

Safe Return to Play information for players and parents/guardians 20th April 2020

Dear players and parents/guardians

The GAA, LGFA and Camogie Associations have advised that guidelines for our safe return to play are the same as before. Juvenile teams will begin to return from Monday 26th April

There are two committees set up at BSJ to help us plan for our safe return to play. One committee is looking after the pitch roster and the other one looks at the health aspect to facilitate a safe return to play. Our teams and mentors are planning their return to play, checking the health questionnaire, preparing non contact training plans and other matters relating to our return. Your mentors will have be in touch with you to confirm your training days and times and also will update you on any protocols that must be followed.

It is important to highlight that there is no pressure on anyone to return immediately. With the situation we find ourselves in, players and parents may not return due to health or other reasons. That is absolutely OK. Each player and parent will make their own decision and as highlighted in the GAA's guidelines it is important to discuss any return to play with your doctor if in doubt or for those in the vulnerable or at risk groups. We would ask that you let your mentor know as it would help us plan and also we would like to keep in touch with you if that was OK.

As before, each team will have a Covid Supervisor who will ensure that contact tracing, social distancing and sanitising guidelines are adhered to. Your Lead Team mentor will advise who the Covid Supervisor is for your team. You will need this info for when you are completing your health questionnaire.

As outlined by the GAA Camogie and Ladies Gaelic Football Associations, there are a number of things that players and parents/guardians will need to do as we prepare for our safe return . These are outlined below.

1) All players must have paid their membership and be registered with their relevant associations, GAA, Camogie and LGFA.

2) All players, Parents /guardians for players under 18, mentors and Covid Supervisors must complete a 20 minute GAA/LGFA/Camogie eLearning module in your own time but before your return date. Once completed you will receive a certificate, please keep a copy of it and send it to your Covid Supervisor. You must complete this module before you complete the health questionnaire. The eLearning module is now available at <https://courses.gaa.ie/Covid19ClubEd/#/>. If you completed this last year there is no need to do it again. Any new members for 2021 must complete it.

3) All players, Parents /guardians for players under 18, mentors and Covid Supervisors must complete a GAA/LGFA/Camogie online health questionnaire before your / their return to play. Your team's Covid Supervisor will be able to view who has completed the questionnaires.

Forms can be accessed by visiting the URL <https://returntoplay.gaa.ie>

Each person participating in Gaelic Games must also re-confirm that their Health Status hasn't changed on each subsequent occasion that they participate.

Parents/Guardians can submit forms on behalf of their dependents and forms can also be submitted on behalf of persons who may struggle with completing the electronic form themselves.

CoVID Supervisors in clubs can verify that individual members of their teams/panels have submitted forms and are permitted to participate.

They do not have access to view the specific information provided via the Health Questionnaire, they will simply be able to see that the questionnaire has been submitted. Personal Information contained on the Health Questionnaires is stored for a maximum period of three weeks.

All Covid Supervisors/Club Officers, Players/Team Personnel, and the Parents/Guardians of Underage Players must also complete the GAA's Covid-19 Club Education eLearning Module.

If you are set up since last year, please check your logins so that you are ready to go. Your team mentor or Covid Supervisor will advise on choosing your teams and reconfirming your health questionnaire prior to each training session. If you are a new member, please ask your team mentor about getting set up with the health questionnaire.

Important update regarding the Health Questionnaire System (Foireann)

When you log into the health questionnaire you may notice it looks different!

There have been a lot of new features added to Foireann including online membership payments. BSJ are not using this feature. BSJ registrar and registrations team are registering all players who have paid their fees. When you log into Foireann, you may not see this registered record as Foireann has many duplicate records. Foireann assure us that they will be merging the duplicate records in the coming months so as the year progresses, you should see your registered record. In the meantime, please be assured that any member who has paid their fees will be registered with the appropriate body. Foireann should just be used for health questionnaires.

4) Before each training session all players, Parents /guardians for players under 18, mentors and Covid Supervisors must go back to their health questionnaire and click the declaration that nothing has changed regarding their health in relation to COVID-19. This must be completed 2 hours prior to training to allow time for the Covid Supervisor to review the information. If a player arrives at training without the completed declaration, unfortunately they will not be able to train.

5) All players, Parents /guardians for players under 18, mentors and Covid Supervisors should read the latest version of the Return to Play guidelines from the GAA/LGFA/Camogie. We will keep you up to date on any changes to these guidelines. Please visit <https://learning.gaa.ie/covid19resources> for the latest version of COVID-19 Safe Return to play guidelines. The latest update from the GAA is available at <https://learning.gaa.ie/sites/default/files/16.04.2021%20Covid-%2019%20Latest%20Update%20for%20GAA%20members.pdf> and <https://learning.gaa.ie/sites/default/files/Covid-19%20Updated%20Advice%20-%2016.04.2021.pdf>

6) To enable Covid 19 contact tracing, your teams Covid Supervisor will keep a record of attendees at each training session.

We will keep in touch regarding any further updates to return to play protocols . Thank you for taking the time to read this. We will continue to work on our safe return to play and look forward to welcoming and seeing everyone back training. In the meantime, if you need any further information or clarification on anything please talk to your team mentor or Covid Supervisor. Also, if you can assist in anyway with our safe return to play we would really appreciate your help or advice. Please let your mentor know. The above information is based on the latest guidance we have from the GAA, LGFA and Camogie Associations. We will update you on any changes as they arise. Thank you.