

**COISTE CHONTAE CHORCAÍ C.L.G.  
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(BYELAWS)**

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### Byelaws

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#### COUNTY CONVENTION

1. Nominations for County Officers (excluding the Children's Officer, Planning and Training Officer), 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 they are a duly registered member must appear after their 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 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, 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, 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. Motions for County Convention shall be submitted before a specified date. A Sub-committee, appointed by the County Committee, shall decide if these motions are in order. A motion deemed out of order shall be returned to the Club that submitted it, giving the reason. A further week shall be allowed to enable the Club to resubmit an amended motion.

### **COUNTY COMMITTEE**

3. Membership: The County Committee shall be constituted of one named representative of each affiliated Senior or Intermediate Club participating in Championships, Junior clubs participating in the Junior Championship and which does not have a Senior or Intermediate team or teams participating in the Senior or Intermediate Championship, together with the elected or appointed Officers, two named delegates from each Divisional Committee, one named delegate from each of the following Committees - County Handball, County Youth Committee (Coiste na nÓg), County Primary Schools, County Post-Primary Schools. The County Referees' Administrator, County Safety and Facilities Officer and the Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg, all appointed by the incoming County Committee. Ex-officio members provided under General Rule, all of whom, with the exception of the County Secretary, in that capacity, shall have voting rights.

4. A report from the Management Committee, incorporating matters of Report from the other Main Sub-Committees, shall be on the Agenda of each meeting.

5. The schedule of the County Committee Meetings shall be recommended by the Management Committee and approved by the County Committee. It shall be presented to the last County Committee meeting of the previous year.

At least five days' notice in writing by email of each meeting of the County Committee shall be given to each Secretary of the Clubs entitled to attend and each member entitled to attend and vote at such meeting. Each notice shall include: (i) The date, time and venue for the meeting; (ii) The main decisions of the previous meeting; (iii) A full agenda; and (iv) The matters, if any, upon which a vote is intended to be taken at that meeting.

6. Subject to Rule 3.18(f), O.G., a Club is entitled to change its representative on the County Committee, provided notice in writing is given to the County Secretary by 12 noon on the day of the meeting. Name of proxy for County Committee representation shall be supplied on affiliation form.

Voting shall be by secret ballot when it relates to individual members of the Association.

## **COMMITTEES**

In accordance with Rule 3.20, O.G., the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees, whose powers, functions and membership shall be as defined in Rule and in these Bye Laws

### **7. Management Committee**

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) and Premier Junior Clubs

(3) Members representing Junior A, B & C 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.

### **8. Competitions Control Committee**

A Competitions Control Committee shall be appointed annually consisting of:

(a) The Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the P.R.O. of the County Committee;

(b) One of the four members elected to the Management Committee by the County Committee from Members representing Senior, Intermediate, Junior Clubs or Divisional Committees, shall be nominated by the Management Committee, for appointment by the County Committee, to the Competitions Control Committee.

(c) The County Referees' Administrator, who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of Referees.

The Vice-Chairperson of the County Committee shall be Chairperson of the Competitions Control Committee.

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

- (1) County Committee Fixtures. These fixtures shall be placed before meetings of the County Committee for recording. 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.

(6) Appeals relating to or arising out of Games (other than Disciplinary cases), Fixtures, and Gradings, against Divisional Committees or County Youth Committee (Coiste na Óg), 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.

## **9. County/Divisional Hearings Committees**

(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 SubCommittees.

## **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.

## **11. Youth Committee – Coiste na nÓg.**

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; 5
- (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 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 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.
- (6) Gradings - Clubs and Players, with final decisions resting with the County Committee.
- (7) 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 subcommittee 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.

## **12. Coaching and Games Development Committee**

A Coaching and Games Development Committee shall be appointed consisting of:

The Coaching Officer of the County Committee and eleven other named Members, recommended by the Management Committee, and appointed by the County Committee.

The Coaching Officer of the County Committee shall be Chairperson of the Committee, and having completed his term as Officer, shall continue as a member of the Committee for a further one year.

The Games Development Manager shall be Secretary of the Committee.

