



## Club Update on Return to Playing

Eire Og Greystones CLG first and foremost sincerely hopes that this finds you healthy and safe following the events of the last four months. We are also delighted to confirm that our grounds are reopening on 29th June and our teams can commence training in line with recommended guidelines.

### Juvenile Championships

Following discussion with Wicklow County Board in relation to the 2020 Championship for age grades up to U20 the competitive season will be over a 12-week block from August to October and will involve 6 games per code. Fixture details will be announced in the coming weeks. For our youngest members we are currently planning a special 2020 in house league that will see you playing matches every week in both football and hurling for the duration of the summer. Both LGFA and Camogie underage fixtures for both Go Games and Championship will also be agreed in the short term and all details posted to members in due course.

### Senior Championships

Our Senior Mens, Ladies and Camogie teams will line out in what promises to be an exciting Championship in Wicklow across all codes this year and as ever would appreciate your support on the day guidelines permitting.

### Safe Return to play

The GAA announced guidelines to all clubs titled 'Safe Return to Playing' last week and the document mirrors the Government roadmap outlining the opt-in approach of the wider Gaelic games family regarding a possible return to activity and play. Some of those guidelines include: -

- Club Covid-19 Compliance Officer to be appointed
- A gradual return to on-field non-contact activity in Phase Three of the Government plan in small groups.
- The need for an online education programme and new measures around completed documentation before training and games.
- A return to contact sport on July 20.
- Provisional windows for club activity and the return of inter-county training and competitions.



The health and safety of all our members is our primary concern and are working to ensure we have everything in place for the various phases set out in the document.

## Membership 2020

Unfortunately, our membership date this year was planned to take place on 14 March 2020. When the lockdown rules were announced the Committee took the view that no membership fees would sought as it was obvious the pandemic would have a knock on effect on members incomes and until we could provide clarity on how the 2020 season would progress. We are sincerely thankful to those members who had paid their 2020 fees either before the lockdown or indeed those who paid since. We appreciate that this is an uncertain time and as a club our aim is that everyone, irrespective of age or ability gets to play our national sports however the club will have to pay its fixed costs such as player insurance, team registrations, equipment etc.

To this end the Committee have decided to reduce membership fees for 2020 on the following basis: -

Type	Normal Membership Fee	Revised Membership Fee
Family (2 or more)	€250	€150
Individual	€120	€75

Both registration details and payments will have to be submitted electronically to reduce handling. Please complete the registration form (attached) and email to [secretarybng.eireoggreystones.wicklow@gaa.ie](mailto:secretarybng.eireoggreystones.wicklow@gaa.ie)

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To those members who have paid the higher membership fee for 2020 and would like a Credit to be applied to your 2021 Membership Fee please email the Club Treasurer [larryhoward@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:larryhoward@hotmail.co.uk). As ever if you are experiencing financial difficulties and want your children or indeed yourself to play please drop Larry a note which will be treated in strictest confidence.

We have used the time spent in lockdown to carry out much needed essential maintenance on the playing surfaces of both pitches which included seeding, sanding, fertilizing and verti-draining both. The benefits of this will be apparent the minute you step foot on the playing fields.

We are working hard to get all our players back on the field and cannot wait to see you all in the coming weeks.

**Éire Óg Greystones CLG**

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