

# FOOTBALL REVIEW COMMITTEE

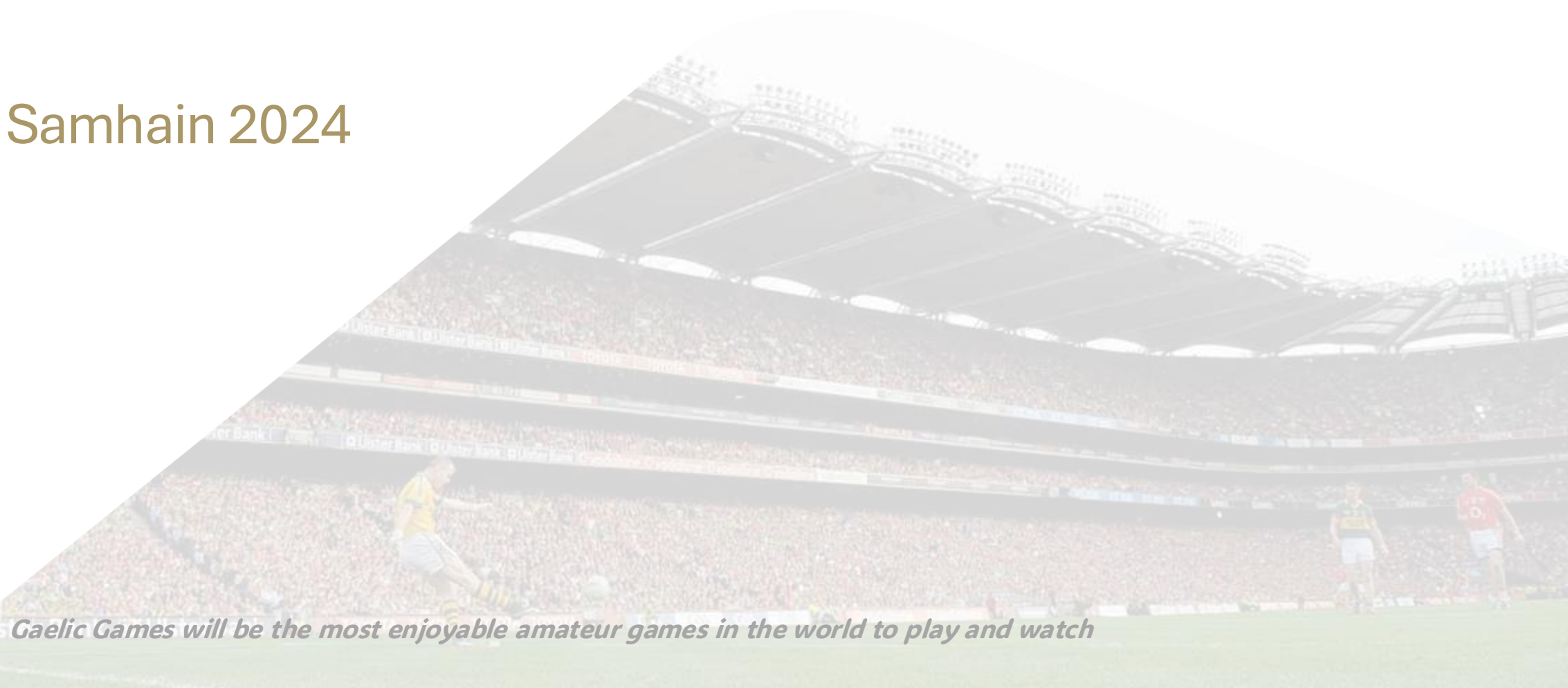


## GAA Gaelic Games Coaching Conference

23ú Samhain 2024

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# AN CLÁR

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- FRC Tearmaí Tagartha
- Rule Enhancement Proposals