Subject to the jurisdiction of the County Committee and the Management Committee, the Coaching and Games Development Committee shall have responsibility for:

- (1) Implementation of Coaching Programmes.
- (2) Training and Monitoring of Coaching Personnel.
- (3) The Implementation of Games Development Activities at Club and Schools levels.

The Coaching and Games Development Committee shall meet at least once a month.

### **13. Cultural Committee**

A Cultural Committee shall be appointed consisting of:

- (a) The Officer for Irish Language and Culture of the County Committee;
- (b) Four members recommended by the Officer for Irish language and Culture and appointed by the County Committee: and
- (c) Three named members recommended by the County Scór Committee and appointed by the County Committee.

The Officer for Irish Language and Culture of the County Committee shall be Chairperson of the Cultural Committee, and having completed his term as Officer, shall continue as a member of the Committee for a further one year.

Subject to the jurisdiction of the County Committee and the Management Committee, the Cultural Committee shall have overall responsibility for the promotion of the Irish Language, and the organisation of the Scór Competitions and other Cultural activities. The County Scór Committee shall be a Subcommittee of the Cultural Committee.

The Cultural Committee shall meet at least once a month.

### **14. Public Relations/Marketing Committee**

A Public Relations / Marketing Committee shall be appointed consisting of:

The P.R.O. of the County Committee, the P.R.O of Coiste na nÓg and eight members recommended by the P.R.O. of the County Committee and appointed by the County Committee

The P.R.O. of the County Committee shall be Chairperson of the Committee, and having completed his term as Officer, shall continue as a member of the Committee for a further one year.

Subject to the jurisdiction of the County Committee and the Management Committee it shall have responsibility for: Publicity, Marketing and Publications.

The Committee shall meet at least once a month.

### **15. Referees' Administration Committee**

A Referees' Administration Committee shall be appointed consisting of:

- (a) The County Referees Administrator, appointed by the County Committee and six named Members recommended by the Management Committee and appointed by the County Committee.

The County Referees' Administrator shall be Chairperson of the Referees' Administration Committee. Subject to the jurisdiction of the County Committee and the Management Committee, the Referees' Administration Committee shall be responsible for the Development of Refereeing in the County, involving the Recruitment, Training, Assessment and Classification of Referees.

The Committee shall meet at least once a month.

## **16. Information Technology Committee**

An Information Technology Committee shall be appointed consisting of:

- (a) The P.R.O. of the County Committee;
- (b) Three named Members recommended by the Management Committee, and appointed by the County Committee, one of whom shall be appointed as Chairperson of the Committee;
- (c) Three other named members recommended by the Management Committee and appointed by the County Committee.

The P.R.O. of the County Committee, having completed his term as Officer, shall continue as a member of the Committee for a further one year.

Subject to the jurisdiction of the County Committee and the Management Committee, the Information Technology Committee shall have responsibility for the implementation of Information Technology Systems within the County.

The Information Technology Committee shall meet at least once a month.

## **17. County Teams Management and Panels Sub-Committee**

The membership of the County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee / Player relationships as approved by Central Council from time to time.

## **18. Fixtures Analysts**

The Management Committee shall nominate two Fixtures Analysts whose functions shall be as outlined in Rule 3.20(iii), O.G.

## **19. Health and Wellbeing Committee**

A Health and Well-Being Committee shall be appointed consisting of the Children's Officer (as Chairperson), the Coaching Officer, the Development Officer, the Officer for Irish Language and Culture, one named representative of Coiste na nÓg and two named specialists members from Clubs recommended by the Management Committee.

It shall have responsibility for all health-related matters referred to it by the County Committee and/or the County Management Committee.

The Committee shall meet at least once a month

## **20. Finance Sub-Committees**

The membership of the Finance Sub-Committee shall comprise the entire membership of the Management Committee.

## **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.

## **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.

In accordance with Rule 3.19(l) O.G the following Divisional and other Sub-Committees shall be appointed by the County Committee

## **21. Child Welfare and Protection Committee**

A Child Welfare and Protection Committee shall be appointed annually by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Management Committee and shall consist of: The Children's Officer (as Chairperson) and six other named specialist members including the County Designated Person as an ex-officio member.

