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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 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

Date: Saturday, February 7th, 2009 at 11.00am

Venue: Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell,
Co. Cavan

Present: An Choiste Náisiúnta &
County Delegates.

Welcome: Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta Chairperson, Margaret Cunningham, welcomed everyone to the Meeting. She gave a special welcome to Phil Smith, Chairperson of Cavan Senior County Board, who then addressed the meeting. He praised the work of Cumann na mBunscol and wished them well in their work promoting Gaelic Games. He paid tribute to Nicholas Baxter and members of Cumann na mBunscol Cavan for their commitment and co-operation.

Presentation on Coaching and GoGames:

Michael Martin, Project Manager, and Richard Bowles, Development Officer, outlined a model for implementing coaching in schools. They made the following points:

- Participation should be maximised
- Targets must be set in each County
- Grants will be based on achieving targets
- A standardised programme will be introduced
- Garda vetting must be set up in all circumstances
- Teachers will be eligible for Foundation Coaching Award
- Schools must work closely with Games Development Officers and Coaches

Adoption of Standing Orders: Standing Orders were adopted on the proposal of Tim O'Byrne (Waterford) and were seconded by Kevin Toner (Derry).

Annual General Meeting 2008: The minutes of the AGM 2008 were included in the booklet and were taken as read. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Michael Donoghue (Limerick) and seconded by Michael Quinn (Tyrone).

Matters Arising: There were no Matters Arising.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Chairperson's Address: The meeting was then addressed by Margaret Cunningham, Cumann na mBunscol Chairperson. She thanked delegates for attending the AGM and also those who attended the Comhairle Seminar. She congratulated the National Award winners and thanked Allianz, O'Neills and I.N.T.O. for their continued sponsorship. She paid tribute to National Committee members and thanked them for their support throughout the year – Paul Duggan for his work as Secretary, Jim O'Reilly and Pat McGivern for Mini Sevens, Paul Hart and Noeleen Rooney for organising Handball, Coiste Bainistí representative Joe O'Boyle, Ciarán Byrne and Richard Bowles for their work as P.R.O. and Development Officer respectively and Br. James Dormer for his work as Treasurer. She thanked Nicholas Baxter and Aiden McCabe for organising the AGM. She said she looked forward to working with GAA President, Christy Cooney. She sympathised with Nickey Brennan on the death of his mother. She concluded by reminding delegates regarding GoGames – If it's not fun it's a failure. She noted the deteriorating weather conditions and wished everyone a safe journey home.

Secretary's Report: Secretary, Paul Duggan, referred delegates to the AGM booklet for his report. He thanked all who promoted Gaelic Games throughout 2008. He welcomed the appointment of Strategic Plan manager, Mícheál Martin. He thanked the Sponsors, in particular



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Allianz. He paid tribute to Declan Kelleher, Angela Dunne and Dennis Bohane on their impartial work judging the categories for the National awards. He referred to the development of the Strategic Plan and said it was a process in which all interested parties were consulted. Most of the past year's meetings were concentrated on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, Games Promotion and Mini Sevens. He stated that the role of Secretary was getting increasingly onerous and thanked all members of the National Committee for their support, especially Chairperson, Margaret Cunningham. He paid tribute to Mini Sevens' organiser, Pat McGivern, and all his helpers, especially the Dublin teachers and Young Whistlers. He thanked Jim O'Reilly for his work as Committee member.

The Secretary stated that the GAA Árd Stiúrthóir, Paraic Duffy, and Iar-Uachtarán, Nickey Brennan, have been most supportive in all our activities to



date and he looked forward to working with Christy Cooney.

The Secretary congratulated the new officers but appealed for an influx of new blood to take up roles as officers in the coming years. He told the meeting that the challenge is to continue promoting games and maximising participation. Tim O'Byrne congratulated the Secretary on his report maintaining, however, that we need clerical assistance as the Secretaries are over-burdened with work.

The Secretary's Report was proposed by Brendan Rice and seconded by Mairéad O'Callaghan.

Development Report: In his Report, Development Officer, Richard Bowles, referred to noteworthy initiatives in the past year – the appointment of Michéal Martin as Strategic Plan co-ordinator, implementation of key elements of the Plan, revised GAA coaching structure, expansion of 'Summer Course' programme - to name but a few. He noted that international research suggests that children's sporting development is best facilitated through participation in small-sided games where full participation is ensured. Intensive competition at a young age can be counterproductive as a large proportion of children experience failure in a very competitive structure. He welcomed the inclusion of Gaelic games in primary school in many areas of Britain and especially the participation of two pupils from Britain in the Mini Sevens series. He urged all to examine practices so that these will evolve and develop to meet the changing needs of the children in our care.

P.R.O. Report: P.R.O., Ciarán Byrne, reported on his work during the year. He thanked fellow officers for their support and encouragement. He expressed gratitude to all who submitted articles for ScoilSpórt magazine and encouraged all



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counties and provinces to support publications. He reported that I.N.T.O. Congress proved to be a straightforward way of promoting Cumann na mBunscol as is InTouch magazine, match programmes and scoilsport.org. He mentioned being honoured when Cumann na mBunscol was nominated for a MAMA Award. He appealed to county P.R.O.s to provide consistent copy to local media and to have the Allianz Board included in all photographs.