# FRC MEMBERS

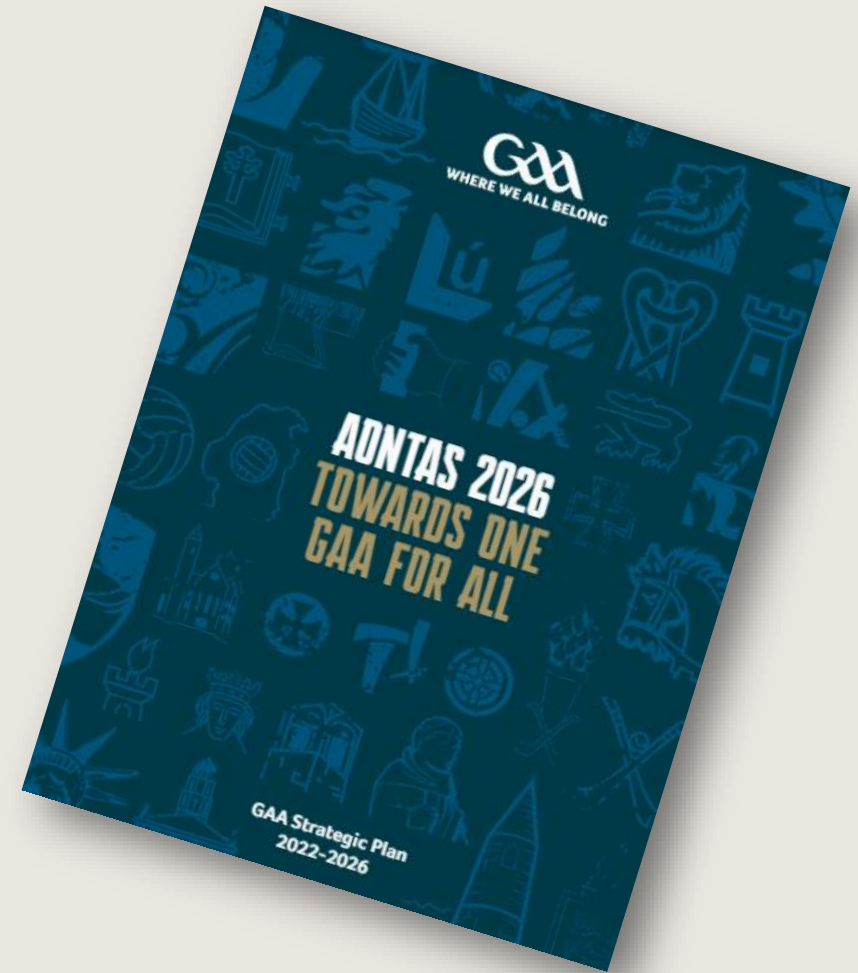
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- **SÉAMUS KENNY (Runaí)** – Simonstown Gaels GFC, County Meath

# TEARMAÍ TAGARTHA

## REVIEW OF GAELIC FOOTBALL 2024/2025

### Rationale

- This Football Review emanates from the Strategic Plan Aontas 2026 in its vision statement: *‘to be a sustainable community-based and volunteer led association where as many as possible, participate in Gaelic games and culture, for as long as possible’.*



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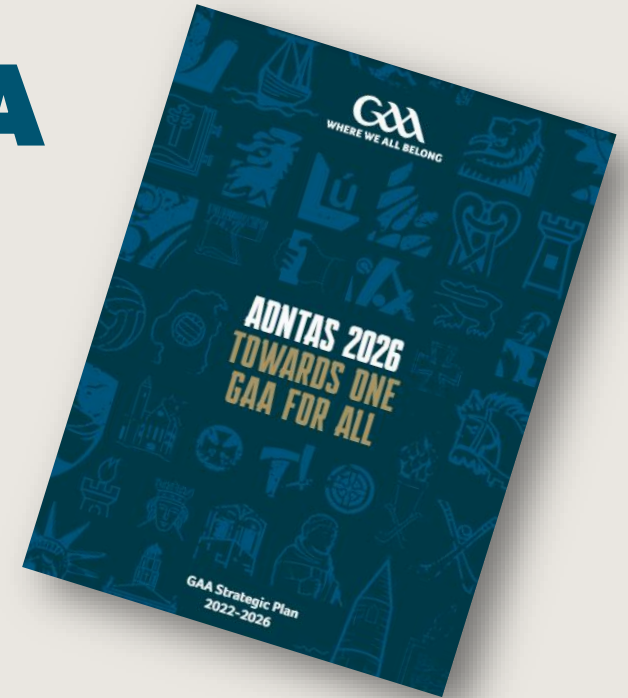
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The Key Focus Area – Games:

