



Kinvara United FC

Annual General Meeting

Season 2025 / 2026

Secretary's Report · Jamie Fenning

Welcome



Welcome everyone to Kinvara United FC's AGM for the 2025/26 season.

Well done to all players, coaches, parents and volunteers for your involvement, dedication and hard work throughout the season.

All in all, it was another successful and well-managed season.

Season at a Glance



8

Academy Teams
(U6–U9 Boys & Girls)

5

Development
League Teams

18

Juvenile
Teams (13 boys + 5 girls)

3

Men's Teams
(Jr, O35, O42)

1

Women's Team
(O35s)

4

Trophies
Won

Trophies & Promotions



Trophies

- Girls U16 Championship
- Boys U15 Div 1 & 2 Cup
- Boys U14 Division 1
- Girls U11 Giraffe Cup

Special mention:

- Boys U16 Connacht Trophy Runners-Up

Promotions

- U17 Boys → Premier League
- U15 Boys → Division 1
- U14 Boys → Championship
- U12 Girls → Division 1

Team Reports

Senior Men's Teams



Men's Team

Coach: Paul Canning

- Reached the semi-final of the Connacht Shield
- Solid league performance with many young players holding their own in the men's game
- Paul Canning and Padraig O Mairtain continuing as management next season
- Focus on player commitment heading into the new season

U21

Coaches: Paul Canning & Damien (stepping down)

- Proud milestone — the club's first ever U21 side
- Squad numbers proved challenging; absence of a floodlit astro pitch made midweek fixtures difficult
- Paul Canning and Damien stepping down from this age group
- Future of the U21 team for next season remains under discussion

Team Reports

Boys U18 & U17



Boys U18

Coaches: Pdraig O Mairtain, Paul Canning, Nora Cassidy

- Squad of 24 — W10, D1, L7 across all competitions (32 goals from 12 different scorers)
- Finished 3rd in Championship, just 3 points behind 1st place
- Connacht Cup semi-finalists — a club first (lost 2-1 to Mervue)
- FAI National Cup round of 16 — a club first, alongside the U17s (lost 4-0 to Kanturk)
- Final season of juvenile football for this group — a squad who delivered back-to-back promotions at U15/U16, a U16 Div 1 title, and 5th place at the Copa Daurada international tournament in Spain

Boys U17

Coaches: Robert Wainwright & Philip McKernan

- Promoted to Premier League — finished 2nd, just 2 points behind unbeaten Corrib Celtic
- Last 16 of the FAI Cup (lost to Aisling Annacotty); Quarter-Final of the Connacht Cup (lost to Mervue)
- B team players stepped up and scored vital goals — fantastic to see
- Colorado trip in October — visiting Colorado Rapids MLS, 20+ squad members travelling
- Robert & Philip continuing next season, with Pauline McKernan as back-up

Team Reports

Boys U16A & U16B



Boys U16A

Coach: John McGinley (asst: Oisin Collins, Nuala Cooper)

- Finished 3rd in the Championship — strong season despite a depleted squad in the second half
- Connacht Trophy Runners-Up — lost 3-2 in a great final
- Lads enjoyed the season throughout
- John McGinley to confirm availability for next season in coming weeks

Boys U16B

Coach: Jimmy Green (asst: Eddie, John, Mike)

- Finished mid-table in Div 3 — 14 points from 4 wins, 2 draws and 8 losses
- Played their way out of relegation in a tough division with some very strong sides
- Highlight: drew with the eventual league winners — one of only two teams to take points off them all season
- Healthy numbers — 15-18 players available for the majority of games and training
- Same coaching team confirmed to continue if players commit for next season

Team Reports

Girls U16



Girls U16 — Championship Winners

Coach: Kieran O'Halloran

- Championship Winners — 65 goals scored across 15 league games, including key wins over Oranmore
- Premier/Championship Cup Runners-Up — exemplary, gracious behaviour in defeat
- 4 players earning national winners medals at county level — exceptional for Kinvara
- A fun yet focused environment built on the Premier experience of last season
- The jump to U18 football is a significant challenge — recruiting 4-5 players will be key
- "There's something very special about girls football"

Team Reports

Boys U14 & U15



Boys U14A & U15

Coach: Ian Griffiths (asst: Iain McTigue, Catherine Hawkins, Sean O'Sullivan)

- U14A: Div 1 league winners by 3 points — promoted to Championship next season
- U14A: Semi-finalists in the Div 1/2 Cup (lost on penalties)
- U15: Promoted back to Div 1 — finished 2nd in Div 2
- U15: Div 1/2 Cup winners — beat Div 1 league winners Maree/Oranmore 4-2 in the final
- Ian intends to continue with U14A and U15s; Iain McTigue and Catherine Hawkins also continuing

Boys U14B

Coach: Mike Waters (stepping down)

