



EOCHAILL ÓG GAZETTE

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Welcome back

We welcome back all our players to training which has recommenced in the past two weeks. We all went through a tough few months with the lockdown and no organised sporting activities. The period put a lot of things in perspective but also made one realise the love and joy of playing GAA games as well as being part of a team so it is a real pleasure to take to the fields of Club Áras on Magners Hill and enjoy our Gaelic games of hurling and football. Eochail Abú!

Covid safety

We wish to thank all our players, parents, coaches and club officers for their continued adherence to the necessary safety measures which have been adopted by Youghal GAA and all clubs across the country. As you probably know each team has been assigned a Covid Supervisor who ensures that the safety protocols are adhered to. These include:

- Paid up Membership 2020
- completion of GAA Covid e-learning module
- registration of each player/ coach on Return To Play and completing health questionnaire before each training session
- players sanitise hands on arrival and departure from the pitch.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding in honouring these safety protocols for the safety of all.





Fé 7/8s Town Leagues and Fé 9/10/11s Parish Leagues Returns

It's that time of year again when the annual Town and Parish hurling leagues take place and Club Áras becomes the scene of excited cheering and whooping as parents, grandparents, extended family, neighbours and friends cheer on the young and upcoming hurlers of Youghal GAA.

The 'leagues will take place on the dates of Monday 20th July, Friday 24th, Monday 27th and the finals on Friday 31st July. The Town Leagues featuring the U7/ U8 combined teams will commence at 6.30, while the Parish Leagues featuring the combined U9/U10/U11 teams will throw in at 7.30. We look forward to seeing you there!

Under 6's Mini Leagues and News

Our Under 6s are up and running again after the lockdown and flying, learning Gaelic football and hurling. New boys and girls (born 2014) are always welcome to our nursery programme of GAA hurling and football skills, laying the foundations for future development. A good chance to develop agility, balance and co-ordination, build confidence, be part of a team and make friends. Training takes place on Thursday evenings at 6pm and Saturday mornings at 10am. To coincide with the Town and Parish leagues for the older players our Under 6s will take part in a mini league on Monday 27th July and Fri 31st July 5.30-6.30, preceding the other leagues. For more information on under 6s or for interested players contact Ger O'Sullivan 0874107837. All welcome.

Minor Championship Fixtures

Upcoming Minor Championship fixtures, please come out and support this talented team:

Wed 22nd July	Fé18P2 Hurling Champ V Kilta Óg - 7.00pm at home in Copperalley
Wed 29th July	Fé18East Div1 Ftball Champ V Kilta Óg - 7.00pm away in Dungourney
Wed 5th August	Fé18P2 Hurling Champ V Killeagh - 7.00pm away in Killeagh
Wed 12th August	Fé18East Div1 Ftball Champ V Aghada - 6.30pm at home in Copperalley
Wed 19th August	Fé18P2 Hurling Champ V St Colman's - 7.00pm away in Cloyne
Wed 26th August	Fé18East Div1 Ftball Champ V Midleton - 6.30pm away in Midleton



Youghal GAA Facilities Development

Over the shutdown, Youghal GAA club formed a sub-committee to address the perennial issue we have in Youghal GAA of all-weather training facilities.

Hugh Dorrian has been nominated by the Youghal GAA Executive to Chair a Facilities Development committee. For now, it is called the Youghal GAA facilities development Committee.

Within the committee, a team of technical experts will look at all our options initially, and from there to choose the best option, and following on to design and build the facilities.

There is also a Fundraising and Finance group to the committee.

We are aiming for full support within the club and our supporters for this initiative and from the start we are open to ideas from club members.

We also understand that the club has already got good facilities nevertheless, we do need to push on with making Youghal GAA the very best club that we can, and give our teams every single chance to compete at the highest level.

The Technical Team has a starting looking at the brief to:

1. Identify what is needed to bring the lights & playing surface in the Main field, Magners hill, up to the standard that it is required to host winter hurling matches.
2. Identify what is needed to re-purpose the 'Top-top' field at Magners hill to incorporate an All-weather training facility, ball wall and a permanent Juvenile grass pitch.
- 3 Identify space outside our current footprint that may be suitable for club use.
- 4 Assess ideas brought to our attention by members of the club

When all options are addressed, and fully costed, a decision will be made on what to do.

The Fundraising/Finance teams' brief is complex and yet simple; They will be running several Fundraising events in addition to seeking out extensive sponsorship and grant aid. We hope all members get behind the fundraising and finance team to make this work.

So..step one...this note is to invite you to get in touch with your ideas or thoughts. We are all ears on this. The facilities will be for all parts of Youghal GAA; adults and children, women and men. So, email or phone me if you wish to discuss ideas or have an input.

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Youghal G.A.A. for All

2020 has been an unusual year for all but a special one for Youghal G.A.A. as our club invited children with additional needs and their families to join us in G.A.A. for All. This is an initiative that was introduced to the Youghal G.A.A. by the Cork Sports Partnership and with their guidance and training we started our fun training on March 1st with our newest players in Youghal G.A.A. We had a great turn out with almost 20 new players of various ages and abilities.

All our coaches were worried and nervous on day 1... had we enough training done? had we enough equipment? would the children enjoy themselves? etc etc. Children being Children, they just came into the

club with no expectations and had fun. It was great to see so many family

members from siblings to grandparents come and join in at various stages and games. Some players participated in the group sessions while others preferred to do their own training. The coaches quickly learnt that there are no hard and fast rules, the players will take the lead and it's all about having fun and getting some exercise while in a safe environment. FUN we did have, none so more than the coaches.

The second week our numbers were up slightly, and it was a bit more relaxed as we knew what to expect. Again, the children came into the hall and straight away started chatting to their friends and playing at various stations. The warm-up started, the players went to various game station and worked their way around the course. As the players have various abilities coaches quickly adapted the games to work for the players in each group. An if I am being honest, it's usually the players who work out the changes required before the coaches do ???. It is all about being active and having fun and it not just for the players, there was one of two grandparents working up a sweat.

Unfortunately, due to the treat of Covid19 we made the decision to cease our training and after just two weeks which was a tough call. But now we are in a position to get things up and running again. The coaches are having a call this week to make a plan to resume training our on the field and the feedback is positive. There is a lot of enthusiasm to get things going again so watch this space.

C.L.G Eochail looks forward to having all out players back training as we adjust to the new norm.



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Return To Play

There are two key parts of the return to play roadmap for Gaelic games:

(1) Parents and older players are asked to complete the Covid 19 GAA Education Module:

<https://courses.gaa.ie/Covid19ClubEd/#/>

(2) Register for the Return to Play health questionnaire online: <https://returntoplay.gaa.ie/>

Parents must confirm the status of the players health before every training session.

New Players Always Welcome!

We welcome new players throughout the year for more info on training times contact managers:

Under 6's (born 2014*) Contact: Ger O'Sullivan 0874107837 *2015 if started School.

Under 7's (born 2013) Contact: Dave Hickey 0863578647

Under 8's (born 2012) Contact: Eoin Coleman 0868767073

Under 9's (born 2011) Contact: Anto Dillon 0876754871

Under 10's (born 2010) Contact Richard Russell 0879926382.

Older teams contact Club Áras (024) 25838



Eochail U9's in action



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