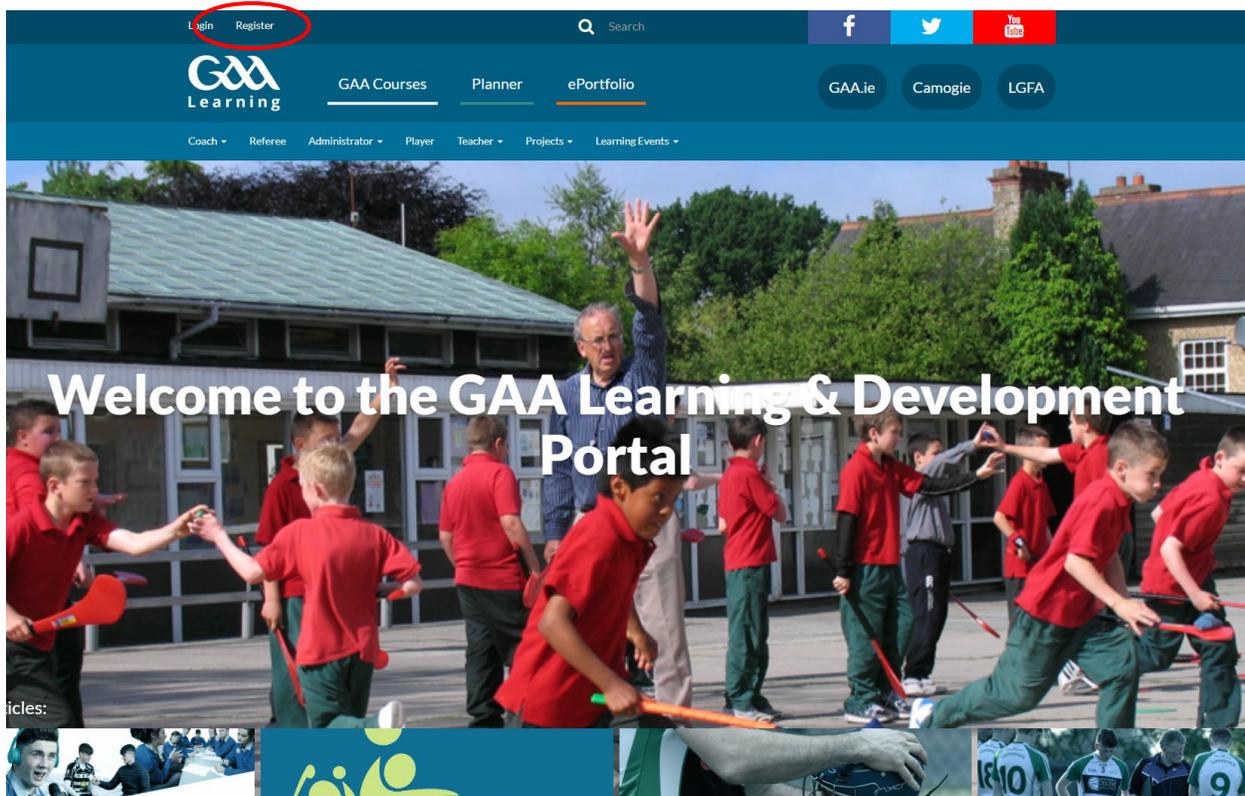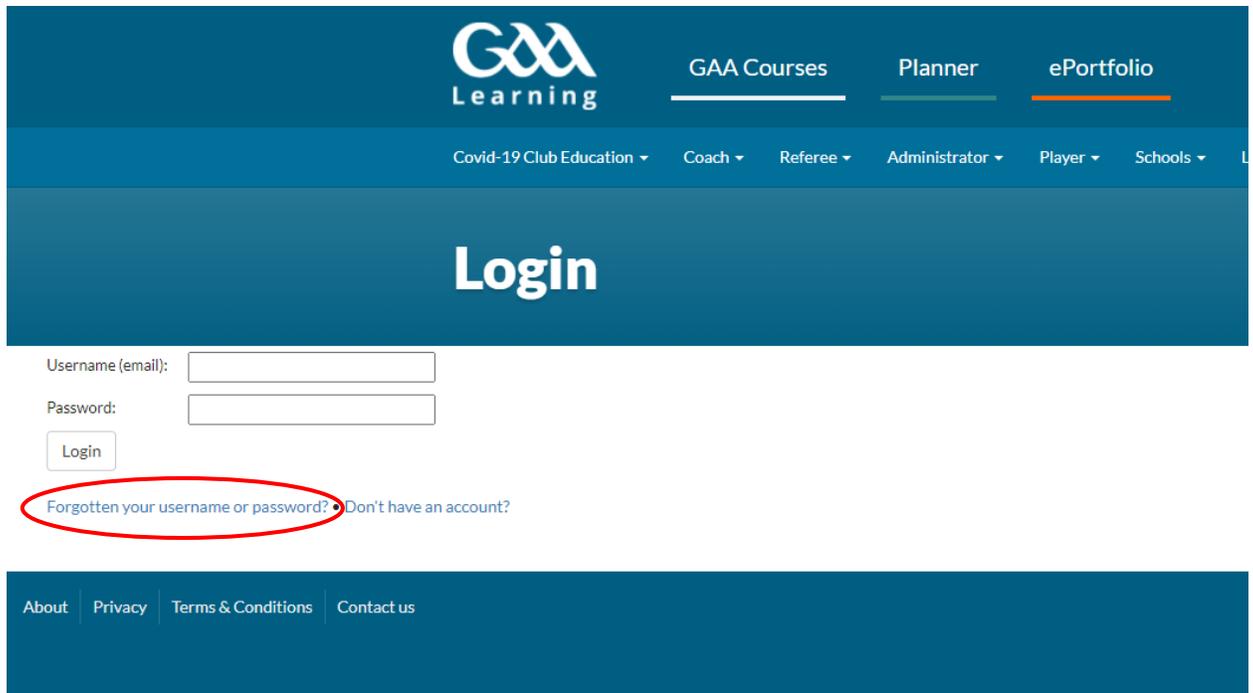# GAA Learning Portal Guide:

