

# Na Gaeil Notes Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

**Pitch Opening** The good news from GAA headquarters at the weekend is that we can now re-open our pitch in Killeen for senior training from Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> and for underage training from Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. All the mentors and coaches will be in touch with the relevant groups during the week. It's great for all our players who are chomping at the bit to get back in training and return to some kind of normality all be it a new type of normality.

**Pitch Repair Works** Kelly Brothers of Ballydesmond have been busy over the last week in Killeen carrying out repair works on our pitch. Many new drains have been inserted down along the left and back area of the field with many new man holes being constructed in order to alleviate water lodging in that area of the field during the wetter months of the year. They also spiked and sanded the pitch which was well washed in by the weekend rain. So it should be in tip top shape for all Na Gaeil teams returning to training over the coming weeks. The club is very thankful to the Kelly Brothers for the extensive and top class work carried out by their very professional outfit.

**GAA Return to Play Update** The GAA made the following announcement last week as regards returning to play: The following changes to the return to activity guidelines are being made after recommendations made by the Covid-19 Advisory Committee. These changes were subsequently endorsed by the GAA, the Camogie Association and the LGFA. This week the opening of pitches for adult training from next Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> can go ahead. The opening of pitches for Minor and below can go ahead from Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Both of the above will be on a non-contact basis and on the understanding that players and all participants have completed the eLearning module and are following the control measures in place (health questionnaire etc). This will be on the basis of a maximum of 15 players in a designated area of the field. Coaching numbers for underage teams have to be consistent with the Code of Behaviour.

These recommendations were made by the Covid-19 Advisory Committee at the weekend: From June 29<sup>th</sup>: Allow contact training and challenge games for all from Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. We await clarification on what will constitute a close contact versus a casual contact. The restriction on participants only attending training sessions is to be relaxed from June 29<sup>th</sup> – subject to government specified maximum of 200 people in the ground. Allow Club Fixtures from Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no change to inter-county dates (Sept 14<sup>th</sup> for training; competitions to start on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> as planned). Dressing rooms are to remain closed until July 20<sup>th</sup>. Guidance will be provided as regards club bars that are serving food and the opening of gyms before June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Na Gaeil Volunteers** Na Gaeil GAA Club volunteers continue to assist those in our community that feel they are not in a position to go shopping due to an

underlying medical condition or otherwise and will also collect medical supplies for them from their local pharmacies. The demand for this service has reduced since the restrictions on shopping for the elderly have been lifted but we are still available to help.

**Club Activities** Adult training can now take place in our pitch in Killeen from Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Juvenile training can take place from Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Coaches and mentors will be in touch with all the relevant age groups.

**Clubhouse** The clubhouse and the gym will be closed until there is further clarification from GAA Headquarters as to when they can re-open. This means that our Monday night bingo, Tuesday night lotto and Wednesday night card playing are suspended until then as well as all other activities that normally took place there on a weekly basis.

**Clothes Collection** There is now a Clothes Collection Bin situated in Na Gaeil car park for use by all members of the public.