

Talent 4 (T4)

STAGE FOCUS

Breakthrough and Reward



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Phase Descriptor

The strategies necessary at this sub-phase are best implemented when players breakthrough to senior 3rd level and intercounty competition. Players who aspire to transition into Elite or to a High Performing level will gain invaluable experience if they participate in these competitions. However, players can also transition from F3 to E1 with high levels of support with their club. These players must benefit from proactive strategies that minimise the barriers to progression to elite adult level.

Considerations for Development and Learning

The Player - The player avails of the additional supports and experiences to assist their on-going development. This is unique opportunity to connect and play with players from other counties and clubs while creating lifelong friendships.

The Game - The game provides the opportunity to play at a highly competitive level with players of various standards including those who are already playing at adult intercounty level. This games programme is delivered during a specific window that is included in the overall 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 club, intercounty Squads and 3rd level where applicable and at all times focus on the best interests of individual prospects.

Family - at this stage, the family's role is very much focused on emotional support for the player

3rd Level College - The 3rd level coach has an in-depth knowledge of the phase and promotes a positive coach player relationship. They liaise with club and intercounty coaches where applicable and at all times focus on the best interests of the player.

Approx. Age Range

20- 23 years old

Phase Outcome

Support ongoing development in order to transition to an adult intercounty environment