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## **MAIDIR LE: PLAYER TRANSFER SYSTEM UPGRADE**

To: All Club Secretaries

Cc: County Secretaries, County Operations Executives & Provincial Secretaries

A chara,

I would like to bring your attention to an upgraded Player Transfer System that replaces the previous system. The system, now available within Foireann, facilitates the following applications within the GAA:

- Inter-County Transfers and Intra-Provincial Transfers
- Sanctions: USGAA, New York, Canadian & J1
- Weekend Authorisations
- European Student Permits
- Inter-County Hurling Permits

It does not apply to transfers within a County which continue to be processed by each County Committee.

### **Key Changes to Note**

The system follows the same rules and processes as the previous system, but here are some changes to note:

1. **Player Initiates:** The onus is on players to start applications via their Foireann accounts, in contrast to the previous system, where the Club Secretary of the joining Club started the process by adding the player's email address and leaving Club to the system. The first step for the joining Club Secretary will now occur after the player has applied via Foireann.
2. **Foireann Based:** Transfers, sanctions and permits are now managed within Foireann as opposed to the old transfer system which was available at [pts.gaa.ie](https://pts.gaa.ie) The old transfer system will also remain live until 31 December to help manage the transition.
3. **New Layout:** The user interface has been redesigned to make it more user friendly. The simplified navigation will improve the ease of use for players and administrators.

### **Other Key Points**

1. **International Clubs:** We are in the process of getting all international Clubs set-up on the Foireann system to facilitate transfers and sanctions (Most are already set-up). If a player cannot find a Club they wish to join on the system, however, they should contact the relevant Club Secretary to discuss their options, such as using the old system until 31 December or submitting a hardcopy application.
2. **System Access, Notifications and Approvals:** Transfer and sanction notifications are sent to the official Club Secretary email address listed in the Club's Foireann profile. To double-check the email account for your Club, go to Foireann > 'Administration' > 'Organisation Details'. To change this information, please contact the Foireann support

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desk, but please note that all units should use their official Secretary email accounts for transfers and sanctions rather than personal email addresses. Any Club member with 'Club Administrator' privileges can view and approve or reject applications, but this should be done by the Club Secretary.

3. **LGFA and Camogie:** The LGFA and Camogie Association are moving to a version of the PTS that is tailored for their different rules, forms, deadlines and processes. While there are a lot of similarities in the systems, they have quite a few differences also. Those associations will communicate directly with all relevant Clubs and County Boards regarding their rollout plans.

### Guidance and Support

We have created a series of user guides and will provide ongoing support to help get you accustomed to the new system. Supports include:

- **User Guides:** User guides giving step-by-step instructions are available at: <https://gmssupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/sections/9965754354716-GAA-Player-Transfers>
- **Support Ticket System:** For support with using the system, email Foireann Support at: <https://gmssupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/requests/new>
- **FAQs:** A list of answers to common questions that arise when using the Player Transfer System within Foireann for various types of transfer, sanction and permit applications in the GAA. Available at: [Player Transfer System FAQs.docx](#)

If you need additional support, please contact Christian Phillips (GAA Club Administration Coordinator) in the GAA's Games Administration Department (E: [christian.phillips@gaa.ie](mailto:christian.phillips@gaa.ie)).

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