

## **Proposed changes to Community Games activities for 2013 Analysis prepared by Graham Meakins**

The Board of Directors has issued a proposed revised list of activities following a complete review of our current programme after consultations with the NEAC, Sports Council of Ireland and various National Governing Bodies (NGB's).

- A number of criteria have been used but the main ones would be
- Do we get support from NGB's to run under CG rules?
  - Do we get participation from Areas and Counties?
  - Are the rules appropriate to Community Games mission statement?
  - Can we get sufficient and capable officials?
  - Have we the expertise to run the event safely and effectively?

I have summarised the proposed changes with a brief comment as appropriate.

### **Activities proposed to be deleted**

**Under 12 Draughts** – currently U10, U12, U14 *note NEAC opposed this as we would expect to lose children over 10 and affect the U14 event*

**Basketball under 16** – poorly supported

**Table Tennis under 16** – poorly supported

**Hard Court Tennis under 16** – poorly supported

**100 metres under 16** poorly supported

**Handball under 13 & U15** – Difficulties regarding facilities countrywide proposed to replace this with ONE WALL handball under 13 more suited to all areas and non club entries

**Gymnastics Team event-** poorly supported only 3 teams to national finals

Activities age groups amendments

**TALENT competitions-** *NEAC opposed these changes on the basis that we would lose 10, 11, 12 year old children could not compete with under 16's and would fundamentally change the competition. Up to age 14 is ideal age to introduce children to these and build confidence*

**Set Dancing** up from U14 to U16

**Group Music** up from u14 to U16

**Group Drama** up from U14 to U16

**Solo Singing** up from U14 to U16

**Solo Music** up from U14 to U16

Irish Contemporary Dancing down from under 14 to under 12 *NEAC did not see any logic of this reduction and suggest leaving at under 14*

Gymnastics change age groups from U8, U10, U12, U14& U16 to U9, U11, U13 & U15 (*NEAC strongly suggested that Gymnastics be dropped totally due to the*

*very restricted access by non club members and judging difficulties with Community games rules.)*

**Badminton** reduce age from under 15 to under 13 and change to a boys team and a girls team they play mixed doubles and singles matches

**Gaelic Football under 10**– New rule – All members of the panel must get play time

**Rounders under 13** change from boys + girls to mixed under 13 *NEAC was against this change regarding the relative hitting abilities of boys and girls at this age and serious safety issues*

## **Proposed New events**

**Cooking under 16 B & G** – *As pointed out by NEAC it would be difficult to obtain facilities .i.e. schools etc that would allow children to use cooking facilities, unless they already provide cookery classes to their students. Insurance could be difficult too.*

**Speed stacking Under 16 MIXED**

**One Wall handball Under 13 B & G** see above

**Spike ball under 14 B & G**- A similar to Volleyball but simpler rules

**Triple Jump under 16 B & G**

**Relay Athletics 4x 400m under 16 mixed**- *NEAC suggested 4x200m would get better support and participation*

**Family Relay 2 under 14's plus 2x over 25's**- *NEAC has some safety concerns regarding this. Proposed to run 2, under 14's first then the 2 over 25's*

**Rugby Hybrid Girls under 16** – *This is a new game being developed by IRFU*

**SPORTS INDUCTION**- *Sportshall activities open for Boys & girls*

## ***Extensions and seeding***

It is also proposed to introduce an additional layer of competition for a number of events they are calling these secondary competition “Plate” competitions.

**Variety**- First Level Seeded Counties to group A (those counties who have won before) 2nd level all other Counties. Run as 2 competitions

**Swimming under 8** Splits into 2 competitions after 1<sup>st</sup> heats

**Athletics 60m & 80m** Competitions Split into 2 competitions after 1<sup>st</sup> heats

Hope this helps understand the proposed changes and maybe some of the reasoning.

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