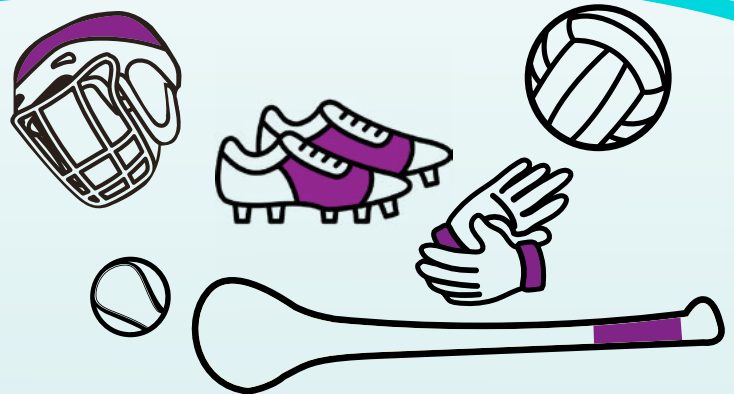




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Running a Gear Swap in Your Club

A gear and boot swap can be a great way to reduce waste in your club. Gear swaps work well for players of all ages but are particularly useful for younger teams, where players often grow out of gear and boots that are still in very good condition. Here are some tips for running a gear swap in your club.



Preparing for a Gear Swap

1. GEAR COLLECTION

Collect all gear and boots beforehand – consider organising and advertising a drop off point for a fixed window of time as well as coordinating directly through teams. Consider enlisting team volunteers or parents/guardians to help with communication and collection.



2. QUALITY CONTROL

Accept only gear and boots that are clean and in good condition.



3. PROMOTION

Use club social media channels, team groups, and club newsletters to advertise the day, time and location of the gear swap.



4. SORTING

Sort through all gear beforehand – having gear sorted and arranged can make it easier for club members to find gear that suits them.



5. EVENT LOCATION

Ensure your gear swap location is large enough for your gear to be clearly displayed and gives club members the space to browse easily and comfortably.



6. LEFTOVER GEAR

Decide ahead of time what you will do with any gear and boots that are left over. Contact your local charity shops to confirm whether they will accept any gear that you are left with after the gear swap.



Running the Gear Swap

7. ENTRANCE FEE OPTION

Many clubs choose to run a free gear swap, where there is no charge on any of the gears or boots. In such cases, some clubs charge a small entrance fee – as a club or charity fundraiser.



8. IS IT FOR SWAP OR SELLING?

If your club decides to run a gear sale and to charge for each item, rather than a gear swap where the items are free, ensure this is made clear in advance to those donating gear and boots and consider giving tokens for discounts to those who do donate gear.



9. CLEAR COMMUNICATION

Whatever model you choose for your club, ensure this is communicated clearly beforehand and on the day.



Green Club Lámh Dhearg talk about their successful gear swap at:

<https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub/casestudies>