**‘Providing the best possible games experience for players and spectators’**

The Vision Description:

**‘Gaelic Games will be the most enjoyable amateur games in the world to play and watch’**



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1. Evaluate the current rules and regulations of Gaelic football, including their application and enforcement, to identify potential areas for modification or enhancement that could contribute to a more exciting and dynamic viewing experience.
2. Examine the pacing and flow of Gaelic football matches, considering options to maintain a balance between tradition and introducing innovations that could increase the overall entertainment value for spectators.
3. Examine the previous reviews of Gaelic football which have been undertaken by the association as well as the work of the Standing Committee on Playing Rules.
4. Explore possibilities for adjusting scoring systems or introducing new elements that could encourage more strategic and engaging gameplay, aiming to captivate the audience and create memorable moments.

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5. Engage with players, coaches, referees, officials, and fans to gather diverse perspectives on the current state of Gaelic football and to identify potential changes that align with both the spirit of the game and the desire for a more entertaining spectator experience.
6. Examine the motions which have been submitted for Congress 2025 with a view towards gauging the landscape of change and incorporating some of them into the new blueprint for Gaelic football which will emerge from the group's deliberations and research.
7. Consider a coaching and games template which may be required depending on the proposals emanating from the review process.
8. Present an interim report for consideration by Ard Chomhairle with a view for full discussion and ratification in 2025.

# HIGHLIGHTS SO FAR ON A PAGE



## FRC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

39 (24 on-line/ 15 in-person)



## PUBLIC SURVEY

>7.3k responses

(Opened 05/04 - Closed 30/06)



## SURVEY COMMENTS, EMAILS, LETTERS

ANALYSED >5k reviewed & considered

## DELPHI SURVEY WITH GAA COACHES

3 of 3 rounds completed



## GOVERNANCE

- Coiste Baniste x1
- Ard Chomhairle x3
- Standing Committee on Playing Rules x5
- Rules Advisory Committee x2



## 1-2-1 STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

- Connaught Council
- Leinster Council
- Ulster Council
- Munster Council
- County Board Chairs
- National Referee's Committee x 2
- Senior Referee's Group
- GAA World Council
- Gaelic Writers Association
- Provincial & County Heads of Games
- GAA Britain
- GAA Higher Education Council
- Inter County Managers x 2
- GPA x 2



## INTER-PROs

- IP#1 LEN v CON
- IP#2 MUN v ULS
- IP#3 LEN v MUN
- IP#4 CON v ULS



## FOCUS GROUPS

- Munster #1, Páirc Ui Chaoimh, 16/05
- Leinster #1, Portlaoise, 13/06
- Ulster #1, Monaghan, 12/06
- Leinster #2, Enfield 10/06
- Ulster #2, Toomebridge, 12/06
- Connacht, Began 10/06

## SAND BOX GAMES

- SB#1 Mullingar
- SB#2 Began
- SB#3 Abbottstown
- SB#4 Abbottstown
- SB#5 Ennis
- SB#6 Inniskeen
- SB#7 Mullahoran



