

CIT Student GAA Club – Overview

Camogie – Gaelic Football – Hurling – Ladies Gaelic Football - Handball



As befits a County with Cork's tradition in Gaelic Games, GAA has occupied a central role in the development of sport in the Cork Institute of Technology. The Cork Regional Technical College, as it was formally known until its change of title in 1997 to Cork Institute of Technology, first occupied its Bishopstown campus in September 1974. The new college

buildings were officially opened by that great Cork GAA exponent and Taoiseach of the day, Mr. Jack Lynch, in December 1977. A student GAA football team was formed in 1975 and the hurling team commenced playing activities in 1976. In the same way the campus has evolved and expanded so too has the GAA Club which as well as being the oldest sporting club at the Institute, with over 400 active members is also the biggest.

CIT Student GAA Club - Teams

Teams and competitions played by CIT Student GAA Club during the 2019/20 Academic Year.

Hurling	Football	Ladies Football	Camogie
Division 1 League	Division 1 League	Division 3 League	Division 2 League
Fitzgibbon Cup	Sigerson Cup	Moynihan Cup	Purcell Cup
Intermediate League	Intermediate League	Fresher Blitz	
Intermediate C'ship	Intermediate C'ship		
Junior C'ship	Fresher 1 League		
Fresher 1 League	Fresher 2 League		
Fresher 2 League	Fresher A Championship		
Fresher A Championship	Fresher B Championship		
Fresher B Championship			

While nobody knows exactly what the new academic year of 2020/21 will bring, one thing is definite – **“Nothing will work unless we do”**, so if it's on – then we'll be ready to participate.

CIT Student GAA Club Aims

The purpose or aim of the Student GAA Club in CIT is to encompass a sense of community identity through the medium of our National Games. Our club's objective is to make all aspects of the Gaelic Athletic Association, be it playing, coaching or administration, accessible to all that attend or work at the Institute. We aspire to encourage involvement in the hope that the experiences gained at Third level will encourage students to become active in their own communities long after they finish their formal education.

CIT has, like most of the higher-level establishments in Ireland, seen the importance and benefits of having a popular and successful GAA Club structure operating on its campus. There is now an expectation at institutional level of the GAA to compete at the highest levels and to be seen to actively promote the Institute in a positive and attractive way. Likewise, it has become clear to members that to be fully successful we must commit to generating a genuine sense of socio-cultural equality, with an authentic embracement of the differences between people and groups in our society. The CIT Student GAA

Club, therefore, have now decided to formally recognise Diversity and Inclusion in our Club. The decision was to come up with a simple, yet unique and valuable initiative that would acknowledge the broad of differences which make up our entire community by placing on all our CIT GAA Club Jerseys and Leisurewear our specifically designed Support Diversity and Inclusion Logo. We hope that this will be a tangible first step in showing our visible solidarity in the continuing the efforts in ensuring that equality must be continuously promoted in a context of creating a genuine respect for diversity and meaningful inclusion in our society.



The new Inclusivity Logo launched this year and included on all Jerseys and Training

CIT Student GAA Club –Player First

As a direct result of the positive atmosphere that surrounds the club, CIT continue to have within their ranks a cohort of committed, experienced and above all an enthusiastic coaches, mentors and players involved with all our teams. Today CIT Student GAA Club has a vibrant club structure which works consistently year after year ensuring that no stone is left unturned both on and off the field of play. It continues to capture the imagination of the students who attend our Institute as it has for the huge numbers that have worn the red and white hoops since 1975. Today, thanks to the continued support and backing of the Institutes

authorities, we now have 3 GAA pitches-fully floodlit, the main one serviced by a 1,100 seated stadium, dressing rooms, medical and meeting rooms to the highest standards all which are regularly used by the wider GAA community for games and underage development.

Similarly, CIT Student GAA Club has long established a strong commitment to the education and social inclusion principles promoted by the Institute. Over the last number of years, we have established strong links in all the various facets of the Student Support Services and have developed a reputation of being a student friendly and player centred club. We recognise that third level education is a time of transition, where a significant opportunity for influencing adult behaviours exists. We are also very much aware that because of the extensive demands placed on 1st Year Gaelic games players (e.g. independent living, work-study balance, etc.), CIT GAA Club aims therefore to provide appropriate support and guidance as they enter this new phase of their lives. This is done through effective induction processes, student mentoring systems and lifestyle coaching experiences. CIT Student GAA Club oversees several initiatives from talks on Diet and Nutrition talks to Mental Resilience and such like.

Scholarships/Bursaries for GAA

Cork Institute of Technology and Munster Council GAA continue to support the Bursary scheme for GAA players at CIT. In total 2019/20 saw 40 Bursaries awarded for Gaelic Games which included 12 Munster Council Awards. Bursaries varied in amounts from €500 to €1000 and totalled a financial investment of €26,500.

For those who are looking for further information in this regard please feel free to contact the GAA Officer Keith Ricken @ keith.ricken@cit.ie

Higher Education GAA 2019/20

At National Level, GAA remains the single largest Sporting Organisation in the Irish 3rd level sector with the latest figures showing that over 12,000 students are registered with the Higher Education GAA for the 2019/20 academic year, while Camogie and Ladies Football are also experiencing higher than ever participation levels.

