. in on time. This is no easy task and all the correct details make the job much easier when places are being allocated. We have a closing date for early May. This date is necessary as the time it takes to allocate players to each Sunday, get letters to schools, await replies etc. must all be done by mid-June, before the schools close for holidays. Again I commend all county secretaries for their diligence in administering this process.

As well as the 240 children playing in our 'Mini Sevens' we have our Young Whistlers. As in other years a county from each of the provinces provided the referees. This year we had Clare, Roscommon, Louth and Armagh for the semi-finals with Cork refereeing the Hurling Final and Dublin for the Football Final. The standard of refereeing was excellent and well done to all counties for promoting the 'Young Whistler' initiative.

As in previous years the G.A.A President, John Horan, Camogie President, Kathleen Woods and LGFA President, Marie Hickey gave of their time each Sunday to meet the children on the six match days. This is always an important part of the day in Croke Park and we thank them for affording the pupils the opportunity to meet them and be photographed. These will be memories the players will have for many years.

Each match day also, Fergal Brougham, President of INTO, or one of his representatives, was present to congratulate the players and their parents on the achievement of being selected to play. We in Allianz Cumann na mBunscol are very appreciative of the INTO's commitment to the Mini Sevens and I would personally like to thank John Boyle and Noel Ward for their continued financial support for this project.

There is also huge support from Tom Ryan, Árd Stiúrthoir

C. L. G. for our Mini Sevens and I wish to thank him for investing in Cumann na mBunscol. I believe this will pay dividends in the years ahead. The staff in Croke Park, in particular, Gearóid Ó Maolmíchíl and Michelle Harte do trojan work in promoting Cumann na mBunscol INTO Mini Sevens and I very much appreciate their support from May through to September.

Our Dublin team of managers and goalpost people are present each of the six match days and do invaluable work to ensure the Mini Sevens run smoothly. A special word for Michael Smyth, runaí Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Áth Cliath for his input. Thanks also to the other members of 'The Respect Team.'

The National Committee of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol is always on hand to help out and lend support. Their words of encouragement are always appreciated. I would like to mention Br. Dormer, our unofficial photographer! He never fails to turn up and help out when needed. The Barbara Ward Community Centre, where we meet up is a real gem of a place. The ladies, who work there, are so kind and caring to us all in the morning before we leave for Croke Park. There is always a warm welcome and a cuppa for parents. Go raibh míle maith agaibh! This is my fourth year as coordinator. I thoroughly enjoy this role and sincerely thank the boys, girls, parents, teachers for making the 'Mini Sevens' such an integral part of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol throughout the 32 counties. Next year 2021 we celebrate 50 years of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta and are heading in to year 34 of the 'Mini Sevens'. We hope to mark our 50th with some celebration of the 'Mini Sevens' Any suggestions will be welcome.

### Mini Sevens 2020

This year our games will start on the weekend of Saturday July 25th / Sunday July 26th with the first Hurling Semi Finals. Then the Football Semi Finals on weekend of Saturday August 8th/Sunday August 9th. The All Ireland Hurling Final takes place on Sunday August 16th and Football Final on Sunday August 30th. The closing date for entries this year will be Friday 8th May 2020. The email and excel file will be sent to each county secretary in April.

Young Whistlers this year:

Hurling semi-finals:	Limerick and Offaly
Football semi-finals:	Sligo and Down
Hurling Final:	Dublin
Football Final:	Cork



# GAA/INTO Mini Sevens Report



The five provincial places are allocated as follows for 2020:

- Ulster – Camogie
- Connacht - Girls' Football
- Munster – Hurling
- Leinster – Boys' Football

Please find your full allocations on page 26 in this booklet.

Our new email is - [minisevens2020@gamil.com](mailto:minisevens2020@gamil.com)

### Mini Sevens Review 2020

This was a review year for the Mini Sevens. In September 2019, submissions were sought from counties on the running of the Mini Sevens. A subcommittee was set up which I chaired and the following members; Pat McGivern, Edward O' Riordan, Br. Dormer, Mairéad O' Callaghan and Bernie Ryan served on this committee.

We received no submissions. Queries re age limits, allocations and girls/boys' teams were received. The committee met on 23rd November in Croke Park Hotel. After lengthy debate and discussion it was agreed that in the present format the 'Mini Sevens' was running well and that no changes were recommended. I would like to thank the members of the review committee for their time in dealing with this matter.

