

## Club Coaching Programme Guidance

In five years, our Club we will be able to say:-

*“Our underage section is one of the best. We have achieved excellence in coaching standards and in providing games for our young players in a safe and enjoyable environment. Our Club’s adult teams perform to their full potential because we have the best possible coaching and games development structures in place.”*

### Key Projects:

- **Club Coaching Officer**

We will appoint a Club Coaching Officer, who will have responsibility for managing the affairs and overseeing all coaching and games development related activities and policies.

This will include identifying new coaches in the community, encouraging parents to become involved in coaching and ensuring that all our Clubs coaches have GAA Handball Coach Education qualifications.

- **Underage Games Programme**

We will put in place a programme of games for all players involving Go-Games Blitzes within the Club and with other Clubs. This will ensure that all players get meaningful activity in an environment that promotes skill development.

- **Coach Education**

We will put in place a programme that makes sure that every player is coached by a person qualified to the appropriate level. All Club coaches will receive GAA Handball coach education qualifications. Each coach will have a minimum of a Foundation Award coaching certificate. We will aim to have all coaches at Level 1 Award over time. We will also identify new referees, who will receive referee education and assistance from the County Board.

- **GAA Code of Best Practice and Code of Behaviour**

We will put in place the GAA Code of Best Practice and Code of Behaviour. Everyone in the Club will show due respect to each other, to Club Officers, to team mentors and to the match officials. We will ensure that all our volunteers working with children are Garda vetted and that our children participate in a safe environment.

- **Club/School Link**

We will develop close links with our local primary and second level schools. We will provide support and advice to the schools in promoting our games.



## Club Coaching Programme Template

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Action	Note	Timescale	Responsibility
<b>Club-School link in place. Club-School liaison officer appointed</b>	To cement the relationship between the local school (s) and the Club and ensure that the children are receiving GAA Handball coaching.		
<b>Nursery programme in place for U8's</b>	To encourage our young players to become involved in Gaelic Games in a fun and safe environment		
<b>Go-Games model in place for all U12 players, with each player participating regular blitzes each year</b>	To ensure that all U12 players get appropriate games in a fun environment that promotes skill development		
<b>Fundamental Handball Coaching Manual available for all Juvenile coaches</b>	To aid our Club coaches in skill development of our players		
<b>To encourage more parents to become coaches</b>	To increase the number of coaches available to our Clubs		
<b>All Club coaches receive GAA Coach Education and have access to coaching resources</b> <i>(www.gaahandball.ie)</i>	To ensure that our coaches are trained to the best possible standards		
<b>Cúl Camp held and promoted each year supported by our own Club</b>	To give all children in the locality the opportunity to be coached in Gaelic Games		

<b>coaches</b>			
<b>GAA Code of Best Practice and Code of Behaviour in place</b>	To promote an environment of respect in the Club and to ensure that all children participate in a safe environment		
<b>All coaches working with underage players attend Child Protection Workshop</b>	To ensure that all children participate in a safe environment		
<b>All coaches working with underage players have received Garda Vetting</b>	To ensure that all children participate in a safe environment		
<b>Programme of games in place for adult &amp; recreational players</b>	To ensure that along with league and Championship games, all players get a meaningful programme of games.		
<b>New referees identified and trained</b>	The Club has sufficient referees at underage and adult level		