CIT Student GAA Club was represented in 27 Intervarsity competitions during the 2019/20 academic year including handball. The highlight in terms of success was when the men's senior footballers captured the Trench Cup with an emphatic win over MICL in their final held at DCU. It means that the Institute will once again compete at the highest grades across all its codes in 2021. Our senior ladies Gaelic football outfit

reached the final of the HEC Moynihan Cup but the current world pandemic meant the 2019/20 Academic Year ended prematurely with the final yet to be played.

CIT also have a very active Handball Club which competed in all 3 Intervarsity Events as well as at the 2020 US Handball Collegiate Championships in Texas where two of students – David Walsh of Mallow and Adam Walsh of Wexford took gold in the men’s senior doubles tournament for the 2nd year in succession. All this underlines the continued commitment to the development of Gaelic Games at the Institute.

CIT GAA HIGHER EDUCATION ROLE OF HONOUR 1975 - 2020

CIT Hurling Club National Successes

1977	Ryan Cup	2001	(CIT 2) Fresher 2 Championship
1978	Division 3 League	2003	Intermediate Championship
1979	Division 2 League	2005	(CIT 3) Division 3 Championship
1980	Ryan Cup	2006	Intermediate Championship
1989	Ryan Cup	2008	Fresher 1 Championship
1991	Fresher 1 Championship	2009	Fresher 1 Championship
1992	Fresher 1 Championship	2014	Intermediate Championship
1993	Division 2 League	2015	Intermediate League
1999	Division 1 League	2016	Fresher 1 Championship
2001	Intermediate Championship		

CIT Camogie Club National Successes

2001	Purcell Cup	2014	Purcell Shield
2004	Division 2 League	2016	Purcell Cup
2006	Ashbourne Shield	2017	Ashbourne Shield
2012	Purcell Shield	2018	Division 2 League

CIT Football Club National Successes

1978	Division 3 League	2002	CIT (3) Junior Championship
1979	Trench Cup	2006	CIT (2) Intermediate Championship
1982	Division 2 League	2006	CIT (3) Junior Championship
1990	Division 3 League	2009	Sigerson Cup
1991	Fresher 1 Championship	2011	Fresher 1 League
1993	Division 2 League	2012	CIT (2) Intermediate Championship
2001	CIT (3) Junior Championship	2016	CIT (2) Fresher B Championship
		2020	Trench Cup

CIT Ladies Football Club National Successes

2007	CIT (2) Division 3 League Winners
2014	Division 3 League Winners
2015	Division 2 League Winners
2017	Fresher 7's Junior All Ireland Winners
2020	Moynihan Cup Final v UCD (Competition cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic)



The successful CIT 2020 Trench Cup Management Team

From the left– Keith Ricken, Brian Herlihy, Pat Spratt (Coach) Jimmy Thompson, Fachtna O Connor, Conor Kelleher (Manager) and Anthony Casey (Chairman)

CIT GAA CLUB MEMBERS

HOLDERS OF ALL-IRELAND SENIOR MEDALS

Hurling

Cork (20)	John Hodgins, Jim Cashman, Sean McCarthy, David Quirke, Denis Walsh, Pat Ryan, Barry Egan, Kevin Hennessy, Kevin Murray, Brian Corcoran, Donal Óg Cusack, Ronan Curran, Martin Coleman, John Gardiner, Brian Murphy, Anthony Nash, Pat Mulcahy, Kieran Murphy, Paul Tierney, Cian O Connor,
Kilkenny (7)	Pat O Neill, Philly Larkin, Aidan Fogarty, Jackie Tyrell, Michael Fennelly, Colin Fennelly, Ger Aylward
Tipperary (2)	Eugene O Neill, John O Dwyer
Clare (1)	Patrick O Connor

Camogie

Cork (13)	Miriam Deasy, Emer O Farrell, Jenny Duffy, Eimear O Sullivan (Ballinhassig), Nora Aherne, Paula O Connor, Jessica Kavanagh, Sarah Buckley, Katyln Hickey, Eimear O Sullivan (Kilbrittan) Amy Lee, Lauren Homan, Saoirse McCarthy
Galway (1)	Brenda Hanney
Wexford (2)	Linda Bolger, Lisa Bolger

Gaelic Football

Cork (21)	Jimmy Kerrigan, Tony Nation, Denis Walsh, John Kearns, Paddy Hayes, Mick Slocum, Dave Barry, John Cleary, Conor Counihan, Daniel Goulding, Paul Kerrigan, Paul O Flynn, Colm O Neill, Ray Carey, Conor O Driscoll, Patrick O Shea, Graham Canty, Derek Kavanagh, Eoin Cadogan, Donnacha O Connor, Kieran O Connor
Kerry (15)	Eoin Liston, Ger Lynch, Tom Spillane, Aidan O' Mahony, Mark O'Shea, Michael McCarthy, Darren O'Sullivan, Brian Sheehan, Seamus Scanlon, Mark Griffin, Brian Kelly, Brendan Kealy, Darren O' Sullivan, Barry John Keane, Pa Kilkenny

Ladies Gaelic Football

Cork (6)

Juliet Murphy, Anna Maria Walsh, Jean O Sullivan, Jessica O Shea, Sinead Cotter, Emma Farmer,

Waterford (3)

Deirdre Nagle, Paula Walsh, Bridget Hannigan



Without doubt one of our most decorated Graduate – Juliet Murphy who gave some great displays in the red and white hoops of Cork Institute of Technology Student GAA Club