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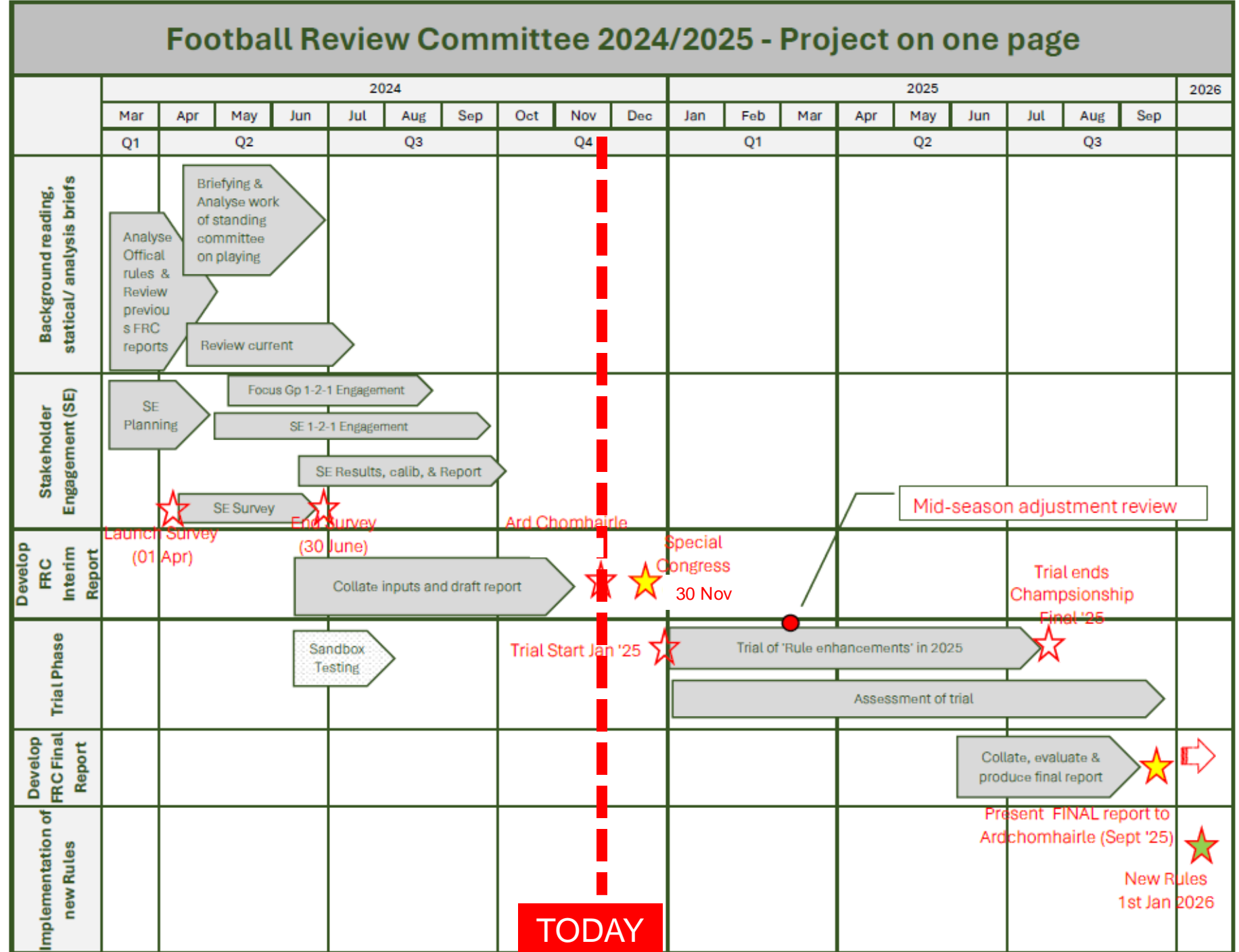
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# PLAN OF ACTION

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# NEXT 09 WEEKS: WEEK 47 – WEEK 04