Mini Sevens Report: Mini Sevens Co-ordinator, Pat McGivern, then presented his report. He reported that from August 3rd 240 Primary School pupils were afforded the opportunity to represent their county on All-Ireland Semi-Final and All-Ireland Final days. This year for the first time we had 2 children from London participating. It proved to be a great success and we hope to repeat it in 2009. Twenty boys and girls participated as linesmen, runners, umpires and flag bearers and the referees were young boys and girls who graduated from the Young Whistler scheme organised by Cumann na mBunscol Átha Cliath. He thanked Gerry Grogan for all his help, Nickey Brennan for his time spent with the children and their parents, Declan Kelleher, President of the I.N.T.O., for being present to congratulate the players and the I.N.T.O. for their commitment to and continued support for the Mini-Sevens.

Treasurer's Report: The Financial Statement for 2008 was distributed to the delegates by auditor, David Muckian. Income for 2008 was €407 694 and expenditure was €413 281. The net current assets are €76 586. There was discussion regarding the Financial Report. It was agreed to have a further meeting within the next few weeks to discuss the current financial situation. It was agreed that a standardised format for Counties and Provinces will be prepared in order to assist Coistí return accounts.

The Treasurer's report was adopted by the meeting on the proposal of Peter Carney and was seconded by Liam Shinnors.

Address by Aoghán Ó Fearghail, Leas-Uachtarán Ulster GAA Council: The meeting was addressed by Aoghán Ó Fearghail, Leas-Uachtarán of Ulster Council GAA. He told the meeting that it was appropriate that the Cumann na mBunscol AGM should take place in Ballyconnell in 2009, the 125th anniversary of the founding of the GAA, as Ballyconnell was the first GAA club in County Cavan to be established 125 years ago. He encouraged schools to become involved in the 125 celebrations. He complimented teachers involved in Cumann na mBunscol on their work to promote Gaelic Games and stressed the importance of getting young female teachers involved.

Election of Officers: Bernie Ryan (Sligo) was nominated for the position of Vice Chairperson. Since this was the only nomination she was deemed elected. Pat McGivern was returned as Delegate Central Council.

Officers and members of an Coiste Náisiúnta for 2009 are as follows:

Uachtarán	Paul Hart (Ard Mhacha)
Cathaoirleach	Margaret Cunningham (Port Láirge)
Leas Cathaoirleach	Bernie Ryan (Sligeach)
Secretary	Paul Duggan (Árd Mhacha)
Assistant Secretary	Noeleen Rooney (Longfort)
Treasurer	Br. James Dormer (Luimneach)
PRO	Ciarán Byrne (Cill Mhantáin)
Development Officer	Richard Bowles (Gaillimh)
Delegate Central Council	Pat McGivern (Tir Eoghain)

Rúin 2009: Motions for the AGM were submitted as follows:

1. That Cumann na mBunscol would reconsider its enforced involvement in Go Games and



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- that all units would adopt a national policy regarding the participation or otherwise in these games. (Ciarraí)
2. That the games as organised at present by Cumann na mBunscol units be continued as emphasis is on participation, skill, enjoyment and achievement. (Ciarraí)
 3. That Cumann na mBunscol recognises the primacy of the D.E.S and I.N.T.O. guidelines in all aspects of school activities. (Corcaigh)
 4. Cumann na mBunscol welcomes the introduction of Go-Games but not at the expense of established mainstream competition. (Corcaigh)
 5. That no County be penalised for running mainstream competitions if also promoting go-Games. (Corcaigh)
 6. That Cumann na mBunscol maintains its independence as a school based Gaelic Games promoting organisation. (Corcaigh)
 7. That the control and organization of the finances of Cumann na mBunscol na hEireann be returned to the legitimately elected treasurer of our organization and not be administered by a body or committee that has not been mandated to do so, by the members of our Cumann. (Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan)
 8. That Cumann na mBunscol Naisiunta request Cumann Lúthchleas Gael to appoint servicing officers to each of the counties participating in Cumann na mBunscol activities, (similar to the post primary schools in Munster). (Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan)
 9. From the school year 09/10 the Regional festivals associated with Mini-Sevens is discontinued and a sub-committee comprising of 3 National committee members, the 4 Provincial chair people, and 4 other nominees (one from each province) be appointed to review the allocation of places. This committee would report back to National Committee with their proposals no later than 31st May 2009. (Coiste Náisiúnta)
 10. Cumann na mBunscol na Gaillimhe are satisfied with the way the I.N.T.O. Sevens are currently organised in Galway. We propose the Executive committee increase representation for our pupils at Croke Park games. (Gaillimh)



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Motion Number 1 - That Cumann na mBunscol would reconsider its enforced involvement in Go Games and that all units would adopt a national policy regarding the participation or otherwise in these games. (Ciarraí)

Proposed by Tomás Hanifin and seconded by Liam Weir.

The motion was carried.

Motion Number 2 - That Cumann na mBunscol recognises the primacy of the D.E.S and I.N.T.O. guidelines in all aspects of school activities. (Ciarraí)

The motion was withdrawn.

