

Motions from Units

1. Jersey numbers must be clearly legible to match official, spectators, (including TV / livestream viewers) and relevant media personnel, in daylight and under floodlights. The CCC (or Committee-in-Charge) may require a Club to create a clean number zone on the back of the jersey if this is considered necessary (Cilliath).
2. The cover terms for the players injury fund will be for the calendar year commencing with effect from January 1st, 2023, with the cover term for the period immediately prior to this date running from June 1st , 2022 to December 31st, 2022 (Cnoc an Teampaill).

Motions from Management (County Executive)

1. Change to Bye-law 1

Nominations for County Officers (excluding the Children's Officer, **Planning and Training Officer**, **County Safety & Facilities Officer** and Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg), Delegates etc. shall be sent to County Secretary one month before Convention. A candidate must receive a nomination, submitted on official form, signed in Irish by a Club Secretary and be a member of the Association in accordance with Rules 2.1 and 2.2, O.G. and the Club of which he is a duly registered member must appear after his name on the Ballot Paper. Two Ballot Papers shall be sent to each Club, and one to each member of the County Committee two weeks before Convention, to be returned by ~~registered~~ **regular** post to County Secretary on or before Friday before Convention. Each Club Ballot paper shall be accompanied by a declaration to the effect that the Ballot paper has been marked in accordance with the decisions taken at a properly convened and constituted Club Meeting, and the declaration shall be signed by the Club Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary. Before the nomination papers being sent out, a small Election Committee shall be appointed to make all the necessary arrangements in connection with the County Convention, and to deal with the scrutiny of votes.

The Officers of the County Committee, excluding the Children's Officer, **Planning and Training Officer**, **County Safety & Facilities Officer** and Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg, shall be elected on the basis of Proportional Representation. This system shall also apply to election of Central and two Munster Council Representatives. Should a vacancy occur in any of the foregoing positions between Convention and prior to September 1st, the vacancy shall be filled in like manner, i.e. (a) nominations by Clubs; (b) Ballot vote of Clubs and members of current County Committee. If the vacancy occurs after September 1st, the position shall be left vacant until the next County Convention.

The Children's Officer, **Planning and Training Officer, County Safety & Facilities Officer** and Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg shall be appointed on the recommendation of the outgoing County Committee.

The following limitations in terms of Office shall apply:

A member may not serve for more than three consecutive years as Chairperson, and having served such a term, shall be ineligible for a period of one year to contest an election for the offices of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Public Relations Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture and Coaching Officer, or for appointment as Children's Officer, **Planning and Training Officer, County Safety & Facilities Officer** or Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg.

A member may not serve for more than three consecutive years as Vice- Chairperson, and having served such a term shall be ineligible for a period of a year to contest the elections for the Offices of Vice Chairperson, Public Relations Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture and Coaching Officer or for appointment as Children's Officer, **Planning and Training Officer, County Safety & Facilities Officer** or Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg.

A member may not serve more than three consecutive years in any one or combination of the following offices, Public Relations Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Coaching Officer, **Planning and Training Officer, County Safety & Facilities Officer**, Children's Officer and Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg and, having served such a term, shall be ineligible for a period of one year to contest an election/appointment for any one of these offices.

The Office of Treasurer, while subject to Annual Election, is not subject to a limitation in years of Service.

2. Change to Bye-law 7

A Management Committee shall be appointed annually consisting of:

(a) The Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the Treasurer, the **Planning and Training Officer, County Safety & Facilities Officer**, P.R.O., the Officer for Irish Language and Culture, the Coaching Officer, the Children's Officer, Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg and Secretary of County Committee (without voting rights).

(b) Four other members of the County Committee, one to be elected from each of the following categories:

- (1) Members representing Senior Clubs (Premier Senior and Senior A).
- (2) Members representing Intermediate Clubs (Premier Intermediate, Intermediate A and Lower Intermediate)
- (3) Members representing Junior Clubs.
- (4) Members representing Divisional Committees.

The four members of the County Committee elected from their respective categories to the Management Committee may not serve for more than three consecutive years on the Management Committee and having served such term shall be ineligible for a period of one year to contest an election for any such category on the Management Committee.

