



Club Manual

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The GAA provides a number of free and easy to use I.T. solutions for clubs, which are a great aid to general Club administration and communication. This chapter provides an outline of three solutions, namely the GAA Google Apps Solution, the GAA Club Website Solution and the GAA Registration and Membership Management System. The roll out of these solutions in the Club can be facilitated by the appointment of an IT sub-committee in the Club. The applications are now discussed in more detail.

1: The GAA Google Apps solution:

The GAA has teamed up with Google to provide clubs with a comprehensive suite of applications that will greatly facilitate improved communication and administration management in the Club. The applications are outlined as follows:

Gmail

This application provides fast, searchable email with less spam and large storage capacity. Each Club Secretary is provided with a standard Club email address and this solution is now the main communication tool for clubs with their County Committee, Provincial Committee and Croke Park.

Google Talk

This application provides for instant messaging with other GAA contacts and facilitates real-time availability; status updates of GAA contacts online and allows the sending of instant messages.

Google Calendar

This application helps your Club to organize various schedules and share details of all Club events with members, including times and venues of games and meetings.

Google Docs

This application facilitates the online sharing of Club documents, presentations, and spreadsheets and is a useful tool for generation of meeting minutes and other documents.

Google Sites

Google Sites is an application that enables users to create their own sites and allows them to collaborate and share information.

GAA Google Apps support team

For more information and support email Baker Security and Networks GAA email support team at:

mail.support@gaamail.ie

or

phone on 076-615 4932 (lo-call number)

<https://sites.google.com/a/gaa.ie/gaa-support/>

Applications are found under the following URL:

<http://mail.gaa.ie>

For more information please visit:

<http://www.google.com/apps/>

or

contact our support team.

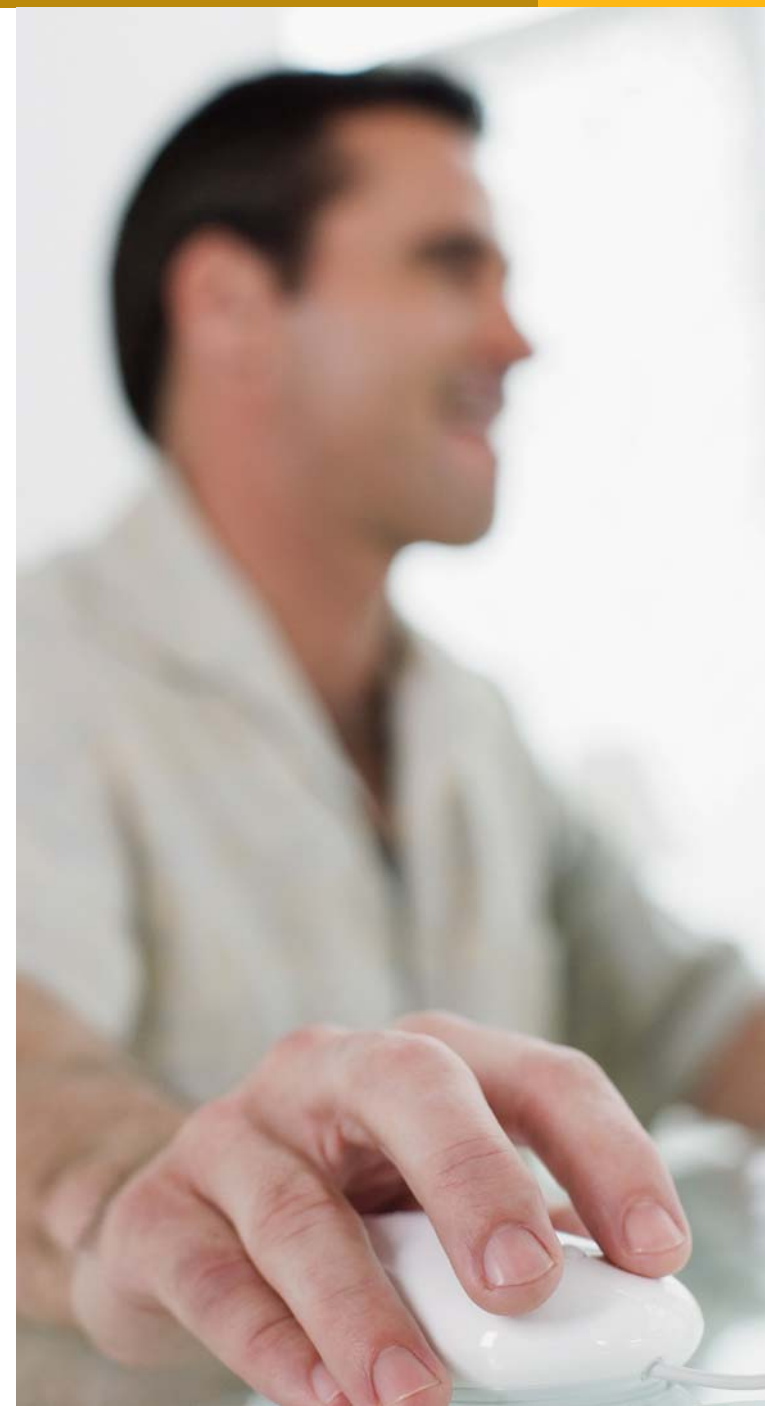
2: GAA Online Registration and Membership Management System

