



# The Montreal Shamrocks Gaelic Athletic Association

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# What is the GAA?

- The Gaelic Athletic Association is an Irish sporting and cultural organisation
- It has a presence on all five continents
- It is Ireland's largest sporting organisation





# What is the GAA?

- The GAA is a volunteer led, community based organisation that promotes Gaelic Games such as:
  - Gaelic Football
  - Hurling
  - Camogie





# Montreal Shamrocks GAA

- Oldest GAA Club in Canada
- Leagues Offered:
  - Men's
  - Women's
  - Youth
- 50 Fixtures played in this summer's superleague
- Over 200 members





# Montreal GAA Superleague

- Football clubs:
  - Verdun Vikings
  - Goose Village Blackrocks
  - Griffintown Gaels
  - Concordia Warriors
  - Montreal City Blues
- Hurling clubs:
  - Pointe St. Charles Cú Chulainn
  - NDG Na Fianna Rouges
  - St. Henri Harps









# Youth Programme

- Offered a Summer Programme
- Sent families to Boston for the Continental Youth Championship (CYC) for the first time
  - Montreal GAA covered all costs (travel, registration, hotel)
- Applied for, and won an \$11K grant to support youth development in Montreal





# Youth Programme

- Hosted 2 coaches from Ireland for 8 weeks
- Entered into 4 schools
- Over 1000 children exposed to Gaelic Games
- The Montreal Shamrocks and the GAA covered all costs



A photograph of a Gaelic football resting on a grassy field. In the background, a goalpost is visible against a clear sky. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. The football is the central focus, with the word 'Muir' visible on its surface.

# Gaelic Pitch

- Ireland: +2K GAA clubs
  - 1 GAA club / 40km<sup>2</sup>
  - Every club has at least one pitch
- Montreal: 431.5 km<sup>2</sup>
  - 18 GAA teams
  - No pitch





## Sports/activities provided for in Montreal City Parks

Soccer

Rugby

Football (Canadian)

Baseball/Softball

Beach Volleyball

Petanque

Swimming

Table Tennis

Hockey

Skating

Cross Country Skiing

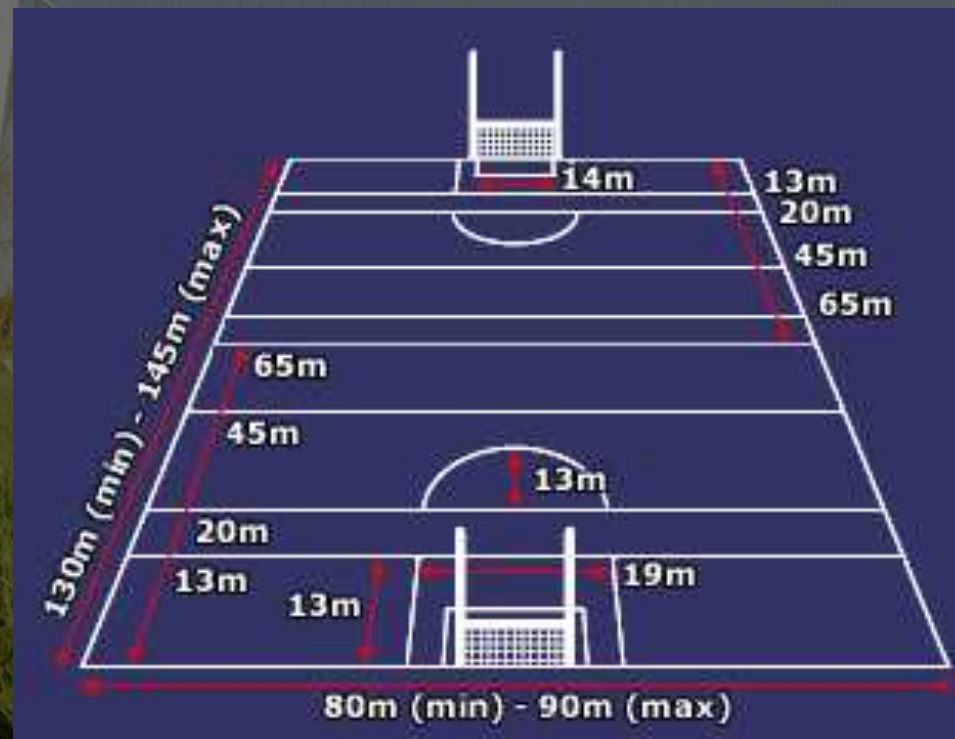
Skateboarding

Tennis

Handball



Maximum Dimensions of Field (can reduce significantly depending on space)









## Take Home Message:

Turot Park Project offers a unique and excellent opportunity for the City of Montreal to realise the rich history of Gaelic Games in the region by creating Montreals first official sports field with emphasis on Gaelic Games .