**Special Congress** (Week 48: 30.11.24)

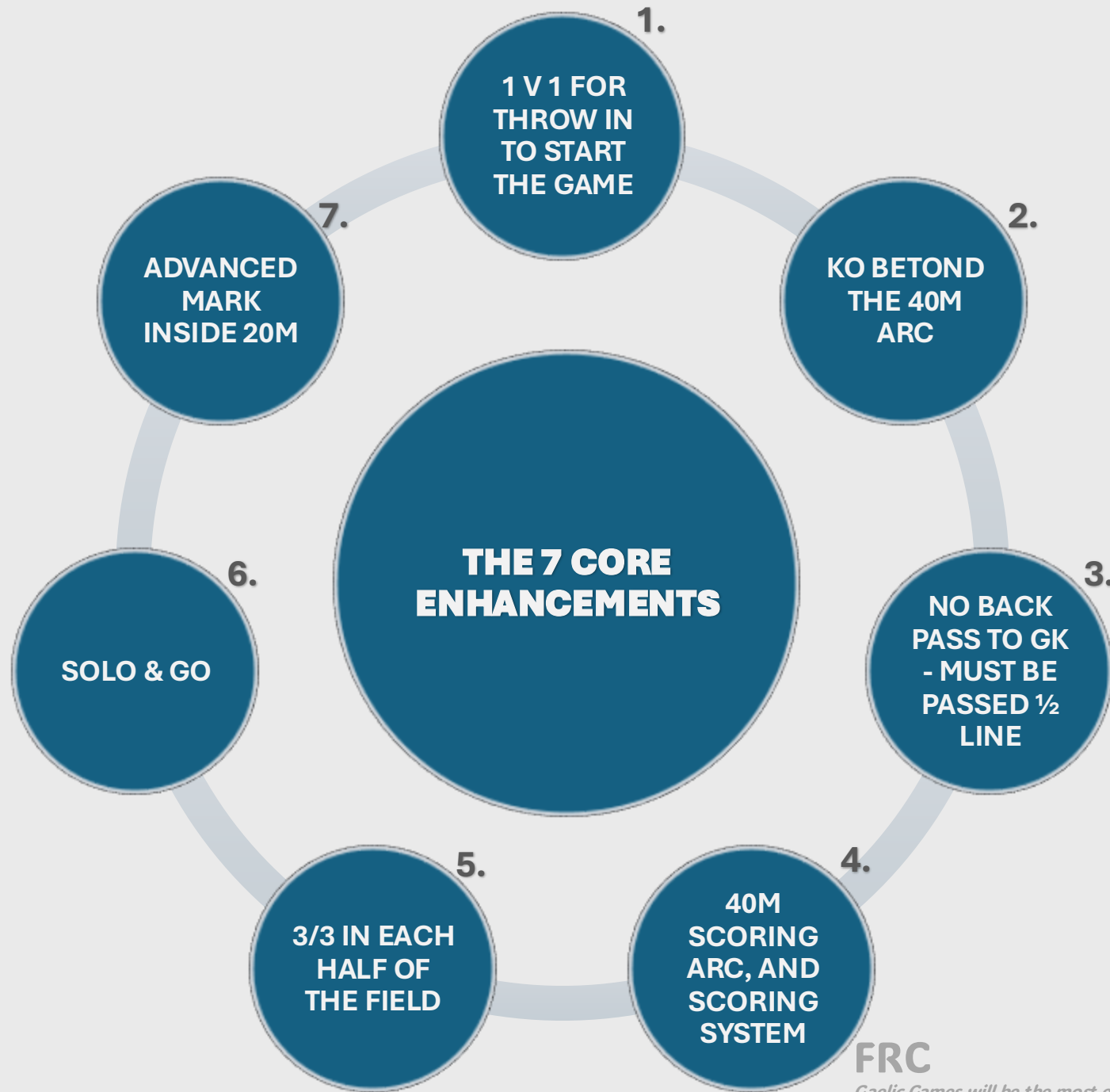


**National Football League** (Week 04 of 2025) 25.01.25 - GAL Vs ARM



**Full club programme NLT 31.03.25** (Week 12 of 2025)  
- 18 weeks/ 129 day's from today

MOTIONS



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**TECHNICAL FOULS/  
AGGRESSIVE FOULS  
&  
DISSENT**

**TECHNICAL  
FOULS**

- 50M ADVANCEMENT FOR TACTICAL DELAY FOUL
- 50M ADVANCEMENT FOR INTERFERING WITH FREE KICK, SIDELINE BALL OR KICK OUT

**AGGRESSIVE  
FOULS**

- DELIBERATE HOLD/ PULL DOWN = CAT II INFRACTION
- CONTRIBUTING TO A MELEE = CAT II INFRACTION

**DISSENT**

- 50M FOR FORCEFULLY CHALLENGING REFEREE
- 13M FREE KICK AWARDED AGAINST A TEAM FOR DISSENT FROM AN IDENTIFIABLE TEAM OFFICIAL(S) OR NOR PLAYING SUB(S).
- U18 AND BELOW, BLACK CARD FOR DISSENT BUT PLAYER CAN BE IMMEDIATELY REPLACED.

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MOTIONS

GAME OFFICIATING  
&  
GAME  
ADMINISTRATION

STOP CLOCK

- GAMES END ON HOOTER/ REFEREE'S WHISTLE

VANISHING  
FOAM

- VANISHING FOAM USED TO MARK SPOT FOR FREE KICKS INSIDE THE 65M LINE

EMPOWER LINE  
UMPIRE

- LINE UMPIRE CAN BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE REFEREE ANY FOUL PLAY NOT NOTICED BY THE REFEREE



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