This is essentially a Club membership management system that allows clubs to do the following tasks:

- Register Full and Youth Members
- Affiliate teams for the Player Injury Scheme
- Register All Players
- Register the Club Executive Committee
- Register the Club Trustees
- Generate Team Lists in Irish and English
- Communicate by bulk text message and email
- Record payment of fees in the Club

From 2010, it is compulsory for clubs to use this system to register their members, their players and the Club Executive Committee. Registration using this system is quick and easy and is facilitated by 'ticking the box'. Once registered, each member is assigned a unique GAA identification number. The system also has an automatic Irish translation service that translates names from English to Irish. Official Club team sheets with the players name in Irish and English as well as the unique ID number can be quickly generated.

A great advantage of this system is that it will provide the GAA with a database of all members and players and will allow the Association to issue membership cards to Club members.





For registration purposes, the Club will require the following information:

Full Members: Name and Address

Youth Members: Name, Address and Date of Birth

All Players: Name, Address and Date of Birth

Please note that under no circumstances should a Club pass on any of the information stored on this system to any third party. To do so is in breach of data protection legislation.

Each Club is allowed two usernames and passwords to this system for full access, usually provided to the Club Secretary and Registrar. These passwords should not be passed on to anyone else in the Club.

For further information, contact your county IT Officer or visit:

<https://people.gaa.ie/admin>

For system support, contact

gaasupport@servasport.com

For more on the topic of membership, consult the Club manual section on **Membership and Registration**.

2: The GAA website solution

The GAA is unveiling a new website infrastructure for Clubs and this platform will be deployed on Google Sites. This will cater for all Club websites that are currently hosted under the GAA's arrangement with Sitesuite and Clubs are advised that the existing arrangement is expected to come to an end by December 31 2010.

The infrastructure is very easy to use with extensive functionality and it provides users with great flexibility. A selection of GAA themed templates are available for easy customisation to suit your club colours and requirements.

Clubs and counties can look after moving their sites from the old system to the new, either through members of the club or through local partners. Baker Security and Networks also provide a service of migrating your site and more information on the services they provide is included below. To view some of the features available please visit:

<http://conahyshamrocks.gaa.ie>

A number of helpful tutorials and documentation is available online to help get clubs to get started.

The following are some helpful links:

