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Cruinniú Cinn Bhliana

The Inn at Dromoland, Co. Clare
Dé Sathairn, 7ú Márta 2026



Clare





Aitheasc an Uachtaráin

Is mór an phribhléid dom fáilte a chur romhaibh anseo chuig an Teach Ósta i nDrom Ólainn i gContae an Chláir dár gcruinniú cinnbhliana 2026.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le Cumann na mBunscol an Chláir as ucht an fíorchaoín fáilte atá curtha acu romhainn agus freisin, as ucht an t-ullmhúchán atá déanta acu le haghaidh na deireadh seachtaine.

It is my privilege to welcome you all here to The Inn at Dromoland in the beautiful county of Clare for our 2026 Annual General Meeting.

I would like to thank Cumann na mBunscol Co Clare for the efforts that they have made in preparing for this weekend and indeed for the warm welcome that we have all enjoyed.

Cumann na mBunscol continues to make Gaelic Games the games of choice for all children in our primary schools. By our ambitious nature we have ensured that Gaelic Games has thrived against the backdrop of both a natural interest in other sports and of the impact of the digital era within which our children live.

In this my final address as Uachtaran of Cumann na mBunscol, I would like to express my deep gratitude to all our teachers for their dedication and commitment in ensuring that our aims are realised every day in every school in every county.

All children both past and present along with their families and the wider GAA Family owe a great deal of thanks to you all, for your outstanding efforts in the promotion of our games.

I have also been privileged to have met many children and their families in my role as Uachtaran and to witness at first-hand how grateful they were for the many experiences that Cumann na mBunscol afforded them. These experiences included playing at National League Games, County Finals, representing their school and county at the INTO Mini 7 Games in Croke Park during the summer or participating at our Inaugural National Quiz in Tullamore last year.

As an organisation we must never underestimate the impact that we have on the lives of many children, and we should be honoured and proud of the role we play in giving children such wonderful experiences that they will cherish forever.

I want to congratulate all the winners at our Annual Awards last night. Your success was richly deserved. Our Annual Awards allow us to showcase the excellent work that is done throughout the country. During my ten years on the National Committee, I have been heavily involved in coordinating the awards and seen at first hand the amount of effort and time that schools put into the promotion of both Gaelic games and culture. I want to encourage all our schools to continue putting forward project submissions in the years ahead.

I want to thank Allianz Ireland, Cornmarket, CJ Fallon and the INTO for their generous sponsorship, which allows us to offer these wonderful opportunities to both our schools and children.

I would like to thank all National Committee officers with whom I have worked alongside during these past ten years. Their tireless work and dedication has known no bounds. They all worked extremely hard to ensure that our programme is delivered and that our aims are realised and become a lived experience for all our children. I wish current and new officers continued success in the years ahead.

Finally, I would particularly like to thank Mr Micheal MacThiarnain and Mr Gerry O'Meara, whose tenure, like my own, will end today. They have both been a pleasure to have served with on the committee. Their tireless efforts and dedication has made the National Committee stronger and has provided a clear vision and pathway to ensure success into the future. I would like to wish them both health and happiness in the years ahead.

To conclude, I wish to add that it has been an honour of a lifetime to have served on the National Committee and a particular honour to have held the position of An Uachtaran during these past two years. I have met lots of wonderful people and made some lifelong friends and along the way I witnessed at first-hand how we brought joy to the faces of many young boys and girls.

I wish to thank Cumann na mBunscol for affording me this opportunity for which I am truly thankful.

I wish you all well in the years ahead including a safe journey home at the end of the weekend.

Gary Farrell
Uachtarán, Cumann na mBunscol



***To make Gaelic Games the games of choice for
Ireland's Primary School Children***



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Standing Orders

1. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
2. Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than the last Friday in January.
3. All nominations for positions on the National Committee which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
4. The National Committee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration at the AGM.
5. Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 7 days before the AGM.
6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council at least one hour before the AGM.
7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
8. All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
9. (a) To be deemed in order a motion must be implementable and must be specific to Cumann na mBunscol.
(b) However motions may call on Cumann na mBunscol to negotiate with relevant bodies on a specific matter that is of interest to Cumann na mBunscol.
10. The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than three minutes.
11. The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than three minutes.
12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed.
13. The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
14. Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes are proposed, a two thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.
15. The usual method for the disposal of amendments and agenda shall be followed.
16. In the event of the proposition "That the question be put", and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall on a show of hands either continue the debate or 'Put the question'.
17. In the event of the proposition "That the AGM, move to next business " and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall put the proposition to a vote immediately. If defeated the debate shall be resumed.
18. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot. A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
19. The chairman may at his discretion ask if there is no obvious objection to a motion that the motion be put in order, to save time.
20. The chairman may at his discretion and in consultation with order officers change the order of business in the interest of efficiency.
21. The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.
22. Only properly constituted delegates may speak at the AGM. Other speakers may only address the AGM when prior arrangements are made through the National Committee.



Minutes of 2025 Annual General Meeting



Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

Date: 08/03/2025 at 11:00am.

Venue: Hodson Bay Hotel, Co. Roscommon

Present: An Coiste Náisiúnta, County and Provincial delegates.

Welcome of Delegates

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all delegates to the 2025 Annual General Meeting and thanked Cumann na mBunscol Ros Comáin for hosting the AGM and for their work in organising the weekend's events. A minute's silence was observed for deceased members of Cumann na mBunscol and for deceased family members of delegates.

Adoption of Standing Orders

The Cathaoirleach requested that the Standing Orders be adopted. This was agreed.

Proposed: Edward O'Riordain (Áth Cliath)

Seconded: John Byrne (An Mhí)



Minutes

Minutes of AGM 2024

The minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting, held in the Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath, were taken as read and considered.

Proposed: Pat McGivern (Tír Eoghain)

Seconded: Manus O'Donnell (Uladh)

Minutes of the September 2024 General Meeting

The minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 September 2024 in the Croke Park Hotel were taken as read and considered.

Proposed: Edward O'Riordain (Áth Cliath)

Seconded: Liam Magee (Fear Manach)

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence

The National Secretary reported that no correspondence requiring discussion by the AGM had been received.

Address of the Chairperson

Joe Lyons addressed the meeting, reflecting on a busy and productive year for Cumann na mBunscol. He acknowledged the extensive work being carried out nationwide in football, hurling, camogie, handball, rounders, athletics and cultural activities. Particular reference was made to the commitment of teachers and volunteers, the importance of club-school links, and the continued positive working relationship with the GAA.

Joe praised the Cumann na mBunscol Ros Comáin committee for their hard work and co-operation in organising the weekend's events.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Allianz for their ongoing sponsorship and support, and commended the work of the PRO in promoting Allianz Cumann na mBunscol initiatives, including Cumann na mBunscol Week and the Stop the Drop campaign. He concluded by thanking his fellow officers on the National Committee for their dedication and support during the year. He paid tribute to John Manley who will be leaving the committee after completing a 5 year term as PRO.

Joe made reference to his 10 years on National Committee acknowledging the colleagues who had supported him during this tenure. He complimented all committees and officers for their volunteerism and dedication to promotion of Gaelic Games.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary presented a comprehensive report outlining the work of Cumann na mBunscol since the 2024 AGM. The report covered:

- National Committee activity and meetings;
- Allianz sponsorship and the success of the Stop the Drop campaign;
- Cumann na mBunscol Week and media engagement;
- Cornmarket National Awards and increased levels of participation;
- Mini-Sevens organisation and liaison with the GAA and Camogie Association;
- Coaching and Games initiatives aligned with the new Primary PE Curriculum;
- Child Protection and Garda Vetting obligations.

