

GAA HANDBALL WEXFORD PLAYER PROFILE

Cora Doyle, St. Josephs

Name:	Cora Doyle
Club:	St. Josephs
Major honours:	<p>2017 was my best year for grabbing titles. I won Leinster young female player of the year, Leinster minor singles in 40x20, U17 All Ireland 60x30 singles winner, Leinster minor doubles 40x20 winners with Emma Sweeney, Adult nationals 40x20 Ladies B winner, All Ireland team of 10 winners and I also got nominated for an All Star. Last year I was runner up in the junior 40x20 All Ireland doubles final with Marguerite Gore.</p> <p>This year I have entered the collegiate competitions. I won the 60x30 Ladies A singles in Wexford and got to the Open semi final in the doubles. In Belfast, I made it to the Ladies Open semi final vs. Niamh Heffernan. In regards to county this year, I won my junior final against Holly Hynes and gained the title of Leinster champion to Meadhbh Ni Dhalaigh. An honour that I should also mention is winning the South East Radio Ladies Handballer of the year award 2019 and receiving an Emerging Talent scholarship award from WIT.</p>
Started playing at:	Age 10
Greatest influence on career:	Gavin Buggy, as he trained me and taught me everything I know - handball wise.
Favourite code (softball, 4-wall or 1-wall):	4 wall, but once I get my eye back into the 60x30 like them both equally.
Favourite court:	St. Josephs, court 2
Favourite shot:	Back wall kill - when I get it right
Favourite player:	Catriona Casey

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Toughest match:	Collegiates quarter final in Belfast against Sinead Meagher
Toughest opponent:	Niamh Heffernan
Most enjoyable victory:	My All Ireland 60x30
Pre-game meal:	A pasta dinner or fruit
Tips would you give to young players seeking to improve? :	To train regularly, give yourself fixed days to train during the week. I think playing all types of different opponents is important too. The main thing really though, is to enjoy playing.
Suggestions for making handball better (if any):	I don't think there should be stand alone games, however if a game has to be refixed that's understandable, but I feel that it is nice to have others watching your game as it's a source of recognition for us players. I think referees should be present no matter what age grade and especially for finals. Lastly, it would be great to see handball promoted more so that it could be as well recognised as the other GAA games.
Other sports played:	Camogie
The best softball (60x30) player of your era:	Martina McMahon
The best softball (60x30) player of all time:	Ducksy Walsh
The best 4-wall (40x20) player of your era:	Paul Brady
The best 4-wall (40x20) player of all time:	Catriona Casey
Greatest sporting hero (all sports):	Davy Fitzgerald