

Juvenile Teams Structure.

Tuam Stars is a continually growing and evolving club. Our objective is that Gaelic Football is played in a safe, enjoyable environment in a spirit of fair play, where the skills of everyone are developed each year. We include everyone who wants to play Gaelic Football. Tuam Stars want to lead by example and ensure that a user friendly and child centred approach is adopted in our work with young people and that equal opportunities are available for all to participate in our games and activities, regardless of an individual's ability.

- Our training groups are based on the competition age groups decided upon by Galway Co. Board.
- Two year groups will train together to make up training panel for all our juvenile teams.
- The number of teams we enter for each group will be dependent on number of boys registered with the club, but we will aim for at least 2 to accommodate everyone.
- For our championship team, at Minor and U15, for the team in higher grade competition, the management will pick the teams on ability across the whole panel.
- Players will only be allowed to play up 1 year only, for a championship age group, and they must then play the second year with that age group before moving on within the club.
- For our development teams, the management will be restricted to picking players based on their year of birth. This will only be possible where numbers allow.

Championship Competitions.

The Minor Group(U17) will be made up of boys born in 2004 & 2005 only. We will have 2 teams to accommodate everyone who wants to play for Tuam Stars from this age group.

The U15 Group will be made up of boys born in 2006 & 2007 only. We will have 2 teams to accommodate everyone who wants to play for Tuam Stars from this age group.

The U13 Group will be made up of boys born in 2008 & 2009 only. We will have 3 teams to accommodate everyone who wants to play for Tuam Stars from this age group.

Development Leagues.

The U16 Development league, we will have 2 teams based on year of birth. We will have the U16 2005 team and U16 2006 team, as long as numbers allow.

The U14 Development league, we will have 2 teams based on year of birth. We will have the U14 2007 team and U14 2008 team, as long as numbers allow.

Go Games.

There will be Go Games competitions for boys playing from u11 down.

For U11 age group, we will have 2 teams. The criteria for playing on a team will be based on year of birth, as long as numbers allow. Where there are enough numbers from a particular year to put in 2 teams, Tuam Stars will do so. These teams will be of equal ability. Sometimes, if there are 2 many players with older age group to accommodate everyone on 1 team, some boys may be asked to play with other age group boys, in order to give everyone game time playing for Tuam Stars. This will only be done in agreement between parents, team management and Tuam Stars coaching committee.

For U9 Go Games, all teams will be picked on mixed ability, and teams will change from blitz to blitz.

For U7 age group, if there are no formal games organised by Coiste Peil nÓg, management will arrange games (5 minimum) with similar sized clubs to Tuam Stars, using U9 Go Game model, where everyone gets game time.