

Who is covered under the GAA Injury Benefit Fund?

The GAA Injury Benefit Fund applies to:

- 1.1 Registered Players as per the Official Code who play on a team registered with the GAA Injury Benefit Fund who incur an accidental bodily injury* while playing Hurling, Gaelic Football, Handball or Rounders' only, either.
in the course of an official competitive Fixture or an Official Sanctioned challenge match or in the course of an official supervised collective team training session.
- 1.2 Match officials' i.e., referees, linesmen or umpires injured while officiating at an official competitive fixture of Hurling, Handball, Gaelic Football or Rounders as specified in 1.1 above.
- 1.3 Voluntary coaches, team managers, selectors and members of official team parties injured during games or training as specified in 1.1 above.

The GAA Injury Benefit Fund covers Adult* and Youth* members of the GAA.

For the purpose of the Benefit Fund, the following applies:

An Adult* is a registered and paid member of the GAA as per the Official Code who is 18 years of age or over on the 1st of January of the calendar year.

A Youth* is a registered and paid member of the GAA as per the Official Code who is under 18 years of age on the 1st of January of the calendar year.

Please note that the 2025 GAA Membership Year runs from January 1st 2025 – March 31st, 2026, and it is a requirement as per the official codes that all members are registered. To be considered registered, playing members must be registered on the GAA Membership system Foireann. A player or a parent \ guardian on behalf of a youth player will not be able to register a GAA Injury Benefit Fund claim unless they are on Foireann as a registered playing member at the injury date. All playing members should be registered members before the commencement of playing activities for the relevant year and should the club fail to register a member, there are implications for the unit in the event that a player takes a legal action against the unit as the unit maybe found to be negligent for permitting a member to play which is against the GAA Official Codes on membership which in turn will invalidate any Liability Insurance claim that may arise as it is a strict condition of the Liability Insurance program that all units are in compliance with the Official Guide \ Codes.

GAA Official Codes – 7.1 - Player's Injury Fund

Central Council may make arrangements for the provision of a Players' Injury Fund for registered playing members of affiliated units of the Association within Ireland and Britain. The Fund shall be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Fund as may be determined from time to time. **A team shall not be permitted to participate in any competition or game whatsoever under the jurisdiction of the Association unless they are in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Injury Fund.** Failure to fulfil a fixture as a result of such non-compliance shall result in the forfeiture of the game. Any member or unit of the Association found, following investigation by Central Council, to have made, or assisted in the making of, a fraudulent claim under the Fund shall be deemed to have discredited the Association and shall be liable to penalties set out in Rule 7.2(e)

* Please see Glossary for definition