



NAAS RUGBY CLUB

County Kildare's Premier Rugby Club

PROVIDING SPORT FOR ALL

(Providing the full range of rugby in County Kildare)

PROVIDING A PLAYER PATHWAY FROM MINI RUGBY TO IRELAND

(41 Club Players have represented Ireland)

A CLUB COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY

A WELCOMING & INCLUSIVE CLUB

A CLUB PROMOTING OUR COMMUNITY NATIONALLY

50 YEARS BASED AT FORENAUGHTS IN 2024

A CLUB WITH A LEGACY OF COMMITMENT TO THE SPORT

PROVISION OF DRESSING ROOMS

10 ACRES – 3 PLAYING PITCHES

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING ROOM FOR PLAYERS

FLOODLIGHT PITCH TO TV STANDARD

FACILITIES FOR VISITING TOURING TEAMS

PROUD HOSTS OF

THE JOE MORAN ALL IRELAND MINI RUGBY FESTIVAL (25 YEARS)

COMMUNITY ORIENTATED

(We have a policy of making our facilities available to other Clubs and Associations)

SUPPORTING

THE NAAS & ST DAVID'S (Pembrokeshire, Wales) TOWN TWINNING PROJECT

(30 Years of exchange fixtures by both Rugby Clubs)

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**OUR FIELD
IS ALSO
OUR PASSION**



SALLINS COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT

Submission From

Naas Rugby Football Club

Leinster Branch Irish Rugby Football Union



NAAS RUGBY CLUB

Your Community Club



THE TEAM OF US

1 350 MINI PLAYERS
(7-11 year olds)

2 200 YOUTH PLAYERS
(11 Youth Teams)

3 20+ MIXED ABILITY PLAYERS

4 120 GIRL/WOMEN PLAYERS
(3 Youth Girl /1 Woman's Teams)

5 150 ADULT PLAYERS
(6 Adult Teams)

6 18 CLUB TEAMS
FIELDIED

7 90 IRFU ACCREDITED COACHES

8 750 CLUB PLAYERS

9 14 CLUB REFEREES
(IRFU Accredited)

10 24 LOCAL SCHOOLS

12 500+ ANNUAL CLUB FIXTURES,
(300+ Home games)

13 2,000 FAMILY & FRIENDS MEMBERS

11 5 LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS

14 3,500 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

15 CLUB OF THE YEAR
LEINSTER 2019

SALLINS RUGBY PITCHES

PRESENTATION TO
KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Naas Rugby Club are currently involved in coaching programmes in 24 individual schools in the Naas catchment area.

In the quadrant area associated with Sallins this currently consists of 7 schools –

- SCOIL NAOMH LORCAN SALLINS (now with 4 teams from 3rd Year to 6th Year)
- ST FARNANS CC PROSPEROUS
- SCOIL BHEIDE NS OLDTOWN
- ALLENWOOD NATIONAL SCHOOL BOYS
- CARAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL
- SCOIL BHRIDE KILL
- NAAS COMMUNITY SCHOOL (NCC) – to be located in Millennium Park with 1,000 students. (currently based in Craddockstown)

Our Club rugby programmes are inclusive and consist of –

- LEPRECHAUB RUGBY (U-7)
- TAG RUGBY
- 7'S RUGBY
- GIRLS MINI LEVEL RUGBY
- GIRLS YOUTH LEVEL RUGBY
- BOYS MINI LEVEL RUGBY
- BOYS YOUTH LEVEL RUGBY
- MIXED ABILITY RUGBY
- EASTER CAMPS
- SUMMER CAMPS
- COACHING & TRAINING
- DRILLS & SKILLS
- COMMUNITY GAMES RUGBY
- ADULT RUGBY FOR WOMEN & MEN - of all abilities.

NAAS RUGBY CLUB are active contributors to the development of rugby as a sport in all its forms.

We are as a Club fully aware as to the population growth projections for Naas & Sallins Area and are familiar with the NAAS and SALLINS LOCAL AREA PLANS (LAP).

NAAS RUGBY CLUB like other field sports clubs in the Naas Area will face considerable challenges to provide adequate sporting and recreational facilities to meet the increased participation numbers.

NAAS RUGBY CLUB welcomes the opportunity to support the proposed initiative by Kildare County Council for the development of recreational, sporting and park land facilities in Sallins arising from the **Sallins Bypass**.

We would very much welcome the opportunity to enter into discussions with the Council with regard to the provision of suitable facilities for the development of rugby playing and training pitches.

We are a community based club with a strong volunteer ethos and see this project as playing a key role in our future development.

Since it's foundation in 1881 Naas Rugby Club has never been parochial in it's ethos and we welcome members and players to what is an all inclusive club.

In it's earlier existence the Club was registered as THE COUNTY KILDARE CLUB which was a multi sports club based where Naas Tennis Club is now located.

Our Youths, Mini & Girls sections attracted players from a total of 24 Schools based in County Kildare.

