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**Nollaig 2010**

Welcome to the December edition of the GAA Club Nuachtlitir.

As another busy year draws to a close we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

The festive season is one of the fewer quieter times in our busy calendar, a time for reflection and a time to enjoy the company of family and friends.

A special word of thanks to our players, members, officials, supporters and sponsors for all you do to help promote our games and culture during the year and best wishes for 2011.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise.

Is Mise le meas,

*Lisa Clancy,
Director of Communications
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael*

GAA Season Ticket

The GAA Season Ticket 2011 is now on-sale at www.gaa.ie/tickets.

The base price for adults is just €75 and only €10 for '16s or under'. The base prices cover all Allianz League matches and the opening GAA Championship match for the county and code selected.

For All-Ireland Finals, supporters from the competing counties with 60%+ attendance at all League & Championship matches will be entitled to purchase an All-Ireland Final ticket. More details are available at www.gaa.ie/tickets.

On sale for the third consecutive year, the GAA Season Ticket goes from strength to strength. Sales this year have been particularly strong in Tipperary, Kilkenny and Cork for hurling and in Tyrone, Dublin, Kerry and Cork again in football.

Numbers are limited so purchase now to avoid disappointment at www.gaa.ie/tickets.

Defibrillator Notice

The recent severe weather conditions have again highlighted the importance of correct storage of Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) medical devices.

In particular, the Irish Medicines Board (IMB) would like to remind users to follow the manufacturer's recommendations in the instructions for use (IFU) regarding appropriate storage locations.

The IMB has received several reports advising of incidents where the storage and/or use of an AED at low temperatures is suspected to have adversely affected the performance of the device. The effects of exposure to extreme temperatures can

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include unexpected battery depletion, adverse effects on the gel of the defibrillator pads and consequently a failure to function as intended.

Good management of these AED devices by Clubs is essential. Clubs who may own these products should examine the Instructions for Use provided with the device to confirm that:

- The device is stored in the correct environmental conditions. The device and the device batteries are functioning as intended and have passed all recent “self tests” and are able to function as intended.
- The individuals nominated to use the device have received appropriate training.

If you discover that the device has not been stored at the optimum conditions or that the device is displaying an alarm indicating a fault or inability to function, contact the manufacturer of the device and arrange for it to be checked to ensure it continues to operate as intended.

For further information visit the GAA website at <http://www.gaa.ie/medical-and-player-welfare/cardiac-screening/defibrillator-scheme/>.

Introduction of new Games Programme for U12 and Younger Age Groups

From January 1st the motion on Games for U12 and Younger Age Groups passed at the 2010 Annual Congress comes into rule. Essentially the motion ensures a child-centred approach to the organisation of games for U12s.

The motion has two elements. The first element applies up to and including U11 and requires all Games to be organised on the GAA ‘Go Games’ Model. To support participation for all and the development of the players, teams must be a maximum of 11-a-side and all players must get to play in the full game.

The second element provides for a competitive mini-league to be organized at U12 level alongside GAA Go Games. The mini-league structure should ensure that each team gets a sufficient number of games throughout the competition. Again to support the development of players teams must be a maximum of 11-a-side and to promote participation all members of the team panel must participate in each game.

For support in implementing this rule visit <http://www.gaa.ie/youth-zone/gaa-go-games/> or contact your County Games Manager <http://www.gaa.ie/coaching-and-games-development/contacts-and-links/> or the Games Development Department at Croke Park on <mailto:gamesdevelopment@gaa.ie> or 01-8658696.