The following is a list of instructions on how to register and access *the Referee Foundation Level Blended Learning Course* on www.learning.gaa.ie:

1. First the participant must navigate to the GAA Learning & Development Portal by typing www.learning.gaa.ie into the web browser.

2. New users must Register on GAA E-Learning Portal by clicking on 'Register' in the top left hand corner.

3. If you have already registered an account previously click Login and input your username (email address) and password. If you cannot remember your password click the link "Forgotten your username or password" on the log in page and follow the instructions.
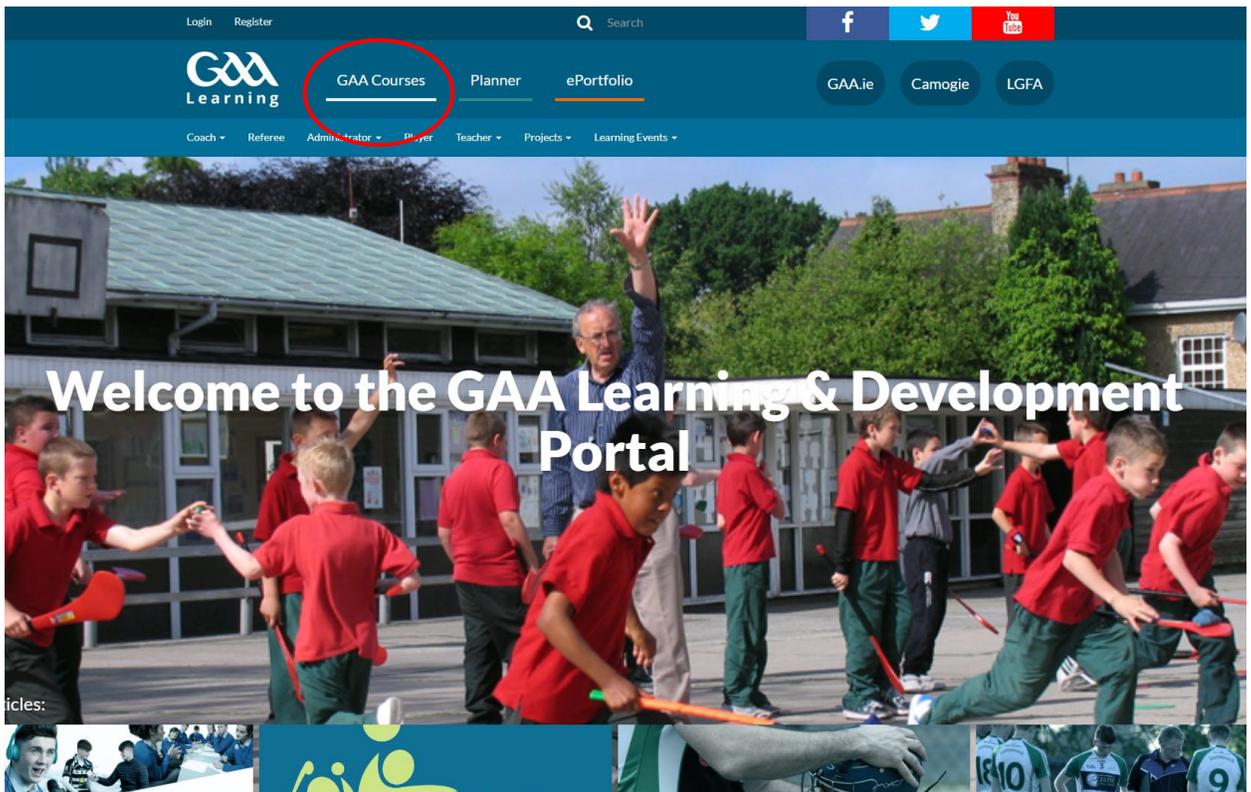
4. Users will be first asked to input their age in order for the site to comply with legislation around the Digital age of consent. A user under the age of 16 is considered to be digital minor and therefore needs the consent of a parent or guardian to create an account on the site.