To date 9 players who commenced their playing careers with Naas Rugby Club have represented Ireland at the highest level –

TADHGH BEIRNE (Eadestown)

JAMES TRACY (Kil)

ADAM BYRNE (Kil)

JAMIE HEASLIP (Naas)

GEORDAN MURPHY (Naas)

PHILIP LAWLOR (Johnstown)

SEAMUS BYRNE (Newbridge)

FRANK BYRNE (Newbridge)

SEAMUS DEERING (Dunlavin)

In total 41 Naas players have represented Ireland at various levels.

No other Rugby Club in County Kildare has made such a contribution.

We also enclose the following documents which relate to the development and success that **Naas Rugby Club** has achieved.

- CLUB PROFILE
- CLUB RANKING
- CLUB TIME LINE

We are acquainted and aware of similar recreational and sporting facilities that are provided by Municipal Authorities in countries such as France and Germany and also with **FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S** development of the **ST CATHERINES PARK** based at **Lucan** on 200 acres bordering the **River Liffey**.

That facility provides recreational and amenity facilities for a wide range of sports such as Gaelic, Soccer, Rugby, Canoeing, Cycling, Cricket, walking, dog walking, jogging with superb changing rooms, showers, toilets, car parking and extensive children's playgrounds.

THE CORE VALUES OF RUGBY A SPORT TO BE ENJOYED

- **COMMUNITY**
- **SPORTSMANSHIP**
- **FRIENDSHIP**
- **RESPECT**
- **INCLUSIVITY**
- **COMRADERIE**
- **TEAMWORK**
- **ENDEAVOUR**
- **DISCIPLINE**
- **ENJOYMENT**
- **ENRICHMENT**
- **HEALTHY LIFESTYLE**
- **A GLOBAL SPORT**
- **GOVERNANCE**

In 1974 Naas Rugby Club purchased it's first base at Forenaughts on the outskirts of Naas. The 10 acre site was developed to include:
2 playing pitches, changing and shower facilities and a club pavilion.

Prior to acquiring the base the Club's record of Leinster Title wins consisted of a Junior Cup (1924) and a Provincial Plate (1969).

To date (2022) the Club has won a total of 220 Titles consisting of – Won 96 Ireland and Leinster titles.

(59 were won at Adult level and 33 at Youth level, 5 Girls & Women level.

In addition the Club has won a further 124 North Midlands Area* titles – 35 at Adult level and 89 at Youth level.

(*North Midlands Area consists of 9 Clubs based in Counties Kildare & Laois).

NAAS RUGBY CLUB MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

350 Mini Players (7-11 years), 200 Youth Players (11 Youth Teams),

120 Girl & Women Players (3 Girls & a Women's Team),

150 Adult Players (6 Adult Teams), 90 IRFU Accredited Team Coaches,

25+ Mixed Ability Players, 15 Accredited Club Referees,

21 Teams Fielded by 750 players

2016 CENSUS DEMOGRAPHYS

Sallins recorded population of in 1996 was 783, in 2011, 5,283, 2016, 5,849.

The 2016 Census figures are as follows –

Naas – 21,393 – (Naas is the 13th most populated Town in Ireland)

(1979: 7,739),

(1971: 5,078),

(1961: 4,021),

(1951: 3,791).

Sallins – 5,849

Prosperous – 2,333

Caragh – 966

Coill Dubh – 746

Johnstown – 1,005

Straffan – 853

Kill – 3,348

The NAAS MUNICIPAL DISTRICT population in 2016 = 49,278.

The Population of County Kildare in 2016 = 222,504.

(36.6% are under the age of 24 years)

NAAS RUGBY CLUB – OPERATIONAL CATCHMENT AREA

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

NAAS CBS (Meanscoil Iognaid Ris)	1,020.
ST MARY'S COLLEGE (Girls)	1,040.
PIPERS HILL COLLEGE NAAS	997.
NAAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	550.
ST FARNAN'S PROSPEROUS	457.
GAEL COLAISTE CILL DARÁ NAAS	350.

(Total: 4,414)

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SCOIL BHRIDE (Oldtown, Naas)	716.
NAAS CBS (St Corbans)	600.
CONVENT NAAS	586.
GAEL SCOIL NAAS	420.
BALLYCANE NAAS	411.
NAAS COMMUNITY SCHOOL	262.
KILLASHEE NAAS	222.
ST DAVID'S NAAS	100..... 3,317
TWO MILE HOUSE	265.
ST. LORCAN'S (Sallins)	721.
PROSPEROUS	630.
DONADEA-STAPLESTOWN	221.
CARAGH	503.
ALLENWOOD (3 Schools)	530.
ROBERTSTOWN	220.
COILL DUBH	154.
SCOIL BHRIDE KILL	644.
STAFFAN	330.
RATHCOFFEY	220.
RATHMORE	260..... 8,015.
ST. MARY'S BLESSINGTON	752.
BLESSINGTON	230.
DUNLAVIN	250.
JONATHAN SWIFT DUNLAVIN	46.
VALLEYMOUNT	90..... 10,300.

Total number of Students in catchment area 13,797.

Student numbers accurate as of 2019.