Motion Number 3 - That Cumann na mBunscol recognises the primacy of the D.E.S and I.N.T.O. guidelines in all aspects of school activities. (Corcaigh)

The motion was withdrawn.

Motion Numbers 4 and 5 - Cumann na mBunscol welcomes the introduction of Go-Games but not at the expense of established mainstream competition.

That no County be penalised for running mainstream competitions if also promoting Go-Games. (Corcaigh)

It was agreed that these motions had been covered in Motion 1 and were therefore carried.

Motion Number 6 - That Cumann na mBunscol maintains its independence as a school based Gaelic Games promoting organisation – was proposed by Liam Weir and seconded by Mairéad O'Callaghan. (Corcaigh)

The motion was carried.

Motion Number 7 - That the control and organization of the finances of Cumann na mBunscol na hEireann be returned to the legitimately elected treasurer of our organization and not be administered by a body or committee that has not been mandated to do so, by the members of our Cumann – was proposed by Mairéad O'Callaghan and seconded by Liam Weir. (Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan)

The motion was deferred.

Motion Number 8 - That Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta request Cumann Lúthchleas Gael to appoint servicing officers to each of the counties participating in Cumann na mBunscol activities, (similar to the post primary schools in Munster) - was proposed by Tim O'Byrne and seconded by Mairéad O'Callaghan. (Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan.)

The motion was carried.

Motion Number 9 - From the school year 09/10 the Regional festivals associated with Mini-Sevens is discontinued and a sub-committee comprising of 3 National committee members, the 4 Provincial chair people, and 4 other nominees (one from each province) be appointed to review the allocation of places. This committee would report back to National Committee with their proposals no later than 31st May 2009 Proposed by Richard Bowles and seconded by Paul Duggan. (Coiste Náisiúnta)

The motion was carried

Motion Number 10 - Cumann na mBunscol na Gaillimhe are satisfied with the way the I.N.T.O. Sevens are currently organised in Galway. We propose the Executive committee increase representation for our pupils at Croke Park



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games. (Gaillimh)

The motion was withdrawn.

Scoil Maith Presentation – Mark Conway and Ryan Feeney:

The final item on the agenda was a presentation by Ryan Feeney and Mark Conway who outlined an innovation from Ulster, Club Maith, a scheme whereby a club can apply for a quality standard award, with three levels of excellence: silver, gold and platinum. It is envisaged that this scheme would be adapted for primary schools and would be renamed and rebranded as Scoil Maith. The following points were made:

Challenges:

- Promotion of our Games and Culture
- Health
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Volunteerism
- Women in Sport
- Infrastructure to sustain the future

Culture and Heritage

- Promotion of Cultural Activities
- Promotion of the Irish language
- Promotion of Scór na nÓg
- Art Competitions
- Celebration of 125 years of GAA
- Infrastructure to sustain the future

Games

- Participation in Games
- Promotion of internal school games - Football, Hurling, Camogie, Handball and Rounders
- Teachers achieving GAA coaching awards
- Gaelic Games included in Sports Days

- Promoting Cúl Camps and GAA Summer Schemes

Healthy Schools

- Healthy School Award
- Promoting the Health and Wellbeing Agenda
- Healthy Eating (inside and outside school)
- Using GAA health resources
- Children aware of hydration issues

Club and Community Links

- Strong Club-School Links
- Promoting Club Activities in School
- School having access and use of Club Grounds for activities
- Club and School working together to promote Gaelic Games in the area

Any Other Business:

- Pat Morrissey thanked Cumann na mBunscol for involving London schools and said he would like to host the 2012 AGM in London
- Jim Fennelly asked the meeting to consider the role of the Cumann na mBunscol Provincial delegate who is allowed speak on Cumann na mBunscol matters only.

Chairperson, Margaret Cunningham thanked all delegates for attending the AGM and wished all a safe journey home. This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed: Margaret Cunningham
Date: Saturday 7th February, 2009
Cathaoirleach Choiste Náisiúnta





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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's Report to AGM 6th March, 2010

Is mor an phribleid dom an Tuairisc seo a chur os comhair an Chomhdhail Bhliantuil don bhliain 2010. Ba mhaith liom buiochas a ghabhail do gach einne a raibh pairteach le hobair ar gCluichí i rith 2009. Taim fíor- bhuioch do na muinteoiri, daltaí, tuismitheoirí, boird bainisteoireachta a chabhraigh linn agus a thug tachaíocht duinn.

Administration: An Coiste Náisiúnta met on eight occasions since the AGM in Cavan. The meetings to a large extent concentrated on implementation of our Strategic Plan, Finance, Connacht, Finance, National Awards, a Games Blueprint and the GAA/I.N.T.O. Mini – Sevens. As a result of a request an EGM was held in Connacht and a provincial committee was formed from this meeting.

Allianz: We would like to thank Allianz for their continuing sponsorship. A €120,000 sponsorship deal was gratefully received. In the current economic climate we were relieved and delighted to hear from Allianz that they will maintain their sponsorship and today will present a cheque for €100,000. The commitment to us is highly commendable. A special word of thanks to Anthony Shannon, Damien O'Neill and Ciarán Whelan in Allianz who gave us great help. Counties should show their appreciation by advertising the Allianz logo whenever possible.