Subject to the jurisdiction of the County Committee and the Management Committee, the Child Welfare and Protection Committee shall be responsible for:

- (1) Co-ordination of Garda Vetting of mentors of Under-Age Teams.
- (2) Organisation of the delivery of Basic Awareness training in Child Protection procedures.
- (3) Provision of training and support for Child Welfare and Protection tutors and Club Children's Officers.
- (4) Maintenance of Records and Course Certification.

## **22. Divisional Committees**

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, Lower Intermediate and Premier Junior Championships, Leagues and other Secondary Competitions; Junior 'B' & 'C' County Championships; Interdivisional 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.

### **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 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.

### **24. AN GHAELGE AGUS CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL CHORCAI**

Tá ceangal daingean docht ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael le spreagadh agus le tacú na Gaeilge ó bunaíodh an Cumann.

Tá sé mar fhís ag Coiste Chontae Chorcaí Cumann Lúthchleas go mbeidh an Cumann istigh i gceartlár mhórphobal na Gaeilge.

Tá sé mar fhís go dtaispeánfaí go poiblí agus i ngach gné dá chuid oibre ardmheas ar an nGaeilge.

Tá sé mar fhís go mbeidh an Ghaeilge le feiceáil agus le clos in ár gclubanna, ár bpáirceanna agus ár foiliseacháin scríofa agus ó bhéil i gconaí.

### **Cork G.A.A. and The Irish Language**

There is a strong connection between the G.A.A. and the promotion and support of the Irish language since the establishment of the Association. It is a vision of Cork G.A.A. that the Association will continue that connection between the Association and the Irish language. It is a vision of Cork G.A.A. that the Association will show support and respect for the Irish language in all aspects of our work. It is vision of Cork G.A.A. that the Irish language will always be in use in our clubs, be visible at our playing facilities and be part of our publications (both written and oral).

### **25. TOURNAMENTS / CHALLENGE GAMES**

All Tournaments, friendly or challenge matches, shall be governed by and must be carried out in accordance with the General Rules of the Association.

(a) All applications for Tournaments and for matches for a prize or trophies, giving names of teams and particulars of draw and trophies, must be accompanied by a permit fee, (Inter- County €40, Inter Club €20) and submitted through the Secretary of an affiliated Club with the approval of Divisional Secretary of the area in which the Tournament or match is to take place. No Tournament match shall take place unless prior sanction has been obtained for date and venue. Club Tournaments shall be confined to a maximum of eight teams and Inter- County Tournaments to four teams, except as otherwise permitted by the Provincial or Central Council. All applications for friendly or challenge matches must be submitted in writing by Club Secretaries concerned stating teams, date, and venue.

(b) Where the Tournament or match is for individual prizes or awards to players, such prizes or awards must consist of trophies or playing equipment manufactured in City or County of Cork. If required by County Committee or Divisional Committee, the promoters of Tournaments shall deposit all prizes or awards or cash value of same with County or Divisional Secretary before draw takes place or commencement of Tournament, as decided by County Board or Divisional Committee. Cash prizes shall not be awarded.

(c) In the event of County Committee or Divisional Committee concerned not being satisfied with the manner in which a Tournament is being conducted, the County Committee or Divisional Committee shall have the right to withdraw its sanction, to suspend the Tournament, to decide what is to be done with the trophies, and to take any other measures deemed appropriate in the interests of the Association.

Referees of Tournament matches must forward their reports of same to County Committee or Divisional Committee, as well as a copy to Tournament Committees, and all objections against Clubs in Tournaments must likewise be lodged with County Committee or Divisional Committee, as appropriate.

**26.** Senior Inter-County Players shall be only forbidden to play with their Clubs in the 10 days prior to an Inter-County Championship engagement, except for All-Ireland Finals, when 13 days shall apply. In the event of the above, the Player's Club Championship fixtures shall be automatically postponed on application to Divisional Committee or County Committee in question. In all other grades, 7 days to apply, should the appropriate application be made to the Divisional Committee or County Committee.

