



St. Joseph's G.F.C.

## Celebrating 125 Years of GAA

On Sat. 1st Nov. 1884, a small group, at least seven and possibly as many as fourteen, met in the billiard-room of Miss Hayes's Commercial Hotel in Thurles, and there founded the Gaelic Athletic Association for the Preservation and Cultivation of National Pastimes. The seven founder members were Michael Cusack, Maurice Davin (who presided) John Wyse Power, John McKay, J. K. Bracken, Joseph O'Ryan and Thomas St. George McCarthy.

The first code of rules for football and hurling were drawn up at the third meeting of the GAA in January 1885 and were published in the United Irishman newspaper. Within six months of its first meeting the GAA was firmly established and quickly clubs were formed all over the country. The first Gaelic Football match was played on Feb. 15th. 1885 between Cavan & Kilkenny.

The first All-Ireland Championships in hurling and football were organised on a county basis in 1887. Twelve of the 32 counties entered, although only five competed in hurling and eight in football. The finals were not played until the start of the next season in April 1888, Limerick beat Louth 1-4 to 0-3 in the first football final.

In 1925, under the direction of GAA President William Clifford, it was decided to allocate ten per cent of all gate receipts for grounds development. The Leinster Council's decision to grant a loan for the purchase of a ground in Drogheda set a precedent which other Provincial Councils followed. Gaelic grounds, owned and controlled by the GAA, were provided throughout the country. This policy, supported by grants from GAA central and provincial boards, has enabled even small parish clubs to own their own premises to the present day. To this very day the GAA club is central to many communities particularly in rural areas with Gaelic Football and hurling played throughout Ireland.

**Ógsport**  
**U7-U8-U9-U10 & U12**  
**Lá na gClub**

## Schedule of Activities

Ógsport Under 8 & Under 10 starts at 11.30am. Three pitches with three groupings and three teams in each group - each team will play two matches each and the top two teams play a final. The teams will play either 7 or 9 a-side with two 10 min halves. The Under 12s' will play 9 a-side with two 20 min halves.

11.30	Round 1 Matches
12.00	Round 2 Matches
12.30	Round 3 Matches
1.00	Group Finals
12.45	Under 12 Match
2.30	Family Fun Sports Day
5.30	Senior Match - 1996 Team v 2006 Team

During the day there will be face painting, bouncy castles, BBQ and shop. Later in the evening in the clubrooms there will be traditional music from 7 to 9pm. Later Beeswing - entertainment will be provided by a Christy Moore/Planxty tribute band.

## Do not forget our sponsors

Our Under 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 teams depend on the support of our local sponsors and they depend on our support.

### Under 7, 8, 9 & 10

Match Jerseys  
Training Kits

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Eamon Byrne, Centra, Dromiskin

### Under 12

Match Jerseys

Mulligan Stores

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## Under 7/8/9/10 Matches

### Group 1 - Kerry : Dublin : Louth

**Game 1 (11.30)**  
Kerry v Dublin



Kerry  
Paddy Bell

Shane Barron  
Jack Barron  
Ciara McQuillan  
Gabriel Bell  
Paul Coyne  
Lorcan McGeeney  
Jack Tyas  
Alex Barron  
*Cormac Kinsahan*

**Game 2 (12.00)**  
Louth v Dublin



Louth  
Tommy Campbell

Ryan Woods  
Thomas McGuinness  
Oisin McGuinness  
Kevin Campbell  
Lorcan Murphy  
Thomas Murdock  
Roisin Curley  
Conor McKeown

**Game 3 (12.30)**  
Louth v Kerry



Dublin  
Con Hanneffy

Eoghain Smith  
Alex Hanneffy  
Caolan Conroy  
Kalen Bellamy  
Conor Neary  
Bryan Knipe  
Ciara Quigley  
Killian McNally

### Group 2 - Galway : Roscommon : Offaly

**Game 1 (11.30)**  
Offaly v Roscommon



Galway  
Gary Marmion

Tommy Bloomfield  
Ciaran Johnston  
Donal Johnston  
Megan Watters  
Seamus Small  
Conor Marmion  
Kyle McQuillan  
Emily-Ann Tyas

**Game 2 (12.00)**  
Galway v Roscommon



Roscommon  
John Knipe

Josh Mackin  
Harry Quinn  
Aaron Neary  
Darcey Raleigh  
Katie Rogers  
Conor Knipe  
Killian McNally  
Josh Todd

