

## Foreword

I am pleased to present the first annual report from Naomh Gall juvenile committee. The juvenile committee was re established in 2009 primarily to implement an agreed juvenile development plan. The juvenile development plan details the way forward for the children and young people of our club. It aims to provide a framework and guidance for juvenile activities over a seven year period. The plan will provide both an organisational and environmental infrastructure which is fit for purpose and allows the juvenile section to grow and flourish. This will ensure Naomh Gall retains its position as Antrim's leading club. Throughout this report you will find evidence of the very strong progress the juvenile committee has made against the core elements of the plan.

The juvenile committee is made up of a small group of dedicated and committed club members. As chair of the committee I would like to thank each and every one of them for their outstanding contribution, time and commitment to the committee and the club. Much of the work is unseen and a lot of organisation is required to ensure we provide a safe and enjoyable environment for children and young people. This stretches far wider than playing sport but also into social and team development activities and fundraising.

I commend this report to the senior committee and members of the club not only as evidence of the strong foundations the juvenile section is historically built upon but which this committee have taken responsibility for ensuring continues into the future.

Charlotte McArdle

Chairman Juvenile Committee

## Progress against Aims of the Juvenile development plan.

Aim	Stated outcome measure	Progress
To strengthen juvenile management and administrative structure.	A clearly defined structure, functioning effectively to manage and develop juvenile activities.	Committee established with executive officer roles. <b>Outcome achieved</b>
To provide structures for the development of individuals and team performance	Abilities and talents achieve maximum potential.	<b>Outcome partially achieved.</b> Work ongoing to develop age specific training plans and make available on website. A number of coaching workshops provided. See team success section of report
To provide systematic and structured programmes of development for current and new mentors	Sufficient numbers of competent coaches in place.	<b>Outcome partially achieved.</b> The committee has significantly increased the number of mentors. Work ongoing to ensure continued competency
To increase/ maintain family participation of current members and recruit new members	The juvenile section has a strong relationship with its current and potential membership.	<b>Outcome achieved.</b> Increased juvenile membership x number of children registered due to robust registration management. Database of players in place. Dedicated section for juveniles on website. Successful awards night. See schools officer section of report
To promote the juvenile section in the local media	Juvenile section has a strong identity in the local community and wider GAA community	<b>Outcome partially achieved</b> PRO has made media contacts and has regular communication with local media. Also making good use of club website and email Need more match reports on website
To maximise fund raising and sponsorship opportunities	The club is in a strong financial position to support it's juvenile teams both currently in the future.	<b>Outcome not required</b> The senior committee has set up specific fund raising committee. The juvenile committee will fully support the fundraising committee

## Team success season 2010-11

### Boys Football:

Age group	Mentors	progress
U6/U7	Fionnuala Murphy, Eamon Donnelly, Michael, Culbert, Des Fagan, Darren O'Hare.	Numbers at U6/U7 are booming. The kids in this group are learning all the key skills they need for the future and are developing an affinity with the club at an early age. The Fundamentals group is proving to be an extremely productive venture in terms of introducing both new players and new coaches to the Juvenile Football set-up.
U8	Gary McGirr, Lawrence Kelly, Carl McCabe, Daithi Adams, Owen Fallon, Peter Devine.	Big numbers in this group (50). The boys have trained hard all year and have performed well in a number of friendly matches/blitzes that they have attended throughout the year.
U10	Fra Maguire, Sean Burns, Tony Finn, Colm McDonald, Dermot Bowes.	St Galls Mayday Tournament Champions for the first time in 8 years!!! Many of this group of U10's have been together since U6 and they have shown remarkable progress. This year the team have reached numerous finals in competitive U10 blitzes.
U12	Tony McDonagh, Harry Murphy, John McGorrian, Gerard McCool, Mark Foster.	At U12 this year we had a very large squad (38) so we entered 2 teams in both the league and Championship. Division 1 team lost only 1 game all season – beaten in a play-off for the Div1 League title. They also reached the U12 div1 Championship final. Division2 Team finished in mid-division in the Div2 league and were beaten in the second round of the Div2 championship by a strong side who went on to win the championship.
U14	Sean Brennan, Elizabeth Gilchrist, Tony Earley, Paddy Crossan.	The U14 Team performed well during their League campaign and finished mid-division in a tough league.