The Chairperson of the County Committee shall be Chairperson of the Management Committee. Subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee, the Management Committee shall have responsibility for the Management of the Affairs of the Association within the County between Meetings of the County Committee including:

- (1) Policy initiation and implementation.
- (2) Finance. The Management Committee shall be the County Finance Committee
- (3) The Nomination, for Appointment of three of its members, including the County Treasurer, on a County Management and Panels Sub-Committee.
- (4) The Acquisition, Development, Promotion, and Safety of Grounds owned / controlled (or to be) directly by the County Committee.
- (5) General Organisation, relating to Inter County team, as delegated by the County Committee. (The appointment of Team Managements is a matter for the County Committee).
- (6) General Discipline not arising from Competitions or Games, other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee.
- (7) General Activities.

All Main Sub-Committees of the County Committee shall report directly to the Management Committee and to the County Committee.

Recommendations of the Management Committee regarding Finance can only be upset by a two thirds majority, at least, of those entitled to vote and voting at the County Committee meetings at which such recommendations are considered.

The Management Committee shall support the recommendations of the Competitions Control Committee at County Committee meetings.

The Management Committee shall meet at least once a month, apart from meetings held on the dates of County Committee Meetings.

3. Change to Bye-law 9

(a) A County Hearings Committee, consisting of twelve named Members, shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the management Committee. It shall adjudicate on all Disciplinary matters (except Objections and Counter Objections) where a Hearing is prescribed and requested, relating to the Enforcement of Rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the County Committee.

It shall adjudicate on Appeals:

- (1) Arising from Decisions of the Divisional Hearings Committee and Rebel Og Hearings Committee provided for in Sections (b) and (c) of this Byelaw.
- (2) Decisions of the Competitions Control Committee on Transfers within the County, subject to General Rules and Byelaws.
- (3) Of Members of Clubs under Rule 5.11.2 of the Club Constitution.

(b) A Divisional Hearings Committee, consisting of twelve named Members, shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the management Committee. It shall adjudicate on all Disciplinary matters (except Objections and Counter Objections) where a Hearing is prescribed and requested, relating to the Enforcement of Rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the relevant Divisional Committees.

(c) A Rebel Og Hearings Committee, consisting of twelve named Members, shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Management Committee. It shall adjudicate on all Disciplinary matters (except Objections and Counter Objections) where a Hearing is prescribed and requested, relating to the Enforcement of Rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the County Youth Committee (Coiste na nÓg) or one of the latter's Regional Sub-Committees.

4. Change to Bye-law 10.

Safety and Facilities Committee

It shall have six members including County Safety and Facilities Officer who shall be Chairperson, a Qualified Event Controller. The remaining members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in R. 3.20 (v) T.O. 2021.

The Safety and Facilities Committee shall meet at least once a month.

5. Change to Bye-law 11

Youth Committee – Coiste na nÓg (Rebel Og).

The Officers of the Youth Committee and its Regional Sub Committees shall be appointed annually by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Management Committee.

It shall consist of;

- (a) The County Children's Officer and the Coaching Officer of the County Committee;

(b) Officerships – Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, P.R.O., **Referees Administrator**.

(c) One Representative of each of four Regional Committees, East, Mid, West and North; the County Games Manager.

The Children's Officer having completed his term as Officer shall continue as a member of the Committee for a further one year.

Each of the four Regional Committees will be comprised of the ~~same~~ **following** set of Officer roles, namely Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and P.R.O.

A member may not serve for more than a maximum of five consecutive years in any officer role within Coiste na nÓg.

Subject to the jurisdiction of the County Committee and the Management Committee, the County Youth Committee shall be responsible for:

- (1) The initiation and co-ordination of all Youth activities within the County.
- (2) All underage affairs from Minor Grade **(U17)** downwards (except responsibility for Inter-County Minor Teams)
- (3) It shall have four Regional Sub Committees – Mid Region, West Region, East Region and North Region.
- (4) It shall be the sole Under-Age Fixtures making body and shall prepare a Master Fixtures Plan for all Regions to ensure a coordinated games structure in the entire County.
- (5) Promotion and Monitoring of Development in the County Schools' Committees.

The Committee shall meet at least once a month.

Coiste na nÓg shall incorporate a CCC consisting of the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, Assistant secretary, Referees **Administrator** ~~coordinator~~ and a representative (secretary or chairperson) from each of the four Regional sub-committees. It shall be chaired by the Rebel Óg Vice-chairperson.