Cornmarket National Awards In Conjunction with O'Neill's: The National Awards took place in Croke Park on Saturday, 21st November, 2009 in the presence of Uachtarán Criostóir Ó Cuana, Ivan Ahern Cornmarket and representatives of I.N.T.O. and O'Neill's. We are extremely grateful to Cornmarket for their sponsorship and their commitment to next year. The critical factor with the continuation of the awards has to be

finance. This year our financial outlay was an absolute minimum thanks to Cornmarket and O'Neill's. The venue had a mixed reaction. The categories were judged by Declan Kelleher, Angela Dunne and Dennis Bohane and Ivan Ahern from Cornmarket. It is hoped to include the Respect Initiative in this year's awards.

Handball: Many thanks to all who helped to promote handball throughout the various units with particular thanks due to Noeleen Rooney and Paul Hart. Niamh Egan has been especially helpful and encouraging. Noeleen recently met with Niamh re the promotion of handball. It should be noted that there will be no longer be payment of expenses for handball.

O'Neill's Competition: It was decided to incorporate this sponsorship into the National Awards and this proved very successful. Thanks to O'Neill's for their continued sponsorship and we wish Dave Britton a speedy recovery to full health.

GAA/I.N.T.O. Mini-Sevens: Pat McGivern acted as Mini-Sevens co-ordinator for 2009. Micheal Martin acted as liaison in Croke Park. Due to the huge financial costs involved there had to be cutbacks and a review of the last year has led to proposals for next year which Pat will cover in his presentation later. A review resulted in changes and many thanks to those who contributed honestly and openly to the review. Our heartfelt thanks to our co-sponsors GAA and I.N.T.O. because this event is for many the very public face of Cumann na mBunscol.

Last year I wrote that the role of National Secretary is increasingly cumbersome. The role has eased with our meeting schedule being scaled down and email, of course, has lightened the load. During last year's AGM the exchanges with the top table were at times extremely negative and perhaps vitriolic. Whilst unanimous approval is perhaps utopian it is not necessary to engage in acrimony with any officer. We are all committed volunteers, passionate about our love for our games and their promotion. Open



SECRETARY'S REPORT

debate is healthy and ensures transparency and accountability but constant sniping at a national committee is far from conducive to achieving the implementation of our strategic plan. I acknowledge that anyone who seeks election to an office within Cumann na mBunscol at whatever level should be totally professional and fit for purpose. Similarly each Coiste should conduct its affairs in a robust manner.

The workload was made tolerable due to the tremendous assistance and encouragement from Margaret. She guided me through the calendar of events and ensured that everything happened in an ordered fashion, as always. Noeleen Rooney has been of great assistance with the meticulous recording of minutes etc. I must pay tribute to my fellow officers who have all shared the burden of an increasing workload. It must be remembered that we are volunteers with family and domestic commitments and the dedication of An Coiste Náisiúnta to Cumann na mBunscol activities is highly commendable. Tom Daly has been an excellent representative from An Choiste Bainistí. His wisdom and knowledge is greatly appreciated. Tom has recently stepped down as Ulster Chairman and I want to wish Tom well for the future. I would like to acknowledge the assistance and encouragement from the various officials in Croke Park, namely Tom Ryan, David Muckian, Micheal Martin and Jimmy Darcy. This working relationship with Croke Park is commendable. The Árd Stiurthoir Paraic Duffy and Uachtarán Christy Cooney have been most supportive in all our activities to date and we look forward to working with Christy Cooney. We have also been working closely with Coaching and Games to implement National Policy. Micheál Martin has been involved with Richard on our games blueprint and the recent provincial workshops were most informative and beneficial. It is imperative that we embrace this blueprint. As

full-time educators surely we have a duty to ensure that our children are treated with respect at all times and are given appropriate time to develop at their own rate whilst receiving proper coaching. I would implore each unit to work closely with coaching and games personnel within their respective county or indeed province. The model that we have in Armagh and in other counties is admirable. We can't go it alone. I would ask each of us to endorse and embrace the National Respect Initiative.

Today both Richard Bowles and Ciarán Byrne will step down from the National Committee. Both have been truly outstanding officers. I wish to thank them for their commitment to Cumann na mBunscol and wish both well in the future. I thought long and hard about my own position within Cumann na mBunscol. The work that we are doing in Armagh is truly progressive and Cumann na mBunscol is important to me, hence my decision to commit for another year. I'm appealing, again, for an influx of new blood to take up roles as officers and I pay tribute to those who have held posts and worked hard when there were few volunteers stepping up to the plate. To those who have recently retired I wish continued health. Recent experiences have shown that there are many young teachers, male and female, willing to become involved as witnessed by the many young teachers at the 2009 Awards. I congratulate the newly elected officers and look forward to working with them in the future as we work together in promoting our games. I would like to pay tribute to the teachers throughout the country who make our programme of games happen. The work of the many volunteer teachers throughout the country in actively promoting our games is immense. The challenge is to continue this promotion and maximise participation through working with the full time coaching and games officers.

