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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019

- **Celtic Challenge/Tain League Launch**
- **Friday Night Lights**
- **Connacht GAA Centre**
- **Connacht Champ 2019**
- **Cul Camps**

Celtic Challenge and Táin League Launched



There was a huge turnout on the 29th of March in Began for the Connacht launch of the Táin Óg League in Began with all counties represented. The U11 tournaments will take place on the 6th and 14th of April in the Connacht GAA Centre with 14 teams taking part. The Senior competition will be played 9 a side on the 27th of April.



The Bank of Ireland Celtic Challenge was established in 2016 and is the only competition in Hurling that has teams from all 32 counties participating. The ethos of the competition is a developmental one for 16 and 17 year olds and through the competition each team is guaranteed to play 5 games. We had our provincial launch on 11th March, with a very interesting chat between Keith Higgins and Lauren Guilfoyle of Pundit Arena one of the highlights of a very enjoyable evening at the Connacht GAA Centre.

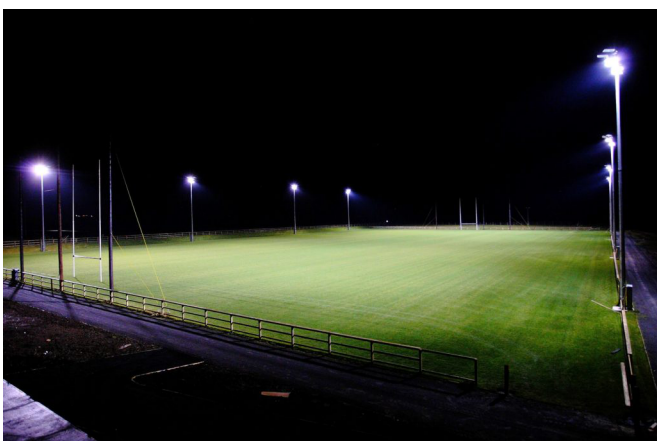
Return of Super Games Friday Night Lights!

Following on from the huge success of the Super Games Friday Night Lights held here at the Connacht GAA Centre in December and January (with more than 700 players from 48 clubs participating in the matches), we held 7 different events across the province over the course of the St Patrick's Bank Holiday weekend.

There have also been 8 hurling events at 4 different venues in 2019 with massive turnouts each night. A breakdown in the figures at the various locations is available on connachtgaa.ie



What has really shone through since these events were first conceived of is the strong appetite out there for kids in this age group to play football and hurling in a laid back, fun environment with no interference from adults and coaches. It was apparent from the feedback from everyone involved that events run in this format are very enjoyable and allow 13 and 14 year old's to play with a sense of freedom in the informal atmosphere. There are no subs so all players get a full hour of playing with the mixed teams meaning there are no cliques and everyone gets an equal opportunity regardless of ability.



Connacht GAA Centre - The Main Hub of GAA Activity in Connacht



42,000 people have availed of the state of the art facilities here in Began, with teams of all grades from schools to senior club and intercounty squads using one of the 6 pitches, the gym or meeting facilities here.

