



## Head of GAA Handball

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael is Ireland's leading sporting and cultural organisation with membership approaching one million people and in excess of 500,000 playing participants at all levels. Inspired by its amateur status and supported by the voluntary efforts of all its members, the GAA devotes its entire resources to the development of Gaelic Games and Culture nationally and in local communities.

The Head of GAA Handball will be responsible for the strategic and operational leadership of official coach and player development within GAA Handball. Working closely with the GAA Director of Coaching and Games Development, the role holder will manage all day to day aspects of the Handball Council, the implementation of handball policy as approved by the GAA Handball Council, the execution of the Council's Strategic Plan and proactively managing the performance of the full-time Team.

**Reports/Accountable to:** Director of Coaching and Games Development

### **Principal Responsibilities:**

- Provide the necessary leadership, management, decision making and organisational skills to enhance Handball Association operational requirements;
- To work with the Handball Council to deliver and monitor the progress of the National Strategic Plan for GAA Handball;
- To oversee the National Handball Centre and ensure that it is operational to best international standards;
- To work closely with members of coaching and games development team in ensuring there is alignment in the development and implementation of programmes;
- In conjunction with the GAA commercial/sponsorship team in Croke Park ensure the development of GAA Handball commercially by identifying and seeking out partnership opportunities for the Association with external parties, qualifying those opportunities and developing appropriate approaches to engage the parties professionally;
- To provide a comprehensive service to all handball units in the country, advising them on best practice in terms of infrastructural practices, fundraising practices, and any other requirements;
- Ensuring that GAA and Sport Ireland Governance standards are adhered to in all units of the Handball association;
- Ensuring proper governance and accountability in all aspects of financial dealings;
- To manage the expenses policy/ budgets and the cheque requisition policy in cooperation with the GAA financial management team in Croke Park, and with their assistance, produce annual accounts to present to the Annual Congress;
- To advise Congress, Central Council and all committees of the Irish Handball Council including the production of an Annual Report and the logistics associated with the staging of Annual Congress;
- To oversee and ensure the successful completion of all fixtures for the Handball Council to ensure that all arrangements are managed appropriately and meet the needs of players and supporters;
- Maintain links with International associations ensuring that the Handball Council needs are met and where appropriate ensuring players are integrated into the international fixture programme;
- To meet with appropriate third-party agencies including the Irish Sports Council, the Department of Sport and Tourism, ICHA and ensure appropriate linkages are in place so that the maximum support can be derived to promote and enhance the levels of participation/ infrastructure and standards in the country;
- To provide a quarterly summary on all matters to the leadership of the Handball Council and the GAA including ongoing reports to meetings of An Coiste Bainisti and Ard Chomhairle;

- Manage the operational structure of GAA Handball on a day-to-day basis to include the management and supervision of all full and part-time personnel;
- Work with GAA Communications to enhance and grow GAA Handball presence on all social media platforms;
- To support the Handball Uachtaran to ensure that his role is maximised in the promotion of handball.

**Essential Criteria:**

- Relevant third level qualification, minimum level 7 NFQ;  
3 + years proven management experience;
- Ideal candidate will have worked/volunteered with the GAA or similar sporting organisation  
{Voluntary or Professional Capacity};
- Experience in preparing, monitoring and managing budgets and funding applications;
- Exceptional interpersonal skills, strong ability to work in high-pressure situations within a volunteer led organisation;
- Administration and IT skills with a strong working knowledge of Microsoft Office and related software packages and systems;
- Excellent communication/presentation skills (verbal and written);
- Proven influencing and negotiation skills;
- Excellent ability to manage people/resources and build and sustain good team relationships and manage conflict;
- Strong leadership and decision making skills;
- Ability to effectively manage multiple projects and deadlines; hands-on approach to getting things done;
- Proven problem-solving skills with a demonstrable ability to act on own initiative;
- Strong organisational skills with a demonstrable ability to effectively manage multiple projects and priorities to tight deadlines.

**Desirable Criteria:**

- Knowledge of the GAA and GAA Handball

Candidates interested in the above role should apply with an up to date cover letter and Curriculum Vitae at [jobapplications@gaa.ie](mailto:jobapplications@gaa.ie) on or before 3pm, 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2025

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