Táim fíor-bhuíoch do gach éinne a chabhraigh liom i rith na bliana. Leis sin Guim Rath Dé oraibh go leir agus ar obair na bliana ata romhainn amach.

Paul Duggan,
Rúnai



DEVELOPMENT REPORT

What Do We Stand For?

The stereotypical image of the underage team manager portrayed in Jon Kenny and Pat Shortt's comedy sketches is probably so effective because each of us can identify with elements of the character due to our own experiences of competitive sports activities. We all know of coaches who display some of the characteristics: abusive language, win-at-all-costs, shouting and roaring, fire and brimstone. If we are to be truly honest, maybe we display some of those traits ourselves in the dressing room or on the sideline when the "pressure" mounts. Hopefully, examples of this type of behaviour are becoming scarcer, with a more positive code of behaviour being employed by many coaches: Mickey Harte's sideline demeanour is in stark contrast to the "raging bull" coaching style!

At club level within the GAA, an intense debate is being conducted on the merits of the Under-12 championship. A number of counties have already moved away from the traditional championship structure in favour of blitz activities and mini-leagues that emphasize maximum participation. It is expected that a motion to this year's GAA annual congress will propose that counties should move away from a competitive championship structure up to, and including, that age group. Looking at practice in other codes, the IRFU has already decreed that all games up to Under-12 level should be conducted on a full participation, "friendly" basis.

Within Cumann na mBunscol we are in a unique position to shape the Gaelic games experience of current and future generations of primary school children. As professionals in the area of children's learning we have an "inside track" on how best to construct good learning environments within, and outside, the classroom. We are in an ideal position

to decide what's best for the children in our care. Teachers in many counties are finding that the traditional 15-a-side ultra-competitive model of school games is no longer the most appropriate way to organise our activities. International research would suggest that children's game skills are best developed in small-sided game situations where "winning" is not the primary concern. With that in mind, I think that now is an opportune time for each county coiste to consider the following questions:

Is our county's games programme organised so that ALL children can participate fully in a way that suits their developmental needs?

Are all children in all schools assured of meaningful playing time at regular intervals during the course of the school year?

How can we encourage more teachers to get involved in coaching in their own schools, and to assist with administration in our county?

Are we using programmes like the RESPECT initiative to develop a positive atmosphere around our games?

Are we working in tandem with the wider GAA community to ensure that the best possible programme of activities is in place, and to share the workload equitably?

Can we position ourselves as "Leaders" in the promotion of Gaelic games in our county?

I fully appreciate that there aren't instant solutions to many of those questions. However, we owe it to the children in our care to develop the best possible structures, given the resources that we have, and taking into consideration the unique conditions that exist in our own individual counties.



DEVELOPMENT REPORT

As I'm not seeking re-election as development officer, I'd like to take this opportunity to state that it has been a tremendous privilege to have served on An Coiste Náisiúnta for the past nine years. During that time I've had the chance to work with officers who have made a huge contribution to the development of Gaelic games in the primary school system. Likewise, I've met delegates, county and provincial officers from across the country and beyond, who work tirelessly year in, year out to promote Gaelic games. Keep the faith!! As development officer, I've also had the

chance to work closely with personnel from the Games department in Croke Park. It is crucial that Cumann na mBunscol and GAA personnel develop close working relationships at local and national level. After all, our ultimate objectives are the same: to make Gaelic games the games of choice of all primary school children...

Richard Bowles
Development Officer
An Coiste Náisiúnta
Cumann na mBunscol





PRO'S REPORT

This is my last report as National PRO to the Annual General Meeting as I am not seeking re-election. I have served as PRO for four years and during that time I have endeavoured at all times to promote the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol. I am now a teaching principal and no longer have the time necessary to give the commitment to the position that it requires.

Scoilspórt: In 2006 Scoilspórt was resurrected, and in the short space of time between the AGM in Wexford and I.N.T.O. Congress in Killarney I was able to provide the organisation with a reasonable production. There were reports from approximately half of the units of Cumann na mBunscol. Scoilspórt was produced each year during my tenure as PRO, and I want to take the opportunity to thank Chris Courtney of Courtney Print in Enniscorthy for his assistance and reasonable rates in producing our annual journal. I also wish to thank Josephine Redmond of Courtney Print who lays out the material, and never has a word of complaint when material has to be changed or altered, often at very short notice ahead of going to print. In 2009 Scoilspórt incorporated Cumann na mBunscol's 125 publication "From Cumann na mBunscol to Páirc an Chrócaigh and Beyond". Counties profiled players in Gaelic games and other codes who played in Cumann na mBunscol competitions and

then went on in adult life to represent their county and/or country. There was a good reaction to this publication, but I was very disappointed that the GAA's 125 Committee refused our application for funding to produce this special publication. As a result you will see in the Treasurer's Report that Scoilspórt cost approximately twice as much to produce in 2009 than it did in previous years of my tenure. At present the 2010 issue of Scoilspórt is being compiled and is due to go to press shortly. If your unit of Cumann na mBunscol has not submitted any material please do so immediately. Material should be emailed to me without delay: ciaranbyrne@gaelic.ie.