Welcome to Google Sites

www.google.com/sites/overview.html

Overview

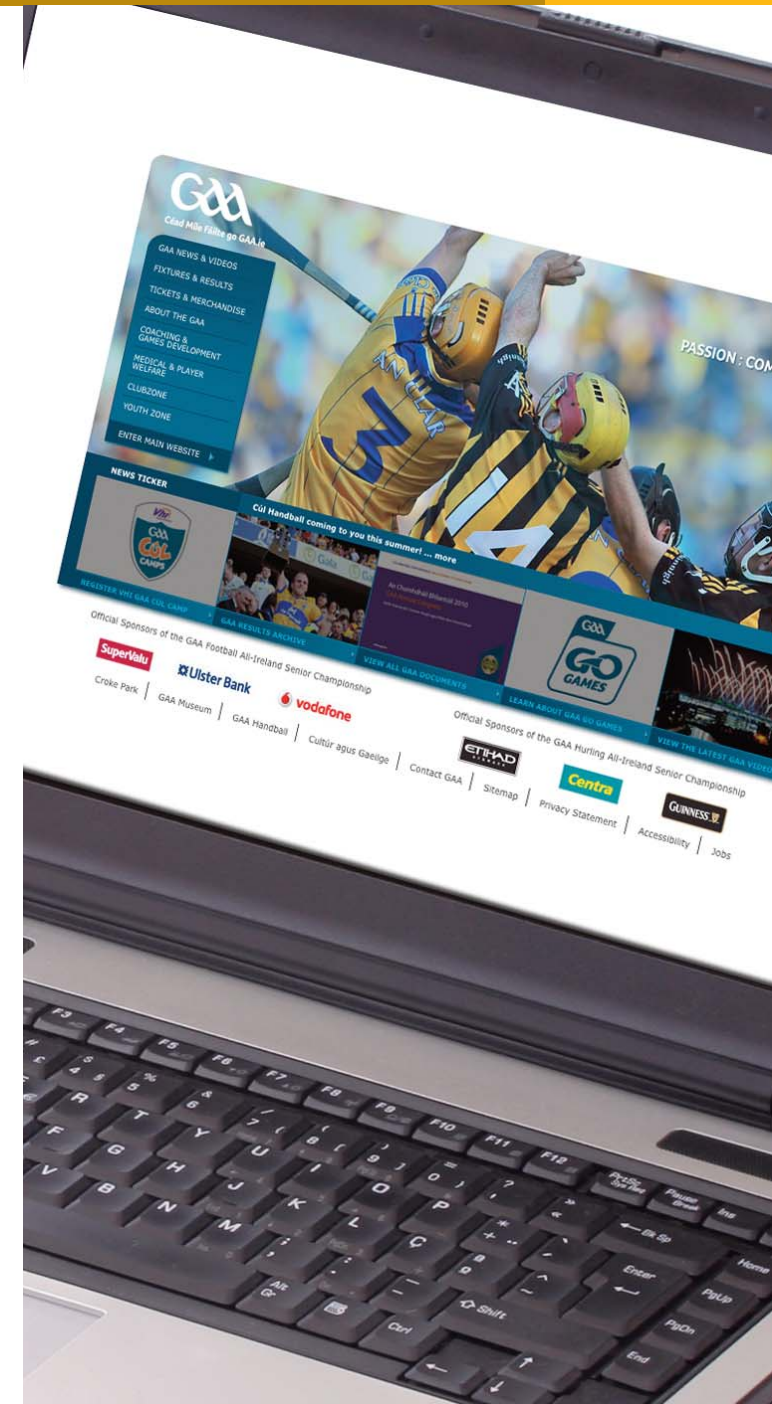
www.google.com/sites/help/intl/en/overview.html

Helpful articles

<https://www.google.com/support/sites/?hl=en>

Tutorial videos

youtube.com/results?search_query=google+sites&aq=f



The package includes a number of services from DIY to Full Support:

Design Option 1:

Clubs can choose from a selection of pre-designed GAA templates to assist them in getting a website up and running quickly. With this option Clubs will be required to do their own migration of data and customization of their website pages. The website allows for various news feeds from alternative sources and the template is provided for FREE. The Fixtures and Results module as supplied by Bakers is not included in this option but is available for €50 per annum.

Design Option 2:

Clubs can also use Baker Security and Networks, the company that supported the Google roll out, for an additional cost. The GAA have agreed a special price with Baker which will see them move any existing club site to

the Google system for €450 plus VAT. This is a once off fee. This will mean that Bakers will migrate your existing website for a once of payment but clubs will have to administer their website after this work is completed. The website design is based on a choice of pre-designed GAA templates. The Fixtures and Results module as supplied by Bakers is not included in this option but is available for €50 per annum.

Naming Service 1.

If clubs would like a domain name **www.clubname.gaa.ie**, then the cost is just €20 per annum. This means clubs will have an active site on gaa.ie domain just for the cost of €20.

Naming Service 2.

In addition if you want Baker to manage the DNS (your domain name, **www.clubname.ie**) there is a change of just €50 per annum.

Automated Fixtures & Results Feed:

Baker can also set up a fixtures and results feed for you for just €50 per annum.

For support please email Baker Security and Networks GAA email support team at

sites@gaa.ie

or by phone on

076-615 4932 (lo-call number)

For those who wish to avail of any part of the above package please complete the following form:

Baker Security and Networks GAA club and county web site migration Form