The Secretary thanked Allianz, Cornmarket, the GAA, INTO, county and provincial committees, and all teachers for their continued support and commitment.



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Proposed: Dave Collins (Sciath na Scol)
Seconded: Br. James Dormer (Luimneach)

Treasurer's Report

Liam Breathnach presented the audited accounts for the year ending 31 August 2024. The report outlined income and expenditure, including sponsorship income, grants to counties, Mini-Sevens expenditure, publications costs related to Caoga Bliain ag Fás, and overall financial position.

Liam noted a close of year balance of €189,430.

The Treasurer confirmed that the accounts had been independently examined and presented a clear picture of the organisation's finances. Queries raised by delegates were addressed.

Proposed: Liam Magee
Seconded: Frank Reidy

PRO's Report

John Manley presented a detailed report highlighting:

- The continued growth of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week;
- Increased engagement across social media platforms;
- Strong national and local media coverage;
- The promotion of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol activities nationwide;
- Positive feedback from schools, families and communities involved in Mini-Sevens and half-time games.

John thanked county PROs for their ongoing work and support. He thanked everyone who supported him in his 5-year term at the helm.

Proposed: Mairead Ní Cheallacháin
Seconded: Tony O Farrell

Development Report

The Development Officer reported on key initiatives, including:

- The successful establishment of the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol All-Ireland Sports Quiz;
- Developments in handball, including the revised All-Ireland Handball Day;
- Continued growth in Cumann na mBunscol Week activities;
- Opportunities for shared learning and innovation across counties.

Proposed: Brendan Rice
Seconded: Tony Gallagher

Mini 7's Report

Bernie Ryan presented a detailed report on the organisation and delivery of the INTO GAA Mini-Sevens. She acknowledged the work of county committees, teachers, INTO, GAA staff, and volunteers, and highlighted the lasting impact of participation on children and families. Bernie also noted an improvement in county committees' responses and speed of information being sent in.

Proposed: Aisling Tighe
Seconded: Ciarán Crowe



Ard Chomhairle Delegate's Report

Gerry O Meara reported on representation at Central Council, engagement with the GAA, and ongoing advocacy on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol, particularly in relation to fixtures, scheduling, and policy matters affecting primary school children.

Proposed: Michael Smyth
Seconded: Tomás O Neachtáin

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

Uachtarán - Gary Farrell
Cathaoirleach - Mícheál MacThiarnáin
Leas-Chathaoirleach - Nicola Kennedy
Rúnaí - Fidelma Sheridan
Leas-Rúnaí - Derek Butler
Cisteoir - Liam Breathnach



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Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí - Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin
Oifigeach Forbartha - Declan Ward
Toscaire Ard Chomhairle - Gerry O'Meara
Oifigeach Mini-Sevens - Bernie Ryan

Motions

The following motions were considered by the AGM:

1) (Luimneach, Mumhan): Should a child be chosen to play in the INTO/GAA exhibition games in Croke Park during the All-Ireland semi-finals and finals, that two tickets to the game the child is playing in be allocated to the relevant teacher in the child's school, to be sent by post or email before match day.

Motion defeated.

2) (Tír Eoghain, Uladh): That the National Sports Quiz has an age limit that is fair to all 32 counties, creating a level playing field for all competitors.

Motion defeated.

3) (An Cabhán, Uladh): That the National Sports Quiz be expanded to include questions on Irish culture and general knowledge, recognising that the GAA is more than sport alone.

Motion defeated.

4) (Baile Átha Cliath): That children participating in Cumann na mBunscol INTO Mini-Sevens activities are not required to wear skorts.

Motion withdrawn.

5) (Cumann na mBunscol Luimnigh): That a person who has served for ten years, consecutively or cumulatively, as an officer on the National Committee must stand down for ten years before being eligible to stand for election again.

Motion defeated.

AOB

Pat McGivern addressed the meeting in relation to Provincial Grants. He requested that the National Committee give consideration to increasing the Provincial Grant, which currently stands at €1,000, noting that it had previously been €1,500.

By way of context, he outlined the scale of activity at provincial level, particularly in Ulster, including Ulster Handball, Ulster Indoor competitions across the four

codes, the Ulster Quiz, half-time games at championship fixtures, and the addition of an Outdoor Hurling competition to the programme in the current year. He requested that the National Committee consider this increase on an equitable basis across all four provinces.

The Committee then acknowledged the significant contribution of outgoing officers.



John Manley was thanked for his five years of outstanding service as P.R.O. During this time, John played a central role in promoting the work of Cumann na mBunscol nationally through print, digital and social media. His work greatly enhanced the profile of the organisation, and his introduction and development of Cumann na mBunscol Week was recognised as a landmark initiative. A presentation was made to John Manley to mark his contribution and dedication to the organisation.

Joe Lyons was also acknowledged for his ten years of service on the National Committee, during which he served as P.R.O. and Cathaoirleach. The meeting recognised Joe's leadership, commitment and vision, particularly his central role in the completion of the 50 Bliain ag Fás publication, which stands as a lasting legacy to the work and history of Cumann na mBunscol. A presentation was made to Joe Lyons in recognition of his exceptional service to the organisation. No further items were raised under AOB.

Conclusion

Joe Lyons thanked all delegates for their attendance and engagement and expressed appreciation to Cumann na mBunscol Ros Comáin for hosting the AGM. The meeting concluded at 12:50.



Minutes of General Meeting September 2025

Date: 11am, Saturday, September 20th, 2025

Venue: Croke Park Hotel.

Present: Cumann na mBunscol officers and delegates.

Welcome/Chairperson's Address

Mícheál welcomed delegates to the Meeting.

Mícheál offered his condolences to Willie on the passing of his sister Bríd.

Mícheál read out a statement re Allianz's sponsorship of CnmB.

Edward O'Riordán addressed the meeting on behalf of the committee which reviewed the constitution of Cumann na mBunscol. He outlined amendments and explained the rationale behind these changes. The draft of this amended constitution will be circulated to all coistí ahead of next year's AGM. Mícheál thanked the committee which comprised Edward Ó Riordán, Mairead Ó Ceallachan, Liam Weir, Bernie Ryan and Pat McGivern for their work. Liam McGee also complimented this committee for their work.

Mini Sevens

Bernie Ryan delivered a review of the mini sevens. Bernie outlined the changes being made and explained the rationale behind these changes. The rules of the mini sevens must be applied nationally. Mícheál thanked the committee which conducted this review. The committee comprised Bernie Ryan, David Dillon, Mick May, Brother Dormer, Manus O'Donnell and Pat McGivern.

PRO

Mairéad Ó Ceallachan delivered a PRO review. Room to include more county-based material on the National CnmB website. Mairéad met with new editor of InTouch magazine. No guarantee of two pages in every magazine. Looking for schools to submit profiles of themselves. Counties can update dates for their proposed finals. Michel thanked Mairéad for her review.

Games Development Report

Declan Ward announced 22/03/2026 as the date for next year's quiz. Venue will remain the same, The Tullamore Court Hotel. The format for the quiz will remain the same. Declan thanked Padraig Gaffney from Croke Park





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for his help with a very successful handball competition held in March. There will be a One Walled Handball competition in November 2025. Pat McGivern stated that this competition to be held in November will result in additional expense to Ulster CnmB. He wondered if the Handball Association could contribute toward the expense of this competition. Dermot Dunphy, (Kilkenny) complimented Declan and everyone involved in the quiz.