Subject to the jurisdiction of the County Committee, Management Committee and Coiste na nÓg, the Coiste na nÓg Competitions Control Committee shall be responsible for:

- (1) Coiste na nÓg Fixtures. Where a change is considered necessary between meetings, the Competitions Control Committee shall consult with the Clubs involved but shall have the power to make a decision.
- (2) Appointment of Referees – whose decisions are final.
- (3) Referees' Reports - their consideration and adoption.
- (4) Discipline arising from Competitions and Games, other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee.
- (5) Objections and Counter-Objections relating to or arising out of Games, with power of decision.

- (7) Gradings - Clubs and Players, with final decisions resting with the County Committee.
- (8) Transfers within the County – subject to General Rule and Byelaws.

The Competitions Control Committee shall meet at least once a month, and as often as is necessary.

A Finance subcommittee shall comprise of the Treasurers from each of the four Regional sub-committee and the Treasurer of Coiste na nÓg who shall chair the subcommittee.

A Public Relations subcommittee shall comprise of the Public Relations Officers (PROs) from each of the four Regional sub-committee and the PRO of Coiste na nÓg who shall chair the subcommittee.

6. Change to Bye-law 21

Planning and Training Committee

It shall consist of five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by The National Officer Development Committee and Club and County Planning Committee.

The Committee shall meet at least once a month.

7. Change to Bye-law 22

Audit and Risk Committee

It shall consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member

The Committee shall meet at least once a month.

8. Change to Bye-law 22.

Divisional Committees

The County shall be divided into Divisional areas as decided by the County Committee. A Divisional Committee shall consist of the elected Officers and one member of each Club in the Division (with the exception of the Beara Divisional Committee which shall consist of the elected officers and two members of each Club in Beara).

Each Divisional Committee shall hold an Annual General Meeting prior to County Convention (which shall be held before 18th December each year). Divisional Reports and Audited Balance Sheets must be in the hands of County Secretary before each Divisional Convention.

Divisional Committees shall have control of all fixtures and finances in their areas except Premier Senior, Senior A, Premier Intermediate, Intermediate A and Lower Intermediate Championships, Leagues and other Secondary Competitions; Junior 'B' & 'C' County Championships; Inter-Divisional Championships; Inter-Regional Junior 'A' and 'B' Leagues; All - County Junior 'A' & 'B' Leagues; U19, Minor and younger grade Competitions.

Subject to the functions reserved to the Divisional Hearings Committees, Divisional Committees shall have the power to warn, fine and suspend teams and individuals under their jurisdiction for breaches of Rules of the Association or the County Board Bye Laws. All matches, other than those specified, must have the sanction of the Divisional Committee.

9. Change to Bye-law 23

Finance

All monies received shall be lodged in the Bank by the Treasurer. All claims, after being passed by the Management/Finance Committee, shall be paid by cheque or other appropriate method of payment, signed by the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. Items of major expenditure (lower limit to be set by the County Committee and on the recommendation of the Management Committee) shall have the sanction of the County Committee.

The County Committee's Financial Year shall end on ~~October 31st~~ **September 30th**.

Referees appointed for County Championship matches and matches in other Competitions under the control of County Board shall be allowed travel expenses as deemed necessary and adequate by the Management/Finance Committee, and a minimum expenses' allowance determined annually by the Management Committee, all of which shall be approved by the County Committee.

Each affiliated club shall pay an Annual Levy of €30 with its affiliation for the promotion of each of the following within the County – Camogie, Handball and Ladies Football.

10. Change to Bye-law 28

GRADING

The Championship Grades shall be known as Premier Senior, Senior A, Premier Intermediate, Intermediate A, Lower Intermediate, Junior 'A', Junior 'B', Junior 'C', U21, U19, Minor (U17), U16, U15 and Under 14 Hurling; and Premier Senior, Senior A, Premier Intermediate, Intermediate A, Junior 'A', Junior 'B', Junior 'C', U21, U19, Minor (U17), U16, U15 and Under 14 Football.

11. Change to Bye-law 29

Players forming a Team which wins the Senior A, Premier Intermediate, Intermediate A, Lower Intermediate or Junior A, B or C County Hurling or Football Championship shall go into a more advanced grade.

Exception - This Byelaw shall not apply in the case of Clubs already having a team in the next highest grade.

12. Change to Bye-law 31

Regrading of Players

The processes of Regrading of Players shall be as follows:

(1) Between February 1st and commencement of Adult Championships (excluding U21 and U19), a Club may apply to have players regraded by one level, subject to the Club retaining a minimum of fifteen players, approved by the Competitions Control Committee, in each of its grades, at the Championship status level of the previous year, other than where a Club has been relegated from a Championship.