I.N.T.O. Congress: The Cumann na mBunscol stand at I.N.T.O. Congress continues to be a major attraction and one of the most visited stands at the trade fair. We have been criticised for only handing out material that is produced by Croke Park and that we are promoting Croke Park and not Cumann na mBunscol. We cannot afford to produce our own posters. The vast majority of visitors to the stand do not mind who produces the material. It is of high quality, colourful and enhances the classroom environment. Since my first I.N.T.O. Congress in Killarney we have had companies sponsoring a variety of spot prizes which have proven to be very popular. In Cork we had the Munster Senior Hurling Cup at the





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stand, in Kilkenny the Tommy Murphy and Liam MacCarthy Cups, and this year we had The Liam MacCarthy, Sam Maguire and Tommy Markham trophies. I.N.T.O. President Declan Kelleher was generous in his praise and commitment to Cumann na mBunscol and encouraged all delegates to visit the stand. Photographs of all people who held the trophies were emailed to them in the week following Congress. I wish to thank Selina O'Regan of the Museum in Croke Park who has assisted at the stand each year since 2007. Annemarie Smith from the GAA History Project assisted in Letterkenny this year. I also wish to acknowledge the assistance of the Camogie Association who have helped with the stand for the last two years. Visitors to the stand over the years have included Ministers for Education, north and south, TDs, MLAs, I.N.T.O. officials, GAA President and former presidents, and various GAA personalities.

InTouch Page: In 2006 I was successful in convincing I.N.T.O. to give us a page every month in InTouch. Since then we have a page in every issue. I wish to thank Tom O'Sullivan and Lori Kealy of I.N.T.O. Head Office who are so helpful with this. This year we have uploaded PDFs of every Cumann na mBunscol InTouch article onto our website www.scoilspport.org.

Website: Our website continues to be developed with material being added to it on a regular basis. There are numerous photographs from Cumann na mBunscol activities across the country. I would ask every county to ensure that there is a link to their website from scoilspport.org. The webmaster, Kevin Preston can be emailed links directly. His email is rpreston@cablsurf.com and Kevin can be contacted through the site.

Every School Day Counts: For the second year running the National Education Welfare

Board launched their Every School Day Counts campaign in Croke Park with the assistance of some primary school children and the officers of An Coiste Náisiúnta. County stars Conal Keaney, Malachy Travers, Niamh McEvoy and Ciara Lucy. Photographs from the launch re available on www.scoilspport.org. 📷

Match Programmes and Peil Magazine: For the last three years I have been successful in obtaining space in the match programmes for the All Ireland series. In 2008 and 2009 a selection of children who were playing in the Mini Sevens were featured in each programme with material of general nature supplied by their parents. Every parent who was invited to submit material was delighted to have had their child selected for inclusion in the match programme. Croke Park officials, however, are reviewing this practice despite my giving assurances and outlining the protocol that was followed in each case. I believe that it would be a retrograde step if this feature were to be omitted from match programmes. It was also disappointing to see Cumann na mBunscol material omitted in favour of other, and sometimes repetitive articles. The Communications Department in Croke Park must realise that without the good will and voluntary efforts of the primary school teachers of Ireland the next 125 years may not be as successful as the last 125. I wish to thank Paula Prunty of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association who has given us space in their finals' programme and in their Peil magazine. I encourage units of Cumann na mBunscol submit material for match programmes and various publications in their own counties and to continue to use the local print and broadcasting media.

Photography: For the last two years I was able to obtain a photographer's pass for Croke Park. This I used to photograph exhibition games



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and the pictures were usually put up on www.scoilspport.org within twenty-four hours. However I believe that the Communications Department in Croke Park are looking at using an agency in future. This I feel is a step backwards. We, as teachers, can capture special moments that a photographer, professional or otherwise, may not fully appreciate.

National Awards: I wish to acknowledge Mr Ivan Ahern and Ms Breda O'Driscoll of Cornmarket Group Financial Services who sponsored the 2009 National Awards to the tune of €15,000. In these stringent economic times it is a great vote of confidence in what Cumann na mBunscol stands for. The good news is that Cornmarket has committed another €15,000 towards the cost of the 2010 awards. In 2009 the awards were held in Croke Park. There have been mixed reactions to the venue.

The incoming coiste will deal with this matter in due course. Thanks to former I.N.T.O. presidents Denis Bohane and Angela Dunne and Declan Kelleher along with Ivan Ahern who were the adjudicators this year.

Allianz Sponsorship: I appeal to county PROs to try to provide consistent copy to your local media. Whenever photographs are used please try to have the Allianz Board included. Allianz are generous sponsors of Cumann na mBunscol and have committed to use for another two years. Therefore I would strongly urge counties to ensure that the Allianz board is prominent in as many photographs as possible, especially those that appear in the local papers. Allianz grants will only be paid to units that submit material that shows the use of the sponsor's name and logo. It is vital that submissions are received in time in order to receive the grant. (Boards may be purchased from Signcraft, Unit 15d, Westport Industrial Estate, Co Mayo tel: 098-27059 info@mysign.ie).