Ard Comhairle Report

Gerry O'Meara delivered his report on the Ard Comhairle meetings he had attended. There have been 5 meetings since our last AGM. The last meeting involved a discussion on how best to develop Rounders in our schools. There was a recognition that improving participation in hurling and camogie required promoting these games more in our schools. The next GAA Congress will be held on March 25/26, 2026. Mícheál thanked Gerry for his representation of CnmB at these Ard Comhairle meetings.

Secretary's Report

Fidelma advised that each county should review their Child Protection policies to ensure that they were compliant with all the new procedures. Delegate from Wicklow queried the participation of TY students at CnmB games. Advice to be sought by CnmB committee on this.

Awards Review

Gary spoke about changes to the national awards. He explained the rationale behind these changes. These changes will be circulated to all coistí in advance of the AGM. Mícheál thanked Gary and the team who conducted this review.

Awards Ceremony & AGM

The awards ceremony will be held on Friday 6th of March 2026 in The Inn at Dromoland, Co. Clare.

The AGM will be held on Saturday 7th March.





Secretary's Report

I would like to begin my report by thanking the Hodson Bay Hotel, Co. Roscommon, for their support and efforts in assisting us with our AGM in March 2025.

AGM 2024

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

Uachtarán	Gary Farrell, Ard Mhacha
Cathaoirleach	Mícheál Mac Thiarnáin, Co Liatroma
Leas-Cathaoirleach	Nicola Kennedy, Port Láirge
Rúnaí	Fidelmá Ní Shioradáin, An Cabhán
Leas-Rúnaí	Derek Butler, An Iar Mhí
Cisteoir	Liam Breathnach, Corcaigh
P.R.O.	Mairead Ní Cheallacháin, Corcaigh
Central Council Delegate	Gerry O' Meara, BaileÁtha Cliath
Development Officer	Declan Ward, UibhFhailí
Mini-7's Officer	Bernie Ryan, Sligeach

Allianz Sponsorship

Cumann na mBunscol thank Allianz for their continued and valued financial support. This sponsorship is crucial in sustaining and developing our activities nationwide.

An important element of this process is the submission of PR projects each January, which allows us to showcase the excellent work being carried out in every county. The introduction of the Social Media Category has created a more inclusive platform, particularly benefiting counties with limited or no newspaper coverage and highlights the quality of social media promotion and engagement. Thank you to Alan Black, Katie Bradley and Carrie McGrath from Allianz for all that they have done in the past year to support our work.

Allianz is continuing to provide additional funding of €10,000 this year for our new initiative, the National Sports Quiz. The inaugural quiz in 2025 was a resounding success, and we look forward to building on that success with this year's event. Sincere thanks to our Development Officer, Declan Ward, for the meticulous planning and organisation of the quiz, and to the many Cumann na mBunscol volunteers from across the country who contributed their time and support on the day to ensure the success of last year's event.

Cornmarket Awards

Cornmarket are continuing to support and sponsor our National Awards in 2026. A special word of appreciation





Secretary's Report



goes to Ivan Ahern, Lisa Kelly and Aisling McGroary who worked closely with us in the preparation and organisation of this event. We also welcome CJ Fallon, who have come on board this year as sponsors of Categories 4 and 5. Congratulations to all the schools and counties who received awards at our ceremony last night. The significant increase in entries this year is a testament to the outstanding work being carried out by teachers in schools across the country. The overall standard of submissions was truly exceptional.

I would also like to express our appreciation to our panel of judges — Brian Treacy, Carmel Brown, and John Hughes — along with Carrie McGrath from Allianz. Their time, expertise, and meticulous attention in reviewing each project ensured a fair and transparent selection process.

Finally, thank you to everyone involved in making this event such a success, in particular the Clare Cumann na mBunscol Committee for their extensive work in advance of the Awards ceremony and this AGM.

Cumann na mBunscol will review the award categories and criteria in preparation for 2027.

PRO, Website and INTOUCH

Our Website, Instagram and Twitter accounts continue to grow and evolve. This was evident during our Activity Week in June 2025. Mairéad O'Callaghan also has Cumann na mBunscol content in every issue of the INTO InTouch Magazine and is always looking for new material. The profile of our organisation is continually promoted by Mairéad and on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol I would like to thank her for all her work. The idea of the Cumann na mBunscol Week was something that John Manley introduced during Covid and this week has gone from strength to strength each year. Allianz are suitably impressed with the media cover it creates each year.

Visit to Croke Park

Our Lady's & St. Mochua's Primary School, Co. Armagh, enjoyed a memorable day in Croke Park as part of their School of the Year award. The pupils were an absolute credit to their teachers and to the school, displaying excellent manners and genuine appreciation throughout the visit.

Mini Sevens

A heartfelt thank you to Bernie Ryan for her outstanding work in coordinating the Mini Sevens with such efficiency and dedication. Organizing over 252 players across six final days is no small task, yet her expertise ensures that everything runs seamlessly. Her meticulous planning and

commitment are truly appreciated.

Child Protection and Garda Vetting

Coiste Náisiúnta continues to remind all units of the importance of child protection and Garda vetting. As previously indicated all personnel involved in Cumann na mBunscol activities must be Garda Vetted. Garda vetting is now a legal requirement and all Cumann na mBunscol units have to comply with the law.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I thank my fellow officers, for their support, dedication and work ethic. They work incredibly hard to



ensure that the work of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta is carried out in a professional and efficient manner.

I also take this opportunity to wish our Cathaoirleach, Mícheál MacThiarnáin, Uachtarán, Gary Farrell and Ard Comhairle officer, Gerry O'Meara the very best as they complete their terms of office on the National Committee. I thank them for their dedication and courtesy in carrying out their respective roles.

A final word of thanks goes to all the hard working county and provincial committees around the country, to teachers for their tremendous work, time and dedication in promoting Gaelic games and culture in our schools and to all the children who continue to be our inspiration.

Fidelma Ní Shioradáin, Runaí



Treasurer's Report

Cumann na mBunscol Trading and profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 August 2025

	12 months to 31-Aug-25 €	12 months to 31-Aug-24 €
Income		
INTO Sponsorship	23,000	23,000
Allianz Sponsorship	95,000	90,000
Cornmarket Sponsorship	7,500	7,500
National Awards Income	10,010	4,986
GAA Games Development Funding	68,000	68,000
Tickets	1,200	-
Book '50 Bliain ag Fás'	1,800	114,512
	206,510	307,998
Expenses		
Allianz PR Grants	39,750	60,000
Grants to Counties	61,600	63,400
Handball	450	625
National Awards	22,169	17,699
Insurance Cover	11,818	11,948
Publications & Website	-	109,478
Committee Travel	8,718	11,690
Committee Meals & Accommodation	11,039	10,839
Complimentary All Ireland Tickets	1,800	4,180
AGM	8,763	7,837
Accounting	799	713
Bank Charges	442	798
Mini Sevens	19,592	23,497
Affiliation fees	-	300
Book Launch	-	6,168
Blazers/Gear	-	1,460
Gifts	-	1,543
Quiz '25	5,416	175
Constitution review	810	175
	193,166	332,350
Excess income over expenditure	13,344	(24,352)



Treasurer's Report



Cumann na mBunscol Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	€	€
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	202,774	
	<u>202,774</u>	
Current Liabilities		
	-	
	<u>-</u>	
Net current assets		<u>202,774</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		202,774
Capital Account		
Bank No.1 Acc brought forward at 1 Sep 2024		130,442
Bank No.2 Acc brought forward at 1 Sep 2024		58,988
Profit/(Loss) for the year		<u>13,344</u>
		<u>202,774</u>





PRO's Report

There is a rapid pace of change in our schools at present. It is important that Cumann na mBunscol doesn't lose its strong foothold in our schools – social media and our PR is one way to keep the work of our teachers and schools to the forefront. Never before has there been so many activities, awards, competitions and events available for schools to participate in. In the past, for many of us, there was only one show in town – Cumann na mBunscol and the promotion of Gaelic Games. We all have to acknowledge the wide breadth of activities on offer to our schools now. However, no other organisation has the number of volunteers working under a teacher lead structure as Cumann na mBunscol. This is a tribute to years and years of hard work by teachers and committees. We can all be proud of our work promoting Gaelic Games and Cumann na mBunscol. To sustain this great organisation going forward we should not be complacent and continue to promote our work in all forms of media – papers, social media, our website and radio/tv!