U16	Tom Shannon, Sean Kelly Jnr.	The U16 Team performed well during their League campaign and finished mid-division in a tough league. The U16 team exited the Championship after being forced to play a game with only 13 players. The team struggled to field a full team due to the championship being played during GCSE exam time. Our mentors feel strongly that the County Board will need to re-consider timing of U16 championship for next season.
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### Girls football

Age group	Mentors	progress
U8	Emma Wilson, Johnny Cherry	Increased numbers, children enjoying playing, had several friendly matches. Johnny joined as new coach.
U10	Kevin McCloskey, Marie-Therese Robinson	Squad developing core skills - will be good development for u12 league squad. Kevin joined as new coach. Number growing and have benefited from schools development role.
U12	Charlotte McArdle, Regina McCloskey	Strong u12 team. Took part in league and won all but two matches. Many players supporting u14 team and u12 Boys team
U14	Kevin Sheehan, Jacqui Bradley, Kevin Fanning	Strong u14 team. Did very well in championship reaching the semi final and unlucky to be beaten by a strong St Brigids team but girls played brilliantly.
U16	Danny McArdle	First year for u16 girls in the club. Coached by Danny McArdle who joined as new mentor. The team found it hard as the girls were competing for GCSEs as well as football! This is something the County Board will need to consider for next season. This team have lots of potential and reached the semi final of the championship but were beaten by St Pauls.

## Hurling

Age group	Mentors	Progress
U10		<p>The U10 hurlers have enjoyed a very successful season and have competed in over 25 Blitz competitions from the beginning of January. The highlights of the season have been reaching the final of the Pat Sheehan Memorial Cup, winning the Sarsfields Cup, playing at Casement park and our visit to the Croke park museum.</p> <p>U12 Hurlers</p>
U12		<p>The under 12 hurlers had a solid league campaign in 2011. For the first time this team bonded together to form a formidable unit and went from strength to strength in the build-up to the Nipper Quinn championship. The old foe St Johns ran out two point winners in a thrilling game in Corrigan Park. This team was also successful in the indoor hurling competition held in North Antrim way back in January, and had sterling challenge games against teams from Co. Down and Co. Armagh over the Summer.</p>
U16	John Hopkins	<p>U16 hurlers had a development year last year with a group of very committed young players. The U16s entered SA Div 1 and B championship. Everyone was heartened by a couple of good wins and the parents, mentors and team are looking forward to building on last years development.</p>

## Registration

Juvenile Registration took place in April 2011 and a follow up event in October to maximise the numbers of children offered an opportunity to register. This year the club promoted family membership and this is something the juvenile committee welcomed and would wish to build on for future years.

From U6-U18 we have around 300 juveniles regularly attending training. Of this number approximately 220 were registered as members of Naomh Gall this year (73%). Our numbers are growing year on year by around 5%.

The breakdown of our 300 juveniles can be viewed as follows:

- Boys 70% - Girls 30%
- Dual Players 30% - Football only 55% - Hurling only 15%

## Summer Camps

A number of Summer Camps and Cul Camps were held in the Falls Park Pavillion throughout the Summer. The Camps were well attended and feedback gathered from parents and kids was very positive. The Summer Camos are a great way to keep kids involved during the summer break, attract new kids to the club and to give young coaches valuable experience.





## **Juvenile Awards night**

The Juvenile Awards night is an annual event which takes place in February. The event is very well attended by children and their families. Awards are presented for Sportsperson of the year and Best improver in each age group and each code. Each child from fundamentals to u12 receives a certificate and prizes are presented by Senior Players from the relevant code.

## **Other Events**

The Juvenile Committee has organised a number of Football and Hurling tournaments throughout the year, notably the Mayday P5 Football Tournament and the Pat Sheehan u10 Hurling Tournament.

A number of Family Events and children's parties were also organised and run throughout the year by the Juvenile Committee in order to promote and develop the family ethos of the club .