

Wicklow GAA Review 2017































Outline of Presentation



- Summary of key recommendation arising from 'high level' review in 2016 by Leinster GAA
- Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club motion
- Method and Approach
- Summary of Club Survey
- Talent Development Michael Dempsey



























Leinster GAA Review 2016 – Overview



Focused on five keys areas:

- Evidence of a coherent plan
- Finance
- Effectiveness of Games Development
- Talent Development
- **Games Programme**



























Leinster GAA Review 2016 – Recommendations



Evidence of a Coherent Plan

Strategic Plan for Wicklow GAA (3-5 Years)

Finance

- Gate Receipts low improvements in fixtures and promotion of club championships
- Commercial Strategy required to increase income
- Continue with alignment of resourcing of inter-county teams

Effectiveness of Games Development

- Need for a 3-5 year strategy
- Games Development activities and personnel need to be more focused review roles get balance right between club and school
- Better communication clarity of roles
- More club engagement separate approach for Urban & Rural
- Needs to be more of a "Team Wicklow" collective approach (two-way)
- Need for more Tutors
- Focus club-school link during period February April (recruit to coincide with start of club season)



























Leinster GAA Review 2016 - Recommendations



Talent Development

- Build on Emergence of Garden County Academy need a well communicated plan and programme to attract players and coaches to get involved
- Inclusion of Hurling
- Broaden scope of GCA to cover player development from Under 13 21 Gap between Minor/Under 21 and Senior
- Wicklow Schools Team Wicklow Players only!
- **Review Post-Primary Schools activity**
- Greater communication and cooperation with clubs and schools e.g. good S&C programme rolled out to clubs
- Regional or Group Teams to augment squads Winter Gap (Club/Group Under 20 Championship)

Issue: Lack of opportunity at club, post-primary school, 3rd level and inter-county for talented players to excel and be exposed to higher standard

Club - No Club Under 21

3rd Level

- Sigerson 4/560 players registered from Wicklow
- Fitzgibbon 5/560 players registered

Post-Primary (10 Schools Play in Leinster Competitions)

• SF 'A' x 1 (Wicklow Schools only)

SF 'B' x 1

SF 'C' x 4

SF 'D' x 4

SH 'C' x 1

SH 'D' \times 3 + 3 \times Group teams



























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Games Programme

- Change age grades to 13, 15 and 17 years and restructure competitions to deal with 'margins of results' in both codes
- On completion of National Fixtures Planning Committee review implement report. (NFPC Review not complete)
- Policy in place to govern availability of Inter-County players for leagues
- Club/Group Under 21 competition
- Review Junior and Intermediate Competition 'Second Team' involvement.
- Permissions policy to be reviewed.
- **Promote Cross-County Leagues**

























Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club



At the Wicklow GAA County Convention 2016, Stratford/Grangecon GAA Club, proposed a motion for the establishment of an 'over-arching committee' to deliver on the following objectives:

- To identify the reasons why our teams, appear to be under performing at all levels and all grades throughout the county.
- To devise a solution based strategy to improve the quality of our players both at club and county level.
- To ascertain where necessary resources may be obtained to implement this strategy.

In this regard we will undertake an extensive review of the development of our games at child, youth and adult levels in the county – linked to an examination of the coaching, sports science, competitions, facilities, resources, education, people and support structures currently available for the development of players and coaches across, club, schools and inter county teams.

Review Team

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Responses to survey from 29 clubs:

- 12 Chairpersons
- 24 Secretaries
- 10 Club Coaching Officers
- 5 'Other'
- 7 Inter-county coaches

Key Outcomes to be addressed:

- Fixtures planning and scheduling cancellations etc.
- Hurling
- Competition from other sports
- Lack of Success making inter-county involvement unattractive for both players and coaches
- Lack of a Vision or Plan
- Recruitment of volunteers
- Participation in Rural and Urban areas
- Drop –off from Under 14 up (fixtures at youth level)
- More support/education for club coaches via games development personnel
- Under 21 club
- Resources



























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Approach and Method

The approach will be comprehensive and inclusive to ensure all stakeholders are consulted.

- Review of previous reviews and other documents
- Survey/Questionnaire of all Club Chairpersons, Secretaries and Coaching Officers
- Survey/Questionnaire of all Academy, Minor and Under 21 inter-county squad coaches
- Focus group meetings with County Committee Officers, Club Officers, Schools, Inter-County Coaches, Sponsors and Players
- Desktop review of participation, games development programmes, competitions, sports science inputs and testing, roles and responsibilities of people, facilities and investment.
- Desktop and visits to review good practice in other counties

Next Steps - Focus Group Exercises

Clubs – 5th April at Ballinakill TBC

Academy Squad Coaches – 12th April at Ballinakill TBC



























Thank you



















