



From 7th May 2021 competitive games under the control of County Committees can re-commence for youth and adult teams.

The following regulations apply in relation to the playing of games and training sessions in the 'Six Counties':

- The maximum number of personnel involved at games/training **must not exceed 100 persons** under any circumstances. This includes players, team managers, officials, support personnel, medical etc. and media personnel, if appropriate. (I would suggest 40 persons per club who are named and presented by way of a list to the Home teams Covid Officer) This allows the remaining 20 to be Match officials, First Aid attendees ,Stewards and press
- The attendance of **spectators is strictly forbidden** including parents/designated persons at youth games/training. If a parent/designated person wishes to remain on-site for the duration of the game/activity, they may do so in close proximity to the event (e.g. in their cars) and must also have completed the GAA online health questionnaire prior to leaving home. It is important again to emphasise that the attendance of spectators is strictly forbidden.
- These arrangements apply to both GAA controlled venues and non-GAA controlled venues, such as local authority pitches.

It is both a great privilege and a great responsibility that our GAA units have been permitted to resume training and competition at this time and **visible compliance from all of us is required.**

It is essential that both Executive and GAA protocols are observed at all times. In particular clubs should ensure that they;

1. Refresh risk assessments/action plans
2. Promote HANDS-FACE-SPACE messaging via signs.
3. Keep records for contact tracing.
4. **Enforce rules on no spectators** (including parents/designated persons dropping children off) should be present during training or games. As referred to earlier parents/designated persons may remain in close proximity should they wish to do so.
5. Keeping all indoor facilities (except toilet/medical) closed at all times.

6. Ensure that each person attending training has completed the GAA online health questionnaire prior to attending – this must be done for every session. This includes a person/designated person accompanying a child and who intends to remain in close proximity to the event.

7. As per previous guidance, 2020 GAA Injury Benefit Fund cover has been extended to May 31 2021 and cover falls in line with the training and games activity permitted. No loss of wages cover is in place since January 1 2021.

8. All playing members must be registered on the GAA membership system Foireann in advance of returning to play/train.

For more detailed guidance on the GAA's Covid-19 roles and responsibilities see <https://learning.gaa.ie/covid19> roles

In addition to the above please note the following for units in 'Six Counties;'

- Dressing Rooms remain closed;
- All ancillary indoor facilities remain closed except toilet use;
- Walking tracks (outside) remain open;
- Outdoor Handball facilities only are permitted to open. Indoor handball facilities remain closed;
- Gyms remain closed except where existing commercial contracts are in place. In such instances the Executive guidance must be strictly adhered to.;
- Astro turf facilities hired outside of the GAA use can take place in accordance with Executive guidelines.
- All Club fundraisers on GAA property should not proceed until restrictions on mass gatherings for other events are amended;
- Social Clubs/Bars serving both alcohol and food are permitted to open (serving outdoors only) from 30th April 2021, in line with Executive protocols.

I wish you well as you return to our playing fields.