

Faughs Hurling Club
Mentors Handbook
As organised by Dublin County Board
May 2009

FAG-A-BEALACH is one of the oldest G.A.A. clubs, founded in 1885.

Executive Structure

The current executive structure is as follows;

a) Chairman	P.J. Newman	087 2449428
b) Vice Chairman	Paddy O'Brien	087 2578501
c) President	Mick Kennedy	0879476795
d) Secretary	Noeleen Firth	4514054
e) Treasurer	Gus Brennan	087 2226180
f) P.R.O.	Monica Spellman	4523486
g) Juvenile Hurling	Victor O'Shea	0862730560
h) Facilities	John Healy	0851197399
i) Marketing	David O'Leary	0872038148
j) Finance	John Gleeson	0868500529
k) Coaching	Eamonn Rea	0876738730

Juvenile Section

a) Chairman	Victor O'Shea	086 2730560	4927318
b) Vice Chairman	Francis Prendergast	086 2417525	4903252
c) Secretary	Rio Rush	0863864197	4906279
e) Registrar	Siobhan McKiernan	087 9692771	4555167

Sean Crowley is our full-time Games Promotion Officer 087 9493599

1. Juvenile Games officially begin in Dublin at Under 8. That is the child must be 8 or under in the Jan-Dec, this applies to all age groups. For example, if a child is born on the 11th May 2000, that child is Under 8 in the year 2008

Competition is then organised for every age group, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 and U16. The next age groups are Minor, which is under 18, and Under 21, both of which are organised by the Senior Board.

2. Match Times

U8, U9, U10, U11 and U12 Saturday a.m.

U13, U14, U16 Saturday 3.30pm

U15 Sunday 11.30am

Times may alter slightly subject to pitch availability.

3. CCC1 organises 8 to 12 year old.
CCC2 organises 13 to 16 year olds.
4. **U8,U9 and U10** - Indoor hurling leagues are organised in January and February. These are followed by games for the rest of the year. No competition games in these age groups(No league or championship)
5. **U11** – Indoor leagues are organised in January, February and November. Cup games are organised in March, April, May and June. Camaint (Conditioned games) competition is organised in July and August. League matches are held in June and November.
6. **U12** - The league is organised as for Under 11, also the Leinster Hurling Festival is organised for U12 in May. That is where various teams from other counties in Leinster are invited to Dublin to take part in a one-day competition. Usually the host club provides food and drink for the children, mentors must take responsibility to organise this. Find out the visiting club and phone the week before to confirm attendance.
7. **U13** - This group is also organised on a league basis with a P.J. Troy Tournament in June. This is organised on a round robin basis over a weekend in various divisions. The games are conditioned games, mentors should familiarise themselves with the rules, as matches are won or lost by taking advantage of the rules. Championship is held in September/October.
8. **U14** – Games also organised on a league basis. Feile tournament is organised during March, April and May.
9. **U15/16** –A league and championship is organised. Our babies are getting big.

10. Team List.

For all under-age matches the team list, with the starting players, must be given to the referee. The names must be in Irish, both club names in Irish, dated and signed by the referee. If these rules are not followed in the event of an objection your objection will be dismissed.

11. Divisions.

Usually there are three to four divisions at each age group with six, seven or eight teams in each division, depending on numbers available in the county. Team Size Div 1 – 15 a side, Div 2&3 – 13 a side. Div 4&5 – 11 a side. From Div 2 to Div 5 these numbers represent the lowest numbers that a team can field with. If both teams have more players, then they should field an equal number of players up to 15.

Teams in Div 2 or lower, fielding more players than their opponents are able to field will forfeit points e.g. a Div 2 should never field 14/15 players if their opponents can only field 13. This would result in the 14/15 a side team losing the match. However, if a Div 2 team can field 13 players and their opponents can only field 12 the match may be played as 13 players v. 12 players.

12. Separate Competitions

Sometimes there are separate competitions for 11 a side teams for clubs that cannot field 15 a side, or who can field a 15 a side and an 11 a side.

13. Subsidiary Competitions

Normally for subsidiary competitions the county boards do look for a panel to be submitted, with dates of birth, prior to competition.