The fact that no submissions or changes were recommended leads me to believe that our 'Mini Sevens' is in a healthy state in all the counties, Another review will take place in three years time.

Finally I wish you all a good year with your 'Mini Sevens'.

Gerry O' Meara  
Mini Sevens Officer,  
Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta





# CUMANN na mBUNSCOL INTO/GAA

## Respect Exhibition Go Games Allocations for Mini 7's 2020

County	Girl's Football	Boys Football	Camogie	Hurling	Total
Clare	2	1	1	2	6
Limerick	2	1	1	2	6
Cork	3	3	3	3	12
Waterford	1	2	2	1	6
Tipperary	1	2	2	1	6
Kerry	2	1	1	2	6
Munster	0	0	0	5	5
Galway	2	1	1	2	6
Mayo	2	1	1	2	6
Sligo	1	2	2	1	6
Roscommon	1	2	2	1	6
Leitrim	1	2	2	1	6
Connacht	5	0	0	0	5
Donegal	2	1	1	2	6
Monaghan	1	2	2	1	6
Cavan	1	2	2	1	6
Fermanagh	1	2	2	1	6
Armagh	2	1	1	2	6
Tyrone	1	2	2	1	6
Derry	1	2	2	1	6
Antrim	2	1	1	2	6
Down	2	1	1	2	6
Ulster	0	0	5	0	5
Dublin	6	6	6	6	24
Meath	1	2	2	1	6
Louth	1	2	2	1	6
Wicklow	2	1	1	2	6
Wexford	1	2	2	1	6
Westmeath	1	2	2	1	6
Kilkenny	2	1	1	2	6
Offaly	2	1	1	2	6
Laois	2	1	1	2	6
Carlow	1	2	2	1	6
Kildare	2	1	1	2	6
Longford	2	1	1	2	6
Leinster	0	5	0	0	5
London	1	1	1	1	4
Total	60	60	60	60	240





# Nominations for National Committee AGM 2020



## Uachtarán

Maireád Ní Cheallachain (Corcaigh)

## Cathaoirleach

Liam Mag Aoidh (Fear Manach)

## Leas- Cathaoirleach

Fidelma Sheridan (An Chabhán)

## Runaí

Gary Farrell (Ard Mhacha)

## Leas Runaí

Joe Lyons (Luimneach)

## Cisteoir

Michéal Mac Thiarnáin (Liatroim)

## Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

Manas Ó Domhnaill (Dún na nGall)

John Manley (Tiobraid Árann)

## Toscaire Ard Comhairle

Tomás Ó hÁinfeín (Ciarraí)

Manas Ó Domhnaill (Dún na nGall)

## Oifigeach Forbartha

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## Oifigeach Mini 7's

Gerry O Meara (Baile Átha Cliath)





# An Coiste Náisiúnta Constitution

**Cumann na mBunscol is an autonomous National Federation of Primary School Teachers promoting Gaelic Games in an educational context, having affiliated to its 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** This Federation 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** Cumann na mBunscol adopts the provisions of the Children First Act, 2015 & The Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 published on 2nd October 2017 & the Safeguarding and Child Protection in Schools- Guide for Schools by DENI on 24th April 2017. All our members must be vetted. Teachers are vetted through the Teaching Council/Safeguarding NI. Retired teachers should ensure their vetting is kept in date.
- D** 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 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:

- a. Preparing and submitting an annual budget.
- b. Raising sponsorship and other finances nationally to help with the overall promotion of the games.
- c. 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

- a. Coaching
- b. Seminars
- c. 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



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- D** 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.

(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’.





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## \*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 Coisti 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.  
  
(b) An Coiste Náisiúnta must also give 14 days written notice of the Special General Meeting.
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.
  - (iv) The financial year for Cumann na mBunscol units is from the 1st September – 31st August
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



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- 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 publications and liase 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 liase with An Coiste Naisiunta 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.



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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.
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.
7. (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 or Secretaries or their nominee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for presentation at the AGM.





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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.
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.



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22. The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.
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



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11th February 2020

For the attention of: Liam Megee  
Insured Name: Members ftb, Cumann na mBunscol  
Policy: Public Liability Insurance

Dear Liam,

I confirm a Summary of your Cover is:

Allianz p.l.c. will indemnify Cumann na mBunscol in respect of all sums which they shall become legally liable to pay for damages arising out of accidental  
(a) Bodily Injury to any person  
(b) Nuisance  
(c) Loss of or damage to material property  
occurring during the Period of Insurance and arising out of and in the course of all Cumann na mBunscol activities.

