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By email to: Gach Rúnaí Club

Maidir Le: Hurley Specifications, Match Sliotar Licensee Information/Updates, Jersey Licensee Information, Helmet Standard Information

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Please find below some important updates and reminders for clubs around GAA equipment and licensees as the 2024 season progresses:

#### GAA Match Sliotar Licensees:

As communicated to clubs last October, all GAA Match Sliotar Licensees are continuing to phase-out the production of white-coloured sliotars and are now producing **Fluorescent Yellow/High-Visibility** sliotars instead. It is the recommendation of the GAA's Sliotar, Hurley and Helmet Work Group, which has been approved by Central Council, having conducted significant research into the matter in terms of optimal performance, visibility and contrast, that commencing on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, all hurling games at all levels from Minor (U17) and above, should use a **Fluorescent Yellow/High-Vis** sliotar from an official GAA Licensee.

All Licensed Match Sliotar suppliers continue to undergo regular randomised testing to ensure compliance with specifications. Additionally, **all** Sliotar Licensees must renew their World Federation of the Sporting Goods Industry Pledge with the WFSGI annually.

A full list of GAA Match Sliotar Licensees (subject to change) can be found below:

- Azzurri Sport – <https://azzurri.ie/>
- Bourke Sports - <https://bourkesports.ie/>
- Butlers Handcrafted Hurleys - <https://kilkennyhurleys.ie/>
- Cooper - <https://cooper.ie/>
- Champion Hurleys Ltd - <https://www.dalychampionhurleys.com/>
- Cummins Sports - <https://www.cumminssports.ie/>
- Cúl Sliotars - <https://www.culsliotars.ie/>
- Fitzgerald Hurleys (3 Counties) - <https://fitzgeraldhurleys.com/>
- GASports (O'Connor Sliotars) - <https://www.gasports.ie/>

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- Green Fields - <https://greenfieldsdst.com/>
- Karakal - <https://karakal.ie/>
- Lar Corbett Sports – <https://larcorbettsports.com/>
- Moran Hurleys - <https://moranhurleys.ie/>
- Mycro Sportsgear – <https://mycrosport.com/>
- O’Meara Sliotars - <https://www.omearasliotars.com/>
- O’Neills - <https://www.oneills.com/>
- Teamkit - <https://team-kit.com/>

All Smart & Match Sliotar Licensees will carry a new official stamp as can be seen below:



The old logo will no longer be used by the Association.

Going forward Dónal Marah, ([donal.marah@gaa.ie](mailto:donal.marah@gaa.ie)) GAA Partnerships Manager, will be the point of contact for Sliotar licensees, including for new applicants.

Further information is available at [gaa.ie \(https://www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/getting-involved/sliotar\)](https://www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/getting-involved/sliotar) and from GAA Player Welfare Manager, Eoghan Tuohey ([eoghan.tuohey@gaa.ie](mailto:eoghan.tuohey@gaa.ie))

#### **GAA Hurley Specifications:**

Ard Comhairle has approved the recommendation from the Sliotar, Hurley and Helmet Work Group that the following revised dimensions for the hurley be implemented (Official Guide Part II 2024 – Riail 4.5):

- Juvenile (Child) up to and including a 26” Hurley – Maximum Bas of 15cm
- Junior (Youth) up to and including a 30” Hurley – Maximum Bas of 16cm
- Senior (Adult) from 31” up to and including a 36” Hurley – Maximum Bas of 17cm
- Adult Goalkeeper Hurley Maximum Bas size of 21cm

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### **GAA Helmet Rule Reminder:**

All players, coaches and parents are reminded that as per Riail 4.2 (ii) of Part II of the GAA Official Guide, it is mandatory, and the individual player's responsibility, that in all hurling training sessions and matches a helmet with a facial guard that meets the standard set out in IS:355 is worn. Such helmets shall not be modified from their original manufactured state in any circumstances. Once the helmet or facial guard is modified in any way, players are at an increased risk of injury and are not covered under the terms of the GAA Player Injury Benefit Fund. Further information is available here - <https://learning.gaa.ie/mouthguardshurlinghelmets>

### **GAA Playing Gear:**

The regulations the GAA have relating to playing jerseys for all GAA teams, at all levels (adult and juvenile), as per GAA Official Guide are listed below:

#### ***GAA Official Guide Part 1***

##### ***1.14 Playing Gear and Equipment***

*All jerseys, shorts, stockings, tracksuits (tops and bottoms) and kitbags, worn and/or used for official matches, in pre-match or post-match television or video interviews, player walk-ups and photographs, shall be of Irish manufacture. This requirement shall also apply to replica playing gear.*

#### ***GAA Official Codes***

##### ***(3) SPONSORSHIP & BRANDING***

##### ***3.2 Branding***

- (a) The Association's corporate logo shall be displayed on all jerseys worn by players during official matches, in pre-match and post-match television or video interviews, player walk-ups and photographs.*
  
- (g) A manufacturer's or supplier's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo may not be displayed on items of playing gear as set out in sub clause (a) of this Rule unless such items are included in an Official Licence Agreement previously approved by the Management Committee of the Central Council. A brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo of any nature shall not be displayed on stockings.*
  
- (j) A unit, team, player, official or member shall not contract itself/themselves to wear or use any particular brand of playing gear, equipment or accessories unless such playing gear, equipment or accessories fully comply with the provisions of Rule and Code.*

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### 3.4 Playing Gear and Equipment

1. *Central Council shall adopt Regulations relating to standards for hurleys, sliotars, footballs, artificial tees for use for kick-outs in football and other playing gear and equipment.*
2. *Playing gear and equipment shall be approved for use, by the Director General, subject to compliance with these Regulations.*

The only companies licensed to use the GAA logo and that adhere to the above guidelines for clubs are:

- **Azzurri** – Inter County & Club playing gear & leisurewear - [azzurri.ie](http://azzurri.ie)
- **Gaelic Armour** - Inter County & Club playing gear & leisurewear - [gaelicarmour.com](http://gaelicarmour.com)
- **Intosport** - Club playing gear & leisurewear - [intosport.ie](http://intosport.ie)
- **KC Leisure** - Club playing gear & leisurewear - [kcsports.ie](http://kcsports.ie)
- **Masita** - Club playing gear & leisurewear - [masita.ie](http://masita.ie)
- **McKeever Sports** - Inter County & Club playing gear & leisurewear - [mckeeverports.com](http://mckeeverports.com)
- **O'Neill's** - Inter County & Club playing gear & leisurewear - [oneills.com](http://oneills.com)

*In terms of penalty - Any unit or team in breach of this shall be liable to disqualification and/or loss of expenses, and an individual(s) to a suspension of not less than twenty-four weeks or to expulsion.*

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