**Game 3 (12.30)**  
Galway v Offaly



Offaly  
Stephen Smith

Andrew McDonnell  
Conal McCaul  
Ciaran Hand  
Courtney Nevin  
Anna Campbell  
Turlough McGeeney  
Conor McKnight  
Ben Collier

## Group 3 - Monaghan : Cavan : Donegal

**Game 1 (11.30)**  
Monaghan v Donegal



Donegal  
Des Small

Cathal Small  
Tiernan Buckley  
Shannon Doherty  
Mark Brady  
Anu McCarron  
Isabelle McCarron  
Cailin Hoey  
Annie McGinn

**Game 2 (12.00)**  
Monaghan v Cavan



Cavan  
Sinead Coyne

James Carron  
Lauren Byrne  
Tadgh Corr  
Jenny Quinn  
Sarah Quinn  
Adam Stewart  
Cian Conroy

**Game 3 (12.30)**  
Donegal v Cavan



Monaghan  
Eamon Connolly

Rachel Connolly  
James Connolly  
Conor Watters  
Jack Mahoney  
Ewan McAleavey  
Karen Nulty  
Vicky Nulty

## Under 12 Match 1.45pm.

Recently our Under 12 team played an exhibition Go Games match versus the Oliver Plunketts in the County Grounds in Drogheda at half-time in the Louth v Cavan National Football League match. Coaches: Martin Mulligan; Brian McQuillan; Paddy O'Connor

**The teams for today will include:**

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Aaron Byrne     | Adam Carolan         |
| 2. Caileam Raleigh | Dylan Todd           |
| 3. Aaron Carolan   | Christopher Williams |
| 4. Liam Keenan     | Donal O'Leary        |
| 5. Declan Gernon   | Jack O'Brien         |
| 6. Jordan Mackin   | Niall Campbell       |
| 7. Ryan Dempsey    | Shane McKeever       |
| 8. Liam Fussey     | Shane McQuillan      |
| 9. Dillion Rogers  | Emmet McDonnell      |
| 10. Stephen Carron |                      |

# Go Games Rules

## Playing the Game

7 v 7 (U8) or 9 v 9 (U10)

1 Goalkeeper, 2 Defenders, 2 Attackers, 2 Mid-Fielders.

Playing Area 45m x 30m (U8)  
(4 playing areas fit on 1 standard pitch)

Playing Area 65m x 40m (U10)  
(3 playing areas fit on 1 standard pitch)

3 zones – attackers & defenders to remain within the zone to which they are assigned

Midfielders permitted to move into both zones to create a link for other players

Midfielders must return to midfield zone for all kickouts, free kicks or sideline ball

## Scoring System

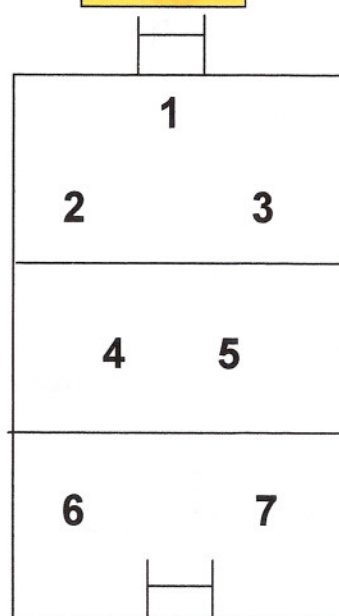
1 score over crossbar (Point) = 3 Points

1 score underneath crossbar (Goal) = 1 Points

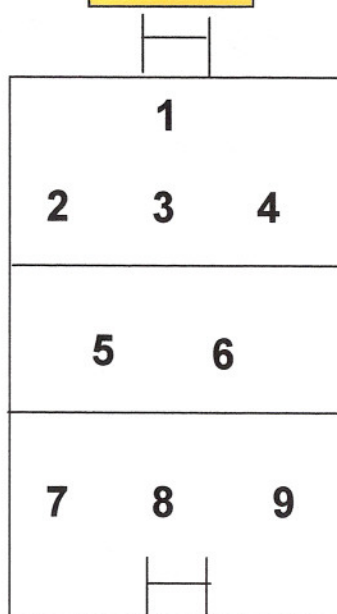
## Time Duration

20 min. games 10 mins. per half

### 7-Aside



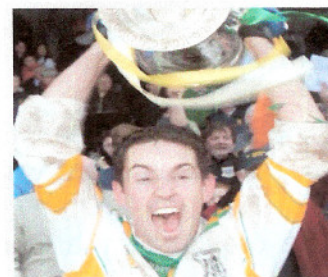
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# St. Josephs GFC

Naomh Seosamh CLG was formed in 1961 with the amalgamation of the Dromiskin Unknowns and the Darver Volunteers to provide one club to represent the whole parish. The first major success for the club was winning the 1971 Junior Championship and many years of hard work came to fruition in 1996 when we won our first Senior Championship. There have been many other notable successes over the years, not least a second SFC in 2006. We are a club with a proud tradition of playing fine football and hope for many more years of success!