14. Referees

- A list of referee contact phone numbers are available in the Juvenile Directory
- ***The referee and the opposition should be phoned the day before every match.***
- The referee fee is €10 per team U8 to U11. This is reimbursed by the club
- The referee fee is €15 per team U12. This is reimbursed by the club
- The referee fee is €20 per team U13 to U16. This is reimbursed by the club
- Every referee, especially the younger ones, should be given every encouragement and NOT abused in any way. Remember, if a mentor ever abuses a referee and the mentor has to answer to the county board, the board will always look on the referee favourably, they have to, otherwise they will recruit no new referees, remember our juveniles are also referees.
- **For league games, the home team must contact the referee. If referee does not turn up the travelling team has the first choice to referee the game. It is better to avail of this. Championship game must be refereed by neutral referee.**

15. Preparation of Pitches

Pitches are prepared by Pat O'Connell (Phone 4941140). Pat needs to be given at least one days notice to prepare the pitch. Due to the large number of teams now in the club pitches should be reserved for home matches. This can be done by contacting the bar staff who will note the reservation.

16. Pitch Closure

Information on pitch closure is on Aertel check Friday PM if available to play on, the pitches are the property of South Dublin County Council. Victor O Shea receives a text from the council every Fri at mid day approx which he forwards or sends an e-mail to team manager.

We have been allocated a senior pitch in Osprey, which can also be played on crossways for two juvenile pitches, our main senior pitch, and the new pitch at the M50. The Senior Chairman and Juvenile Chairman are notified by text on a Friday stating if pitches are playable. They will inform mentors.

17. Pitches playable

If game fixed for "Home" and our home pitch is unplayable the game must be played at opponent's venue, if playable, or else our team will forfeit the points. If "Away" game and opposition pitch not playable and our pitch is, then the opposition must come to our pitch.

18. County Pitches

Dublin has two county pitches: Parnell Park in Donnycarney and O'Toole Park in Crumlin and remember this is not O'Tooles club which is in Donaghmede.

19. Kimmage Manor

We are very grateful to the Holy Ghost Fathers for the use of this pitch. It is important that we do not abuse this facility. We ask that mentors and parents do not park near the entrance, (Note the “ No Parking” White sign on the roadway) and that players leave and arrive quietly. Keys are available from Michael Heavey 087 2572369.

We have been requested by The Holy Ghost Fathers not to have training/ games on a Sunday morning before 11am(to avoid clash with 10am mass). We ask you to respect this request.

20. The Shop

The shop is run on a voluntary basis, all items have a 'members' and 'non-members' price, the members price is subsidised by the club. It is opened on Saturday morning from 10am to 11am, on Monday evening(summer only) 6pm to 7pm.

21. Club Locations

A Dublin Ordnance Survey Map (edition 5) is available €12 with all clubs clearly marked and a locations index. This is a must for mentors finding GAA clubs, mentors should make sure that all parents travelling to matches are happy with directions and know where fixtures are. Contact Francis Prendergast 4903252 or 086 2417525 to purchase a copy of the map.

22. G.A.A. fixtures

These are printed on Saturday's and Tuesday's Evening Herald. All club notes are in Tuesday's Evening Herald. This paper is a must for all GAA matters and up to date club news and county fixtures. Website www.hill16.ie also covers fixtures.

23. Requesting Cancellation of Match

Inform the Juvenile Secretary of dates when matches may be requested off. 21 days notice required by county board. This will include Communion (Choir), Confirmation (Choir), Entrance Exam week end, etc. **The County board will usually allow games to be brought forward (if opposition agree) but not put back.**

24. Cancelled Matches

If matches are cancelled do not forget to contact the referee and Pat O' Connell, who prepares the pitches. The list of referees and opposition club mentors are available in the Juvenile Directory.

25. Broken Hurleys

If a hurley is broken during a match and is unrepairable the player is entitled to a replacement from the club.

27. Registration

All players must be registered with the county board for insurance purposes. Club registration takes place in early January. Remember this for new players who join during the year. The window to transfer G.A.A players is the 10th November to 21st November.

26. Hurley Repairs

Hurley's are being successfully repaired by Juvenile members in their spare time.

Colin, Micheál and Paul Devane 4972267

Hurley repairs can be organised by players/parents with the boys above. Ensure the player's *name and team* are clearly marked on the hurley (not on part of hurley that is going to be sanded). The club covers the cost of these repairs.

27. County Board Contacts

Phone number	8312099
Kathleen McPoland	086-1726540
Alan O Connor CCC2	0868312580
Damian Murphy	0861706420
Fax number	8312284

28. Equipment

First Aid, jerseys, spare helmets, hurleys, team book, pen and note pad, balls, water bottles and a whistle. Sliotars and Hurleys are available from PJ Newman 087 2449428 or John Flynn 0876212273 (shop stock is for sale only).