The limit of indemnity is €6,500,000 (£5,000,000) any one Event.

Cover is subject always to the terms Definitions Extensions Exclusions Conditions limitations and any Endorsements of the Policy currently in force issued by Allianz p.l.c.

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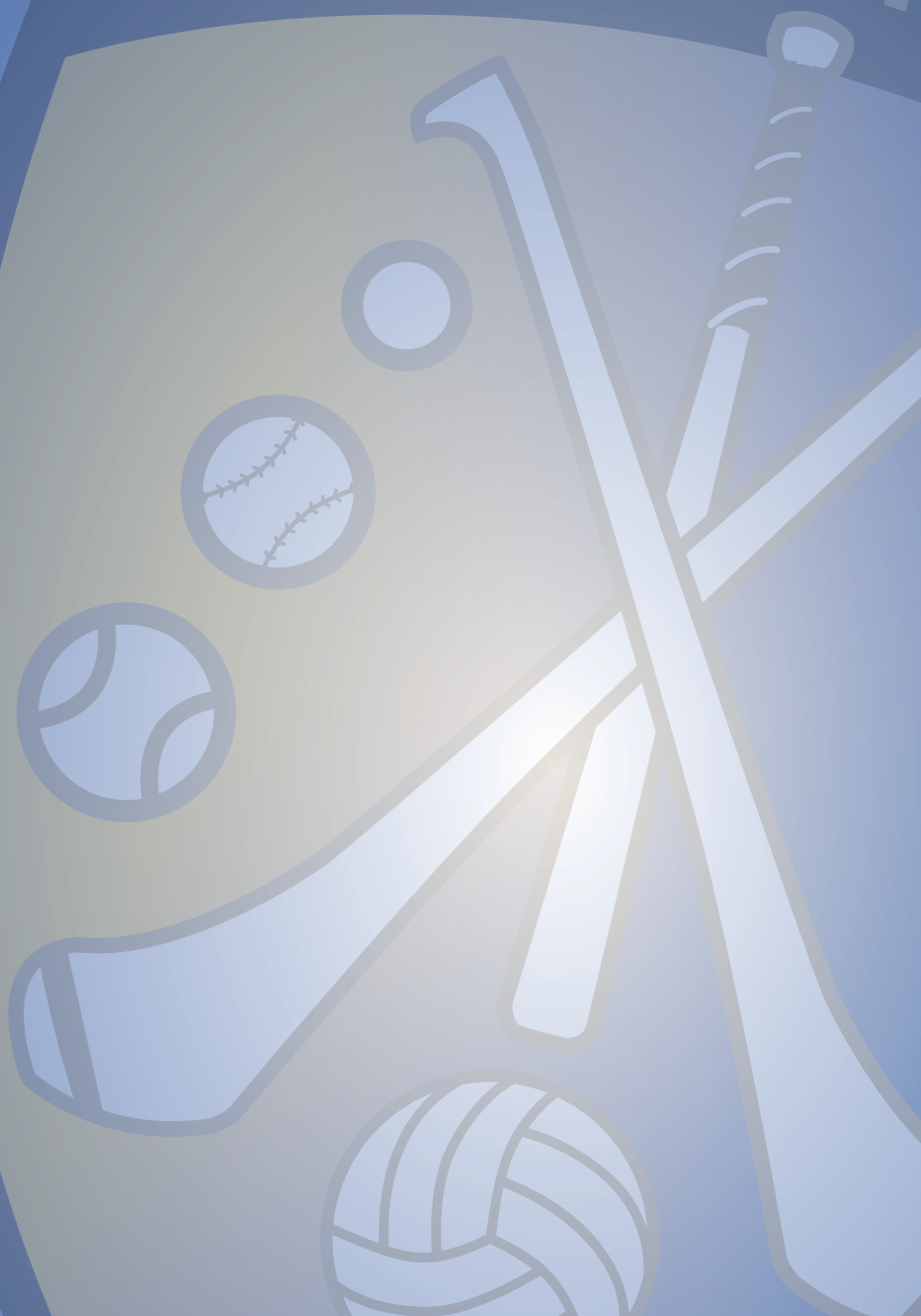
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