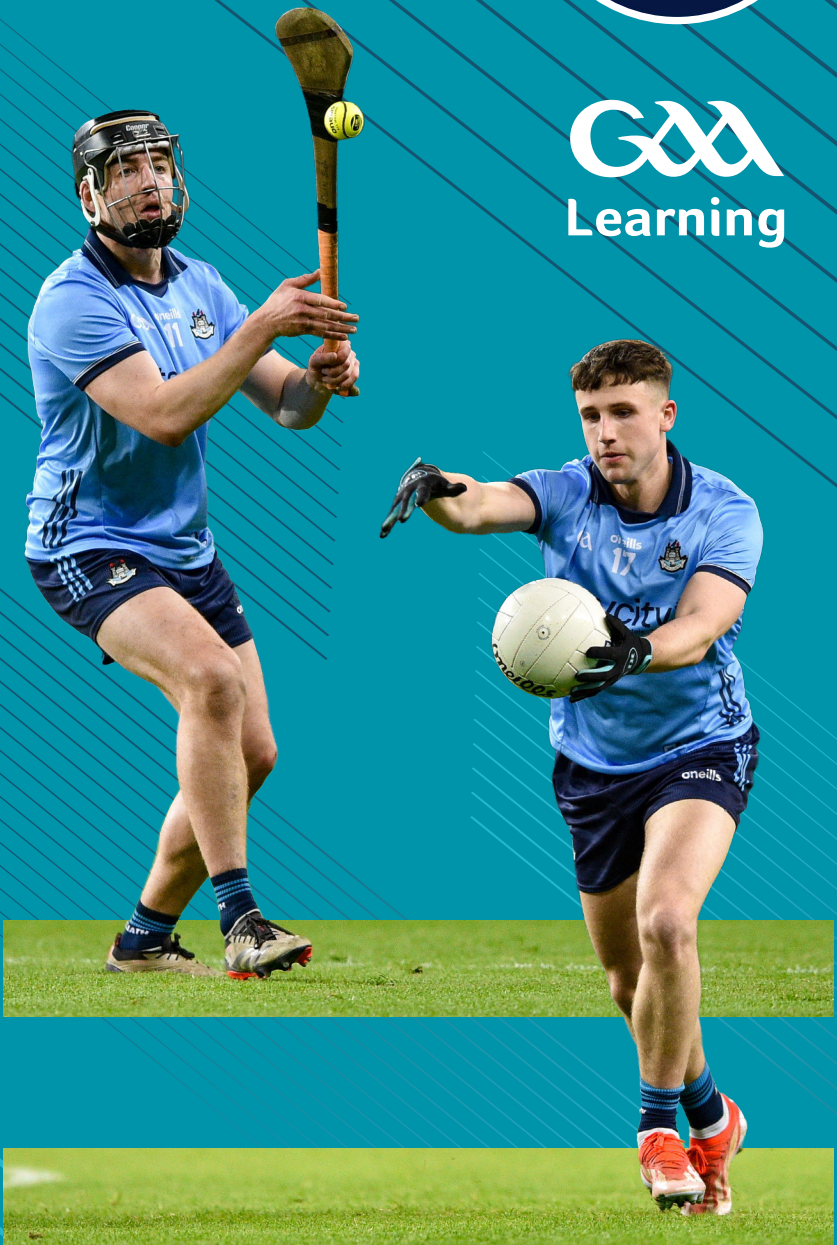




# COACHING AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT

## EDUCATION AND REFEREE PROGRAMME 2025-2026

COISTE ÁTHA CLIATH | FORBARHTA NA GCLUICHÍ



### Coach Education

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Coach Developers	Start	Finish
Introduction To Gaelic Coaching Games (ICGG)	Central Course - Inclusion - Prosper Fingal & Central Medial Clinic	4th, 11th, 18th & 25th November 2025	Parnell Park	Owen Mooney & Ger O'Connor		
Introduction To Gaelic Coaching Games (ICGG)	Central Course - Application - Contact Your Club GPO	3rd, 10th & 17th November 2025	Clanna Gael Fontenoy	CD POR Group		
Introduction To Gaelic Coaching Games (ICGG)	Central Course - Application - Contact Your Club GPO	12th, 19th & 26th January 2026	Parnell Park	CD POR Group		
Introduction To Gaelic Coaching Games (ICGG)	Central Course - Application - Contact Your Club GPO	9th, 16th & 23rd February 2026	Naomh Barrog	CD POR Group		
Introduction To Gaelic Coaching Games (ICGG)	Courses Facilitated by GPOs/Coach Developers	Throughout the Year - Contact Your Club GPO	N/A	GPOs/CD Group		
Award 1 Child - Dual Course	Application - Central Course	24th & 28th Nov & 1st, 5th & 12th December 2025	O'Dwyers	CD POR Group		
Award 1 Child - Dual Course	Application - Central Course	12th, 15th, 19th, 22nd January & 7th February 2026	St Judes	CD POR Group		
Award 1 Youth & Adult - Gaelic Football	Gaelic Football Course - Application - Central Course	10th, 14th, 17th, 24th & 28th Nov 2025	Ballymun Kickhams	Master CD Group		
Award 1 Youth & Adult - Hurling	Hurling Course - Application - Central Course	14th, 17th, 24th, 28th Nov & 1st Dec 2025	Faughs	Master CD Group		
Award 1 Youth & Adult - Gaelic Football	Gaelic Football Course - Application - Central Course	2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th & 20th March 2026	Lucan Sarsfields	Master CD Group		
Award 1 Youth & Adult - Hurling	Hurling Course - Application - Central Course	6th, 9th, 13th, 20th & 23rd March 2026	St Maurs	Master CD Group		
Award 2 Child - Dual Course	Football & Hurling Course - Invite Only - Contact Your Club GPO	14th & 22nd* Nov, 5th & 13th* Dec 2025 9th & 17th* Jan, 30th Jan & 31st January 2026	The Ward & Parnell Park	Master CD Group Master CD Group		
Award 2 Youth/Adult Hurling	Hurling/Camogie Only Course - Invite Only - Contact Your Club GPO	14th Feb, 28th Feb*, 14th March*, 28th March* 2026 11th April & 25th April 2026	DCU St Pats Campus	Master CD Group		