5. The user will then be asked to input their name, a legitimate email address and a password of their choice. *(For officers of the Association, it is advised to use a personal email address rather than their role based gaa email address so as to ensure that their learning profile is maintained even after they vacate their role.)*

6. A confirmation email will be sent to the email address you entered during registration. You must either click on the blue link in the email or copy & paste it into a new browser window. *(NB please also check your spam/junk email box for this confirmation email)*

7. You should then be free to log on to the site.

To Access your Referee In-Service Course

1. Login to www.learning.gaa.ie using the username (email address) and password used during registration

2. Click on the link/Url you were provided **or** if you have not been provided with a link/Url then go to point 3 below:

3. Click on "GAA Courses" as shown below to access the GAA Moodle LMS.

4. Click the Referee Image

5. Click Referee Training Courses and choose Referee Foundation Level Blended Learning Course 23

6. You will be asked to input an enrolment key. The enrolment key for this course is **RefFound23**

To complete your Foundation LevelCcourse

1. Select you County from the list
2. Complete the interactive video based module called Powers & Duties of a Referee
3. Complete the interactive video based module called Referee Safeguarding
4. Attend a Face to face Rules Practical
5. Return to online to complete the Rules test (you can choose either hurling or football or both).

GAA Official Guide Part 2 - Playing Rules.
https://www.gaa.ie/api/pdfs/image/upload/i4xicuecdjcyj3bgb52f.pdf

GAA Vetting Policy.

Gaelic Athletic Association's Vetting Policy is effective from 1 August 2017 and shall be reviewed annually by the National Child Welfare and Protection Committee (NCWPC) or at any other time as may be deemed necessary.

The GAA provides a vetting or criminal background check for any of our members who may be working in a role of responsibility with children* or vulnerable persons*.

What is Vetting?
Vetting or a criminal background check is a service conducted in respect of any person who is carrying out work or activity, a necessary and regular part of which consists mainly of the person having access to, or contact with, children or vulnerable persons. Vetting is carried out with the permission of the applicant by a registered organisation e.g. the GAA, LGFA, Camogie, through the National Vetting Bureau in Ireland and Access NI in Northern Ireland, to establish whether there is any criminal record or specified information relating to the applicant that may deem them unsuitable to work on our behalf with children or vulnerable persons.

All referees are required to be vetted in the GAA.

All the vetting information is available here with a link to complete the vetting forms, these should be completed before you attend the Course and proof of completion of the Form should be forwarded to Referee Administrator in each County.

https://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-welfare-and-protection/vetting