Cumann na mBunscol, All Ireland Sports Quiz

Comhghairdeas to our Development Officer, Declan Ward, for all his work initiating the first National Quiz. The idea of a National Quiz came from a motion from Connacht Cumann na mBunscol. The quiz itself was indeed a fantastic occasion and a massive tribute to Declan for all his work. Last year the quiz made news on National Radio as participants messaged broadcasters enroute, TG4, our own website and social media and of course the accounts of schools and committees around the country! Social media is currently full of Quiz Competitions throughout the country. Many counties and provinces had a quiz in operation before the All Ireland Quiz but new counties are now engaging in the event so I'm sure that this year Declan will have an even more successful event.

Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Week

Cumann na mBunscol week was initiated by the then chair, Liam Magee, as schools were coming out of Covid





PRO's Report



Lockdowns. For almost 2 years' children had no games or activities due to social distancing. The National Cumann na mBunscol signified the restart of Gaelic Games. This year our Cumann na mBunscol Week took place from April 7th. The sun shone down on our little Ireland as counties took part in our National Week. Many thanks to the following starts for their challenges and good luck messages – Austin Gleeson, Paul McNamara, Eli Rooney, Conor McElduff, Lisa Flood, Molly Lynch and Dan Morrissey. Many thanks to all of your schools who posted great videos and photos during the week. There were daily snap shots recorded on our website of events around the country. Social media was alive with school challenges and activities. Thank you all for making it a great success.

Cumann na mBunscol INTO GAA Mini 7's

It was a pleasure to attend this year's INTO Mini 7's. There were 6 days of great games and excitement as 252 children arrived in Croke Park. It is hard to keep pace with social media on these days as families, schools, clubs and committees all have photographs on social media to celebrate a truly unique event. We had daily posts on our website and on our social media showing the children involved in our games. Thank you to Sportsfile for allowing us access their photographs – which give us even more photographs to share on our website and on social media. Congratulations to our National Mini 7's Coordinator who has completed 5 years in the role.

INTO InTouch Magazine

Thank you to the INTO for their continued support with the promotion of our activities and games. It is a tribute to the volunteer work of their members who offer so much of their free time to promote Gaelic





PRO's Report

Games in our schools. Each edition has a spotlight on our activities – INTO Mini 7's, Mini 7's review, National Table Quiz, National Awards. They also feature a spotlight on schools and committees – Rathcormac NS Sligo (Winner of the 2025 School of the Year), Rebel Reálta in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Reáltaí an Chláir, Derrynoose PS (Winner of the 2025 Small school of the Year).

The INTO Magazine is published every second month now.



Social Media Platforms

At present we are using our National Website - <https://www.cnmnbaisiunta.com>. The website reflects the work of National Committee and also the work of our committees. Events are added to the National Calendar on our website. To ensure that we know all events it is great when counties tag us – or email me with events. Here are some of the monthly viewing totals – January 2026 4867 views, December 3429 views, November 5072 views, October 7798 views. This school year the All Ireland Quiz has the highest numbers of views. The National Awards booklet had the highest number of downloads.



Twitter and Instagram

Despite recent concerns about with X, twitter remains the busiest of our social media channels. We continue to monitor the harm that can be caused by Elon Musk. It is recommended that accounts remain open in order to ensure no bad actors attempt to take ownership of the name, handle or identity on the platform. Schools and committees are asked to ensure any photographs posted have the permission of the participants.

Our Instagram account is also active and more county units and schools are beginning to use this channel.

Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí



Development Report



The most significant development of 2025 was the establishment and successful launch of the inaugural All-Ireland Primary Schools' Sports Quiz. This new initiative was introduced following the adoption of a motion at the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM), reflecting Cumann na mBunscol's continued commitment to broadening participation and engagement opportunities for primary school pupils.

To advance this initiative, a national quiz sub-committee was established, comprising representatives of the National Committee together with delegates from each of the four provinces.

I wish to formally acknowledge and thank the quiz sub-committee of Aodhán O' Caoimh (Connacht), Pat McGivern (Ulster), Siobhan Condrón (Munster), Gerry O' Meara (Leinster), Fidelma Sheridan (National Committee), and Nicola Kennedy (National Committee) for their advice in designing a structure designed to ensure accessibility, fairness, and an enjoyable experience for children throughout the country.

Cumann na mBunscol also acknowledges with gratitude the continued support of its long-standing sponsor, Allianz, which provided additional sponsorship to facilitate the delivery of the quiz. Particular thanks are extended to Fidelma Sheridan and Katie Bradley of Allianz for their commitment and collaboration in bringing this partnership to fruition.

The inaugural Allianz Cumann na mBunscol National Sports Quiz was held at the Tullamore Court Hotel on Sunday, 22nd March 2025. The event proved to be an outstanding success, with 38 primary school teams competing for the honour of becoming the first ever All-Ireland Cumann na mBunscol Sports Quiz champions.

In advance of the competition, participants had the opportunity to meet 2024 Under 20 All-Ireland Hurling champions and current Offaly senior hurlers, Dan Bourke and Dan Ravenhill, both former Cumann na mBunscol participants themselves. Their attendance contributed positively to the atmosphere of the occasion and provided an inspiring experience for the children involved. A special word of thanks to the members of the national





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committee and teachers from all around the country who came to Tullamore to help out with the running of the quiz on the day.



Through the generous support of Allianz, all participants received commemorative gift bags, including a special edition #StopTheDrop jersey. Allianz further enhanced the occasion by facilitating the display of the Sam Maguire Cup together with the Allianz National Football and Hurling League trophies, creating a memorable and prestigious backdrop to the event. Each participating team was afforded the opportunity to have an official photograph taken with the Sam Maguire Cup and League trophies, ensuring a lasting keepsake of a very special day for all involved.

The quiz itself was closely contested, with a single point separating the top two teams. Following a highly competitive final round, Niall Mór N.S., Killybegs, Co. Donegal were crowned the inaugural Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Sports Quiz champions. Breaffy N.S., Co. Mayo, secured second place, while Ballinagar N.S., Co. Offaly, and Blessed Patrick O'Loughran Primary School, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, shared third place honours.

Planning is already underway for the 2026 Allianz Cumann na mBunscol All-Ireland Quiz, which will be hosted at the Tullamore Court Hotel on Sunday, 23rd March 2026. It is anticipated that this initiative will continue to grow and will represent a significant and enduring addition to the Cumann na mBunscol calendar, further enhancing opportunities for children to take part in Cumann na mBunscol activities.

Clare Cumann na mBunscol All Stars Day

I wish to commend and formally acknowledge Clare Cumann na mBunscol for their organisation and delivery

of the Clare Cumann na mBunscol All Stars Day, which was held at Zimmer Biomet Cusack Park in May 2025.

The innovative concept of Réaltaí an Chláir was developed by Cumann na mBunscol An Chláir PRO, Muireann Mescal, who envisioned creating a dedicated and inclusive event for children with additional needs. Her ambition was to bring these children together for a special day of participation and celebration at the county grounds, Zimmer Biomet Páirc Chíosóg.