First Aid available from Robbie Cooke 0857168055.

29. Challenge Matches

If matches are organised outside the county board, a letter requesting the match must be faxed (or e-mailed kathleen@dublingaa.ie) to the Board as a matter of courtesy and for insurance purposes. This also applies to all challenge matches. Fax No: 8312284.

30. Results

All results must be phoned to The County Board by the HOME club before 12 noon on Mon or else the county board will impose a **fine of Euro 50**:

Kathleen: 8058206
Mobile: 086-1726540
e-mail: juvresults@dublingaa.ie.

Match reports for inclusion in club notes to be

1. Written report to be put in “Lotto Box” at bar Counter **OR**
2. E-mailed to Faughs (faughs@eircom.net) . Please ensure subject is filled out ie “Under 11 match Report for Club Notes “

31. Helmets

Helmets are compulsory for all age groups up to and including under 21’s. Helmets should be put on at the earliest opportunity for matches and training as many accidents occur on route to training/ matches and around clubhouse.

32. Indoor Hurling

Indoor hurling can be organised in **Terenure College**.

David O Leary(087 2038148) from our club is our point of contact for this

Contact at Terenure College : Shauna Peirce phone: 4904621.

The charge is €60.00 per hour.

Mentors should collect money from players, confirm bookings and be aware of hall non-availability during exams and holidays etc.

33. All Weather Pitch

All weather pitch at Colmcille Community School Knocklyon (under lights). Pitch not available after 7pm.

Contact: Terence O’Halloram phone: 087-2233451

The charge is €80.00 per hour paid in advance direct to Terence.

Players to pay for pitch.

34. Club House Contacts

Club House Manager: Derek Sweeney 0879189479

Club House Phone: 4903566 Fax: 4902098

Contact one of the above if:

- (A) Booking club hall (as much notice as possible)
- (B) Require Refreshments (visiting team, children's party, etc. 2 weeks notice if possible)
- (C) Booking pitch for match.
- (D) Cash collected for hire of hall etc. should be put in an envelope to Gus Brennan and given to club manager, who will issue a receipt. The following info should be written on the envelope 1) amount enclosed 2) team details 3) what money was collected for.

35. Texting

Texting should be to parents only, and should only be used as a reminder and not used to organise training or matches.

36. Size of Sliotars

Size 5 16 years to adult

Size 4 Under 12 to Under 15

Size 3 Under 9,10,11

37. Gear

Club socks and shorts must be worn for all matches.

38. Faughs Web Site

www.faughs.ie

Mentors can update information of their team on this.

39. Membership application form available from secretary.

40. Club Doctor

The club doctor is Dr Gerry Coffey 087 2096542.

41. Club house Alarm

Before entering the clubhouse ensure the alarm is off. The control pad is located in the boiler room. The changing rooms, the main door, the 2 halls, the area the bar counter and the meeting room upstairs are all on Zone 1. If the control pad shows “ (1) ”the alarm is ON. If it shows “1 ” the alarm is off. To turn the alarm off press X and enter the code.

The code is available from the club chairman.

If the alarm is accidentally set off ring the alarm company immediately or the guards will be called. Phone 6205980. They will ask you a question.

42. Security

Please ensure the dressing rooms are kept locked and if you are the last person leaving the clubhouse lock the door. Keys for the changing rooms can be organised from the Juvenile Club Chairman.

43. Laundering of Jerseys can be done by each team. There is an account with New Image Cleaners beside Ashleaf Shopping Centre.

44. Trips Away

Any mentors organising a trip away must furnish details well in advance to the Juvenile Chairman who in turn will get the go-ahead from the Club Executive.

45. Juvenile Fixture Calendar

Mentors should hold a copy of the Current Fixture Calendar(also in Juvenile Directory) and be aware of dates for matches, including League, Championship, Tournaments and Féile. The mentors should draw up a schedule of games at the start of the year and issue it to the players and parents.

46. Match Reports

Match Reports are to be filled out in “Match Report Form” and filed in the Office. One parent should be assigned this task.

47. Expenses

Refund for out of pocket expenses must be on approved Faughs Expense form available from the Treasurer. Full details of the claim must be provided e.g. Matches, Team, Cost, Challenge matches should be refereed by a competent mentor so as to minimize costs. Completed form to be submitted to the Treasurer.

48. Mentor Development

Mentors should familiarise themselves with the Coaching and Games Development Programme for current year. This information is on the Hill 16 web site.

49. Juvenile Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 8pm.

50. Bus transport: O NEILL 087 2761327 / 4501892