

Talent 1 (T1)

STAGE FOCUS

Demonstration of Potential



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Phase Descriptor

This sub-phase is focused on a player's initial involvement with development opportunities outside of the club environment i.e. school and player development/academy/County squads, at early adolescent age level. It is envisaged that as many players as possible within a county would have the opportunity to experience some or all elements of the development programme over these two years.

Considerations for Development and Learning

The Player - The player is given the opportunity to test and challenge themselves in other environments outside the club that will foster personal development and wellbeing.

The Game - The games program provides a higher standard of playing opportunity through involvement with players of various standards, delivered within a definitive period of time that is integrated into the club fixtures calendar.

Key Support Providers in the Environment

An effective governance structure - this is a key ingredient to support the management and implementation of the Gaelic Games Pathway through the provision of meaningful games programmes, quality coaching and a shared understanding of the various player development inputs.

Coach - The coach has an in-depth knowledge of the phase and promotes a positive coach player relationship. They must act as a conduit between the club, school and player development/academy/County squads where applicable and at all times focus on the best interests of individual prospects

Parent/Family - promote personal development by allowing players make decisions for themselves in consultation with their coaches.

Teacher - The teacher has an important role in the relationship between the school and the club as well as the relevant player development/academy/County squads where applicable. Here the teacher supports players with potential to smoothly progress through this stage.

Approx. Age Range

13 -14 years old

Phase Outcome

Expose players to other experiences & environments