This landmark event marked the first initiative of its kind nationally under the Cumann na mBunscol banner. Through the leadership and vision of Muireann Mescal, and with the collective support of her fellow committee members, Clare Local Sports Partnership, Clare GAA, TY Future Leaders, and Allianz, the concept was successfully brought to fruition. The invaluable contribution of Special Needs Assistants (SNAs), teachers, parents, and, most importantly, the 170+ students who participated, ensured the day was both meaningful and memorable. I wish to commend Clare Cumann na mBunscol and Muireann for all their work in developing this event.



The event was widely regarded as an outstanding success and represents an important step forward in promoting inclusion and participation within Cumann na mBunscol activities. I hope that Réaltaí an Chláir will serve as a model for similar initiatives in the future and will continue to provide enriching experiences for children in Clare.

National Handball Day 2025

The 2025 Allianz Cumann na mBunscol All-Ireland Handball Day took place on Saturday 5th April 2025 and brought together skilful young handball players from across Ireland for a day filled with skill and sportsmanship. Held at the National Handball Centre in Croke Park,



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the event featured exciting matches in various age categories, with both boys and girls showcasing their talents. The blitz highlighted the core values of Cumann na mBunscol—inclusivity, passion, and fair play. Each child who took part received a lovely commemorative T-shirt and medal. Reporter Katelyn Hayes from TG4 was also present to record a special TV show for children’s TV show Cúla 4.



A special word of thanks to Pdraig Gaffney from Handball Ireland who organised the day and to the teachers, coaches, and volunteers who made the event a resounding success. Thanks to all the teachers countrywide who organised handball events in their own counties. Thanks also to national handball committee of Aisling O’ Keeffe & Enda Timoney (Leinster), Manus O Donnell (Ulster), Feaghas Mac Lochlainn (Connacht) and Dave Collins & Tim O Byrne (Munster) for all their work in organising the provincial events in their respective provinces.

Shared Learning

While many officers are already excelling in their roles, the National Committee and I are always available to offer guidance, encouragement, and support ideas when needed. We continually learn from one another. Across the country, there are amazing initiatives taking place—from handball and refereeing courses to blitzes, quizzes, Scór activities, and the promotion of hurling, football, girls’ football, and camogie.

Counties continue to innovate, for example like Wicklow, who have introduced a new skills competition for hurling and football, and Offaly, who have developed a new website to streamline and manage their fixtures.

As we look ahead to next year, I hope to explore ways to create more opportunities for shared learning between counties and find a platform to exchange new and upcoming ideas with one another.

Rounders, Refereeing & Coaching Day

With the quiz now up and running, I am excited to look ahead to next year and explore the potential for even more opportunities to grow and develop other key areas, such as rounders, refereeing, and a coaching day, helping to ensure that our activities are accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing help and support.

The past year saw a full and varied range of primary school-based Gaelic games activities in all 32 counties and in the four provincial units. The increase in these activities is down to the hard work of the teachers in each and every school and the county/provincial committees that lead this work.

A special word of thanks to each and every teacher across the country for the incredible work they do in their counties and individual schools. Your commitment and dedication makes a tremendous difference in the lives of every child, creating unforgettable Cumann na mBunscol memories that will stay with them for years to come.

Declan Ward
Development Officer



Mini 7's Report

It is wonderful that the INTO Cumann na mBunscol GAA Mini games still feature centre stage during some of the most important days in the GAA calendar. Representing your school, county and club at the INTO Cumann na mBunscol Mini 7's in Croke Park is a great honour. Who doesn't dream of earning the right to walk out onto the pitch in Croke Park and looking around at a full stadium, wearing the kit of finalists!

These games are also a great tribute to teachers in Primary schools throughout Ireland. No other event holds teachers and schools in such esteem that they allow games to be showcased at such an important and National event. Every county in Ireland is represented on these days. While every school is not represented on the day, the involvement of all our schools and all the teachers who give of their free time to promote Gaelic Games allow the games to be of such a high standard. Without our teachers, our county committees and our National body would our schools still take center stage? Míle buíochas to all of you who give of your time so willingly to encourage games in your school and your county. You have brought great memories and joy to countless families throughout the country. This year we had parents who had played in the Mini games themselves – and all recognised that they knew their child would have the best day!



There are many other people I would like to thank for making this such a special day – to Michelle Harte and the safeguarding team for their involvement and support of the games, for the Dublin teachers and their friends and families who help out with goalposts and teams on

the day, the staff of the Barbara Ward Centre for their kind welcome and cupán tae! Míle buíochas to Sportsfile for the lovely photographs of all the children (and to our own PRO, Máiread Ní Cheallacháin for being first on social media!). Many thanks to all our Presidents who are present on the day – Gary Farrell (Cumann na mBunscol), Anne Horan (INTO President), Jarlath Burns (Uachtaran CLG), Brian Molloy (Camogie Association), Triona Murray (LGFA). What a fantastic occasion for all these young stars! A full match day experience!

Review of Mini 7's

In keeping with our National Constitution a review of our Mini 7's game took place at the end of the school year 2024- 2025 and the results of the review were presented at the General meeting in the Croke Park Hotel. The review committee was chaired by the National Mini 7's Coordinator and the following representatives.

National Committee - Nicola Kennedy, Connacht Cumann na mBunscol - David Dillon and Mick Maye, Leinster Cumann na mBunscol - Michael Smith and Paudie Burke, Munster Cumann na mBunscol - Mairead O Callaghan, Br J Dormer, Ulster Cumann na mBunscol - Manus O Donnell, Pat McGivern. Many thanks to all for their time and contributions.

To give guidance for new officers the guidance and rules were divided into sections.

General Rules for Mini 7's (changes in red)

- Each County will be allocated 6 places.
- Cork will receive 12 and Dublin 24.
- Britain will receive 4 places.
- The remaining 20 places will be distributed to the 4 Provinces with each Province receiving 5 places in the same code and the code to be rotated each year. These extra places are under the direction and management of the provincial Committees.
- Allocation of Provincial places, and Young Whistlers, should be decided by November of each year – and communicated to counties and to the National Cumann na mBunscol Mini 7's Coordinator.

Organisational Rules

- Entries must have the prior approval of the Board of Management
- Every County must organise a competition to select participants for Croke Park. (Skill based or Games Based)
- Each County can use their own criteria. This can be either a team or a skills-based competition.



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- Counties that organise a “skills based” competition please note that there is only one age limit. Participants must be under 12 on or after January 1st of the year they are participating in Croke Park. ie. Born on or after January 1st 2014 for 2026.
- Counties organising a Games competition please follow the age limits listed below.
- All Children playing must abide by the age limit that applies to their school (See below). Any deviation from this will result in disqualification.
- Schools/Teachers will enter into arrangements to complete the mini-sevens in collaboration with Cumann na mBunscol, the recording body in each county.
- Participation in mini-sevens is open to all eligible children in all codes.
- A child may not be selected in both codes to play in Croke Park
- A player can only make one appearance in Croke Park.
- Children selected for Mini 7's cannot be selected for Provincial Games.
- No more than 2 children, 2 places (maximum) in different codes per school. (2 children may represent a school provided they are not playing in the same code). This is to ensure that as many different schools as possible are represented in Croke Park
- Mixed teams may not be entered.
- Amalgamation of schools are at the discretion of each county unit up to a maximum of six mainstream teachers.
- Birth certificates may be required at County level
- **All Children selected for Croke Park must have reasonable skill ability (Fitness/tackles/awareness)**

Young Whistler Programme

- Young Whistlers are selected from each province each year.
- One girl and one boy represent the county selected.
- County must be selected by November each year and the county and National Coordinator informed.
- Dublin and Cork provide the Young Whistlers for the All Ireland Finals.
- The schools selected should commit to providing the child/children with training and match practice prior to the day in Croke Park.
- Running a Young Whistler programme is recommended.