Volunteer Coach Developer Course	Football & Hurling Facilitator Course - Invite Only	Fri 17th & Sat 18th April, Fri 8th & Sat 9th May, Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd May and Fri 5th & Sat 6th June 2026	Parnell Park	Trainer of Coach Developer Group		

### Coaching Conferences / Symposium

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
Dublin GAA Coaching Symposium	Coaching Conference	Saturday 24th January 2026	Sport Ireland Campus	Various	10am	3pm
ICOACHKIDS Coaching Conference	Coaching Conference	Friday 20th & Saturday 21st March 2026	Hungary	Various	10am	4pm

### Referee Education

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	
Referee of Youth Games (Level 3) (U13-U16)	Refereeing U13-U16 - Candidates MUST be 18 Years Old on 1st Jan 2025	8th, 10th, 15th & 20th September 2025	St Judes	For ALL Registrations for Referee Courses please contact your Club Referee Co-Ordinator
Referee of Youth Games (Level 3) (U13-U16)		9th, 11th, 16th & 21st March 2026	Parnell Park	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)	Refereeing U8-U12 Go Games - Candidates MUST be 15 Years Old on 1st Jan 2025	29th September, 1st & 4th October 2025	Erin's Isle	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		29th September, 1st & 4th October 2025	St Annes	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		6th, 8th & 11th October 2025	Naomh Barróg	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		6th, 8th & 11th October 2025	Naomh Olaf	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		19th, 21st & 24th January 2026	O'Dwyers	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		19th, 21st & 24th January 2026	Ballyboden St Enda's	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		9th, 11th & 14th February 2026	St Vincents	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		9th, 11th & 14th February 2026	Castleknock	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		9th, 11th & 14th March 2026	St Fiinians Swords	
Level 1 (U8-U10)		11th, 13th & 16th May 2026	St Pats Palmerstown	
Level 1 (U8-U10)		11th, 13th & 16th May 2026	Naomh Fionnbarra	
Level 1 (U8-U10)		18th, 20th & 23rd May 2026	Ballyboden St Enda's	
Level 1 (U8-U10)		18th, 20th & 23rd May 2026	Na Fianna	

### Safeguarding Training

Event:	Description:	Information:
Code of Best Practice	Safeguarding 1 - Child Protection in Sport Awareness Course	Facilitated by National GAA Safeguarding @ Croke Park - Contact Your Club Child Protection Officer

