

COACHING AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION AND REFEREE PROGRAMME 2026-2027

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COACH EDUCATION

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Coach Developers
Introduction To Gaelic Coaching Games (ICGG)	Courses Facilitated by GPOs/ Coach Developers	Throughout the Year - Contact Your Club GPO	Various	GPOs/CD Group
Award 1 Child - Dual Course	Application - Central Course	2nd, 5th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 19th & 26th November 2026	Good Counsel Liffey Gaels	CD POR Group
Award 1 Child - Dual Course	Application - Central Course	5th, 7th, 12th, 15th, 20th & 23rd January 2027	Whitehall Colmcille	CD POR Group
Award 1 Youth & Adult - Gaelic Football	Gaelic Football Course - Application - Central Course	9th, 13th, 16th, 20th, 23rd November 2026	Thomas Davis	Master CD Group
Award 1 Youth & Adult - Hurling	Hurling Course - Application - Central Course	13th, 16th, 20th, 23rd & 30th November 2026	Erin's Isle	Master CD Group
Award 1 Youth & Adult - Gaelic Football	Gaelic Football Course - Application - Central Course	11th, 15th, 18th, 22nd & 25th January 2027	St Peters	Master CD Group
Award 1 Youth & Adult - Hurling	Hurling Course - Application - Central Course	15th, 18th, 22nd, 25th January & 8th February 2027	Commercials	Master CD Group
Award 2 Child - Dual Course	Dual Football & Hurling Course - Invite Only - Contact Your Club GPO	Fri 23rd Oct, Sat 7th*, Fri 13th, Sat 21st* Nov 2026 Fri 8th, Sat 16th* Jan, Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd January 2027	The Ward & Parnell Park	Master CD Group Master CD Group
Award 2 Youth/Adult Football	Football Only Course - Invite Only - Contact Your Club GPO	13th & 27th Feb*, 13th March*, 3rd* 10th & 24th April 2027	DCU St Pats Campus	Master CD Group
Volunteer Coach Developer Course	Football & Hurling Facilitator Course - Invite Only	On Course - Fri 16th & Sat 31st Oct, Fri 6th, Sat 14th, Fri 20th & Sat 28th Nov & Fri 4th Dec 2026 Off Course - 2027 Dates TBC During On Course Dates	Parnell Park & Sport Ireland Campus	Trainer of Coach Developer Group

INCLUSION WORKSHOPS (FOR FOOTBALL & HURLING)

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
Inclusion Practical Workshop	Inclusion & Participation in Sport	Wednesday 2nd December 2026	Parnell Park	Damien Sheridan	7.30pm	9.30pm

FOOTBALL WORKSHOPS

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
Practical Football Workshop - Youth/Adult	Modern Performance Activities for Gaelic Football	Friday 19th March 2027	DCU Sports Grounds	Colm Nally	8pm	10pm
Practical Football Workshop - Youth/Adult	Transitioning with Pace & Purpose	Friday 16th April 2027	DCU Sports Grounds	Ciaran Murtagh	8pm	10pm

HURLING WORKSHOPS

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
Practical Hurling Workshop - Youth/Adult	Game Models, Style of Play & Session Planning	Friday 9th April 2027	DCU Sports Grounds	Shane Hassett	8pm	10pm
Practical Hurling Workshop - Youth/Adult	Attacking With Purpose	Friday 23rd April 2027	DCU Sports Grounds	Seamus Flanagan	8pm	10pm

GOALKEEPER WORKSHOPS

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
Goalkeeper Workshop 1 - Hurling	The Art of Goalkeeping	Friday 26th February 2027	DCU Sports Grounds	PJ Ryan	8pm	10pm
Goalkeeper Workshop 2 - Gaelic Football	Coaching the Modern Goalkeeper	Friday 12th March 2027	DCU Sports Grounds	Dr Donal Hughes	8pm	10pm

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
S&C Club Coach Course	Accredited S&C Trainer - Application Only - Contact Your Club GPO	November / December 2026	Parnell Park	Dr Bryan Cullen	N/A	N/A
S&C Club Coach Workshop	Game Speed in Gaelic Games	Friday 8th January 2027	Whitehall Colmcille	Prof. Ian Jeffreys	7.30pm	9.30pm

COACHING CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIUM

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
Dublin GAA Coaching Conferece	Better Coaches, Better Environments, Better Players	Saturday 6th February 2027	Sport Ireland Campus	Various	10am	3pm

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 2026	14th/16th/21st & 26th September 2026	St Judes	For ALL Registrations for Referee Courses please contact your Club Referee Co-Ordinator
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)	Refereeing U8-U12 Go Games - Candidates MUST be 15 Years Old on 1st Jan 2026	5th/7th & 10th October	St Maurs	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		5th/7th & 10th October	Naomh Olaf	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		19th/21st & 31st October	Crumlin	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		19th/21st & 31st October	Na Fianna	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		18th/20th & 23rd January	St Annes	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		18th/20th & 23rd January	Clontarf	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		8th/10th/13th February	Ballyboden St Endas	
Combined Level 1&2 Course (U8-12)		8th/10th/13th February	St Vincents	
Level 1 (U8-U10)		8th/10th 13th March	Castleknock	
Level 1 (U8-U10)		8th/10th 13th March	St Finians Swords	
Level 1 (U8-U10)		13th/15th & 18th April	Naomh Fionnbarra	
Level 1 (U8-U10)		13th/15th & 18th April	Raheny	
Level 1 (U8-U10)		11th/13th & 16th May	Faughs	
Level 1 (U8-U10)		11th/13th & 16th May	Clanna Gael Fontenoy	

GPO STAFF DEVELOPMENT (STAFF ONLY)

Event:	Description:	Date:	Venue:	Facilitators	Start	Finish
GPO In-service - All Staff	Yearly Business Meeting	Tuesday 8th September 2026	Parnell Park	DGAA Staff	1pm	3pm
GPO In-service - All Staff	Physical Literacy & Curricular Development	Thursday 17th September 2026	Parnell Park	Ryan Daly	10am	2pm
GPO In-service - All Staff	Action Learning for Award 1 Child	Wed 7th, Thurs 8th & Fri 9th October 2026	Parnell Park	Ger O'Connor, Dr Brian Ladden & Paudie O'Neill	10am	2pm
GPO First Aid - Various Staff	First Aid Course	November / December 2026 & January 2027	Parnell Park	PHECC Trainer	9am	3pm
GPO In-service - Nominated Staff	Award 2 Child Coaching Course	Oct, Nov, Dec 2026 & January 2027	Parnell Park & The Ward	Master Coach Developer Group	9am	4pm
GPO - Various Staff - 20 Applicants	Facilitation & Influencing Skills	Wednesday 27th January 2027	Parnell Park	Ger O'Connor & Brian Ladden	10am	2pm
GPO In-service - All Staff	Special Educational Needs & FUNDamentals	Tuesday 9th February 2027	Sport Ireland Campus	Dr Claire Griffin	10am	2pm
GPO In-service - All Staff	Summer Camps	Tuesday 25th May 2027	Parnell Park	DGAA Staff	10am	2pm
GPO Inservice - Limited Staff	Accredited S&C Trainer - Application Only	Spring 2027	Parnell Park	Dr Bryan Cullen	10am	2pm

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



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