PROGRESS REPORT ON
GAELIC GAMES INTEGRATION

One Association for Gaelic Games

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The proposed governance structure is currently being refined following extensive feedback received through stakeholder roadshows and written submissions. Subject to approval by the management committees, or equivalent bodies, of all three Associations, it will be presented to County Chairpersons and Secretaries from all three codes through a series of regional engagement sessions, before progressing to the respective Congresses of the three Associations for consideration and decision.

ORIGINAL CORE WORKGROUPS

FACILITIES
- Audit of current facilities infrastructure completed.
- Access policy to be confirmed for facility use at all units.

FINANCE
- Detailed financial modelling has been completed, with discussions ongoing to develop a sustainable funding and resource allocation framework for the integrated association.

FIXTURES
- A review of existing fixture planning processes and calendar structures has been undertaken, with consideration being given to improved coordination and scheduling across all codes. Initial proposals have been considered regarding the potential role, responsibilities and governance arrangements of a Central Fixtures Oversight Committee to support coordinated fixture planning.

ORGANISATIONAL DESIGN
- Work is progressing on the development of a proposed organisational structure that will support effective governance, operations and service delivery within an integrated association.

MEMBERSHIP
- This group examined the requirements for a unified membership model and have explored options for delivering a seamless membership system. Progress has been made in assessing current membership systems and costs, with a focus on developing a streamlined 'One Membership' process for an integrated association, including a single Player Injury Fund.

PLAYER WELFARE
- Player welfare was defined with a focus on what areas of player welfare will be impacted by integration.

WORKGROUPS

Significant progress continues to be made across all integration workstreams as we work collaboratively towards the delivery of One Association for Gaelic games. Through the commitment of volunteers, members, administrators and staff across all three associations, these workstreams are shaping the structures, systems and supports required for successful integration.

FURTHER ESTABLISHED SPECIALIST WORKGROUPS

BRANDING AND IDENTITY
- The brand identity and name considerations for the integrated association were one of the core focuses for this group. Recognising the heritage of all three associations while developing an identity that reflects a unified future for Gaelic games, it was proposed that the new association would be called the GAA.

PLAYER CHARTER
- Established to conduct a cost analysis of a cross-code charter and recommendations developed for a baseline player charter that promotes consistency, equity and best practice across Intercounty Gaelic games.

COMMUNICATIONS
- Current areas of cooperation were identified and it was agreed that a successful integration of the communications function can play a positive role in the wider project and can help promote and underline the benefits of the three organisations coming together.

GAMES DEVELOPMENT
- Existing participation programmes, pathways and development initiatives have been reviewed and mapped across associations.

ONE CLUB MODEL
- Report produced following consultation and analysis to identify practical approaches to strengthening and supporting the One Club Model throughout the Gaelic games family.

RULES ADVISORY
- Tasked with providing a pathway to an integrated official guide, the group await the final governance structure before a finalised An Treoir Oifigiúil can be provided for. Code specific playing rules will continue to remain separate.

TICKETING
- Collaboration already occurs, with strong alignment between the associations especially around major events, with the goal to streamline operations into a single ticketing function. Disparities exist in current practices, but small changes could garner full integration in how we collectively manage tickets moving forward.

SPONSORSHIP
- This group proposed a pathway for the commercial functions of the three associations to operate as a collective in line with the overall integration project and to maximise the potential of the newly integrated Gaelic games family.

MATCH OFFICIALS
- The need for an integrated referee pathway, similar to those available for players and coaches was identified as a key opportunity. This pathway has now been developed and is ready to launch.

COUNTY AND PROVINCIAL INTEGRATION COMMITTEES
All counties and provinces have been requested to establish integration committees with agreed chairperson. Working together for a stronger, more inclusive and sustainable future for Gaelic games.

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