Ticket Allocation

- Each child is allocated 3 tickets (one for child and 2 for parent/guardian)
- Each teacher is provided with one ticket.
- All tickets are allocated via the email provided on the excel form
- Procedures are arranged annually with the National Child Safeguarding Officer in Croke Park.



Playing Rules

The normal rules of hurling and football with the following adaptations shall apply:

- All kick outs/puck outs shall be taken from the goal-line.
- Rolling substitution, from a panel of 10, may be made during a break in play from the half-way line.
- Traditional scoring for goal and point apply (3/1)
- Hand pass scores shall not be allowed in Hurling, Camogie or Football. A punched point in football is permissible.
- In football all kick outs, frees, side-lines and 45's shall be taken from the hand.
- In hurling/camogie all frees, side lines from placed ball. All puck outs from the hand.
- In Football players shall be limited to one toe tap and one hop in any solo movement.
- In camogie/hurling allow 2 catches/4 steps. Sliotar to be released after that.
- As in ladies football rules girls shall be permitted to



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- pick the ball directly from the ground.
- A direct score from the puck-out in hurling or camogie shall not be permissible.
- Games shall be of not less than fourteen minutes duration and no more than twenty minutes.
- 70 metres by 50 metres are the recommended pitch dimensions.
- Teams will be 7 a side. Maximum panel of 10. Teams fielding more than this can be disqualified

Feedback from counties was sought re the Mini 7's games. This feedback was presented at the General Meeting and is available on our website.

Finally, many thanks to all of you as I complete my 5-year term as National Mini 7's Coordinator. I have enjoyed the time as the coordinator! It is a role with plenty of work but the feedback from teachers, children and parents make the work worthwhile! My first time to run out on the grass of Croke Park was many moons ago when my uncle managed the Tyrone minors. That was a carefree time full of joy, pride and fun! Walking out onto the pitch as National Coordinator is a different emotion – it can be filled with joy, trepidation and pride in children you don't know. Feeling a part of such a big day has been a great honour and I thank all the counties that trusted

and supported me in the role. Like the children – I have memories that will last a lifetime! Míle buíochas libh go léir.

Bernadette Ryan
National Mini 7's Co-ordinator

Age Limits for Mini 7's

Age limits for Boys or Girls – Total enrolment of Boys only or Girls only: (3rd to 6th Classes inclusive)
Children born on or after:

Enrolment D.O.B

- 200+ 1st Jan. 2014
- 170 – 199 1st Dec. 2013
- 140 – 169 1st Nov. 2013
- 110 – 139 1st Oct. 2013
- 80 – 109 1st Sept. 2013
- 50 – 79 1st Aug. 2013
- 30 – 49 1st July 2013
- 0 – 29 1st June 2013





Tuairisc ón Ard Chomhairle



Two years ago I was honoured to be elected as ‘Toscaire don Árd Chomhairle. Today my term is over as I finish my 10th year on the National Committee. I want to wish my successor all the best in the role and offer any support I can be to the new delegate.

I have been there to represent Cumann na mBunscol at the Central Executive Committee of the G.A.A. over the past two years and have done so to the best of my ability. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and always felt that the role of teachers in promoting Gaelic Games is held in great esteem by the general G.A.A. community.

Ard Chomhairle met 12 times since our AGM last year and I attended all of the meetings. Two of these meetings were online. A special Congress was held on October 4th 2025 to ratify the Football Review Committee Report. The 2026 Annual G.A.A. Congress was held last week in Croke Park on Friday and Saturday 27th & 28th February. As I write there are three candidates in the race for the role of Uachtarán Tofa – John Murphy, Gerard Ryan and Derek Kent. They are three excellent candidates and very much pro Cumann na mBunscol.

The integration project of G.A.A., L.G.F.A. and Cumann Camógaíochta is ongoing and a report from Tom Ryan was presented at our meeting on January 24th. Progress is being made and an update will be given at Congress.



The Allianz sponsorship issue was referred to The Ethics Committee last year and this committee reported to Coiste Bainistí and Ard Chomhairle on December 19th.

The committee recommended continuing with the Allianz sponsorship and this was agreed by the Ard Chomhairle. The Cumann na mBunscol sponsorship comes under this general G.A.A. agreement.

In relation to the election of the new Uachtarán, all three candidates were in contact with me and as already stated, they all acknowledged the great work of Cumann na mBunscol and thanked teachers for their commitment to making ‘Gaelic Games the games of choice for Ireland’s primary school children’. At this stage, I want to congratulate the new Uachtarán Tofa and hope that he will meet with the new committee soon to plan for the years ahead.

INTO Mini Sevens has been discussed during the year. The six Sundays in Croke Park are viewed as being an integral part of All Ireland Semi Final and Final days. I thanked the Uachtarán for his support for this our flagship games promotion.

A meeting with Tom Ryan, Ard Stiurthóir is being set up for the new committee. I spoke with William Maher, Director of Hurling and he is anxious to meet with the Coiste to discuss ideas in relation to the promotion of hurling in our schools. This will be a body of work for our new committee.

At every meeting of our own National Committee, I give a report on what is happening at Ard Chomhairle. I also kept all members updated on any new initiatives that may be coming down the track.

Finally, I have enjoyed my ten years on National Committee. I served as Mini Sevens Officer for five, Development Officer for three and have been on Ard Chomhairle for the past two years. I first got involved with Cumann na mBunscol in 1981 when I started teaching in a new school in Firhouse, Dublin 24. I have made so many good friends over those years at school, local, county, provincial and national level. I wish the new committee all the best. I will continue to promote Gaelic Games in my own school where it all began over 40 years ago!

Slán agus beannacht.
Gerry O’ Meara



Nominations for National Committee AGM 2026

Uachtarán

Liam Breathnach (Corcaigh)
Bernie Ryan (Sligeach)

Cathaoirleach

Nicola Kennedy (Portláirge)
Bernie Ryan (Sligeach)

Leas- Cathaoirleach

Nicola Kennedy (Portláirge)
Bernie Ryan (Sligeach)

Runaí

Fidelma Sheridan (An Cabhán)

Leas Runaí

Derek Butler (Iar Mhí)

Cisteoir

Bernie Ryan (Sligeach)
Mary Curley

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

Bernie Ryan (Sligeach)
Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin (Corcaigh)

Oifigeach Forbartha

Declan Ward (Uibh Fhailí)

Toscaire Ard Chomhairle

Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin (Corcaigh)
Michael Smyth (Gaillimh)
Liam Magee (Fear Manach)
Br. James Dormer (Luimneach)

Oifigeach Mini 7's

Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin (Corcaigh)





Motions 2026

There are two motions for this year's AGM and two Recommendations:

Motion 1:

That the amended Constitution as circulated to all counties be accepted. (An Coiste Náisiúnta)

Motion 2:

The the changes suggested by the Mini-Sevens Review committee be adopted. (An Coiste Náisiúnta)

Recommendation 1.

That Cumann na mBunscol introduce an annual "Hall of Fame" award at County level, to run in parallel with the existing National Hall of Fame award. Each

County Committee shall select one recipient annually, recognising outstanding commitment, long-term contribution, or exceptional service to Cumann na mBunscol within their respective jurisdiction. (Cumann na mBunscol Liatroma)

Recommendation 2.