### GPO Staff Development (Staff Only)

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
GPO In-service - All Staff	Yearly Business Meeting	Tuesday 9th September 2025	Parnell Park	DGAA Staff	1pm	3pm
GPO In-service - All Staff	Minute 9 Half Time	Monday 29th September 2025	Parnell Park	Eamon Devlin	10am	2pm
GPO In-service - Staff Coach Developers	Award 1 Child - Session 1	Tuesday 14th October 2025	Parnell Park	Ger O'Connor, Owen Mooney, Paudie O'Neill, Noel O'Sullivan, Brian Ladden, Aisling Kane, Anthony Holly, Laura Carolan & Johnny McGlynn	10am	4pm
GPO In-service - Staff Coach Developers	Award 1 Child - Session 2	Wednesday 15th October 2025	Parnell Park	Ger O'Connor, Owen Mooney, Paudie O'Neill, Noel O'Sullivan, Brian Ladden, Aisling Kane, Anthony Holly, Laura Carolan & Johnny McGlynn	10am	4pm
GPO In-service - Staff Coach Developers	Award 1 Child - Session 3	Thursday 16th October 2025	Parnell Park	Ger O'Connor, Owen Mooney, Paudie O'Neill, Noel O'Sullivan, Brian Ladden, Aisling Kane, Anthony Holly, Laura Carolan & Johnny McGlynn	10am	4pm
GPO In-service - All Staff	Ahead of the Game	Wednesday 26th November 2025	Parnell Park	Gaelic Players Association	10am	2pm
GPO In-service - All Staff	Coaching Athletes with Additional Needs	Thursday 4th December 2025	Parnell Park	Jasper Balcaen	10am	2pm
GPO Inservice - Various Staff	GAA Communication Board	TBC	Parnell Park	Finding Charlies Voice	10am	2pm
GPO In-service - All Staff	Teaching & Coaching the Primary PE Curriculum	Wednesday 18th February 2026	Parnell Park	Dr Richard Bowles	10am	2pm
GPO Inservice - Various Staff	Coaching Athletes with Additional Needs	Thursday 20th August 2025	Parnell Park	Dublin GAA Staff & Coach Developers	10am	2pm
GPO Inservice - Limited Staff	Accredited S&C Trainer - Application Only	September 2025, May & June 2026	Parnell Park	Dr Bryan Cullen	10am	3pm
GPO Inservice - Limited Staff	Accredited S&C Trainer - Application Only	September 2025, May & June 2026	Parnell Park	Dr Bryan Cullen	10am	3pm
GPO In-service - Nominated Staff	Award 2 Child Coaching Course	Nov, Dec 2025 & Jan 2026	Parnell Park & The Ward	Master Coach Developer Group	N/A	N/A
GPO - Various Staff - 20 Applicants	Facilitation & Club Development Course	7th January, 22nd January & 6th February 2025	Parnell Park	Ger O'Connor, Brian Ladden & Owen Mooney	9am	4pm

### Strength & Conditioning

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
S&C Club Coach Course	Accredited S&C Trainer - Application Only - Contact Your Club GPO	18th & 19th April 2026	Parnell Park	Dr Bryan Cullen	N/A	N/A

### Safeguarding Training

Event:	Description:	Information:
Code of Best Practice	Safeguarding 1 - Child Protection in Sport Awareness Course	Facilitated by National GAA Safeguarding @ Croke Park - Contact Your Club Child Protection Officer

### Inclusion Workshops (for Football & Hurling)

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
All Stars Programme Networking Event	Breaking Barriers: Lived Experiences of Disability in Sport	Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Parnell Park	Jasper Balcaen	7pm	9pm
All Stars Programme Coaching Event	Coaching Athletes with Additional Needs	Thursday 20th August 2026	Parnell Park	Dublin GAA Staff & Coach Developers	10am	2pm

### Football Workshops

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
Practical Football Workshop - Youth/Adult	Incorporating Skill Development into your Games	Friday 9th January 2026	Sport Ireland Campus	Luke Barrett	7pm	9pm
Practical Football Workshop - Youth/Adult	Using Performance Analysis to Inform the Coaching Process	Friday 23rd January 2026	Sport Ireland Campus	Evan Talty	8pm	10pm

### Hurling Workshops

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
Practical Hurling Workshop - Youth/Adult	From Play to Performance: Using Games & Analysis to Drive Skill Acquisition in Hurling	Friday 6th February 2026	Sport Ireland Campus	Dr Damian Young	8pm	10pm
Practical Hurling Workshop - Youth/Adult	Developing Game Intelligence Using Small Sided Games and a Constraints Led Approach	Friday 20th February 2026	Sport Ireland Campus	Game Sense Coaching	8pm	10pm
Practical Hurling Workshop - Youth/Adult	Developing the Basic Skills of Hurling Through Game Scenarios	Friday 27th March 2026	Sport Ireland Campus	Colm Crowley	8pm	10pm

#### Coaching & Games Department

(01) 8058205

coaching@dublingaa.ie / inclusion@dublingaa.ie

#### Director of Coaching & Club Development

Gerard O'Connor - ger@dublingaa.ie

#### Learning & Games Dev. Coordinator

Owen Mooney - owen@dublingaa.ie

#### Regional Development Officers

Donal Doyle - donal@dublingaa.ie

Eimear Dignam - eimear@dublingaa.ie

#### Hurling Development Officer

Colm Burtchaeil - colmb@dublingaa.ie

#### Football Development Officer

Stephen O'Shaughnessy - stephen@dublingaa.ie

#### Coiste na nÓg

Damian Murphy - secretarybng.dublin@gaa.ie

#### Camogie

Sabrina Larkin - sabrina.larkin@camogie.ie

#### Ladies Football

Stephen Maxwell - gdo.leinster@lgfa.ie

Please confirm in advance the dates, times and venues with the coaching and games department, as they may be subject to change

Keep up to date by visiting [www.dublingaa.ie/games-development](http://www.dublingaa.ie/games-development) and following us across our Social Media Channels

@DublinGAACoach

@DublinGAACoach

@DublinGAACoach

@DublinGAACoach

@DubGAACoach

[www.dublingaa.ie/games-development](http://www.dublingaa.ie/games-development)