

Wexford Coaching & Games Development 2018



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Upcoming Events May 2018

5/5/18	County Coaching Workshop - Hurling	To book email : coaching.wexford@gaa.ie
5/5/18	Regional Club Youth Coaching Academy	To book email : coaching.wexford@gaa.ie
12/5/18	Award 1 Coaching Course	To book email : coaching.wexford@gaa.ie
19/5/18	Award 2 Coaching Course	To book email : coaching.wexford@gaa.ie
7/5/18	TURAS Workshop Regional Venues	To book email : coaching.wexford@gaa.ie
14.5.18	TURAS Workshop Regional Venues	To book email : coaching.wexford@gaa.ie
14/5/18	TURAS Workshop Regional Venues	To book email : coaching.wexford@gaa.ie
21/5/18	TURAS Workshop Regional Venues	To book email : coaching.wexford@gaa.ie
24/5/18	Matty Forde Tournament	For information : coaching.wexford@gaa.ie
Ongoing	U9 Regional Blitzes	Diarmuid Byrne : 0879348089
Ongoing	U11 Skill Leagues	To enquire email : coaching.wexford@gaa.ie

The above take place in different venues and are subject to change.

CLUB REGIONAL COACHING ACADEMIES: EOIN MORRISSEY

This program is about assisting players who have not made the academy panels with access to high level coaching and further games opportunities through the GAA Super Games Centre concept. Clubs are encourage to avail of this support in providing players with cross – developmental coaching experience as well as gaining new ideas to implement at their own local training sessions.

- Target: Players & coaches not involved in the model academies.
- Age Group : (Players born in (2002, 2003, 2004)
- Structure: Four sessions for football & four sessions for hurling accumulating in a finals day in a district venue.
- Selection Criteria: Each region will select a panel for the finals day. We will be aiming to have the maximum amount of teams per region.
- Rational: While academy squads are catering for a maximum of 48 players per age group a number of players do not make final panels. This program will regionalise panels in enabling clubs to have a representative taking part.

For more information click here: [**Regional Club Youth Coaching Academy**](#)

TÚRAS PATHWAY: WEXFORD GAA LEADING THE WAY. : ANTHONY MASTERSON

Recently we began rolling out the Leinster GAA Player Pathway, which is called Turas (The Irish word for journey). Below are the details of workshops that have already taken place as well as an outline for upcoming workshops:

- A nursery workshop was held by myself and Willie Cleary in the Craanford Indoor Arena on 26th February. Over 20 coaches were in attendance and we showed them what the pathway believes is the best practice to introduce kids to Gaelic Games.
- The first football player pathway workshop was a huge success with over 30 coaches from north Wexford in attendance for the 7-9 yr old age groups and the feedback was extremely positive
- Next Monday 30th April will see our 2nd football workshop rolled out in buffers alley indoor arena @7pm for the 14-15 yr old age groups
- We will be rolling out all the age groups of the turas pathway throughout the summer

A number of other workshops are being held throughout the county. Details can be found here: **Coach Education and Club Development**

HURLING 365: WILLIE CLEARY

Hurling 365 has seen massive growth in 2017/2018 with many new schools working closely with their local GAA club to build strong club school links. **Oilgate-Glenbrien, Monageer-Boolavogue, Clongeen, Gaeilscoil Charman, Danescastle, Davidstown-Courtnacuddy** are just some of the new clubs and schools who have started Hurling 365 in the past few weeks. Hurling 365 promotes the coming together of the local club and school to provide weekly training for the children in their parish. It is aimed to develop skill levels, increase participation and foster a sense of love for our national games within the children. Hurling 365 must be done outside of school hours. As it currently stands in April 2018 we have **31 clubs** engaging in this programme with their local schools. Clubs who have engaged in this initiative for the past 18 months consistently will receive the **Hurling 365 Flag** before the end of the school year. A member of the Wexford senior hurling panel will deliver this to the school. There are also skill booklets available free of charge for all pupils who attend Hurling 365. If any club has any queries or wants any further information on Hurling 365 please contact Willie Cleary on 0876072101 or any member of the Coaching & Games Development team in Wexford GAA.

RECRUITMENT – PRIMARY SCHOOL COACHES CE SCHEME

Wexford Coaching & Games Development promotes Gaelic Games in clubs, schools and academies throughout Wexford. A full-time staff of five GDA's working under the County Games Manager cater for the needs of child, youth and adult players in both football and hurling. In catering for players needs in a balanced way, a two-pronged approach is in place. (1) Maximise participation by ensuring that all young children in Wexford are exposed to games and coaching in a fun, positive environment and that the maximum number of such players are subsequently retained for a lifelong involvement in Gaelic Games. (2) Optimise playing standards to ensure that all players are provided with opportunities to fulfil their potential through regular, meaningful games and top class coaching. At various times during the season, Wexford GAA may wish to recruit part time CE coaches for a wide range of coaching projects working alongside GDA's & GDM. These programmes would range from Primary Schools coaching & various camps throughout the county.

To express interest click here: **Employment**

WEXFORD MODEL ACADEMY SQUADS: SHANE O HANLON

Our u14, u15 & u16 Academy squads have completed their trial phases and are now looking ahead to playing the up and coming monthly Provincial fixtures in both Hurling (may 12th) and Football (may 19th). Again this year there was a great response in terms of clubs sending players for trials even with the adverse weather for the last few months. Also clubs have been extremely accommodating making pitches and facilities available.

