



#### The (R)Evolution in Gaelic Games

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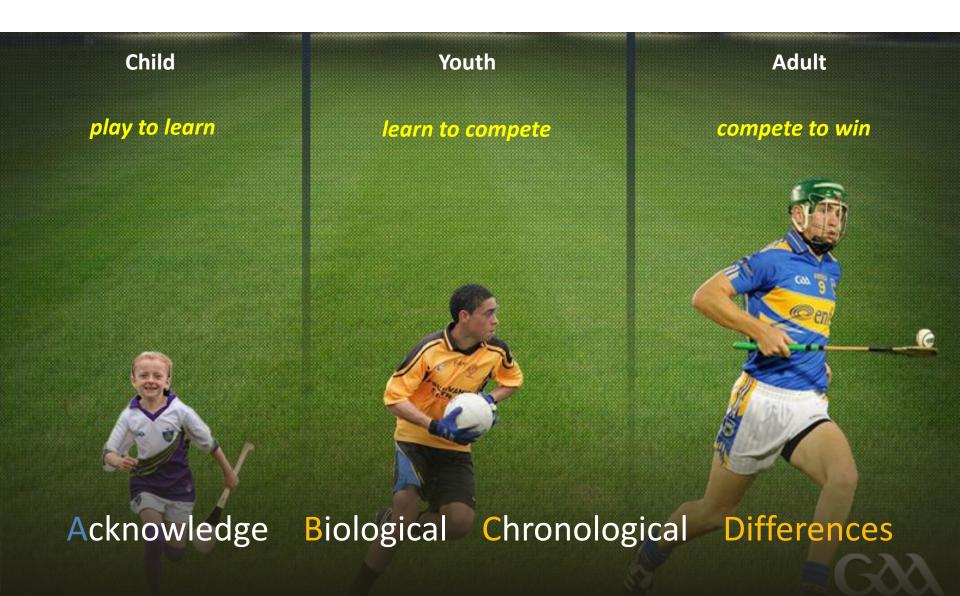
#### What are Go Games?



Go Games are small-sided versions of Hurling and Gaelic Football which have been devised for children up to and including 11 years of age.



# **GAA Player Pathway**





# **GAA GO Games Philosophy**

To promote full participation and fair play, while catering for the developmental needs of the participants through age appropriate activities.





### Benefits

- 1. A greater number of catches, passes and scoring attempts occur
- 2. Levels of enjoyment and perceived competence are higher
- 3. The players work harder, therefore increasing levels of fitness
- 4. There are increased opportunities to improve decision making skills
- Games will be played while incorporating the GAA Respect Initiative

Moyna & Whelan, Dublin City University (2011)



## International Best Practice











# The (R)Evolution



2004: Concept introduced

2010: T.O. Rule 6.26

2012: National Review (GDC)

2013: New Rule 6.26 + extended policy









23,000 since 2011

#### **Player Registrations to Under 12**

- 2011 124,406
- 2012 138,479
- 2013 147,065



## New Rule 6.26 Policy

Under 7: Max. 7-a-side

Under 9: Max. 9-a-side

Under 11: Max. 11-a-side

Played on blitz basis

Every child plays in each game

Fun, Fair Play and Full Participation





#### **PLAY AND STAY WITH THE GAA!**



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