- A tough season in Div 4 — squad impacted by 3 call-ups to the A team and 3 players stepping away
- Lads showed great courage and commitment regardless of results; strong training attendance all year
- Relegated — will play in U15 Div 5 next season, a better fit for this group
- Mike Waters stepping down — new coach needed; thanks to Jamie, Nora and Olivier for all their support

Team Reports

Boys U13A



Boys U13A

Coach: Ger Ryan (asst: Eoin Sammon, Michaela Bury — Child Welfare)

- Competed in Premier 1 — secured their place in the division for next season
- Good cup run in the SFAI Trophy
- Squad made significant progress both as footballers and as young people throughout the year
- Pre-season training camp delivered by Gary Traynor provided a strong foundation for the season
- Players represented the club with pride, displaying excellent sportsmanship and togetherness
- Ger Ryan has retired from coaching — thanks for everything, Ger! Wishing the lads every success ahead

Team Reports

Boys U12B & Girls U12



Boys U12B

Coach: Aisling Furlong (asst: Martin Kenny, Eoin Sammon, Damien Martyn)

- Squad of 23 (U12 & U11 mix) — team confidence and spirit grew enormously across the season
- Finished 4th in Div 4 — the right division for this group
- Gary Traynor's Sunday coaching sessions were hugely beneficial
- U12 A & B squads to combine next season — management structure still to be confirmed

Girls U12

Coach: John McGinley (asst: Niamh Huban, Fiona Kavanagh)

- Promoted to Division 1 — finished Runners-Up in Division 2
- Huge progression since last season with standout performers throughout the squad
- Players clearly enjoyed the season — a very positive group

Team Reports

Boys U11 (Development League)



Boys U11

Coaches: Aisling & Eoin Sammon, Damien Martyn | Dev. Coach: Gary Traynor

- Fox Cup finalists — a brilliant achievement for the group
- Squad of 26 players — excellent attendance at training and matches throughout a very wet and windy season
- Fortnightly GFA Development League fixtures gave players great competitive experience ahead of juvenile football
- EDP participation was a season highlight for many players
- Squad to be streamed into A & B teams next season — existing coaches taking the A team
- B team coach urgently needed — please speak to the committee if you can help

GFA Notes



7-Day Fixture Rule

Enforced again this season by GFA. Thank you to all managers for your understanding and organisation in adhering to this policy.

Fixture Changes

Any request to change a fixture must be agreed with the opposition and submitted at least 7 days in advance — requests outside this window will not be processed.

Season Start

GFA aims to start the new season in mid-to-late August. All teams should aim to complete the first round of fixtures before the Christmas break.

Summer 2026

What's happening at Kinvara United this summer




Facilities Upgrade

Coming this summer

 New changing rooms

 Dugouts

 Bathrooms

 Club room (meetings, tactics etc)



Club Social Day

August — before the 26/27 season

A chance for the whole Kinvara United family to come together — players, parents, coaches and volunteers — before the new season kicks off.

All are welcome.

 *Full details to follow — watch this space!*



LAST MAN STANDING

World Cup 2026 · Club Fundraiser



ENTRY FEE

€10

per person



PRIZE POT

50%

of all entry fees



DEADLINE

11th June

before the first match

50% goes directly to Kinvara United FC



How to enter — club-hub.ie/lms/join



BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT: KINVARA FC NEEDS YOU! BUILD YOUR CLUB

Kinvara FC is looking for dedicated volunteers to lead and support our club off and on the pitch.

WE ARE RECRUITING FOR:

1.



CHAIRMAN

Provide strategic leadership, oversee club operations, and act as a key liaison with community and football bodies.

2.



TREASURER

Manage club finances, oversee all incoming and outgoing payments, prepare financial reports, and maintain accurate accounts for the board and AGM.

3.



FACILITIES COORDINATOR

Maintain and develop club facilities, manage pitch schedules, and coordinate on-site logistics.

4.



YOUTH TEAM COACHES

Mentor and develop young talent, lead training sessions, and inspire the next generation of players.

UNITY. STRENGTH. KINVARA.

GET INVOLVED

Email: kinvara@galwayfa.ie

Thank You



Coaches & Managers

For your weekly commitment, training sessions and matches — you give our community's children memories for life.

Parents & Families

For every lift, sideline appearance and quiet word of encouragement. The silent sideline policy has made a real difference.

Gary Traynor

For the ongoing academy coaching and coach-the-coaches sessions. The club is all the better for his involvement.

Referees

Without referees, there is no football. Thank you.

Club Officers & Committee

KUFC committee members, Paul, Dave, Olivier, Paul, Jamie, Clare, Nóra, Noel, Catherine and Aisling — thank you for all you do behind the scenes.

Galway Football Association

For communication, fixture management and medal presentations throughout the season.