St. Joseph's GAA Football Club



**Louth Senior Football Champions 2006**

**Joos Captain  
David O'Donoghue  
lifts the Joe Ward Cup  
in 2006**

Last year our Under 16 team won the first Division 1 title for the Club & our Juniors won the Div. 4 League.

This year has started very well and our Senior team are unbeaten in the League & Championship. The club is represented by many other teams every week and these include our juniors, Under 21, Minor (Under 18), Under 16, Under 14, Under 12, , Under 10 & Under 8.

Our ladies are represented at Under 16 level and there is a need to add other age groups in particular Under 12 as many young players will soon come through from Under 10.

To make any club a success it requires many volunteers and the Joes is no different - new volunteers are always welcome and you might enjoy the experience.

## Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)

The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) was founded on November 1st 1884, by a group of spirited Irishmen who had the foresight to realise the importance of establishing a national organisation to revive and nurture traditional, indigenous pastimes.

Until that time all that was Irish was being steadily eroded by emigration, desperate poverty and outside influences. Within six months of that famous first meeting, clubs began to spring up all over Ireland and people began to play the games of Hurling and Gaelic Football and take part in Athletic events with pride. From 1925 the GAA handed over the organisation of Athletics to a separate organisation.

The Irish who emigrated brought their national games with them and both regional and club units are now well established in America, Australia, New Zealand, Britain, Canada, mainland Europe and in many other parts of the world where the large numbers of Irish emigrants are located.

## CLUBS

The GAA has over 2,500 clubs in Ireland alone. The playing of Gaelic Games is based on the GAA Club, and each of the 32 Counties in Ireland have their own Club competitions, culminating in County Winners in championship and league. Club units outside of Ireland have their own league and championship competitions with the format dictated by the number of players and clubs available.

Clubs are generally based in a specific geographic area (usually a parish), and draw their players from that area. In certain cases, e.g. universities, the club will represent an organisation or institution and will draw their players from the members of that organisation.

Clubs will field one or more teams at various levels, and will play in their county's leagues, cups and championships. Most clubs will have both hurling and football teams, but some clubs will concentrate exclusively on one or other of the two Gaelic Games.

The winner of the County Championship will go forward to represent that county in the Provincial Club championship, and should they win that, to the latter stages of the All-Ireland Club Championship, the finals of which are played in Croke Park on St Patrick's Day.

Inter-county teams are selected from the best players from the clubs in every county.

## COUNTIES

The county is a geographical region in Ireland, and each of the thirty-two counties in Ireland organises its own GAA affairs through a County Board. Counties have a number of Divisional or Juvenile Boards to organise competitions at district and youth levels.

The County Board (and / or subsidiary boards) will organise competitions for the clubs within its jurisdiction. They are also responsible for the organisation of teams to play at inter-county level, at all age groups from Under-7 to Senior.

The county teams play in their respective Provincial Championships at all grades, and if successful will go on to play in the All-Ireland series. A current experiment in hurling allows the defeated senior and minor hurling finalists in Leinster and Munster to re-enter the championship at the All-Ireland Quarter-Final stages.

## PROVINCES

The Provincial Councils are the organisations responsible for the arrangement of GAA matters within their Province. They organise the Provincial Championships for clubs and counties in both hurling and football, and look after organisational and disciplinary matters in their jurisdiction.

Inter-Provincial teams in hurling and football are selected from the best players from the counties in every Province and compete for the annual Railway Cup Hurling and Football competitions.

## NATIONAL ORGANISATION

The National Organisation (GAA) is run by Central Council (Árd Comhairle), with the Management Committee (Coiste Bainistí) controlling day-to-day affairs. They run the All-Ireland series of the club and county championships, and look after the Railway Cup competition. It is at this level that rule changes and amendments to GAA structures are implemented, and major changes to GAA affairs will be ratified by these bodies.

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