Over the schools Easter holidays, 26th of March to 6th of April, Wexford C & G ran camp weeks for Academy squads. Each squad was brought in for a day to experience Injury prevention, fitness testing, Guest speakers – including senior County players and Nutritionist, Video analysis, team bonding activities along with focused hurling/football skills & tactical sessions. Each squad also played a challenge match on another day during the Camp week. These weeks have proven to be very beneficial and popular with both players and mentors over the past number of years.

- For more information click here: [Model Academies](#)

CÚL CAMPS TO REACH OVER 6,000 CHILDREN IN 2018: DIARMUID BYRNE

Wexford GAA has had a great start to the year in the area of Go Games and Camps. The year started with the now annual “shed blitz” that takes advantage of the fantastic facilities around the county. **We have had over 600 children playing Go Games for their clubs over five weeks of games.** The feedback from clubs has been fantastic with points being made on getting games so early in the year as well as the novelty of playing indoors being very enjoyable for the children involved.

We have published a full calendar of events to clubs for the year with events for every age from U7 to U11 taking place throughout the year with a total of forty four individual events organised for clubs in the Go Games age groups. We have also launched a new **#PositiveSidelines** campaign for 2018 which encourages clubs, coaches and parents to give a positive comment to their children and set a positive environment for them to develop. We have also had another successful year when it comes to Easter camps. In 2018 there was 11 camps with over 800 children taking part around the county. This has given Wexford GAA a great start in promoting our Kellogg’s Cúl Camps starting on July 2nd and running throughout the summer. **We have 50 camps** being hosted in Wexford with 6,000 plus children expected to in attendance.

- Details of our U11 Games Program click here: [Wexford GAA GO Games](#)
- To view the schedule for the summer click here: [Wexford GAA Cúl Camps Schedule 2018](#)



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#PositiveSidelines

Please Help Us Promote #PositiveSidelines In Your Club!

Make Someone's Day, Have Something Positive To Say!

- ✓ Praise Effort Not Talent
- ✓ If You Can't Be Kind, Be Quiet
- ✓ Open Your Mind Before You Open Your Mouth
- ✓ Children Are Great Imitators, Give Them Something Positive To Imitate
- ✓ It Costs Nothing To Be:
 - Positive
 - Respectful
 - Encouraging
 - Kind
- ✓ This Is A Development Stage For Both Players & Referees

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WEXFORD GAA CLUB NURSERY: RAY HARRIS

The GAA club nursery is a structure clubs can put into place to give kids an active GAA start before they are up to the age of formal coaching and development (U7 <). GAA Club nurseries provide kids with an active start where they learn the FUNdamentals of movements in a safe environment, which encourages development at their own rate and at an age appropriate level. Introduce kids to a positive association with the club, to make new friends and develop their social skills.

Wexford GAA Coaching & Games Development team have visited numerous clubs throughout Wexford to give advice and practical examples of best practice for GAA Club nurseries & will continue to visit clubs throughout the year. Clubs such as Castletown/Liam mellows, Naomh Eanna, Buffers Alley & Oulart The Ballagh have club nurseries in place with the help of Wexford GAA Coaching & Games Development team.

Further work ensuring GAA club nurseries are established in urban areas has been undertaken by Wexford GAA Games Promotion Officers. There has been a steady increase in numbers attending club nurseries in towns throughout Wexford & a conscious effort is underway to not only increase the number of kids participating in GAA club nurseries, but also to up skill volunteer coaches using the Leinster GAA Player Pathway Workshops. These workshops have been very well attended by clubs throughout the county.

Ray Harris GPO has helped coordinate & introduce best practice to nurseries in Faythe Harriers & Rapparees/Starlights GAA Clubs with almost 50 participants in both clubs & over 10 volunteer coaches attending each session. Ray coordinated club nursery workshop in both clubs which were well represented with close to 30 participants at both workshops.

Frank Devereux GPO has introduced & coordinated GAA nurseries to Craanford & Ballynastragh Gaels with up to 30 participants in both clubs & the number is steadily growing. Frank has also up skilled club coaches through the Leinster GAA Player Pathway Workshop.

Aoife Murphy GPO has introduced & coordinated club nurseries in Clonard GAA in Wexford Town with up to 15 kids attending. Aoife also pioneered a fundamental movement programmes in Scoil Mhuire & Kennedy Park NS in Wexford town with over 100 kids participating each week. Aoife is currently starting a GAA club nursery in Geraldine O Hanrahan's GAA club in New Ross which is due to commence on May 10th. Frank & Aoife also presented on GAA nurseries & best practice to Wexford GAA Coiste na Nog meeting which was very well received.

A NEW VENTURE FOR RACKARD LEAGUE SQUADS: ANGELA MCGORMACK (VICE CHAIRPERSON COISTE NA OG)

2018 saw the introduction of a new venture, "Regional Hurling Squads" by Rackard League Committee. Primary schools were invited to nominate 2/3 sixth class players to partake in squads. The squads, which were divided into 6 regions, received training on Mondays after school over the winter months. Training took place in various indoor venues throughout the county. The squads are now taking part in blitzes each Monday over the next few weeks with 3 regions playing in each venue. Prior to the blitz in Blackwater today, Angela Mc Cormack, Vice Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg, presented a cheque for 2,000 euro to Kevin Waters, Rackard League Chairperson, to assist in the financing of this very worthwhile venture. The committee hope to extend this initiative next year to include football."

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