That Cumann na mBunscol introduce an annual "Hall of Fame" award at Provincial level, to run in parallel with the existing National Hall of Fame award. Each Provincial Committee shall select one recipient annually, recognising outstanding commitment, long-term contribution, or exceptional service to Cumann na mBunscol within their respective jurisdiction. (Cumann na mBunscol Liatroma)





Cornmarket Cumann na mBunscol Awards 2026

Category 1: Allianz P.R. Award

1st Luimneach
2nd Corcaigh
3rd Ciarraí

Category 2: Social Media Award

1st An Cabhán
2nd Fear Manach
3rd Muineachán

Category 3: Promotion of Gaelic Games & Culture - Schools

1st St. Teresa's PS, Loughmacrory, Co. Tyrone
2nd Kilmihil NS, Co. Clare
3rd Moneynick PS, Co. Antrim

Category 4: School of the Year (less than 200 pupils)

1st Moneynick PS, Co. Antrim
2nd Dualla NS, Co. Tipperary

Category 5: School of the Year (greater than 200 pupils)

1st Ravenswell Primary School, Co. Wicklow
2nd St. Colmcille's PS, Carrickmore, Co. Tyrone
3rd St. Felim's NS, Cavan Town, Co. Cavan

Special Recognition Award for Special Initiative

Ballyea NS, Co Clare





An Coiste Náisiúnta Constitution



Cumann na mBunscol is an autonomous National Federation of Primary School Teachers promoting Gaelic Games in an educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary Schools Committees. The philosophy of Cumann na mBunscol shall be to promote Gaelic games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our Primary Schools

- A** This Federation shall be known as “Cumann na mBunscol”. The National logo of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be The” Cumann na mBunscol” logo”.

All business pertaining to “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be carried out under this name and/or under the ” Cumann na mBunscol” “ logo”.

- B** Schools with GAA affiliations in other countries may be accepted as associate members on application to the National Committee and subsequent approval.

- C** The aims and objectives of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be:

(1) To promote and foster our national games, Boys’ Football, Girls’ Football; Hurling; Camogie; Handball and Rounders, Athletics and cultural activities in all the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas, in line with National Policy of Cumann na mBunscol and Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

(2) To promote and foster a positive attitude towards our national games among teachers, pupils, parents and all involved in the promotion of Gaelic Games in the primary education system.

(3) To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games

the games of choice in our primary schools whilst emphasising participation for all.

- C** The function of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be:

(1) To provide a means for the expression of the collective opinion of its members on matters affecting the interests of Gaelic Games in the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas. To this end Cumann na mBunscol shall endeavour to align ourselves to Cumann 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 and other bodies to promote the aims and interests of “Cumann na mBunscol”.

(3) To establish and administer funds for the general administration of the organisation under the aegis of the GAA and provide financial assistance to affiliated areas by:

- a. Preparing and submitting an annual budget.
- b. Raising sponsorship and other finances nationally to help with the overall promotion of the games.
- c. Using the Cumann na mBunscol logo in franchising arrangements with business and industry to help raise funds.

(4) To provide advice to members on the best ways of promoting Gaelic Games in Primary Schools.

(5) To endeavour to raise standards in all affiliated areas by

- a. Coaching
- b. Seminars
- c. Publications.

(6) To identify weaknesses with the co-operation of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies and endeavour to rectify them.

(7) (a) To organise and administer a National Skills Programme (Mini-Sevens) in Boys’ and Girls’ Football, Hurling and Camogie, culminating



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- C** in Croke Park on All-Ireland Semi-Final and Final days.

(b) To organise a National Skills programme in individual schools in Hurling and Camogie.

(8) To organise and administer National Handball skills programmes, culminating in a National Handball Skills Exhibition in a suitable venue.

(9) To operate and maintain an insurance policy so that cover can be provided for officers and members of committees of “Cumann na mBunscol” while organising and promoting the games/activities.

- D** 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.

- E** Constitution: “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be constituted as follows:

- (1) Annual General Meeting
- (2) General Meeting
- (3) Special General Meeting, if required
- (4) National Committee
- (5) Provincial Councils
- (6) County Schools Committees
- (7) Associate Members
- (8) Members

* Annual General Meeting

- (a) The A.G.M. shall be the supreme governing body of the organisation but shall not be involved in the running of local units.
- (b) The AGM shall be held in the month of February or March at a suitable venue chosen by the National Officers.
- (c) The AGM shall consist of
 - (1) The National Officers
 - (2) Two delegates from each county
 - (3) Two delegates from each Provincial Council
 - (4) Two delegates from each affiliated area

- (d) The hosting of the AGM shall rotate between the four provinces.

The Business of the AGM shall be:

- (1) Welcoming of Delegates
- (2) Minutes
- (3) Matters arising from Minutes
- (4) Correspondence
- (5) Address of Chairperson
- (6) Secretary’s Report
- (7) Treasurers’ Report
- (8) Other Reports as necessary
- (9) Elections
 - President.
 - Chairman.
 - Vice-Chairman.
 - Secretary.
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Treasurer.
 - P.R.O.
 - Development Officer.
 - Delegate to Central Council.
 - GAA/INTO Mini 7’s Co-ordinator
 - (a) Provincial Delegate Leinster.
 - (b) Provincial Delegate Ulster
 - (c) Provincial Delegate Munster.
 - (d) Provincial Delegate Connaught.
- (10) Motions
- (11) Addresses of invited Speakers
- (12) Any Other Notified Business (In writing/email and to be with the National Secretary two weeks before the AGM)

N.B. In the event of a Province not being represented on An Coiste Náisiúnta a provincial delegate can be elected at the AGM.

N.B. Every third year the Annual General Meeting will consider a review presented to it by a sub-committee of Cumann na mBunscol on the organisation of the ‘Mini-Sevens’. Proposed changes will be voted in and if successful, will come into effect for the following years ‘Mini-Sevens’.



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*Special General Meeting

1. A special General Meeting may be called by An Coiste Náisiúnta or by the special written request of 12 or more County/Provincial Coisti stating the reason for such a meeting.
2. (a) On the receipt of 12 or more written requests for a Special General Meeting, the National Secretary must inform the Chairman who will call a meeting within 14 days.

(b) An Coiste Náisiúnta must also give 14 days written notice of the Special General Meeting.
3. The Special General Meeting shall consist of
 - (a) The Officers of Cumann na mBunscol
 - (b) Two delegates from each affiliated County
 - (c) Two delegates from each Provincial Council.
 - (d) Two delegates from each affiliated area (non-voting).
4. Business of Special General Meeting.

The only business that will be discussed at the meeting is the business requested as the reason for calling the meeting.

* Officers and National Committee

1. All members of the National Committee shall be elected annually at the AGM. All officers may hold office for a maximum period of five years.
2. All members of the National Committee are limited to two consecutive maximum terms of office, but not in the same office.

A member may however seek office again after a minimum of one year's break.
3. The National Committee shall carry out the business of Cumann na mBunscol between Annual General Meetings. They shall meet regularly and attend to all current business.
4. The National Committee may appoint sub-committees as required to assist them with a current task or problem.

5. The National Committee may accept units from other countries on approval of application for associate membership of Cumann na mBunscol.
6. The Cathaoirleach shall see that the rules of the organisation are enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
7. In an event of the enforced absence of the Cathaoirleach, the Leas-Chathaoirleach shall preside over the meetings and act in all cases as Cathaoirleach.
8. All sub-committees set up by the National Committee will be chaired by another member other than the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach.
9. The Assistant Secretary shall minute all meetings and ensure that a copy of the minutes be available for the next meeting.
10. All routine correspondence with affiliated areas shall be done by the Secretary.
11. All correspondence with the GAA, State Departments and Public Bodies shall be carried out by the Secretary in consultation with the other bodies.
12. (a) The National Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses

(b) The Treasurer, in conjunction with Accounts Department Croke Park shall be responsible for
 - (i) The maintenance of proper financial records.
 - (ii) An annual audit of the accounts.
 - (iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
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.