Finally: I wish to thank my fellow officers for their help and support throughout my tenure as PRO. I wish my successor well and she/he can be assured that I will assist in whatever way I can so that the transfer is as smooth as possible. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

Ciara Byrne,
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GAA/I.N.T.O. MINI-SEVENS

The Mini-Sevens continues to provide thousands of Primary/National School pupils with an opportunity to represent their school and county on All-Ireland Semi-Final and All-Ireland Final Days in both Hurling and Football in Croke Park. Each Sunday from the 9th August 240 pupils represented their schools and counties in exhibition games in Croke Park this year for the first time we had 2 children from Yorkshire playing on All-Ireland Semi-Final Day, namely Sean O' Dowd from St. Mary's in Halifax and Roisin Moriarty from St. Mary's Menston in Leeds. It proved a great success and it has been agreed to increase their participation to 4 for future years.

We also had a new commemorative 125th jersey for all our participants this year as well as the 240 children playing in the exhibition matches each year we have our boys and girls who run the lines for us and our Young Referees. Our referees were young boys and girls who have graduated from the Young Whistler scheme organised by Cumann na mBunscol Atha Cliath. I am grateful to Gerry Grogan for assisting each week with our Young Whistlers and our Linespeople as in previous year the President of the GAA, Mr Christy Cooney gave of his time to be with the children and their parents on both All-Ireland Final days.

Each Sunday Maire Ni Chuinneagain, President of the I.N.T.O. was 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 I.N.T.O. to the Mini-Sevens and would like to thank the I.N.T.O. for their continued support.

The Mini-Sevens would not be the success they are without the large financial and manpower support that Croke Park give to it. There is a huge outlay in financial terms from the Regionals to the

6 Sundays in Croke Park and Cumann na mBunscol would like to thank Pauric Duffy, Ard Stiurthoir, for the support that Croke Park continue to give the Mini-Sevens.

This year Michael Martin took over the role vacated by Moira Graham as our Croke Park Liaison. I would like to personally thank Michael for his help and commitment in ensuring the success of our exhibition games and for his guidance and professional manner in which he handled everything Day or night Michael was always at hand to sort little problems from myself or from parents whether it was extra tickets or larger/smaller jerseys. Nothing proved a problem.

The teachers of Cumann naBunscol Atha Cliath deserve a special thank you for their continued loyalty to the Mini-Sevens over the years. Each week for 6 weeks they attend and only for them it would be difficult to organise the Sevens each week. Cumann na mBunscol would personally like to thank them for their commitment to the Mini-Sevens and for the assistance they gave to ensuring its success throughout the year.

To our own National committee and especially to Br. Dormer and Ciaran Byrne who were there each of the 6 Sundays assisting. Their help was greatly appreciated.

Last year some changes were made to the organisation of the day. Some of these proved successfully while others fell short of our previous high standards.

In our review of the Exhibition games we have recommended that we go back to Mater Dei to ensure a central meeting place and also changing facilities. It is also recommended that we revert back to the county colours on the day as we felt the county jerseys add to the atmosphere on the day.

Patrick McGivern



NOMINATIONS 2010

Uachtarán

Paul Hart (Árd Mhacha)
Outgoing

Cathaoirleach

Margaret Cunningham (Port Láirge)
Outgoing

Leas Cathaoirleach

Bernie Ryan (Sligeagh)
Outgoing

Runaí

Paul Duggan (Árd Mhacha)
Outgoing

Leas Runaí

Noeleen Rooney (Longfort)
Outgoing

PRO

Eoin O' Cinneide (Uibh Fhaile) / Liam Weir (Corcaigh)

Treasurer

Br. J.L. Dormer
Outgoing

Development Officer

Pat Kelly (Gaillimh)
Jim Fennelly (Cill Chainnaigh)
Liam Weir (Corcaigh)

Delegate Central Council

Pat McGivern (Tir Eoghain)
Outgoing



MOTIONS 2010

1. In the interest of the Health and Safety of children Roscommon Cumann na mBunscol demand that due care and attention be given to Cumann na mBunscol participants at exhibition games by all organising GAA committees at national, provincial and county level. (Ros Comain)
2. That Cumann na mBunscol immediately instigate discussions with I.N.T.O. Head Office with regard to the implications for the recent recommendation on voluntary after-school activities. (Corcaigh)
3. That Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta report to a special General Meeting of Cumann na mBunscol before any new directive or recommendation is published. (Corcaigh)
4. That Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta reveal the number of entries in each category of the National Awards in the relevant year. (Ard Mhacha)
5. That Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta liaise with the appropriate Croke Park members with a view to obtaining a Cumann na mBunscol day in Croke Park for each of the provincial units. (Ard Mhacha)
6. Cumann na mBunscol Chiarrai request that the 20 rotational places for the mini-sevens be based on the number of teams participating in each category within each county. (Ciarrai)
7. The number of places allocated, (as proposed by Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta), be transferable within a province where two counties are agreeable. (Ciarrai)
8. Mainstream Senior Cycle Cumann na mBunscol competitions (5th / 6th classes or P7) are organised at the discretion of each county Coiste. Consideration should be given to modifying the games so that they are:
 - Child-centred
 - Small-sided
 - Developmentally appropriate
 - Capable of giving all players meaningful playing time.

