

Skills Challenges Protocol

During this worldwide pandemic, the Gaelic Games Associations (GAA, LGFA and Camogie) are aware of various skills challenges and charity events within our Units across the country with the aim of promoting positivity, physical activity, and wellbeing amongst our members. These integrative events are positive and enable members to feel connected to the Associations while on-field activity is on pause. In order to ensure the skills challenges are run safely and efficiently, the following is the recommended protocol for all skills challenges within the GAA, LGFA and Camogie.

- Notify and seek approval from the governing Unit of your Association (e.g. a Club should seek approval from their County Committee)
- Parental consent on behalf of their children, specific to the skills challenge/charity event etc. must be obtained by the event organisers
- The Unit proposing to run a skills challenge should determine the procedure for the facilitation of same which should be one of the following two methods.
 - 1) Media in the form of photographs/videos are uploaded to social media with the participant 'tagging' the Unit. This is the preferred method due to the ease of running the challenge, and the participant's control over the media.
 - 2) Media is sent to the Unit from the participant via an official Association email address (@gaa, @lgfa, @camogie).
- Ensure an appropriate information notice is available to all participants. This will depend on the method used to run the challenge and should include at minimum the following.
 - 1) Full information on the event – what is required of participants?
 - 2) Terms and conditions of the event (whether it is a competition, and if so, what the prizes are and how the winners will be chosen etc.)
 - 3) Data Protection Notice which should include the information listed ([here](#)). If the Unit decides on running the event based on point (1) above, this should include a notice to inform participants that if they share media on social media and 'tag' the Unit, the Unit may re-share the media. If the Unit decides to run the event based on point (2) above, the notice should include storage procedure, retention periods, access etc. If the Unit requires any assistance in drafting this notice, please email the applicable Data Protection Officer for your Association (dataprotection@gaa.ie, dataprotection@lgfa.ie, dataprotection@camogie.ie).
 - 4) Whether the winners names will be shared on the Unit's social media sites/website etc.
- In order to ensure compliance with the Code of Behaviour (Underage), it is recommended that any such skills challenges aimed at underage members include a requirement that the media is shared from a parent/guardian's account whether that be on social media in line with method (1), or by email in line with method (2)