Exception

A Club Team participating in a Provincial or All-Ireland Championship shall not be entitled to regrade players of this Team until after the termination of its participation.

(2) A player may be regraded by more than one level during a Championship Year, on an application to the County Competitions Control Committee being received, provided that:
(i) He has not played in a higher Championship Grade in that Championship Year; and
(ii) He is not regraded by more than one level on a single application i.e. from his existing Championship status to the next lower Championship level that his Club is engaged in at the time of the application.

13. Change to Bye-law 33

TRANSFERS

All applications for transfer shall be made on official form. Excepting applications for transfer made under Section (e) below, which shall be considered at any meeting of the Competitions

Control Committee, no application shall be considered unless received on/after January 1st and on/before January 31st.

This shall apply to all players in all grades except University Students, who are eligible as outlined hereunder. A University student pursuing a full-time undergraduate or post-graduate course may:

- (i) Play with his College Club and his Own Club, where the latter is within the County, of a lower grade, and he obtains a permit from the County Committee.
- (ii) Play with his College Club in adult competitions and with his Own Club in Under 21 and Minor competitions, where the latter Club is of Senior status within the County, provided that the player obtains a transfer to the College Club from the County Committee.

The Own Club of a University Student is the non-college Club of which he is currently a Playing Member.

The County Committee shall delegate to the Competitions Control Committee, as per General Rule, authority to deal with applications for Transfer.

Applications for Transfer to leave a First Club within the County, that is the Club (or Club within as Independent Team) with which a player first legally participated in Club Competition at Under 12 or over including Go-Games, organised by the County Committee or one of its Sub-Committees, subject to that participation being at an age not more than two years younger than the designated age level of the competition or of the club of which a player is presently a member, shall not be granted except in the following cases.

- (a) A player whose permanent residence is changed to the area of the club to which he wishes to be transferred. A player whose permanent residence is changed to an area common to two or more club and is presently a member of a club other than those in the area of his residence, shall be entitled to transfer to the club of his choice in the area of his residence.

A player who is a member of a club outside the City Divisional area, and whose permanent residence is within the City Divisional area shall be entitled to transfer to the club of his choice within the City Divisional area.

A player whose permanent residence is outside the City Divisional area and is a member of a club outside the parish of his residence may transfer to the club of his choice in the parish of his residence.

A change of address is not required in the case of a player whose permanent residence is already in the area of the club to which he wishes to be transferred, and who is presently a member of a club which is outside the club area of his residence.

'Permanent Residence' shall be as defined in Rule 6.3, Official Guide.

- (b) A player who is applying for transfer to his First Club as outlined above.

(c) Where permission for the transfer of a player from one Club to another within a Parish or area common to two Clubs concerned, is given by the Club of which he is presently a member.

(d) The following shall constitute a change of residence acceptable for the purpose of this Bye Law:

(i) Registration as a student at U.C.C. or C.I.T. for transfers to U.C.C. and C.I.T. respectively.

(ii) Station as a member of An Garda Síochána in the Club area of the club to which he wishes to transfer. If the station is situated in an area common to two or more clubs he shall be entitled to transfer to the club of his choice in that area. If the station is in City Divisional area in which there is no club, he shall be entitled to transfer to the Club of his choice within the City Divisional area.

(iii) Station as a Priest in a Parish, in which a Club to which he wishes to transfer is based.

(iv) Employment as a Farm Apprentice for transfer to a Club in the area in which he is working.

(e) A player who has not taken part in any official or trophy competition in the previous number of weeks stipulated below:

(i) overage for Minor (on date of last game played) - 96 weeks

(ii) eligible for Minor/ younger (on date of last game played) - 48 weeks

(f) A player from a Senior, Premier Intermediate or Intermediate Club may transfer to a Junior Club and permission of the Club he is leaving is given.

(g) A player who is applying for a transfer to the 'First Club' of his father.

(h) Where two Clubs formed independent teams at juvenile level and one of these Clubs disbands and does not form independent teams with another club, a player residing in the area of the club which disbanded may transfer from the other Club which formed independent teams with the disbanded Club at juvenile level to the Club of his choice.

(i) In the case of all applications within the County, the County Competitions Control Committee shall have the right to consider extenuating circumstances in determining applications.

14. Change to Bye-law 34

A player who is deemed by the County Committee or Divisional Committee to be deliberately not playing with his club for the purpose of circumventing a provision of **Byelaw 33** shall not be eligible for selection on Inter- County or Divisional teams.