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(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 Náisiúnta, Cumann na mBunscol.

14. The Development Officer shall in consultation with the other officers:

(a) Endeavour to raise standards in all counties by holding seminars, coaching courses, issue publications and 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.

Provincial Councils

1. Provincial Councils shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of "Cumann na mBunscol".

2. An Annual General Meeting of each Provincial Council will be held annually. This AGM is to be attended by the President of Cumann na mBunscol or his/her nominee from An Coiste Náisiúnta.

3. The Provincial Secretary must inform the National Secretary of the venue and date of the Provincial AGM.

(a) Provincial Councils shall meet at least three times annually.

(b) The Provincial AGM is to be held before the National AGM.

4. Those entitled to vote at this meeting shall be the elected provincial officers and two delegates from each county.

5. Those entitled to speak at this meeting shall be the elected officers and either of the two delegates from each county.

6. Invited guests may speak at the invitation of the Provincial Council.

7. Delegates must attend a minimum of two out of three meetings.

8. At this meeting the delegates will elect officers and a committee to run the affairs of the Provincial Council between Provincial Annual General Meetings.

9. The Minutes of the Provincial AGM must be sent to the National Secretary within a month of the Provincial AGM.

10. The annual financial statement must be sent to the National Treasurer within a month of the Provincial AGM.

11. Failure to send either the minutes or annual financial statement within a month of the Provincial AGM shall result in sanctions.

12. This committee shall promote the aims of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games within the Province.

13. Each Provincial Council will liaise with An Coiste Náisiúnta and the Provincial Councils of the GAA and other relevant bodies and endeavour to generate funds for the promotion and development of Cumann na mBunscol activities in that Province.

14. Two delegates from each Provincial Council will attend the Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.



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15. An annual written report shall be presented to An Coiste Náisiúnta.
 16. (a) The Provincial Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses
(b) The Treasurer, shall be responsible for
 - (i) The maintenance of proper financial records.
 - (ii) An annual audit of the accounts.
 - (iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
 17. Each Provincial Committee will notify and invite a delegate from An Coiste Naisiunta to the Provincial AGM, in the absence of the National President.
 18. Provincial status is to be granted to GB.
 19. Motions to the Provincial AGM, which shall be in the name of a County Coiste and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the Provincial Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
 20. All nominations for positions on the Provincial Committee which shall be in the name of a county Coiste and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the Provincial Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
 21. Copies of the agenda for the Provincial AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to the Provincial committee shall be circulated to the county Coiste in that province at least 7 days before the AGM.
 22. The provincial secretary must inform the National Secretary of the venue and date of the Provincial AGM at least three weeks in advance of the meeting.
- Standing Orders**
1. A Standing Orders sub-committee comprising of the Provincial Chairmen or Secretaries or their nominee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for presentation at the AGM.
 2. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
 3. Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of County Coistí, Provincial Council or An Coiste Náisiúnta and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than four weeks before the AGM.
 4. All nominations for positions on the National Committee which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
 5. Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 7 days before the AGM.
 6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council at least one hour before the AGM.
 7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
 8. All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
 9. (a) To be deemed in order a motion must be implementable and must be specific to Cumann na mBunscol.

(b) However motions may call on Cumann na mBunscol to negotiate with relevant bodies on a specific matter that is of interest to Cumann na mBunscol.
 10. The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than two minutes.
 11. The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than two minutes.



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12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed. No speaker shall speak for more than two minutes.
 13. Each delegate shall register and each speaker shall identify themselves, name and unit.
 14. The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
 15. Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes are proposed, a two thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.
 16. The usual method for the disposal of amendments and agenda shall be followed.
 17. In the event of the proposition "That the question be put", and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall on a show of hands either continue the debate or 'Put the question'.
 18. In the event of the proposition "That the AGM, move to next business" and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall put the proposition to a vote immediately. If defeated the debate shall be resumed.
 19. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot. A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
 20. The Cathaoirleach may at his/her discretion ask if there is no obvious objection to a motion that the motion be put in order, to save time.
 21. The Cathaoirleach may at his/her discretion and in consultation with order officers change the order of business in the interest of efficiency.
 22. The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.
 23. Only properly constituted delegates may speak at the AGM.
 24. Other speakers may only address the AGM when prior arrangements are made through the National Committee.
- * Grievances and Complaints in all matters**
1. Grievances and complaints in regard of matters within an area will be settled within that area.
 2. Each County will have a constitutionally elected Coiste Gearán to deal with appeals arising from decisions of the County Coiste.
 3. Complaints, Objections and Counter Objections:
Any complaints or objections must be lodged with the Runaí Chontae in writing within 3 days of the game. The Runaí informs the other party who also has 3 days to respond in writing.

The matter can then be dealt with by the Coiste Chontae. The decision will then be conveyed to both parties. Any party dissatisfied with the decision of the Coiste may appeal in writing to the Runaí Chontae Cumann na mBunscol within 3 days. This appeal will be heard by the Coiste Gearán.
 4. Coiste Gearán:
This is an appeals body.

A minimum of 5 are elected to this committee at the A.G.M. No member of the Officer Board of Coiste Chontae, Cumann na mBunscol or anybody who has heard the original objection may sit on An Coiste Gearán. No member of the Coiste Gearán may consider any appeal involving their own school. The Coiste Gearán may call all interested parties. A quorum of 3 is necessary to hear all appeals. The decision of the Coiste Gearán is final and binding.



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(a) Grievances, complaints and objections dealing with issues outside County Jurisdiction will be dealt with by the National Committee and that decision will be final.

5. Sanctions will be taken against any Coiste, National, Provincial or County or any member for the following reasons:

- bringing the organisation into disrepute, or
- failure to implement National Policy.

* Sanctions

1. Misuse of organisational funds. Automatic Disassociation.
2. Conduct unbecoming a member of 'Cumann na mBunscol'. Automatic Disassociation.
3. Failure of a County to furnish a statement of accounts. Withholding of grants and tickets.
4. Failure of a County to furnish a secretary's report. Withholding of grants and tickets.
5. Failure to hold an A.G.M. plus relevant mee and two additional meetings. Withholding of all monies and tickets due to that County / Provincial Coiste.
6. Failure of County / Provincial units to honour obligations to sponsorship agreements. Withholding of sponsorship monies.
7. Failure to comply with/implement the Constitution. Withholding of grants and other benefits.
8. Failure to comply with/implement National Policy. Withholding of grants and other benefits.





Insurance Certificate



Cumann na mBunscol
Corrin Na Coille
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N41 PX39

26th January 2026

For the attentions of: Gary Farrell

Insured Name: Members ftb, Cumann na mBunscol
Policy Number: DNRPL6707271

Dear Gary,

I confirm a Summary of your Cover is:

Allianz p.l.c. will indemnify Cumann na mBunscol in respect of all sums which they shall become legally liable to pay for damages arising out of accidental

- (a) Bodily Injury to any person
 - (b) Nuisance
 - (c) Loss of or damage to material property
- occurring during the Period of Insurance and arising out of and in the course of all Cumann na mBunscol activities.

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

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

All incidents or events likely to give rise to a claim under this Policy must be notified to Allianz p.l.c. immediately irrespective of the view as to the validity or otherwise of such claim or prospective claim

The current period of Insurance is 12/04/2025 to 11/04/2026.

Please contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Bobby Ryan

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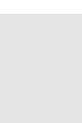
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Allocations of Mini 7's 2026



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

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