**27.** In cases of Divisional selected teams in Senior Championship ties, the list of names handed to the Referee must contain the names of the particular Clubs from which the players have been selected. Selected players are responsible to their Divisional Committee.

### **GRADING**

**28.** The Championship Grades shall be known as Premier Senior, Senior A, Premier Intermediate, Intermediate A, Lower Intermediate, Premier Junior, 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.

**29.** Players forming a Team which wins the Senior A, Premier Intermediate, Intermediate A, Lower Intermediate or any County Junior 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.

**30.** Divisional Committees may, with the permission of the County Committee, enter a team or teams for the Premier Senior Hurling or Football Championship, representative of the Premier Intermediate, Intermediate A, Lower Intermediate and Junior teams, within their respective areas. The status of players so assisting the Division shall not be affected, and they may continue to play with their own Clubs as usual.

No player however can be selected from a Club which already has a Senior team in the current Championship, and the registered name of a Divisional team must differ from that of any other regularly affiliated club.

### **31. Regrading of Players**

#### Regrading of Players

The processes of Regrading of Players shall be as follows: (1) Between February 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **32. Attachment to Clubs**

(a) "First Club" – as defined in Rule 6.3, Official Guide.

A person seeking to become a member of the Association in this County shall initially have an unfettered choice of Clubs (Hurling and/or Football).

(b) A player granted an Inter-County transfer into this County shall initially have an unfettered choice of Clubs (Hurling and/or Football).

### Exceptions:

As outlined in Byelaws 35 and 36, which govern players returning to play in Cork having played outside of the County on foot of or without an Inter-County Transfer or Official Association Sanction.

(c) Once a player has availed of the choices permitted by (a) or (b) above, and has participated in Club Competition organised by the County Committee or one of its Sub-Committees, as prescribed in Rule 6.4(d) Official Guide, he shall be governed by the provisions of the County's Transfer Byelaw 33 with regard to any application for transfer within the County from his First/Initial Club(s).

## **TRANSFERS**

**33.** 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 9 Control Committee, no application shall be considered unless received on/after January 1<sup>st</sup> and on/before January 31<sup>st</sup>.

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.

**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.

**35.** A player who obtains an Inter-County transfer from Cork to another County and subsequently transfers back to Cork shall be deemed to have re-joined the club of which he was a member prior to the initial Inter-County transfer.

**36.** A native and resident of Cork County who plays with a club outside the County without obtaining an Inter-County transfer or Official Association Sanction, and who is subsequently reinstated back to Cork, shall be deemed to have re-joined the club of which he was a member prior to his playing without an Inter-County transfer.

#### **APPEALS, OBJECTIONS, IRREGULARITIES**

**37.** In cases, other than Disciplinary Cases arising from the Enforcement of Rules (under Rule 3.20(iv), O.G.), under the jurisdiction of Divisional Committees, and the County Youth Committee (Coiste na nÓg), a decision of the Management Committee or the Competitions Control Committee, as appropriate, of the County Committee is final.

**38.** Subject to Rule 1.7, O.G., in all objections, counter-objections and Appeals the names of individuals or clubs mentioned shall be in the Irish language.

**39.** Subject to Rule 7.4, O.G., it shall be the privilege of any member of the County Committee, Divisional Committee or any other authorised Sub-Committee to report in writing within seven days an infringement of the Rules, the member to state the reason for the investigation, such infringement may then be investigated at the discretion of the Committee in-Charge.

**40.** Permission for a Club or Division to record a game on video or any other means of recording may be granted on the following basis:

(a) That an application is made in writing and be authorised by the Committee-in-Charge.

(b) That recording may only be used for coaching or training purposes.

(c) That the Club /Division seeking permission to record the game, or its agent hired for the purposes of same, shall make a full, unedited copy of the game available to the Committee-in-Charge, on request.

**41.** A Club/Divisional Committee may not enter into a commercial agreement for the sale of match videos, digital recordings or any other form of broadcast, live or recorded, through any form of electronic or print media without the permission of the Committee-in-Charge.

**42.** 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 clear number zone on the back of the jersey if this is considered necessary.