

Appendix I : GAA Cúl Camp Policy

GAA CÚL CAMP DEFINITION

The GAA Cúl Camps are a nationally coordinated programme of games and skill development activities taking place in a positive playing environment. They provide children with the opportunity to derive maximum enjoyment from their involvement in Gaelic Games with a view to maximising participation, optimising playing standards and ensuring that players' needs are catered for in a balanced, age-appropriate and holistic way.

GAA Cúl Camps are 5-day camps; are open to boys and girls aged 6 – 13 years and should where possible involve all codes - Football, Ladies Football, Hurling, Camogie, Handball and Rounders. No non-GAA activities may be included in GAA Cúl Camps.

All Camps are organised and delivered in accordance with the principles outlined in the Code of Behaviour (Underage) as are all other activities involving children and young people.

Link: <https://www.gaa.ie/api/pdfs/image/upload/ukepuvlq3qhyie10jfqy.pdf>

GAA Cúl Camps support the principles of the Go Games model of participation and are supervised and coached by personnel qualified in relevant standards of best practice.

Procedures

- Any GAA unit that wishes to organise and run a GAA Cúl Camp must receive approval from the County Coaching & Games Development Committee (Appendix II).
- Cúl Camp planning checklist (Appendix II) must be completed as part of approval process
- *Clubs that wish to run a summer camp must set aside a minimum of one week for a GAA Cúl Camp. If, for example, a Club wishes to run three weeks of summer camps, their first camp must be a GAA Cúl Camp.
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- Any GAA unit that wishes to organise and run a Club Camp must receive approval from the County Coaching & Games Development Committee
- Club Camp planning checklist (Appendix III) must be completed as part of approval process

*Special dispensation can be granted by the relevant county committee, provincial games development managers and the national Cúl Camps coordinator.

Policy Guidelines

To ensure that National policy is adopted, a committee must be appointed within each club and given overall responsibility for the organisation and running of the GAA Cúl Camp.

Camp Coordination

To ensure that the highest possible standards of administration and coaching are maintained the following must be observed by all clubs staging GAA Cúl Camps:

1. County Coaching & Games Development Committees will provide the following;
 - Induction / training programme for all camp supervisors which will include the following:
 - An outline of the Association's Child Safeguarding practices and the Code of Behaviour (Underage)
 - Overall Organisational Techniques
 - Dealing with Conflict / Discipline
 - First Aid / Player Injury Fund Cover and incident / accident reporting
2. County Coaching & Games Development Committees will also provide an induction / training program for all coaches who are working on the Camps. All Camp coaches must possess the GAA Foundation Award qualification or recognised equivalent qualification from Ladies Football, Handball, Camogie or Rounders. Head Coaches must possess a GAA Award 1 Coaching qualification.

SANCTION:

*County Grant is conditional to complying with National Camp policy and subject to national project generating a surplus year end.