



## **Notes on Player Injury Fund**

The GAA has in place an Injury Benefit Fund and St James' contribute to this.

The Club's Insurance Officer, Peter Bennett (087) 2656570 is the point of contact. The fund is administered by DWF Claims on behalf of the GAA. However, the Club will look after all the administration and assist with form filling etc.

If you sustain an injury or aggravate an existing condition, please notify Peter Bennett as soon as possible. The Claim must be logged on the DWF Claims portal within **60 days** of occurrence. **There are no exceptions to this rule.**

The scheme applies to players who incur accidental bodily injury (including dental) while playing football:

1. In the course of an official competitive Fixture.
2. An Official Sanctioned challenge match.
3. In the course of an official supervised training session.

In the case of 1 & 2 above, please notify the referee so that the incident is picked up on the match report form. In the case of 3, please notify the team manager.

The Injury Benefit Fund only provides cover for unrecoverable losses up to specific limits; the maximum amount recoverable for medical and dental expenses is €4,500. Treatments must be completed within 2 years of the injury.

The Club strongly recommends that all players purchase Private Health Insurance as the Player Injury Fund only provides limited protection.

Full details of the how the scheme operates can be obtained by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/administrators/gaa-injury-benefit-fund>

The scheme applies to Registered Players who have **paid** their membership. This can no longer be backdated and DWF Claims check the register once a claim is lodged. Membership now follows the calendar year (01 January – 31 December) and must be paid by 01 January of each year from here on out.

**N.B. 60 days and contact Peter Bennett 087 2656570 if any queries.**