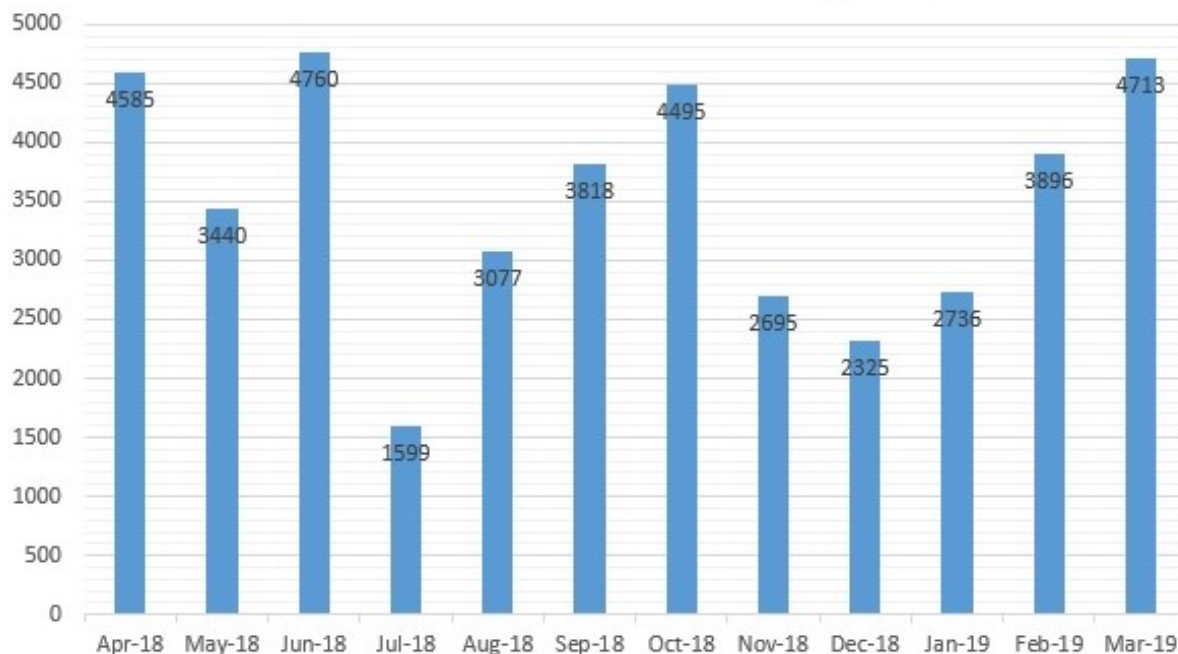
If you would like more info about how your team or club can use the centre, call (094) 9630335 or email reception.connacht@gaa.ie.

These are exciting times at the Connacht GAA Centre as we prepare to host the Football Féile in June following on from the success of our hosting of the hurling Féile last year, aswell as looking forward to breaking ground on our brand new Air Dome over the coming months.



Over the last 12 months over

Connacht GAA Centre Usage 12 Months



Details for Senior Championship 2019 Announced



5/5/19 14.15 QF1 Gaelic Park New York v Mayo

5/5/19 15.00 QF2 Ruislip London V Galway

**12/5/19 15.30 QF3 Dr Hyde Park Roscommon V
Leitrim**

**19/5/19 15.30 SF1 Markievicz Park Sligo v
London/Galway**

**25/5/19 19.00 SF2 MacHale Park/ Paic Sean New
York/Mayo V Roscommon/Leitrim**

16/6/19 16.00 FINAL TBC



Congratulations St Colmans, Connacht Colleges Senior A Champs 2019!

Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps Open for Registration!



Yet another summer of GAA fun awaits young people all over Ireland at the Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps following record-breaking numbers in 2018.

Cúl Camps rank as one of the greatest promotional success stories in the history of the GAA with thousands flocking to take part every summer. The attractive and distinctive Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camp kit that is supplied to participants is worn

with pride by young boys and girls all over the country.

Here in Connacht last summer, we had a record breaking 19,094 kids attending 164 camps.

One in every four children aged between 6 and 13 now attend Ireland's biggest summer camps enjoying an action-paced week of fun and games, learning new skills, making friends and getting active.

Another action-packed week of fun and games awaits children aged 6-13 at their local club this Summer, as throughout the months of July and August children of all skill levels can learn and play GAA games with qualified coaches.

Children are coached in hurling, camogie, football and ladies' football and some camps offer rounders, handball and fun & run.

The Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps are priced at €60, dropping to €55, for a second child and just €45 or a third and any additional children. latest Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camp jersey, training top and back pack which have become the 'must have' kit for kids over the summer!

Register online now - gaa.ie/kelloggsculcamps