Games Activities for the Middle Cycle (3rd / 4th classes, P6; under 11) are based on the GoGames format. (An Coiste Náisiúnta)
9. All Cumann na mBunscol game activities should incorporate the GAA Respect Initiative. (An Coiste Náisiúnta)
10. All counties should adopt a system whereby all Cumann na mBunscol accounts are subject to annual audit. (An Coiste Náisiúnta)





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Cumann na mBunscol is a National Federation of Primary Schools promoting Gaelic Games in an educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary Schools Committees. This promotional work is co-ordinated by Cumann na mBunscol in 2,800 schools throughout the Country and attracts an annual participation level of 100,000 school children. A wide range of activities for all children is provided with equal opportunities for boys and girls to participate. Activities include boys' and girls' football, hurling, camogie, rounders, athletics, handball, mini-sevens, inter-class leagues, quizzes, projects, skill awards schemes and blitzes.

- (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 "Scoilspórt logo".

All business pertaining to "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be carried out under this name and/or under the "Scoilspórt 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 an cultural activities in all the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas, in line with National Policy of Cumann na mBunscol and Cumann Luthchleas 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





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- the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas. To this end Cumann na mBunscol shall endeavour to align ourselves to Cumann Luthchleas Gael, its policies and national programmes.
- (2) To provide a means whereby talks and negotiations can take place with the relevant Departments of Education, the GAA 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) Making submissions and requests to the GAA for grants and financial assistance.
- (c) Raising sponsorship and other finances nationally to help with the overall promotion of the games.
- (d) Using the "ScoilSport logo" in franchising arrangements with business and industry to help raise funds.
- (e) Making special arrangements with sports companies so that sports goods may be purchased collectively at special reduced rates.
- (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) To organise and administer a National Skills Programme (Mini-Sevens) in both Boys' and Girls' Football, Hurling and Camogie, culminating in Croke Park on All-Ireland Semi-Final and Final days.
- 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



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Annual General Meeting:

- (a) The AGM 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
 - (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 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 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).



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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. A synopsis of the minutes of National Committee meetings are to be circulated by email to the secretary of each unit.
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



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- holding seminars, coaching courses, issue 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.
4. Those entitled to vote at this meeting shall be 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 or 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.

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.
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 standards of Gaelic Games within the Province.
13. Each Provincial Council will liaise with An Coiste Náisiúnta and the Provincial Councils of the other provinces, 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 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 Naisiunta 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 Gearan' within the County. The decision of An Coiste Gearan will be final.
 - (a) An Coiste Gearan should be elected at the AGM. Members of 'An Coiste Gearan' 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



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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.
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 not 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.



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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 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 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.
 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 Contae. 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 AGM. 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.



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*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 AGM 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 honor 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.





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INSURANCE CERTIFICATE



Broker Declaration

Dated 1st January 2010

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

Public Liability and Employers Liability Insurance Policy No. AA090020

To Whom It May Concern

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, which consists of a Central Council, four Provincial Councils, (Connacht, Leinster, Munster and Ulster), thirty-two County Committees and their subsidiary units and clubs, Clubs in the United Kingdom and associated bodies including the Handball, Camogie, Rounders 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.

The Policy includes Legal Liability to Third Parties and Employees arising out of FAS and other State Employment Schemes.

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 January 1st, 2010 to December 31st, 2010. 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).

Public Liability	€ 6,500,000 any one occurrence or all occurrences of a series consequent on or attributable to one source or original cause.
Products Liability	€ 6,500,000 in the aggregate
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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Pat Trainor Hall of Fame Award

Bro. Anselem Port Láirge

Gaelic Games Promotion of the Year

1. Annacarthy N.S. Co Thiobraid Árann
2. Doon CBS, Co. Luimnigh

Large School of the Year

1. Beaumont BNS, Corcaigh
2. Patrickswell NS, Co. Luimnigh
3. St. Malachy's PS, Castlewellan, Co.an Dúin

Small School of the Year

1. Doon CBS, Co. Limerick
2. St. Mary's PS, Mullymesker, Co. Fermanagh
3. St. Joseph's PS, Madden, Armagh

Publication of the Year

1. Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Luimnigh
2. Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Dhún na nGall
3. Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Chill Mhantáin

Website of the Year

1. Cumann na mBunscol, Co.an Chláir
2. Cumann na mBunscol, Co.Dhún na nGall
3. Cumann na mBunscol, Co. an Chabháin

Public Relations of the Year

1. Cumann na mBunscol, Co.an Dúin
2. Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Chill Mhantáin
2. Cumann na mBunscol, Co Thiobraid Árann
3. Cumann na mBunscol, Co na Gaillimhe

Ceiliúradh 125 Bliain

1. St. Malachy's PS, Castlewellan, Co. Down
2. Holy Family NS, Ennis, Co. Clare
3. Sciath na Scol, Corcaigh

Assessors' Merit Award

- Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Shligigh (PR)
Cumann na mBunscol, Coiste na Mumhan (PR)
Edmund Rice CBPS, Belfast (GG)
Cumann na mBunscol, Áth Cliath Website



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